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TOWARDS A WORLD WITHOUT AIDS.....
.....WORKING TOGETHER FOR AN AIDS VACCINE

Millions of people live with HIV.in the world and in India.
Many of them have died due to AIDS.

Have you been affected by HIV and AIDS? Does it worry you?
Even as you read this, hundreds are getting infected with the virus worldwide.

Safe behaviour and practices can prevent HIV infection, but have some limitations. To check the continuing spread of the epidemic, we must simultaneously pursue the development of new prevention tools, such as vaccines.

There are examples of successful vaccines like small pox, measles and polio that have saved many lives. Scientists, the world over, have been working hard to develop a vaccine against HIV/AIDS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO AIDS VACCINE
RESEARCH IN INDIA?

This is a search for a preventive AIDS vaccine that will protect us from HIV infection and AIDS. An effective AIDS vaccine is the world's best hope for ending the epidemic.

But this search is not possible without the intense involvement of people and communities. We need their support, as well as their active involvement. Thousands of very special men and women, the world over, have already volunteered, or actually participated in AIDS vaccine trials. Without their contribution, the extraordinary scientific efforts to find a safe and effective AIDS vaccine would reach nowhere.

For a vaccine against AIDS to become a reality, different vaccines need to be tested in human beings. All benefits and risks of participating in this study will be explained to you if you are interested in being part of this quest. There is absolutely no risk of becoming infected with HIV from these vaccines.

One Phase I AIDS vaccine trial has been completed at the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune and the second trial is ongoing at the Tuberculosis Research Centre (TRC), Chennai, on another preventive AIDS vaccine candidate. We have received strong support from various communities for these trials. 62 people have been enrolled in these trials and the vaccines have been found to be safe and well tolerated. It is planned to initiate another trial at both NARI and TRC.

You can help create an AIDS free world. We need 32 volunteers committed to participating in the third AIDS vaccine trial to find an appropriate AIDS vaccine for India.

If you are between 18 and 50 years of age; in good health; HIV uninfected and at low risk of HIV infection; and a resident of Pune or Chennai; you are qualified to volunteer for this AIDS vaccine trial. Your participation in this study will last approximately 18 months.

If you volunteer for this vaccine trial, you will be making a difference in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Without your help, there may never be an AIDS vaccine that India and the world could use.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS TRIAL?

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Let us work together towards an AIDS vaccine