

Is Violence Against Women Linked to Higher HIV Rates?

More women than ever before - some 17.7 million - are living with HIV, nearly half of all those infected with the virus. Activists say violence, particularly intimate partner violence, is a leading factor in this increasing "feminization" of the global AIDS pandemic. A newly formed international coalition of women's health groups is calling on agencies that fund HIV and AIDS programs to address the problem of gender-based violence in their planning. [Read more...](#)