



## THE COST OF CARE

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, The Department for International Development of the UK (DFID), Global Action on Aging and HelpAge International invite you to a roundtable discussion to review the challenges faced by carers, in particular older carers, in their role as primary caregivers to adults living with HIV and AIDS and orphaned or dependent children.

Global evidence is that 90% of AIDS care is provided at home, often by older women. Up to two-thirds of people living with AIDS are cared for by their parents in their 60s and 70s. Up to 60% of orphaned children live in grandparent-headed households in Sub Saharan Africa. Progress in tackling HIV/AIDS will depend on how carers of people living with HIV and AIDS and vulnerable children are supported.

We will explore key strategies, and make recommendations, to ensure that economic and social support is delivered to carers in line with global commitments.

Outcomes will be communicated to delegations attending the UNGASS review and disseminated through the sponsors' websites.

**Date: Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006**  
**Venue: Conference Room 6: United Nations Building**  
**Time: 1.15 – 2.45**

**Chair: Mr Bob Huber, Chief, Technical Cooperation Unit, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations**

**Speakers: Khun Kanitha Tantaphan, Chief of International Affairs, Bureau of AIDS, TB and STIs, Government of Thailand; Rep of Government of Lesotho (tbc); Ms Robin Gorna, DFID; Mr Pete McDermott, Chief of the HIV/Aids Section, UNICEF; Mr Godfred Paul, HelpAge International**

**All invited**