# HIV AND AIDS &

The United Nations has a global system-wide workplace programme on HIV – UN Cares – designed to reduce the impact of HIV in the workplace by supporting "universal access" to prevention, treatment, care and support for all personnel and their families. You can access accurate and up-to-date global information resources about protection from HIV infection and managing life with HIV prepared by UNAIDS, and seek counselling as needed from Medical Services.



## Confidential HIV counselling

# Staff Counsellor's Office HIV and AIDS Helpline — (212) 963-4782

- Open to all UN staff, affiliates, and family members
- Confidential personal counselling and information about prevention
- For the New York area, referrals to HIV physicians, therapists, support groups and a wide variety of community-based HIV/AIDS organizations.

#### **UN Medical Services Division UNHQ**

- Offers HIV counselling and information to staff members upon request. Please note that HIV screening is <u>not</u> required for medical clearances.
- Advises staff members and their families where they can go for voluntary HIV testing and counselling
- Organizes workshops, briefings and health fairs to provide information on HIV
- Offers free condoms as part of travel kits or provide condoms to anyone who needs them.

At other duty stations please enquire about the services related to HIV in the UN workplace.



# **Mandatory HIV Awareness Programme**

All UN staff participate in a half-day training led by an instructor to equip you with basic knowledge of HIV concerning transmission, prevention, care and treatment; information about the UN's policies, initiatives and services related to HIV; and to promote a culture of respect and understanding about people living with and affected by HIV.

#### For information on the HIV Awareness sessions in New York:

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#### > HIV Awareness facilitators – global (http://uncares.org/facilitators/db/index.php)

The HIV Awareness session is offered periodically on a local schedule. To find an instructor led session in the area of your duty station, consult the directory of local UN Cares facilitators.



# **UN Cares e-course on HIV**

Raising awareness about HIV continues to be a priority for the United Nations and the broader global community. UN Cares launched an e-course in 2013 containing the latest information on HIV as a workplace issue and is available in English and French. Access the e-course by registering through inspira (http://inspira.un.org).

#### Medical Disclaimer (https://hr.un.org/page/disclaimer#medical-disclaimer)

## Important documents:

> Policy on HIV/AIDS in the workplace (https://undocs.org/ST/SGB/2003/18)

#### Other related links:

- > UN Cares (http://www.uncares.org/UNAIDS2/)
- UNAIDS site with comprehensive and up-to-date information and resources for individuals and families to reduce the transmission of HIV and manage the impact of HIV
- > Living in a World with HIV (http://www.uncares.org/UNAIDS2/content/download-booklet)

  Booklet for UN personnel and their families produced by UNAIDS. The booklet is available in eight languages from the UN Cares website.
- > Annual AIDS Walk New York (http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork/)

The UN Cares AIDS Walk team joins a united community of 30,000 strong to participate in the annual AIDS Walk New York event. To join this year's team go to the site, select "Join a Team" and find "United Nations Cares 1277" on the drop down menu.

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