

ONI CAUTIONS AGAINST HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC

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Ekiti State Governor, Engr.Segun Oni has charged the people of the State to avoid actions that could enhance the spread of the Human Immune Virus (HIV) and the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the State.

In a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary (CPS) to the governor, Mr. Wale Ojo-Lanre, Governor Oni, while receiving the World Bank awareness team on HIV/AIDS led by the State Commissioner for Health, Dr Femi Thomas in Ado Ekiti explained that the HIV/AIDS scourge has led to the loss of vital manpower that would have been of immense advantage to the socio-economic growth of the country.

The Governor, who affirmed that the state has the lowest HIV/AIDS prevalent rate in the country said efforts, would further be geared towards the total eradication of the scourge from the State.

“We should never be careless. Anything that takes life out of our people and will not allow us to enjoy the pride of our living must be faced with utmost seriousness. Those who ought to become our governors and presidents tomorrow should not die young,” Oni said.

He implored all stakeholders to work in harmony with the government in order to ensure that the scourge is totally eradicated from the State.

Responding, Dr Femi Thomas, who applauded the governor for his commitment towards stamping out of the scourge noted that the Oni-led administration has recorded tremendous results in its fight against the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in the State.