



### HIV is an infection

A very minute organism causes HIV. A person having HIV germs in the blood is considered as HIV positive. One cannot tell if a person is having HIV infection, as this cannot be identified without a blood test. HIV can be transmitted through following routes:

- Through unprotected sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal) with a person having infection.
- Through blood transfusion when blood is taken from HIV positive individual.
- Through contaminated needles used previously in an HIV positive person.
- From HIV positive pregnant woman to child during delivery or afterwards.

### HIV is not transmitted by

- Touching and kissing a person
- Playing, swimming together
- Using common bathrooms and toilets
- Mosquito bites
- Sharing other utility items