

Stop
new HIV infections **now!**



While the annual number of new HIV infections in several WHO regions has been declining in recent years, new HIV infections have been on the rise in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region. The estimated number of new infections increased by 28% from 29 000 infections in 2010 to 36 000 in 2017. This is the highest rate of increase among all regions.

In spite of the availability of life-saving antiretroviral therapy, mortality among people living with HIV in our Region is increasing. Out of 350 000 estimated people living with HIV in the Region, only one third are aware of their infection and only 18% have access to life saving treatment.

In order to stop this increase in new HIV infections, World AIDS Day 2018 is focusing on advocating for more concerted actions to prevent new HIV infections, diagnose people living with HIV who are not aware of their infection, and provide them with life-saving treatment in a manner that respects their dignity and human rights.

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