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## HIV/AIDS in Adolescents

Needs, Opportunities and Challenges

**Panel Discussion, World AIDS Day Series Event**

**The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**

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17.30 – 19.00

A London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) event in partnership with Worldwide Support for Development (WSD), Sentebale and supported by the Handa Foundation

Adolescents and young adults represent a growing share of people living with HIV worldwide. Nearly 2 million adolescents (aged 10–19) years are currently living with HIV, with nearly 85% of those living in sub-Saharan Africa. Every day, an estimated 1700 young people are newly infected with HIV and a whole generation of children infected with HIV from birth during the peak of the epidemic are now growing into adolescence and adulthood. Adolescents face diverse and distinct barriers to both knowing their status and receiving treatment, yet they often fall between the cracks of paediatric and adult HIV care services.

On this World AIDS Day, join us for an evening of lively discussion around the specific needs, challenges and opportunities for adolescents and young adults living with HIV around the world.



## Prof. Peter Piot

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is delighted to host this event on World AIDS Day in partnership with Worldwide Support for Development (WSD), Sentebale and supported by the Handa Foundation. WSD has been a valued partner of the School for many years, supporting scholarships for our distance learners as well as my Chair here as a Handa Professor of Global Health. We are very grateful that Dr Haruhisa Handa is able to join us as a speaker today.

We are also very pleased to further our collaboration with Sentebale. Earlier this year, together with Sentebale, we welcomed His Royal Highness Prince Harry to the School for a unique roundtable discussion where Sentebale youth advocates from Lesotho and Botswana powerfully described the barriers that they and their peers have faced in knowing and managing their HIV status. At that event, our School, along with numerous other organisations, committed to ensuring that young people affected by HIV/AIDS play an integral part in shaping new research and policies to strengthen the HIV response. Today, on World AIDS Day, we could not be more pleased to welcome Masedi Kewamodimo to this event to share her story, along with our other distinguished speakers, Noerine Kaleeba, Rashida Ferrand, Catherine Ferrier and Lord Andrew Turnbull.

We currently have the largest ever generation of adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa. I hope that this World AIDS Day event will remind us that we must work together as a global health community, ensuring that all young people – whatever their HIV status – are able to lead healthy, happy and productive lives.

# Welcome



## Dr Haruhisa Handa

As Founder and Chairman of Worldwide Support for Development, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to this evening's event.

For twenty years, Worldwide Support for Development and its affiliate, the Handa Foundation have been at the forefront of health care provision in both Cambodia and Laos. Having witnessed the impact that HIV/AIDS has had on the communities we serve, I was galvanised to pledge support in tackling the endemic.

In response, WSD held a summit in Tokyo in December 2015 to discuss this important health challenge. The decision by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine to co-host the summit was in itself significant - raising awareness of HIV/AIDS amongst the Japanese public.

As fears of a future resurgence in bird flu and other pandemics dominate discourse in East Asia, I feel discussion platforms like tonight that engage and educate a global audience about how the next generation should respond to a virus like HIV/AIDS is paramount.

I hope the ideas raised in this evening's event will one day eliminate the scourge of HIV and I look forward to the meaningful action that can be facilitated through our partnership with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

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**17.30** Welcome by **Peter Piot**

Opening remarks by **Dr Haruhisa Handa**

A special World AIDS Day video message from **Sentebale**

### Speakers

- **Peter Piot**, Director of LSHTM and Handa Professor of Global Health, LSHTM
- **Noerine Kaleeba**, Founder of The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) (Uganda)
- **Rashida Ferrand**, Professor in International Health, LSHTM
- **Masedi Kewamodimo**, Sentebale Youth Advocate (Botswana)

### Panel Discussion

- **Peter Piot**, (Chair for discussion)
- **Catherine Ferrier**, CEO, Sentebale
- **Lord Andrew Turnbull**, Chairman of Zambia Orphans of AIDS
- **Noerine Kaleeba**, Founder of The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) (Uganda)
- **Rashida Ferrand**, Professor in International Health, LSHTM
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Q&A from the audience

Closing comments and thanks

**19.00** Event concludes



## Speakers



### Dr Haruhisa Handa

#### **Founder and Chairman of World Support for Development (WSD) and the Handa Foundation**

Dr Haruhisa Handa is recognised for his commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged people around the world. His philanthropic and humanitarian work has included the founding of a free emergency hospital in Cambodia. He is Honorary Chairman of the Japanese Blind Golf Association, Honorary Patron of the World Blind Golf Association and Vice-President of the UK's Royal National Institute of Blind People. Dr Handa has an economics degree from Doshisha University in Kyoto and a masters degree in creative arts from Edith Cowan University, a PhD in literature from Tsinghua University and a PhD in literature from Zhejiang University.

