

Three figures: one without a brain and eyes, one removing an eyeball, and the third covering his face; representing turning a blind eye to AIDS; with an illustrated calendar of events to mark World AIDS Day 1996. Colour lithograph after Zaidi Bin Mohd Salleh and others for Action for AIDS Singapore, 1996.

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"CareLess"
Zaidi Bin Mohd Salleh

This series of 3 illustrations expresses the ignorance of human beings which is one of the irreconcilable causes of the AIDS epidemic. Made directly and cartoonish to emphasize their ignorance and to differentiate them from AIDS educated people. The series consists of three figures, without brain and eyes, taking out the eyeball and covering face to portray their ignorance and dullness...

ACTION FOR
AIDS
SINGAPORE

WORLD AIDS DAY - "ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE" AIDS WALK 1996

Help raise public awareness about and funding for AIDS. Join in the AIDS Walk '96, organised by AIA. Outright donations are welcome. To do so, please make out crossed cheque to "Action for AIDS Singapore" and send it to: Action for AIDS c/o DSG Clinic, 31 Kelantan Lane, #02-16, S 200031. Tax-receipt receipts issued on request. MSD will donate to AIA \$10 for each participant.

ASSEMBLE - Bras Basah Park (opposite the National Museum)

ROUTE - Start at Bras Basah Park - walk up Penang Rd, Somerset Rd, up Orchard Boulevard, across Paterson Rd, down Orchard Rd past Drury Road MRT station and back to Bras Basah Park.

DATE - 1 December 1996

TIME - 4 pm registration
- 5 pm flag off

REGISTRATION - \$10 - include Levi's T-shirt and MTV cap (white stocks last). Free for students, NSF men and SAF regulars (pls furnish proof)

CONTACTS - Brandon Wong - 3348022 (office hours), 4480958 (after 6 pm/week ends)
- AIA volunteers - 2951153 (7-9 pm on Tues, Thurs & Fri)

AIDS WALK '96 ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE



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Absolutely Fabulous
Karen Ng Wing Fie

WORLD AIDS DAY - FASHION SHOW & PARTY MUSIC WORLD - 1 DEC 1996

SPONSORS - BlackJack
- Music World

The biggest clothes show for 1996, followed by H-NRG dance party.

Stay tuned for more details.

WORLD AIDS DAY 1996 - ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day (1 Dec 1996) - **ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE** - echoes that of the 11th International Conference on AIDS this year. "Improved drugs and drug combinations are bringing hope to infected people - at least those who can afford the new therapies," says Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS. "On the prevention front, there is also hopeful news. The challenge is to ensure that these hopes extend to all those threatened by the epidemic."

Under the banner of **ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE**, WORLD AIDS Day 1996 is an occasion for focusing public and official attention on the epidemic. The Day has now become an annual event in most countries. It is issued by those responding to the epidemic to provide public discussion of AIDS issues and promote the spread of up-to-date information.

We Can't Catch AIDS
Goh Ee Choo



Lillian Remedy: Day it or Live With it
Ivan Tan Ma Peng

According to UNAIDS, the United Nations body coordinating the international response to the epidemic, it would be premature to imply that AIDS is on the run. **Over 22 million men, women and children are already living with HIV - the virus that causes AIDS - and others daily join them.** More than three-fifths are in Africa and another fifth in Asia, which places the vast majority beyond the reach of the latest drugs and medical technology. **Everyday, there are around 8,500 new HIV infections.** About 1,000 occur in children under 15. Most of the remainder happen to people in the prime of their economic and reproductive life.

An increasing proportion are in women, now representing 42% of HIV infections. Over half are in young people under 25 years old. Altogether, nearly 8 million people, including 1.5 million children under 15, have already developed AIDS since the epidemic began. **Nearly 6 million have died.** Over 9 million children under 15 have lost their mothers to AIDS.

THE MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS: Where vigorous efforts have been made to change social attitudes which paved the way for HIV, campaigns to encourage people to take self-protective action are showing definite results. These results include increased condom use in a variety of settings. They include postponing first sexual intercourse. For men in particular, they include having fewer partners and visiting prostitutes less often. They include declines in the number of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) - a key achievement because a person with an STD is much more likely to contract HIV.



Homer Night
Ivan Tan Ma Peng

WORLD AIDS DAY CHARITY AUCTION & PARTY SUNDAY 1 DEC 1996 THE BOOM BOOM ROOM

Googie on down to the Boom Boom Room this World AIDS Day (1 Dec) for an evening of entertainment, laughs and excitement presented by the talented friends of the Boom Boom people.

Don't forget to bring your cheque book for the AIA charity auction of works by 160 people like Kumar, Sean Ghazi, Calvin Choy (or Grasshopper fame), George Yam, Moses Lim, David Yu, Hank Warner, Ming Wong, Flowerchild and the creative folk from Vogue Magazine. Proceeds will be donated to AIA.

