



HAPPY KIDS displayed the theme “Hands up for HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support”

Sierra Leone joined the global village to commemorate World AIDS Day on Thursday 1st December 2016. This year's event stands in solidarity with the 78 million people who have become infected with HIV and remember the 35 million who have died from AIDS-related illnesses since the first cases of HIV were reported.

December 1st every year is commemorated around the globe as World AIDS Day, geared towards raising awareness about the disease, examine the strides made in combating the disease and map out new method in tackling the disease.

In commemorating this year's World AIDs Day, the National AIDs Secretariat (NAS) in collaboration with it partners took the campaign to the Northern city of Makeni where it is believed the disease is making head way. The theme for this year's commemoration is "Hands up for HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support". The commemoration started in the city of Makeni with a float parade from the bus park to the city's clock tower raising awareness, distributing condoms and encouraging people to be tested to know their status.



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