Dr. Handa founded and continues to lead numerous international not-for-profit organizations and is committed to many humanitarian and cultural programs. He serves as the Managing Director of B.C. Consulting Ltd, and manages more than a dozen companies in Japan, Australia and the United Kingdom. He is also an active author, with books having been translated into seven languages.



### Prof. Peter Piot

#### **Director, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**

Peter Piot is the Director of the School and a Handa Professor of Global Health.

He was the founding Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1995 until 2008, and was an Associate Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of WHO.

In 1976 he co-discovered the Ebola virus and led research on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and women's health.

He has received numerous scientific and civic awards including an honorary doctorate from seven universities. He was a 2014 TIME Person of the Year (The Ebola Fighters), and received the Prince Mahidol Award for Public Health. In 2013 he was the laureate of the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize for Medical Research. He was knighted as a baron in 1995 in his native Belgium, and awarded a CMG in 2009 and Honorary Knighthood KCMG in 2016.



## Noerine Kaleeba

**Patron and Founder, TASO Uganda.  
Vice chair, Uganda National Health  
Research Organisation**

Physiotherapist and educator, Ms. Noerine Kaleeba set up The AIDS Support Organization (TASO Uganda) in 1987, a support group to provide care, support and counselling, and to mobilize communities and neighbourhood care for people with HIV/AIDS and their families. Based on the concept of 'positive living', TASO was one of the very first community responses to AIDS in Africa and is today one of the leading examples in AIDS care, support and community education for prevention in resource-limited settings. As the founder, Ms. Kaleeba also worked as the Executive Director of TASO Uganda for eight years until 1995 when she retired, and was elected Patron of the TASO movement.

Ms. Kaleeba has been awarded several international awards in recognition of her national and global anti-AIDS efforts, including The Belgian King Baudouin Prize for Development, awarded to TASO in 1995, and Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, in 2000. She has served on various national and international bodies, including the World Health Organization Global Commission on HIV/AIDS, the Global AIDS Policy Coalition and the Uganda AIDS Commission.



## Rashida Ferrand

**Professor of International Health, LSHTM**

Professor Rashida Ferrand is a Clinical Epidemiologist and a specialist physician in HIV Medicine and Sexual Health. She joined LSHTM in 2001 as a Wellcome Trust Entry Level Fellow. In 2003, she moved to Zimbabwe and worked as a lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe Medical School, and completed a Distance-Based Learning MSc in Epidemiology. Since 2007, she has been mainly based in Harare, Zimbabwe where she leads a research group conducting clinical and epidemiological studies on HIV infection in older children and adolescents. In Harare, she is hosted by the Biomedical Research and Training Institute (BRTI). She is an Honorary Consultant Physician in HIV Medicine at Barts Health NHS Trust, London.





## Masedi Kewamodimo

### **HIV/AIDS Youth Advocate and Activist**

Masedi Kewamodimo is a 23 year old Let Youth Lead Advocate and Advocacy & Communications Officer at Sentebale. Born with HIV, Masedi is dedicated to educating her peers about the disease, drawing from her own experience of growing up with the virus. Through her work with Sentebale, she hopes to promote healthy living for HIV-positive and HIV-negative individuals. One of Masedi's proudest achievements to date was being selected for the Mandela Washington Fellowship 2017. She was chosen as one of 1,000 young African Leaders and attended a 6 week programme in the USA.



## Catherine Ferrier

### **CEO, Sentebale**

Catherine was appointed as Sentebale's Chief Executive in March 2012. Before joining Sentebale, Catherine was Oxfam's Fundraising Director, responsible for raising over £100m a year from individuals in the UK. She oversaw the implementation of a CRM system that improved marketing and communications to more than 800,000 supporters, and increased income for the leading international development charity during a difficult economic period.

