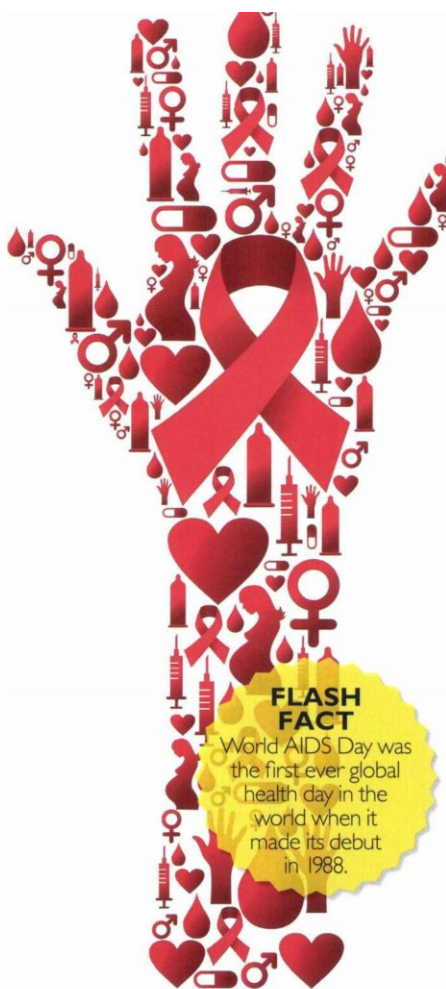


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**FLASH FACT**  
 World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day in the world when it made its debut in 1988.

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# Wear Your Red Ribbon Pride

**BE PREPARED TO WEAR A RED RIBBON ON SATURDAY,** 1 December to commemorate World AIDS Day. Globally, the London-based National AIDS Trust (NAT) reports that an estimated 33.3 million people are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). The virus is also one of the most lethal health pandemics in history, killing more than 25 million people between the years of 1981 and 2007. Each year, World AIDS Day creates an opportunity for the community to reach out in support of people living with HIV, as well as to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died from the disease. To learn more about the World AIDS Day events taking place in your locality this December, check out the Malaysian AIDS Council's website at [www.mac.org.my](http://www.mac.org.my).

**HIV In Numbers: A Malaysian Perspective**

» AS OF DECEMBER 2011, **94,841** CASES OF HIV AND **17,686** CASES OF AIDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

» **76%** OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV ARE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 40.

» **1 IN EVERY 4** NEW CASES OF HIV IS A YOUTH AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 29.

SOURCE: Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC)