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RAWANG: The HIV infection trend has shown a decline due to the measures taken by the Government, said Selangor Health Director Dr Rosnah Hadis.

She said HIV infections have decline from 6,978 cases annually or 28.5 cases for every 100,000 population in 2002 to 4,549 cases or 16.7 cases for every 100,000 population in 2007.

"In 2008, the infection trend has gone down further to 2,452 cases or 12.8 cases for every 100,000," she said at the World Aids Memorial Day 2009, here, Thursday night.

She said since 2002 until last year, 84,000 HIV infections were reported nationwide.

"If this trend continues, it is not impossible for Malaysia to achieve the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals before 2015 to reduce the HIV infections to 11 cases for every 100,000 population," she said. - Bernama