

## WORLD AIDS DAY MESSAGE

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On this World AIDS Day, our thoughts turn to honouring the memory of the friends and loved ones we have lost. We also mark the occasion by reconfirming our whole-hearted commitment to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, ensuring healthier and happier lives for the next generation.

As a long-standing HIV activist, I am proud to be UNAIDS' new champion for the Fast-Track 90–90–90 treatment target.

Ensuring by 2020 that 90% of people living with HIV know their HIV status, that 90% of people who know their HIV-positive status are accessing treatment and that 90% of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads, the Fast-Track approach will break the AIDS epidemic over the next five years. By reducing new HIV infections by 75% and realizing our vision of zero discrimination, the Fast-Track approach will plot a course for ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

The science and knowledge are at hand. We have the medicines to ensure that people living with HIV survive and thrive.

To succeed, the Fast-Track approach must be grounded in human rights and recognize people's right to health. Whoever they are and wherever they live, young women and other people vulnerable to HIV infection must have unrestricted access to health services.

The Fast-Track approach will require front-loading investment over the next five years and will avert 21 million AIDS-related deaths and 28 million new HIV infections by 2030.

We have a fragile window of opportunity. Let's step up the pace. We have what it takes to break the AIDS epidemic.

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