

Call to create awareness about AIDS

HYDERABAD, Dec 7: A seminar on HIV/AIDS here on Monday was told that there were 97,400 patients of the disease in Pakistan and worldwide figure of the patients was 530 million.

The seminar was organised by the Association for Betterment and Development of Human Beings and addressed by its head Ms Rafia Bangash, Dr Tufail Ahmed Bhatti, Dr Nazir Ahmed, Abdul Sattar Rind and Assistant Director, labour department, Aijaz Ali Shah. The speakers warned that the country was at the brink of a disaster as far as AIDS was concerned, and said that they should set their priorities and remove crisis of understanding.

They said that people were familiar with water, energy and food crises but were unaware of crisis of understanding.

They quoted verses from Holy Quran wherein Almighty Allah warned people of lack of understanding.

They said that if they followed the teachings of Holy Quran, they could get rid of many miseries, including diseases like HIV.

They said that new health policy prioritised HIV/AIDS prevention and control among people at risk and its further spread through building strong and sustainable partnership with civil society and development and implementation of strategies to avoid HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination in the country.—PPI