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## **Honduras: A.i.d.s. Update**

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According to a Health Ministry report released April 2, 100 new cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) were confirmed in March, bringing the national total to 1,861. The Health Ministry only registers cases that are confirmed via blood tests carried out by trained personnel. Health Ministry epidemiology division director Enrique Zelaya said the spread of AIDS was "worrisome." He noted that AIDS and HIV incidence was especially high in San Pedro Sula, where 1,000 cases have been registered in a population of 350,000. He added that at least 50% of the women working as prostitutes in San Pedro Sula have AIDS or HIV. On April 14, Zelaya told reporters that health workers were distributing condoms on public beaches as part of a national anti-AIDS campaign. Some health officials estimate that over 60,000 Hondurans are HIV carriers. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 04/02/92, 04/14/92)

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