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CUBA ELIMINATES MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV AND AIDS

VIDEO

BEAUTY SHOTS OF CUBA
PEOPLE IN THE STREETS

LARGE CROWDS

MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN IN
STROLLERS

STREET SCENES

INSIDE HOSPITAL

PATIENTS WAITING

FLAG AND BUILDING/WHO

AUDIO

MUSIC

NARRATION

Cuba, an island in the Caribbean, has been battling with the spread of HIV and AIDS for decades. (7)

Some 22,000 people in a country of 11 million are currently living with HIV and AIDS according to UNAIDS. The most vulnerable are men who have sex with men and pregnant women who can pass the virus to their newborn babies. (16)

But a dramatic shift occurred in June 2015 when Cuba officially became the first country in the world to eliminate transmission of HIV and AIDS, and syphilis from mother to child. // These claims were validated by the World Health Organization, WHO. (18)

DR. CRISTIAN MORALES ON-CAMERA DR. CRISTIAN MORALES: (In Spanish) M
“*The interventions made to achieve this goal started from a very important social campaign to promote health. It advised people to be aware of their sexual behaviour and the risk to pregnant women who are infected with HIV.*” (30)

BABIES WITH MOTHERS
YOUNG MOTHER NARRATION
Now, out of every 100 babies that are born, only two or less have HIV positive results. Yunaisy Rodriguez is one of the fortunate mothers who gave birth to a child free of HIV and AIDS. (14)

YUNAIKY AT CLINIC
Worried about her own health, Yunaisy keeps in touch with her doctors. (5)

YUNAIKY ON-CAMERA YUNAIKY RODRIGUEZ: (In Spanish) F
“*They have even come to my house to see me. They still come to check on me and see how I am doing.*” (11)

DOCTOR ON-CAMERA RAIZA MONTERO LOPEZ: (In Spanish) F
“*She has two healthy children. She had them when she was not HIV-positive. She and her partner, who is HIV-negative, decided to have the baby. She began antiretroviral treatment, and when the baby was born, her viral load was undetectable. The baby was HIV negative.*” (16)

PHARMACY

NARRATION

Patients such as Yunaisy receive their antiretroviral medication free of charge from the pharmacy, a policy implemented by the government in 2001. (10)

DOCTORS AND NURSES

PATIENTS

MOTHER WITH CHILD BEING

CHECKED

Sponsored by the Cuban Government and the Pan-American Health Organization, PAHO, the programme offers hope for many families where the mother is HIV positive. (9)

DR. LANTERO ON-CAM

PAHO/WHO Representative,

DR. MARIA LANTERO: (In Spanish) F
“Furthermore, a caesarean cut is made in order to prevent contact from the mother’s blood and vaginal secretion to the baby and she is provided precautionary care for the first 6 weeks.” (13)

DR. LANTERO ON-CAMERA

NARRATION

The Cuban healthcare system, which is free for all citizens, is the driving force behind this important achievement. (7)

DR. CRISTIAN MORALES: (In Spanish) M
“There are more than 11,000 medical consultants who act as family consultants. It’s the basis of how the Cuban medical system works.” (7)

DR. LANTERO ON-CAMERA
CHIEF, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NARRATION

In addition, some 450 hospitals focus on providing medical attention to Cubans

whether they live within city limits or beyond, screening patients for early detection. (12)

HEALTHCARE IMAGES

Currently, research is underway for a vaccine against this deadly disease. // Cuba's success in achieving the elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV and AIDS brings it one step closer to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal which promotes good health for all people. (19)

SCIENTISTS/LAB

BABIES AND MOTHER IN HOSPITAL OR ON STREETS

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MUSIC

asn03307 Sierra Maestra by Philippe Falcao & Nicolas Neidhardt from Franklin-Douglas, Inc.

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00:13 - 00:37 (00:24)

Pink Butterfly by Marco Martini - The Doubt from Artlist

00:37 - 01:26 (00:49)

New Way by Young Rich Pixies from Artlist

01:08 - 03:33 (01:08)

asn03313 Chica Bonita by Pierre Arrachart & Laurent Colombani from Franklin-Douglas, Inc.

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03:26 - 03:53 (00:26)