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**World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim praises U.S. government's blueprint for an AIDS-free generation as important step toward ending AIDS.**

## **World Bank Group President Praises New U.S. Blueprint for an AIDS-Free Generation**

**WASHINGTON, November 29, 2012** – World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim praised the Obama Administration's new PEPFAR Blueprint: Creating an AIDS-Free Generation. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton released the blueprint during an event in Washington, DC today.

*"This Blueprint is a major step forward in realizing our shared vision of a world free of AIDS and poverty," said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim. "U.S. leadership has been, and remains, pivotal to the global fight against AIDS. President Obama and Secretary Clinton deserve praise for this roadmap, which will be an important resource to help countries, us at the World Bank, and all development partners to make smart choices and take the steps necessary to end AIDS."*

In support of the Blueprint, the World Bank will be stepping up its collaboration with the U.S. government in helping countries to scale up the most effective and efficient AIDS interventions and build the strong health systems required for sustainable AIDS prevention, treatment, and care. This support will include increasing collaboration on country health programming; improving indicators and tools to measure program impact; and partnering on implementation science programs to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability of key HIV interventions.

### **The World Bank and HIV/AIDS**

The World Bank offers financing, knowledge, and technical support to developing countries for the effective prevention of new HIV infections, treatment, and care for people living with HIV, and alleviation of social and economic consequences for communities affected by the epidemic. Since 1989, World Bank financing for HIV/AIDS has totaled \$4.6 billion, including \$1.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2012. The World Bank is one of 11 co-sponsoring agencies of UNAIDS and helps share the global response to HIV/AIDS, in partnership with governments, civil society organizations, other development agencies, foundations, and the private sector.

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