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Govt, civil society nexus vital against AIDS

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ISLAMABAD - Government is determined to build strong partnership with civil society organisations to combat HIV and AIDS in Pakistan.

This was stated by Dr Abdul Majeed Rajput, Director General Health while addressing a policy dialogue under the theme of "Strengthening Public Private Partnership for HIV and AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care" which was organized by Pakistan National AIDS Consortium here Sunday.

A press release said that Pakistan National AIDS Consortium (PNAC) had initiated the dialogue process at national level in consultation with government.

Effect of this policy will definitely trickle down at provincial level He also emphasized that Pakistan National AIDS Consortium will continue to play its role in initiating policy dialogues on various issues related with HIV and AIDS.

While delivering the keynote address, Dr A.R Kemal, a renowned economist of Pakistan discussed the social and economical aspects of the spread of epidemic. While quoting examples from other countries, he said that the worst impact of HIV and AIDS is always on economics of the country and that is why it should dealt with as a development issue. Qadeer Baig National Manager PNAC said that Civil Society Organizations have only three options.