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SEMPORNA: The public is urged to give their continual support in preventing and controlling HIV/Aids through education, said District Officer Dr Chacho Bulah.

“Without the active participation from all parties, efforts to curb this disease will come to naught. Awareness must be instilled so that each individual will know the proper action needed to avoid contracting the disease,” he said when launching the district level World Aids Day here, Tuesday.

Chacho said the nation had successfully reduced HIV contraction although the epidemic remains a concern since 2010 and will remain so until 2030.

This means, he said, approximately 3,000 new HIV cases will be reported every year until 2030 if no drastic step is taken

to curb this scourge.

“The government is committed in combating HIV/Aids, and will be the main contributor in the implementation of HIV/Aids prevention programmes.

“The government also urged more active participation and funding from corporate bodies, especially non-governmental organisations in this effort,” he said.

He added that in order for the epidemic to end in the country, there is a need to reduce 90 per cent of new HIV infection in 2030.

“For that purpose, we need to ensure a 90-90-90 target by 2020 is attained, namely 90 per cent of HIV patients aware of their HIV status and out of this, 90 per cent seek treatment and out of this, 90 per cent show HIV virus suppression,” he said.



Dr Chacho in a group photo with several health officers.