

UNAMA FACT SHEET: HIV/AIDS

Global Summary of the AIDS epidemic:

Number of people living with HIV in 2006: Total 39.5 million
Adults 37.2 million
Women 17.7 million
Children under 15 years 2.3 million

People newly infected with HIV in 2006: Total 4.3 million
Adults 3.8 million
Children under 15 years 530,000

AIDS deaths in 2006: Total 2.9 million
Adults 2.6 million
Children under 15 years 380,000

Afghanistan:

There is evidence that HIV is present in Afghanistan, where conditions favour the rapid spread of HIV. Afghanistan's emerging epidemic is likely to hinge on a combination of injecting drug use and unsafe paid sex.

In 2003 the Government established the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) within the Ministry of Public Health.

VCCT (voluntary confidential counseling and testing) centers have been established in Kabul (Polyclinic and central jail), Herat, Jalalabad and Mazar-i-Sharif.

There are 61 confirmed cases of HIV/AIDS in Afghanistan, and between 1,500-2,000 suspected cases.

UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, brings together the efforts and resources of ten UN system organizations to the global AIDS response. Based in Geneva, the UNAIDS secretariat works on the ground in more than 75 countries worldwide.

The UN co-sponsoring agencies to UNAIDS in Afghanistan are UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNODC, UNESCO, ILO, WFP and World Bank.

** All figures are from the UNAIDS/WHO AIDS Epidemic Update: December 2006 and the NACP.