

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Responds to HIV and AIDS Around the World



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The Global Pandemic: HIV/AIDS Affects Us ALL

Source: UNAIDS

Sub-Saharan Africa: There has been a decline in new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths, but this region remains the most heavily affected, with an estimate 25 million living with HIV in 2012, 3 million of which are children.

Asia & the Pacific: About 5 million people were HIV+ in 2011, with mixed progress in reducing HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths.

Eastern Europe and Central Asia: The number of people living with HIV has increased by 44% since 2001 to 1.4 million. New HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths have also increased. Injecting drug use and sexual transmission remain key drivers of the epidemic. Only 25% of those eligible receive treatment.

The Caribbean: HIV prevalence among adults is about 1.0%, which is higher than in all other regions outside sub-Saharan Africa, though there has been a 42% decline in new HIV infections since 2001, and a 50% decline in AIDS-related deaths from 2005-2001.

Latin America: Largely due to the availability of antiretroviral therapy, the epidemic has changed little in recent years with an estimated 83,000 new infections in 2011, and 1.4 million living with HIV.

North America, Western and Central Europe: The total number of people living with HIV in North America and Western and Central Europe grew from an estimated 1.1 million in 2001 to 2.16 million in 2012. Wide availability of antiretroviral therapy has helped keep AIDS deaths low.

The Middle East and North Africa: Compared to 2001 statistics, this region is experiencing increasing HIV prevalence (260,000 living with HIV in 2012), new HIV infections (35,000 in 2012), and AIDS-related deaths (17,000 in 2012), along with low coverage of HIV treatment, while punitive laws and practices hamper effective HIV responses.

Global Funding for HIV/AIDS: Currently at \$18.9 billion, it has increased each year since 2001; the estimated annual need by 2015 is \$22-24 billion.

Prayer from the Presbyterian Church of Central Africa (Malawi)

God of all compassion,
Comfort your sons and daughters who live with HIV.
Spread over us all your blanket of Mercy, Love and Peace.
Open our eyes to your presence reflected in their faces.
Open our ears to your truth echoing in their hearts.
Give us strength to weep with the grieving,
walk with the lonely, and stand with the depressed.
May our love mirror your love for those who live in fear,
Who live under stress and who suffer rejection.
God of life, help us to build a world in which no one dies alone
and everyone lives accepted, wanted and loved. Amen.