

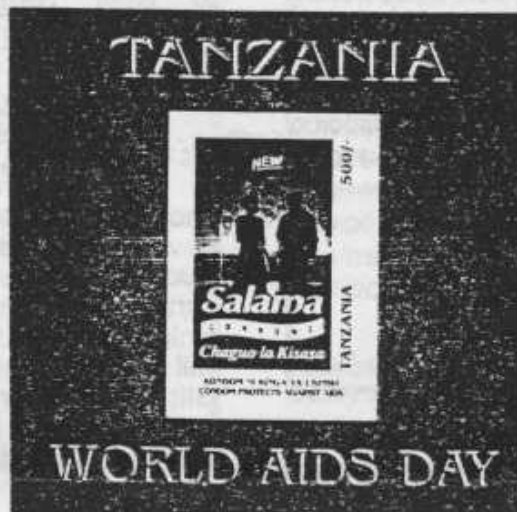
THE **A.I.D.S. ON STAMPS Project**

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# News Letter

CREATING AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND SUPPORT, THROUGH A UNIVERSAL MEDIUM  
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## *Messages With Meaning*



# TANZANIA'S

## Prevention, Awareness Campaign

This set of four stamps and one miniature sheet arrived this month without any advance notice. We do not yet have an official issue date but will pass it on as soon as we do. Each of the stamps carries an individual message about AIDS prevention and awareness. It would appear the set is sponsored by a condom manufacturer (Salama). The messages are brief and to the point: 140/- "Condom protects against AIDS"; 310/- "Caution! You may contract AIDS"; 370/- "Control of AIDS is our responsibility"; 410/- "Care and support AIDS orphans"; 500/- "Condom protects against AIDS"; World AIDS Day.

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## Subscriptions And Sales Policy Change

In an effort to minimize our bank processing costs for purchases, subscriptions, or donations to the **AIDS ON STAMPS Project** we have eliminated the **Comtru Ventures** operating account and now request that any payments (cheques, drafts, or money orders) be made out directly to **Blair Henshaw**. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support of this project.

## QUARTERLY QUOTE

*"When we forget the past, we  
sometimes regret the future!"*

- US Senator Bob Dole

## WEBSITE UPDATE

*We regret to inform our readers who may not have Internet access that we have had to suspend our website homepage temporarily due to the fact that the server company we were using has become defunct. However, we are in the process of shopping around for an economical and reliable server so as we can be back up and running before yearend. We hope we had reached all our readers via e-mail who have such a service to inform them of this situation. As soon as we are re-established we will let everyone know. Thanks for your patience in the meantime*

*Blair Henshaw  
AOS Project Coordinator*

## AUCTION ALERT

Our second annual mailbid auction is well in the process of being put together and looks as though it will be an opportunity to find many interesting materials, not only HIV/AIDS related, **but also** a large selection of materials from other areas including holograms, worldwide airmails, special Canada section, cinderellas, postcards, and a few choice specialty items. Regular subscribers will have the auction listing (fully illustrated) mailed from here on October 15 with a closing date (postmarked) of November 21. Anyone wishing a copy mailed to you may request one by phoning (604) 689 - 0723 and leaving your full mailing address.

## Subscription Renewal

Just a reminder that Newsletter Subscription Renewal Time is fast approaching for 1998 issues. If you want to renew at this time we would like to remind you of the changes we have made for receiving payments. **PLEASE** make cheques, drafts, or money orders payable to **Blair Henshaw**. Renewal for current subscribers is only \$9.60 (CDN\$)

## EXCHANGE RATES

To accommodate the opening of our Gift shop Gallery and ease the transactions we may have at Subscription and Annual Mailbid Auction time we have decided to accept certain currencies (**cash only**) at established rates which we will adjust on a quarterly basis. These will be posted here in our Newsletter and, in the Gift shop Gallery Listings, and on our web site and include the time period they will be in effect. We hope this will make it easier for some of our International readers.

