

HIV/Aids fight hampered by inadequate financing

For a long time, Uganda has been hailed as a success story in the fight against HIV. A key factor in the positive outcomes was the strong political leadership demonstrated at the highest levels. However, financing HIV/Aids in Uganda has been a major concern to non-state actors. According to the Uganda Aids Commission, about 1.54 million people living with HIV/Aids need care, treatment and support.

There were about 83,000 new

infections in 2015, implying that 227 people got infected every single day. HIV prevalence stands at 7.3 per cent. Furthermore, Uganda experiences 28,000 HIV/Aids-related deaths every year. The HIV diagnosis coverage as percentage of PLHIV, who knew their status, was 69 per cent. The Uganda status on HIV/Aids report 2015/16 indicates that 898,197 (60 per cent) people were on ART by June 2016. Recently, President Museveni launched the Presidential

First Track Initiative HIV/Aids to scale up the gains in EMTCT, ensuring male involvement, increasing domestic HIV financing, accelerate test and treat policy and strengthening institutions to contribute towards achieving the 90-90-90 in Uganda. While test and treat is recommended, adequate HIV financing continues to hamper achievement of 90-90-90.

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