**Mbeki launches Aids campaign**

CAPE TOWN. Friday

South African Deputy President,

Mr Thabo Mbeki today launched

a nationwide partnership against

Aids, urging South Africans to

change the way they live and love.

In a special 10mminute address broadcast live on television and

radio, he said South Africa had for

too many years allowed the HIV

virus to spread at a rate which was

one of the fastest in the world.

"Every single day a further

1,500 people in South Africa get infected," he said. "To date,

more than three million people

have been infected." Mr Mbeki

said the danger of being infected'

by HIV/Aids was real and warned

against thinking that it was someone

else's problem. (AFP)

A South African nurse feeds an HIV -postive baby at a Salvation Army Centre in Johannesburg. Deputy

President Thambo Mbeki has called for a nation-wide campaign against continuing Aids spread. (Reuter

File picture)