

The Global Pandemic of HIV and AIDS

This year, This Day, This Hour

In a recently published report with data to the end of 2006 The World Health Organisation estimated that worldwide there are around 40 million people who are living with HIV, the virus that can lead to people developing AIDS. 37 million of these are adults and over 2 million are children under 15 years of age.

This year we expect that over 4 million more people will become infected with HIV. 3.8 million of these will be adults and over half a million will be children under 15 years of age. 2.6 million adults and 380,000 children will die with AIDS related illnesses.

Today at least 10,000 more adults and 1,400 more children will have become infected with HIV. Over 7,000 adults and 1000 children will die with AIDS today.

During this hour 434 more adults and 61 children will become infected with HIV. 297 adults and 44 children will die with AIDS.

In the time it has taken me to read this another 7 adults and 1 child will have died.