### EFFECTIVE: 01 OCT. TO 31 DEC. 1997

PAY IN:	CDN. EQUIV.
CDN. DOLLAR	= 1.0000
US DOLLAR	= 1.2570
BRAZIL REAL	= 0.8510
BRITISH POUND	= 2.1700
GERMAN MARK	= 0.6650
FRENCH FRANC	= 0.1210
SPANISH PESETAS	= 0.0079

Simply **divide** total cost of your order by the figure in the CDN. EQUIV. column above to pay in **your** (cash only) currency. Otherwise make payable in Canadian funds.

# The World A Lesser Place

Two very powerful and compassionate persons left this world within seven days of each other in the past month. Both were figures whom set aside fears of HIV and AIDS as they came in contact with it in their daily routines. In their unique ways they showed, not just the world, but perhaps even more importantly, the very individuals they touched, those living with and dying from HIV/AIDS unconditional love. The global AIDS community must always remember these two "angels of mercy."

## A Time For Every Purpose



**Mother Teresa 1910 - 1997**  
(As depicted on a stamp issued in 1996 from her motherland, Albania)

*"When you look at someone who is dying, you are looking at someone who is closest to God."*

- Mother Teresa

## A Light In A Dark Place



**Diana, Princess of Wales  
1961 - 1997**

(As depicted on one of a set of stamps issued 01 July 1982 from Barbados for her 21st birthday)

*"Princess Diana made an amazing contribution to increasing peoples' awareness and reducing the fear and stigma associated with HIV and AIDS. She was devoting her energy to HIV and AIDS when it was not popular for people in prominent positions to talk about that issue."*

- John Flannery, Executive Director  
Casey House Hospice, Toronto, Canada  
Reflecting on the visit of Diana, Princess of Wales to Casey House in October of 1991.



My tribute placed at the British Consulate here in Vancouver consisted of this Canadian AIDS stamp FDC inscribed "Always remembered for your compassion and understanding of HIV/AIDS. Love, Blair, 14+"



## SINGAPORE CANCELS

An interesting set of AIDS cancels have just been received which we illustrate here. The interesting thing is that they were given fairly limited usage as each one was available for a restricted time period.



- 1.- World AIDS Day / You can stop AIDS  
<Used for 7 days only Dec.01 - 07, 1991>



2. - AIDS / You Can Prevent It  
<Used for 7 days only Jul.01 - 07, 1991>



3. - AIDS. Be Safe. Not Sorry.  
<Used for 15 days only Sept.01 - 15, 1992>



4. - Stamp Out AIDS. Be Safe. Not Sorry.  
<Used only Dec. 01 - 15, 1992>



5. - Stamp Out AIDS. Be Safe. Not Sorry.  
<Reused for one month Dec.01 - 31, 1993, from 1992.>

## AIPEX 2000 UPDATE

Since our last update we have received a couple of responses, followups from countries we have already contacted. Our next phase of this project will include an additional contact with all those countries we have already been in touch with plus an additional number of countries/postal administrations. We will be stressing the importance of receiving concrete information as our target date is for December 01, (World AIDS Day) 2000. We will also be in touch with the organizers of the 12th International Conference on AIDS to be held in Geneva in 1998 in hopes of them stressing the possibility of other countries recognizing AIDS on their stamps in some form or other.

We have been informed from Singapore that they regret that they are unable to accommodate the topic of AIDS within the indicated timeframe but will consider the topic as a potential theme for future issues beyond the next 2 - 3 years programme.

Costa Rica has responded with an unfavourable decision at this particular point in time.

However, as I mentioned earlier, I will continue to contact all countries from time to time regardless of the timeframe of Dec. 01, 2000.

## POINT TO PONDER

*if a stamp becomes unhinged does that make it a used item?*

**NATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS WEEK**  
**SEPT. 29 thru OCT. 05, 1997.**

Two major annual events will be taking place here in Canada in the endeavours of creating a heightened awareness of HIV/AIDS as it relates to Canadians:

On September 28 most major cities from coast to coast will be participating in a National AIDS Walk to raise funding for the AIDS community at local levels. This walk has become the one major fundraising event of the year for most HIV/AIDS organizations.

