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**Aids day to focus on women**

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This year’s World Aids Day.

scheduled for December 1, will focus on women, the Director General of the World Health

Organisation has announced.

Dr Hiroshi Nakajima said the

day will reflect the increasing impact of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome on women as

well as the crucial role women

played in preventing infection

with the human immunodeficiency virus (HTV) among other

things.

This programme will be under

taken within the broader framework of women, health and development. particularly at the

country level, he said.

He stressed the necessity of active participation by women in

the implementation of primary

health care, to which their rate was a major obstacle.

‘Women are the key to achieving health for all,” he said. He

said the World Aids Day will,

among other things, heighten

awareness about the risk of HIV

infection and Aids.

It will expand and strengthen

the worldwide effort to stop Aids

by highlighting the impact of

HIV/Aids on women

world, not only as a

problem, but as HIV/Aids

women as care providers,

workers, educators and

The programme will

strengthen Aids prevention

and programmes at all

of society, especially as they

to women

It will also promote respect

care for all HIV-infected

and people with Aids,

to lasting dialogue,

activity and long

commitment among all

countries around the world