Catherine spent more than 25 years in buying and marketing roles for leading retailers, including WHSmith, the Walt Disney Company and the Burton Group. Catherine has three grown-up daughters and lives in Oxford.



## Lord Andrew Turnbull

### **Chair, Zambia Orphans Aid UK**

After reading economics at Cambridge, Andrew was appointed an Overseas Development Institute Fellow in 1968 and was posted to work as an economist in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Foreign Trade in Lusaka, Zambia. He has visited the country regularly ever since. He joined HM Treasury in 1970, becoming its Permanent Secretary in 1998-2002. He became Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service in 2002. On retirement from the civil service in 2005, he entered the House of Lords as a Crossbench Life Peer. He chairs the UK branch of Zambia Orphans Aid who support orphans and vulnerable children and the communities and schools caring for them.



## The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is a world-leading centre for research and postgraduate education in public and global health, with more than 4,000 students and 1,000 staff working in over 100 countries. The School is one of the highest-rated research institutions in the UK, is among the world's leading schools in public and global health, and was named University of the Year in the Times Higher Education Awards 2016. The mission of The School is to improve health and health equity in the UK and worldwide; working in partnership to achieve excellence in public and global health research, education and translation of knowledge into policy and practice.



## Worldwide Support for Development (WSD)

Worldwide Support for Development (WSD) is a Japanese not-for-profit organization, founded by Dr Haruhisa Handa, which is committed to assisting disadvantaged people and communities throughout the world.

The aim of WSD is to help create a world where people - no matter where they live - can be safe and happy and enjoy economically, socially and culturally high standards of living. WSD works to facilitate international cooperation and support in social welfare and education, as well as academia, and to assist people who are experiencing social and financial need.

## Handa Professorship in Global Health

In 2015, the Handa Professorship in Global Health was established at LSHTM following a generous donation of £1M from Worldwide Support for Development and Dr Handa. Professor Peter Piot, Director of LSHTM, is the first academic to be honoured as the Handa Professor of Global Health at LSHTM.



### Sentebale

Sentebale is a charity co-founded by Prince Harry and Prince Seeiso of Lesotho in 2006. The charity began working in Lesotho, a small, land-locked country in South Africa, with an aim to rewrite the future for children and young people affected by HIV by providing vital access to care, education and, critically, psychosocial support.

In 2015, Sentebale announced plans to expand into several southern Africa countries by 2020, delivering psychosocial support to 10 to 19 year olds who were struggling to come to terms with living with HIV. In 2016, Sentebale launched in Botswana, and during the financial year ending on 31st August 2016, the charity, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, delivered adolescent-friendly HIV testing and counselling services to over 16,500 people. Today, the charity supports over 4,000 young people a year through the clubs and camps programme.

Despite progress to date, in 2016 nearly 7,000 young women were newly infected with HIV every week and there remain many more adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa unaware of their HIV status and afraid to get tested. In line with the UNAIDS Fast-track targets, Sentebale's latest Let Youth Lead advocacy programme aims to encourage all youth in sub-Saharan Africa to know and manage their

HIV status by 2020. Through youth-led campaigning and advocacy, the ambition is to allow the voices of youth affected by HIV and AIDS to be heard and to change adult attitudes towards these young people. The programme also addresses the lack of youth-friendly health services and sexual reproductive health taught in schools, and will aim to strengthen leaders' commitment to help young people affected by HIV/AIDS.



### The Handa Foundation

In 2012 Dr. Haruhisa Handa founded a new charity - The Handa Foundation, which is registered in the USA, UK and Cambodia. The charity receives funding from various individuals and organizations and is driven by Dr. Handa's visionary leadership. The Handa Foundation manages several initiatives in Southeast Asia including a medical centre; trauma hospital; farm; sports centre; youth academy and nursing school. It enjoys several ongoing partnerships with organizations such as Stanford University (USA), USAID (USA), Curtin University (Australia) and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK). The Director of the London School, Professor Peter Piot, also serves as an esteemed advisor to the organisation, alongside several other advisors.



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