



ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON
HIV AND AIDS



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Congratulations to new and returning MPs and peers!

We hope you will join the APPG on HIV and AIDS.

To join email oakeshottv@parliament.uk or call Veronica on 0207 219 5670 or fill in the purple column on the right and fax it to ext.6447.

HIV is one of the most serious issues facing the world in the 21st century. There are 33 million people infected worldwide and 83,000 in the UK.

The APPG pushes for policies that limit the spread of HIV and support those who are already infected.

Parliamentarians have the potential to make a huge difference. You can ensure that HIV and AIDS are not forgotten and help us push for a quality response to the epidemic.

If you would like to learn more about HIV in your constituency or globally, we'd be delighted to arrange a briefing.

This year we will be looking out to ensure that people living with HIV in the UK and internationally are not unfairly hit by the global recession. **With millions still unable to access life-saving treatment, maintaining progress on HIV funding is life or death.**

DAVID CAIRNS MP, CHAIRMAN

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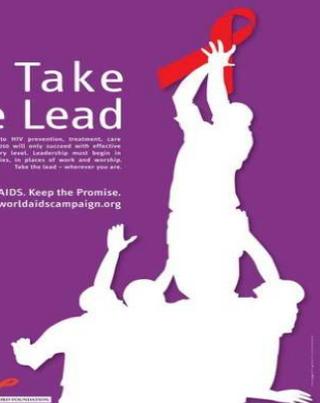
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Take the Lead

Universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010 will only succeed with effective leadership at every level. Leadership must begin in schools and families, in places of work and worship. Take the lead - wherever you are.

Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise. Visit www.worldaidscampaign.org



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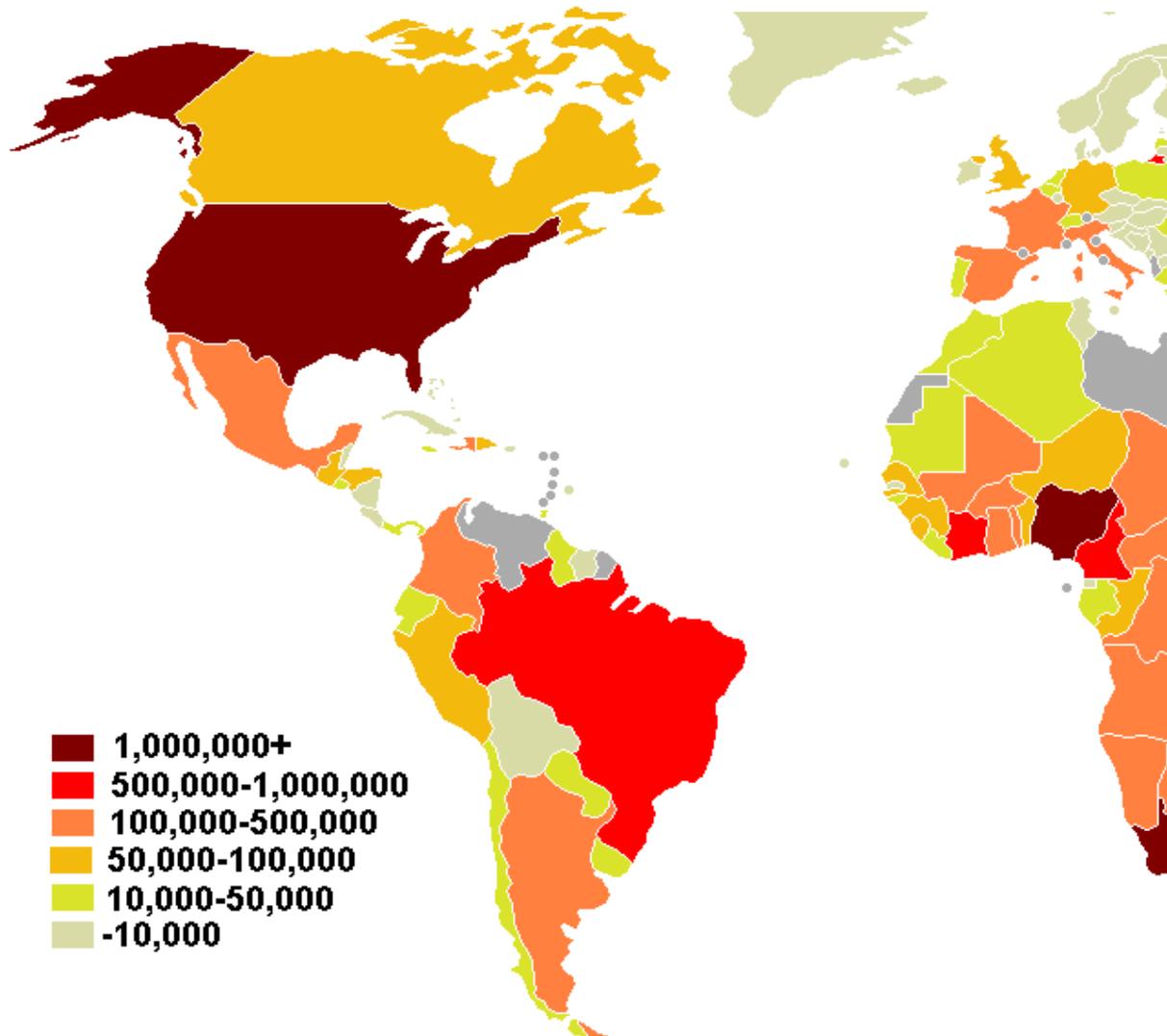


