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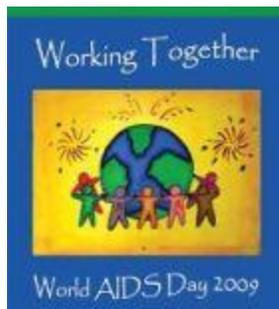
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## WORLD AIDS DAY 2009

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*"On World AIDS Day, we rededicate ourselves to developing a national AIDS strategy that will establish the priorities necessary to combat this devastating epidemic at home, and to renewing our leadership role and commitments abroad."*  
-- [President Barack Obama's Proclamation on World AIDS Day, November 25, 2009](#)



Observed every year on December 1st, World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic.

This special day also provides us with the opportunity to recognize the significant strides we have made in the fight against HIV/AIDS over the last 25 years, and to recommit ourselves to joint efforts to overcome the obstacles and challenges that still stand in our way. The United States remains firm in our commitment. Working together with our partners around the globe, we have begun to turn the tide against the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

## BEATING AIDS



### **Celebrating Life: Fifth Annual Report to Congress on PEPFAR**

**(2009)** - The Fifth Annual Report to Congress on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief ([PEPFAR](#)) reflects on the first five years of PEPFAR. The report outlines the dramatic successes achieved through partnerships between the American people and host nations in the global fight against HIV/AIDS. Read the full report [here](#).

**[Successful HIV Vaccine Study Will Lead to Further Research](#)** - On September 24, 2009, public health officials announced in Bangkok that a large-scale study that employed a combination of two previously ineffective HIV vaccines had succeeded in lowering the risk of HIV in 31.2% of the study volunteers. These results have instilled new hope in the HIV vaccine research field and promise that a safe and highly effective HIV vaccine may become available for populations throughout the world who are most in need of such a vaccine. Read more [here](#).

**33.4 million**

33.4 million people live with HIV/AIDS worldwide.

**[2009 AIDS Epidemic Update](#)** - Though the ongoing rise in the number of people living with HIV reflects the continued high rate of new HIV infections, it also demonstrates the beneficial impact of antiretroviral therapy. This report summarizes the latest data on the epidemiology of HIV. The epidemiological estimates in this report reflect continued improvement in national HIV surveillance systems and estimation methodology. Read the full report [here](#).

## THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL AIDS



**[Obama Administration Efforts on HIV/AIDS](#)** - "(O)ur efforts are hampered whenever discrimination or marginalization of certain populations results in less effective outreach and treatment. So we will work not only to ensure access for all who need it, but also to combat discrimination more broadly. We have to stand against any efforts to marginalize and criminalize and penalize members of the LGBT community worldwide." [Read the full transcript of Secretary Hillary](#)

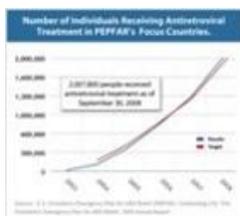
[Rodham Clinton's remarks](#).

**[President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief](#)** - The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was launched in 2003 to combat global HIV/AIDS, and is the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history. Under PEPFAR, the U.S. Government has already committed more than \$25 billion to the fight against global HIV/AIDS. [Learn more in this informative PEPFAR one-pager](#).



**[Thailand and America Remain Strong Partners in the Fight against HIV/AIDS](#)** - The U.S. Government is the largest single contributor to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The U.S. is committed to continuing these efforts to combat HIV/AIDS by working with government and civil society organizations in Thailand and throughout the world. Read more about how the U.S. Embassy is working to combat HIV/AIDS in Thailand in this Op-Ed from Ambassador John. [\[English\]](#) || [\[Thai\]](#)

## MULTIMEDIA



**[PEPFAR: The First Five Years](#)** - Since 2004, the PEPFAR has supported antiretroviral treatment for more than two million people world wide. The United States, through the PEPFAR program, leads the world in turning the tide against HIV/AIDS.

**[Ambassador Goosby Comments on Obama's Commitment to AIDS](#)** – “Secretary Clinton and President Obama are fully committed to acknowledging and responding to what they have characterized as a global responsibility we have [to combating HIV/AIDS], and PEPFAR has allowed and created that opportunity — so has the Global Fund — but their commitment to it is clean and clear and a priority for this administration to continue.” [Listen to this podcast \(MP3\)](#).

## Don't Miss Out!



**Webchat with Ambassador Eric P. Goosby** - Join audiences from around the world on December 1 in a personal question and answer session about HIV/AIDS with Ambassador Eric Goosby. The Ambassador will respond to your questions in this webchat. Simply cut and past the following URL in your browser <https://statedept.connectsolutions.com/worldaidsday/>. Then log on as a guest. Also feel free to log into the webchat in advance and post your questions.

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Learn more about [Beating AIDS on America.gov](#).

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## WEB RESOURCES

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)  
<http://www.pepfar.gov>

U.S. Government HIV/AIDS Information  
<http://www.aids.gov/>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
<http://www.hhs.gov/aidsawarenessdays/days/world/index.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/>

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS  
<http://www.unaids.org/en/>



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