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## Sign petition for Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, and care

(CUPE) In 2005, the G8 committed to providing access to HIV treatment, prevention, care and support for all those who need it by 2010. Despite that promise, in 2008 two million people died of AIDS-related illness, and the number of new HIV infections continues to outstrip the number of people being treated. For every two people starting treatment, a further five become infected with the virus.

The stark reality is that for every moment this promise is not kept someone is dying a preventable death or becoming infected with HIV because of lack of access to treatment and prevention services.

As G8 and G20 leaders come together in Canada, it's critical to put pressure on them to put forward a costed and time-bound plan to deliver on their commitment to achieve universal access to HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, and care services for all those in need.

You can help by endorsing our petition <<http://cupe.ca/action/hiv-aids>> to G8/G20 leaders, and by sending a message to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, asking him to take a leadership role in ensuring universal access to treatment.

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