

CONSEQUENCES OF HIV STIGMA

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For people living with HIV

1. Self-isolation
2. Refusal to seek socio-psychological support or healthcare
3. Concealment of the HIV status
4. Difficulty to correctly take HIV medication
5. Mental health affected

Among communities

1. Refusal to get tested for HIV for the fear of stigma and discrimination if the result is positive
2. Increase in number of undiagnosed HIV infections that perpetuate the epidemic
3. Increase in HIV late diagnosis
4. High cost of advanced HIV care and treatment of opportunistic infections
5. Deaths of people living with HIV (very low in high income countries)

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**WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF PEOPLE
 LIVING WITH HIV ANYMORE.
 AND YOU?**



LET'S STOP STIGMATISING
 People living with HIV



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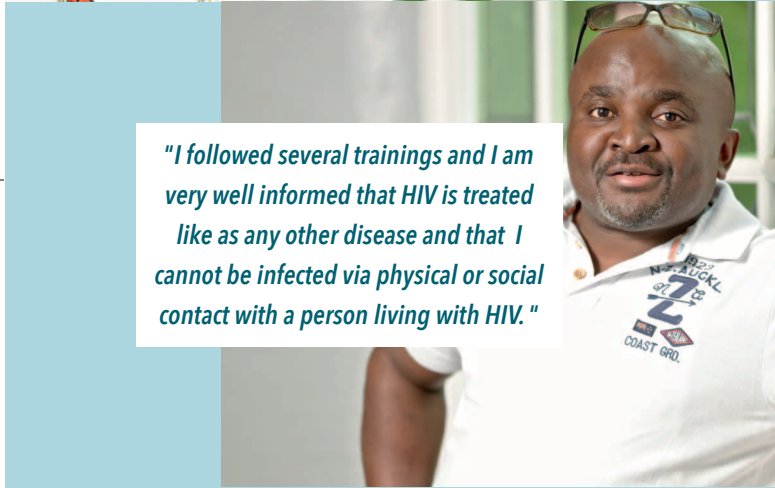




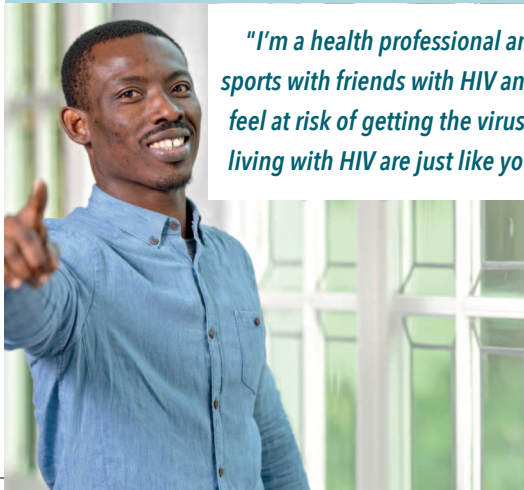
NO TRANSMISSION OF HIV BY PHYSICAL OR SOCIAL CONTACT



"I have lived with a family member who has HIV for more than 10 years taking her medication and living the best life. We hug and we eat together. I have not been infected."

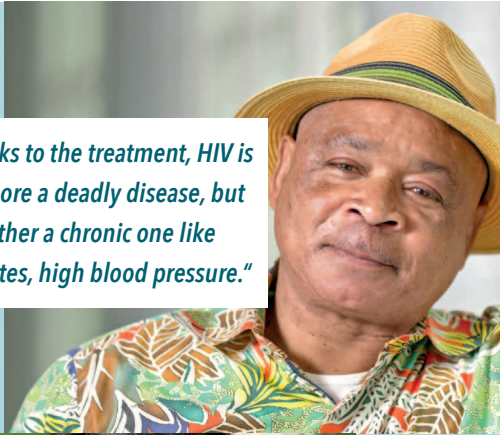


"I followed several trainings and I am very well informed that HIV is treated like as any other disease and that I cannot be infected via physical or social contact with a person living with HIV."

