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Dr. Peter PIOT, Executive Director of the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), discusses the AIDS situation in the world and international efforts to contain the disease. HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, exists in all countries. It can be transmitted from one person to another through sexual intercourse either heterosexual or homosexual, blood transfusions, shared needles and syringes, or from mother to child. Combating the HIV/AIDS problem is a collective responsibility which should include governments and people. WHO provides technical guidance and financial support to countries and communities to help slow the spread of AIDS. Education, the promotion of condom use and safer sexual behaviour and the treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases are important tools in the fight against this pandemic.

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