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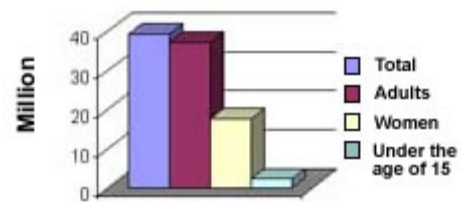
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## UNAIDS and the WHO summit their world summary report on HIV/AIDS

**Santiago de Cali, RedLa+.**- By the end of 2004, 39.4 million people live with HIV. 94% of those are adults, 44% of those infected are women and 5.5% are under the age of 15. These are the figures from the world summary report about the HIV/AIDS epidemic that was recently released by these two international organizations.



According to the report, 4.3 million adults and 640 thousand minors under the age of 15 were infected with the virus this year. The total number of newly infected is 4.9 million people.

As far as deaths caused by AIDS, the document states a total of 3.1 million people, of those 2.6 million are adults and 510 million are under the age of 15.

### Geography of the epidemic

The region in the world with the largest index of people (adults and children) living with HIV is Africa Sub-Saharan, with 25.4 million and 3.1 million recently infected.

According to the WHO, Latin America registers a total of 1.7 million people living with HIV and 240 thousand recently infected. / [Back to top](#)

### Access to treatments

## Latin America faces the issue

**Bogota, recolvih.**- A space for planning and working around access to treatments and meeting commitments and agreements made by Latin American countries. This was the Regional Meeting on Treatment Preparation in Latin America, and event that took place from September 27 – 30 in Lima, Peru.

### Selection Committee

Patricia Pérez, Gracia Violeta Ross, Rodrigo Pascal, Odir Miranda and Oswaldo Rada, each from different countries in the region.

With the International Treatment Preparation Coalition (ITPS &ITPC), support from the TIDES Foundation and the creation of the Global Collaborating Fund, the Meeting focused its efforts in forming a regional committee that identifies:

Problems with access to treatments.

- Local advocacy and action plan strategies
- Fund distribution mechanism
- Ways to facilitate empowerment for treatment activists by financing community based initiatives.

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**Regional Response**



The work circled around four main issues: Access to treatments and complete service; The Global Fund, the 3 x 5 initiative; FTA, patents and copyrights; and advocacy

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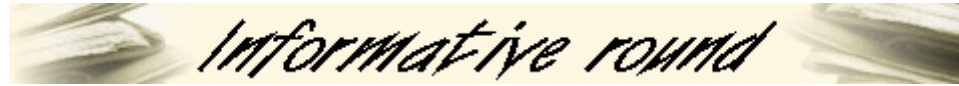
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A governing statutory code was established in order to guarantee the transparent development of this initiative.

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**Paraguay:**

**Accusations of breaches in national policies and reporting false information**

**Santiago de Cali** , RedLa+ - People living with HIV/AIDS, and families and friends of Asunción , Paraguay , asked the Panamerican Health Organization and other UNAIDS agencies to comply with their rules regarding respect and protection of the lives of those living with the virus.

The announcement made during the closing of the National Meeting, which took place on November 19 th and 20 th , also calls for the Paraguayan government to comply with the commitments made with the Brazilian government as well as with the International Treaties and Agreements on Human Rights, signed and ratified by this nation in its Constitution.

In a document released on the Internet, they reported the lack of universal access to antiretroviral medication and the un-compliance of the national policy, which was established in the National HIV/AIDS Program (PRONASIDA, initials in Spanish) to decentralize services. In addition, the lack of multidisciplinary teams to offer complete services to PWAs and the lack of trained personnel is also mentioned.

The accusers stated that the Paraguayan Government misleads public opinion by showing numbers on HIV/AIDS incidences that are not in accordance with reality, in order to reduce the budget that was destined for these issues.

In this regards they ask that PROSIDA stop hiding and manipulating epidemic data that prevents adequate treatment and opportune access to medication.

In another petition they request clean up of the current data base and the implementation of mechanisms to get information countrywide, in order to have a complete and single log to assign national and international resources.

Finally, they ask to increase the amount of resources assigned to PROSIDA in the 2005 budget./ [Back to top](#)

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