



AHF Around the Globe



Testing Marathon Earns AHF Mexico a Medal

From the break of dawn and well into the evening hours, amid the hustle and bustle of urban life people queued up in parks, city squares and busy streets across Mexico City and in other parts of the country to get tested for HIV during the second annual "Pruebatón" on June 10.



"Pruebatón" roughly translates from Spanish as "Test-a-Thon." It is a 12-hour blitz of HIV testing led by AHF with support from local partners. This year, after a hectic and productive day the tally of tests stood at 6,000, with 60 new positive results identified. Of these, 517 tests were performed in

Mexico City and 5 clients who tested positive were linked into care.

The impressive effort didn't go unnoticed – as a token of gratitude and recognition, Mexico City's Secretariat for Social Development presented an official award to AHF Mexico in the form of a medal and a plaque at a celebratory breakfast a few days later.



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Giggles, Sneers and Insights: Delhi's Youth Ponder Condoms



A young man recently took to the streets of Delhi with a camera to ask a simple question, is talking publically about condoms still taboo in India?

The video produced to promote AHF India's newly opened Free Condom Store sparked a conversation on the streets and on social media. On Facebook, the post has been seen by over 1 million people and the video itself has been viewed 357,000 since it was posted on April 26.

The reporter escaped from the ensuing experiment unscathed. A few interviewees were put off by the questions, while others were more friendly and forthcoming about their safer sex practices. Check out the video [here](#) and let us know in the comments what you think!

AHF has been working in India since 2004 and currently provides treatment and services to 1,615 patients. In 2016, AHF India distributed 3.5 million free LOVE condoms.



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Russia Launches New AIDS Action Plan



In a hopeful step toward addressing the AIDS epidemic in Russia, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev recently signed the ["Action Plan to Implement the Strategy to Fight HIV."](#) Civil society groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), many of whom partner with AHF Russia, were involved in various stages leading up to the development of the plan, including participation in the working group convened to outline and draft the strategy.

The following are some of the objectives the plan aims to deliver: reduce the price of condoms by encouraging market competition; update the models of prevention, diagnostics and care; improve prevention and testing among vulnerable groups through cooperation with NGOs; and make rapid testing centers more accessible, which would allow patients to register and access modern HIV treatment more quickly.

"The new plan has a timeline attached to it and responsibilities delegated to select government ministries and stakeholders," AHF Russia Country Program Manager Natalia Mironova said. "Cooperation with NGOs is a crucial part of the strategy, especially the aspects related to reaching out to key populations."



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We applaud the efforts to connect people living with HIV through awareness, and recognize there is still much work to be done. Through our [Keep the Promise](#) campaign, our goal is to fund the war on AIDS and get more than 20 million HIV+ people around the world on treatment by the year 2020.

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