The German AIDS Foundation is engaged in:

- quick and non-bureaucratic assistance
- promoting local support projects
- providing information on HIV/AIDS so that everyone can protect themselves
- assisting and advising HIV-positive people in sub-Saharan Africa and in Eastern Europe
- fostering research on HIV/AIDS

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They are just like anyone else: mothers, brothers, friends and colleagues. People living with HIV and AIDS do not want to be associated exclusively with their HIV infection. This is why the German AIDS Foundation has been involved in raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. Being well informed about protection against HIV/AIDS, about the treatment, and about a life with the infection means being able to approach HIV-positive individuals without prejudice.

In order to improve information, the Foundation has been awarding an HIV/AIDS Media Prize since 1987. Moreover, the benefit events by the German AIDS Foundation have helped to create public awareness about the topic. The Foundation and the Association of Private Health Insurers (PKV Association) have jointly supported HIV/AIDS education, particularly for migrants. This is crucial since an open discussion about sexuality and disease is not customary in most cultures.

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Treatment of HIV-positive patients

More than two thirds of all people infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2000, the German AIDS Foundation has been engaged in southern Africa. The Foundation has been supporting the DREAM programme of its partner Sant’Egidio in Mozambique since 2005 and the partner association HOPE Cape Town in South Africa since 2004.

In Cape Town, HOPE’s community health workers assist HIV-positive children when they are discharged from the hospital and go home to their families.

The focus of our assistance in Mozambique is the medical care of pregnant HIV-positive women. Olivia is one of the patients in the DREAM health centre in Matola, Mozambique. DREAM has been assisting her since her first positive HIV test in 2003. Since then, Olivia has received lifesaving medicine and all examinations are free of charge.

When Olivia was again pregnant, she immediately went to see her doctor in the DREAM centre. “I have been taking my medication very seriously, especially during the time when I had to protect my unborn child. I visited the treatment centre regularly for my examinations”, Olivia told us. Meanwhile, her son was born at the DREAM centre. He is HIV-negative.

Our achievements in Africa:

- more than 98% of the babies born at the DREAM centres are born HIV-negative
- medicine, treatment, and care are free of charge
- treatment and food aid for a mother and her baby in the DREAM programme cost 280 Euros.

Providing advice

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Another option is a trip to the country geared especially for youths. When taking their medication, youths can share their experiences with the infection with each other and the youth workers. They often live isolated and have no one to talk to.

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- group offerings for HIV-positive people

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