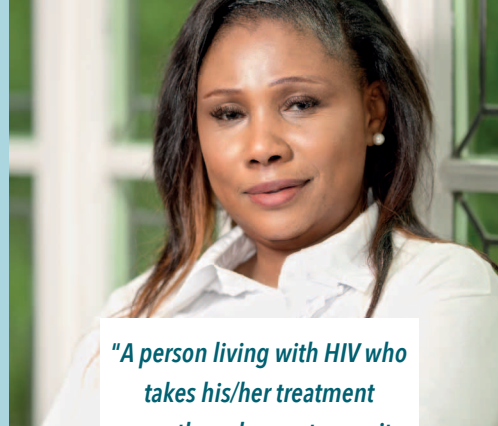


"I'm a health professional and I do sports with friends with HIV and I never feel at risk of getting the virus. People living with HIV are just like you and I."

EFFECTIVE HIV TREATMENT AND ITS TRANSMISSION



"Thanks to the treatment, HIV is no more a deadly disease, but rather a chronic one like diabetes, high blood pressure."

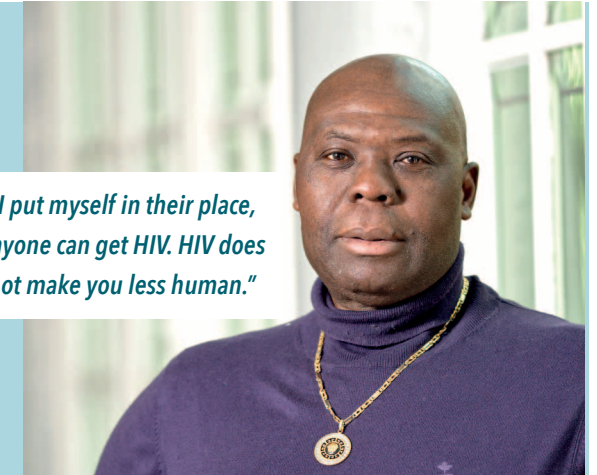


"A person living with HIV who takes his/her treatment correctly no longer transmits HIV by sexual contact."

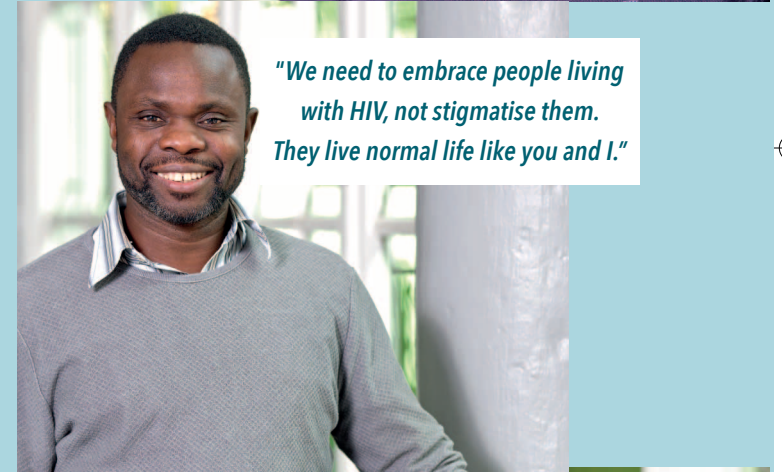


"I know that the fear of HIV is more deadly than the virus itself, we need to fight against stigma."

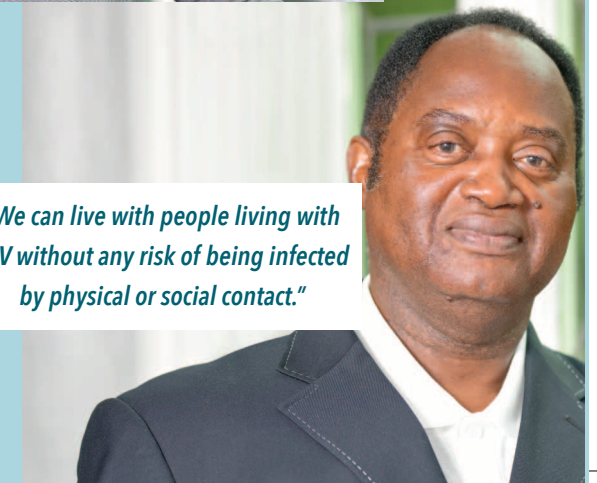
HUMAN DIGNITY FOR ALL



"I put myself in their place, anyone can get HIV. HIV does not make you less human."



"We need to embrace people living with HIV, not stigmatise them. They live normal life like you and I."



"We can live with people living with HIV without any risk of being infected by physical or social contact."

