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CANNES, France: A celebrity AIDS gala at Cannes headed this year by Sharon Stone and Bill Clinton saw funds raised plummet over 50 per cent to US\$4.5 million (RM16 million), organisers said on Friday.

The mega gala organised by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmfAR) and originated by Elizabeth Taylor, raised US\$10 million in 2008.

A highlight of the Thursday evening's event at the nearby Riviera town of Cap d'Antibes was the sale of Clinton's celebrated saxophone, which fetched 130,000 euros.

A-list celebrities who turned up included Annie Lennox, who sang several of her hits to 700 guests who paid US\$150,000 for each 10-seater table, or US\$4,000 (RM14,200) per head. — AFP