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Official advises on Aids fight

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The battle against Aids must be

multi-sectoral and should not be

left to the Ministry of Health, the

Coast Provincial Medical Officer

has said.

Addressing a workshop in

Lamu, Dr S.K. Shariff asked district

departmental heads, Non-

Governmental Organisations, religious

leaders and individuals to

help create an awareness of the

Aids danger. '

The health chief said safe sex

and the use of condoms were effective

against Aids.

When a person became infected

by the virus, however, homebased

care should be encouraged.

Hospital care was expensive

and, with good counseling,

home-based care had succeeded

elsewhere.

Dr P ,M. Kimuu, the Lamu

Medical Officer, disclosed that

the HIV -positive patients at the

district hospital were increasing .

The official said there were 45

cases last year