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Epidemiological Survey Data on AIDS in the FR of Slumberlandey published

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Today, the Ministry of Health, Family and Youth announced the publication of epidemiological survey data on AIDS in the FR of Slumberlandey as a follow-up to the interim report that has been routinely released on World AIDS Day, 1 December 2017.

As the Honorable Minister of Health of the FR of Slumberlandey, Doctor Heidi G. Norant, said in her statement, the number of reported AIDS cases has continuously decreased in the country since 2005. This decrease continued over the last 12 months with AIDS cases coming down from 275 in the previous observation period to actually 255 reported cases. This decrease reflects the overall success of the governmental AIDS policy, Minister Norant concluded.

However, the government will continue to support all necessary efforts to fight the AIDS epidemic in order to reach the goal of ending the epidemic in Slumberlandey. The Minister of Health acknowledged the activities of organizations and associations who are actively working in the AIDS field, supporting the cause of ending the epidemic.

As scientific evidence shows, appropriate initiatives should be taken to diagnose HIV infections early so that persons living with HIV can receive adequate support and medical care. As Professor S. Caymen FP CD CCC MD PhD FPAE GWA, President of the Slumberlandey Association of Physicians (SAP) explained at the press conference, doctors are committed to give their full support to persons living with HIV. As Prof. Caymen pointed out, Slumberlandey physicians are already working at their capacity limits and additional ressources are urgently needed.

The Minister of Health clarified that in her point of view the access to medicines is a key element in fighting the AIDS epidemic globally. Medicines which could contribute to achieving this goal should be considered to be listed on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines.

In her concluding remarks, Minister Doctor Heidi G. Norant, stated that the absence of stigma and discrimination is also an important element in the successful strategy against HIV and AIDS. Recent scientific research, supported by the Ministry of Health, found only mild stigma indicators in FR Slumberlandey. „The society has handled AIDS very successfully over the last 20, 30 years“, Doctor Norant concluded. But she also raised awareness to the fact that „we should not lower our efforts now, because the epidemic is not yet over.“