During the week of 29 September to 05 October a variety of events will be put on in hundreds of cities, towns, and communities as a means of creating awareness, education, and support through the theme *The Changing Face of AIDS*. This focus was decided upon by the Canadian AIDS Society's Board of Directors for the 1997/1998 campaign.

We have consistently believed that every vehicle possible must be used to create HIV/AIDS awareness at every level and, in particular, that using the postage stamp as such a vehicle holds much potential, past and future, in contributing to this task. That is why we continue our efforts here at the AIDS ON STAMPS Project on a global scale. Our motto for lobbying countries worldwide to consider acknowledging AIDS on their postage stamps is simply put: **"Expressing a Universal Approach to a Global Concern."**

**POLL RESULTS FINALLY IN**

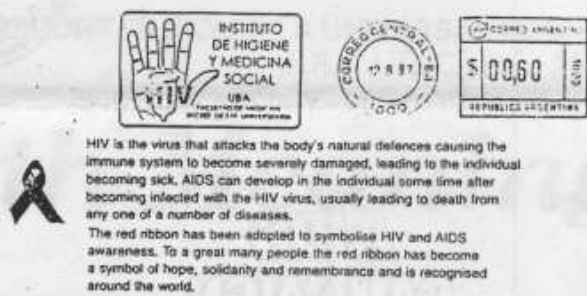
The Canadian Stamp News reader's poll has been tabulated for the Canadian 1996 stamp issues and the Canadian AIDS stamp did not fare well at all. Percentage of votes received for "best" was 0%, "worst" was 9%, and "favourite" was 3% CSN reported that a total of '300-or-so' votes were received.

**ISSUE DATE CORRECTION**

As you will see illustrated on the *Cover Story* on page 6, we have received information that updates the release date of the Kenya AIDS set formerly reported (and catalogued) as 31 October 1991. The official Kenya Posts & Telecommunications Corporation *Technical Details* would confirm a later release date of 31 January 1992.

**ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z**

Apart from the Tanzania stamp issue found on the cover of this newsletter, we have not heard of any new AIDS related stamp issues. Just a reminder that the Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus is still scheduled to include in its December 1997 "Anniversaries" issue one stamp pertaining to AIDS. No doubt we may see something from some other country in conjunction with World AIDS Day: - if not a stamp, hopefully a cancel or so! We have received the following cancels since the last newsletter.



HIV is the virus that attacks the body's natural defences causing the immune system to become severely damaged, leading to the individual becoming sick. AIDS can develop in the individual some time after becoming infected with the HIV virus, usually leading to death from any one of a number of diseases.

The red ribbon has been adopted to symbolise HIV and AIDS awareness. To a great many people the red ribbon has become a symbol of hope, solidarity and remembrance and is recognised around the world.

**ARGENTINA:** HIV over condom in palm for Instituto De Higiene Y Medicina Social dated 12-8-97 all in red. Information about HIV and red ribbon with graphic in black forms text on envelope.



**FRANCE:** Red Ribbon Sida Info Service dated 18-7-97 PARIS 7 ECOLE MILITAIRE. This would appear to be the third of a total of three in this particular design



**ITALY:** Le Idee di GULLIVER INFOAIDS, Mainif.Int.Le:Comunicazione E AIDS dated 22.6.1997

# Cover Story



## Technical Details

- RELEASE DATE: — 31st January 1992  
DESIGNER: — Hameed Moghul of Nairobi  
PRINTER: — Cartor S A of France  
SIZE: — 28 x 45mm  
FORMAT: — Vertical  
SET: — 50 Stamps to a sheet in 2 panes of 25  
PAPER: — Unwatermarked  
VALUE: — Shs. 2/- You can be affected  
          Shs. 6/- Aids has no cure  
          Shs. 8/50 Casual sex is unsafe  
          Shs. 11/- Sterilize syringes before use

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Details received inside this Kenya FDC confirm the actual issue date of this inspired AIDS stamp issue. The Scott catalogue and other topical checklists indicate a release date of 31 October 1991.