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Nearly half a million children were born with HIV last year. Mother to Child Transmission is preventable.

The APPG on HIV and AIDS is working with organisations like UNICEF to ensure mothers have access to the medicines they need to prevent their babies from contracting HIV.

People Living w



There are 83,000 people living with HIV in the UK.

Over 20,000 of them do not know they are infected.

Until they are diagnosed they cannot benefit from life-saving treatment. The APPG is working with The Department of Health and charities like the National AIDS Trust and the Terrence Higgins Trust to increase HIV testing in the UK and reduce new infections.

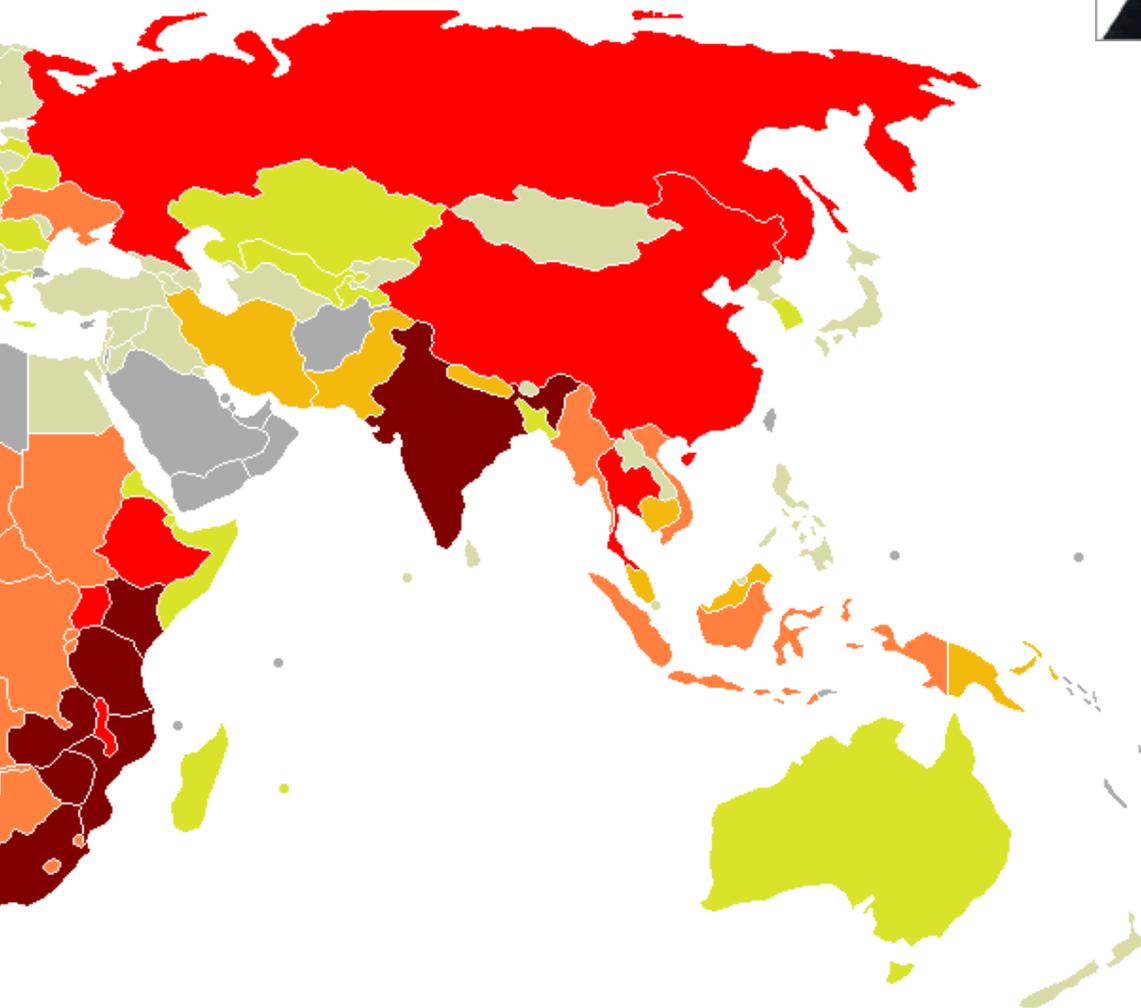
HIV stigma is still widespread in the UK.

