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Uganda Aids infection rate ‘has declined’

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Uganda’s rate of HIV/AIDS

infection has considerably

declined over the past five years

from 28 per cent to 14 per cent,

according to the Ministry of

Health.

The reduction in the rates has

been attributed to the open government

policy, sex education,

awareness campaigns, increased

use of condoms, general behavioral

change and the late

engagement in sex by both girls

and boys.

The current trends show progressive

declines of at least 50

per Cent in urban areas and 30 per

cent in rural areas. The challenge,

however, remains despite these

rates of reduction in HIV/AIDS

infections. ‘Although there is an increased

advocacy for the use of condoms,

some church leaders remain

opposed to it.

Increased campaigns against

the dangers of HIV/AIDS has

also resulted in fewer men going

for casual sex.

On the contrary, prostitution

has been on the rise and campaigns

are targeted at sex workers

in urban areas as well.