

这个周五的12月1日是第三十届世界艾滋病日，该活动的目标之一是向艾滋病毒感染者表达支持，另一个目标是纪念那些死于艾滋病相关疾病的人们。联合国规划要在2030年前全球消灭艾滋病，那么到底能不能实现呢？



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Sixteen million people infected with HIV are not getting treatment. Many in this group do not know they have the disease, so they continue to spread the virus. Some of them are lacking in healthcare, so they don't get tested.

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UNAIDS reports that some 1.8 million people became infected with HIV in 2016. That estimate is 39 percent lower than the number of newly-infected people in the late 1990s.

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In African countries south of the Sahara Desert, new HIV infections have fallen by 48 percent since 2000.

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However, the report notes that new HIV infections in Eastern Europe and Central Asia have risen by 60 percent since 2010. In addition, AIDS-related deaths have increased by 27 percent.

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Even with the tools we have, Fauci does not see an end to the AIDS pandemic without an HIV vaccine.

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Several years ago, researchers tested an experimental AIDS vaccine in Thailand. That vaccine was 31 percent effective.

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By comparison, the measles vaccine protects up to 99 percent of those who get vaccinated.

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Fauci told VOA he is not sure if scientists can develop an AIDS vaccine that would be as effective. But he adds that even a vaccine with 50 or 60 percent effectiveness combined with other measures "could turn around the trajectory of the epidemic and essentially end it as we know it."

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Another vaccine trial is taking place in South Africa. The results will not be available until 2019 at the earliest, and there is no way of telling if that vaccine will be good enough to help end AIDS.

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For now, testing, anti-AIDS drugs, and changes in behavior are three tools to limit the spread of AIDS, according to UNAIDS.

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Behavioral change includes limiting the number of sexual partners, using clean needles and syringes, and using condoms during sexual activity.

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Both Fauci and UNAIDS say ending AIDS is up to the world community – and how much effort and money it is willing to use toward the goal.

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