Many people living with HIV have been denied access to services such as dentist appointments because of their status.

The APPG on HIV and AIDS is working with organisations like IPPF, Positively UK and Body and Soul to stamp out stigma in the UK.



Living with HIV: UNAIDS Data



33 million people are living with HIV throughout the world.

Only half of the people who need HIV treatment can access it.

The other half urgently need treatment so they can stay alive and support their families.

The APPG has been working with DFID and international charities to keep HIV treatment on the global agenda.



The APPG on HIV and AIDS: Keeping HIV and AIDS on the political agenda

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Members of The All Party Parliamentary Group on HIV and AIDS believe that a strong political response is needed to tackle the virus.

In the UK, where around 83, 000 people are infected with HIV, we believe careful policy, respectful of human rights, is critical to tackling the disease and the serious social exclusion that can go along with it.

Abroad, where HIV infection rates run as high as 26% and people die every day, we believe we have a responsibility to help.

If you would like to help keep HIV and AIDS on the political agenda please contact Veronica Oakeshott, Policy Adviser to the Group, on oakeshottv@parliament.uk.

New website!

And we're on twitter!



We've upgraded our website at www.appghiv aids.org.uk and you can now follow us on twitter @appg_hiv_aids

Our new website has information for MPs, peers and NGOs and campaigners on HIV. It has links to recent debates and questions raised in Parliament.

We've changed our name!

We've changed our name! Thanks to world-class treatment, most people living with HIV in the UK are able to keep their virus under control and there are very few AIDS cases. To reflect this we have finally inserted the letters HIV into our title. **We are now the All Party Parliamentary Group on HIV and AIDS.**

Meet our Chair and Vice Chairs

David Cairns MP is the Chair of The All Party Parliamentary Group on HIV and AIDS.



David has been Labour MP for Inverclyde since 2001. He now hopes to devote his time to leading the UK response to HIV both at home and abroad. In accepting the post, he said,

"I am delighted and honoured to be the new Chair. There is an enormous challenge ahead with ever-growing numbers of people living with the virus. I look forward to ensuring the new Government gives it the political priority it deserves."

The Vice Chairs of the group, are:

- **Lord Fowler** (Conservative), ex-Secretary of State for Health and long-term supporter of the APPG.
- **Russell Brown MP** (Labour) – Russell was a Vice-Chair before the election and is the only MP to carry over his post at the APPG after the election.
- **Simon Kirby MP** (Conservative) – the new MP for Brighton Kemptown.
- **Pauline Latham MP** (Conservative) – the new MP for Mid-Derbyshire.
- **Baroness Masham** (Crossbench) – Vice Chair of the Group since 1986.

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