

THE GLOBAL AIDS CRISIS: FOUR STEPS FOR CANADA



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Dear Prime Minister:

Millions of people in developing countries are dying without access to AIDS medicines, and global HIV prevention efforts are lagging far behind what is needed. Last year, Canada and other G8 nations pledged to support HIV prevention and to strive for universal access to HIV/AIDS treatment by 2010. To do its part in achieving this goal, Canada should:

- pay our fair share of the global response, by doubling current funding for research into anti-HIV vaccines and microbicides, contributing 5% of what is needed by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for each of the next five years until 2010, and setting a timetable for raising our other aid contributions to the international target of 0.7% of national income;
- invest in public health care systems in developing countries, including supporting their efforts to train and retain desperately needed health care workers;
- promote immediate and unconditional cancellation of 100% of the debt burden of the countries most burdened by AIDS and poverty; and
- remove red tape in Canada's law on exporting lower-cost medicines, while working with generic drug-makers and developing countries to improve access to needed drugs.

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