TIME - 10 pm onwards

PLACE - The Boom Boom Room

TICKETS - \$12 (incl 1 drink)
available at the door

CONTACT - Dawn
(Phon: 92166491)



I Am A I Am A I Am
A I Ready Don't Know
Chong Lip Khoo



The Faces
Eugene Tan Yong

More importantly, these efforts are managing to reduce the spread of HIV. This is happening not only in high-income environments such as Australia and Northern Europe, but in cash-strapped African countries such as Uganda. And it's happening in such countries despite the fact that a lower level of development inhibits

both the spread of correct understanding about AIDS and the spread of services. When coupled with political determination to make the social and economic environment anti-ghetto to HIV, preventive strategies can and do work. In Thailand, a pioneer of AIDS action in Asia, HIV infections today are running at one-quarter of their 1990 level.

ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE.

Today, neither **ONE WORLD** nor **ONE HOPE** is the reality for many of those living with HIV. Often the contrary is true. The need to remedy this is an important inspiration of the World AIDS Day message.

Many of those living with HIV still experience stigma and rejection, even in places where infection is commonplace. HIV can still precipitate a person's relegation to an isolated, marginalised and discriminatory "world", in addition to one dominated by pain, illness and impending mortality in a hostile climate where even elementary health care is absent.



Cells of Isolation You Can't Get AIDS
from the Toilet Bowl
Hong Suk Chien



Don't Know
Yoon Lim

Not is **ONE WORLD** the experience of many fighting the epidemic as preventers and carers. In different settings the epidemic has different characteristics. All too often, it concentrates its damage on those whose state of disadvantage or way of life already often carries social, cultural or economic penalty. But beyond this constant lies infinite diversity. The primary method of HIV transmission, the number, age groups and gender of the majority infected, their occupations, lifestyles and family status, the likely response of those around them, their chances of support and care, the prospects for their dependants and family members: all these vary widely. So the epidemic occupies many different "worlds".

The same contradiction surrounds **ONE HOPE**. For many of those living and coping with HIV, today's new optimism is coupled with a bitter truth. Hope for medicines to repress HIV doesn't apply to them but only an elite few.



Surpassing Life & Death
Lisa Liao Creative Team

Treatment with the latest drugs can cost as much as US\$20,000 a year. The health services of most countries hard-hit by the epidemic will not be able to afford this within any imaginable future.

Worse, many thousands of today's AIDS patients, especially in Africa, do not even receive care for the illnesses associated with their immune-deficiency.

They do not have basic drugs - aspirin, pain-killers, anti-diarrhoeal and anti-fungal preparations - to ease their suffering.

Nor can they or their families rely on benefits and income support services familiar in industrialised societies.

At the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver, some people were sceptical that **ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE** could be a meaningful message for everyone affected by the epidemic. UNAIDS believes that World AIDS Day 1996 should be used to demonstrate solidarity between the infected and the uninfected, between individuals and organisations within countries and between countries together fighting HIV and AIDS. HIV must not be allowed to tear apart families and communities. Nor must it be allowed to tear the world apart into those who can care and support, and those who cannot.



Stick to Your Own Pain
Nora Hooi Yee

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE) was formed in late '88 to help educate the public about AIDS and also help those who were already affected by the disease - patients and their families. We depend entirely on the generosity of corporations and individuals to fund our education programmes and buy medication for those who can't afford it.

SELECTED AFA PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES

LIFE GOES ON (LGO)
Coordinator: Vincent
LGO is a self-help group organised by PWAs and funded by AIA. Besides being a support group, LGO also networks with similar self-help groups regionally. Through LGO, PWAs' interests and rights are represented in all AIA activities, with confidentiality preserved. LGO meetings are restricted to PWAs & their spouses. Separate support circles for homosexual men, married couples, homosexual men and women. AIA employs 3 LGO members to plan, coordinate and execute hospital & home support & welfare activities.

ANONYMOUS TESTING & COUNSELLING

We provide pre- and post-counselling for voluntary anonymous HIV testing at DSG Clinic, 31 Kelantan Lane, #02-16 (200031) on Sat, 1-4 pm (except public holidays). Singapore's only anonymous testing site. Test results available in one week. To be collected in person. Cost \$10.

FUNDING FOR MEDICATIONS

AIA provides funding for selected medications to PWAs, e.g. zidovudine, zalcitabine, didanosine, anti-pneumococcal vaccines, antiretroviral medications (for special cases).

HALFWAY HOME

AIA is planning a halfway home for residential support for homeless PWAs and for day-care/occupational care for other PWAs. Members of the public who have connections with possible premises, pls call us at 2509495 or 2951153.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AIA'S OTHER PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES, PLEASE REFER TO OUR NEWSLETTER, **THE ACT**.