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## UNDP program to check HIV

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Program management unit of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has implemented Community Capacity Enhancement Programme (CCE) in three districts of the country to address underlying causes contributing to spread of HIV and AIDS.

A statement issued by UNDP Wednesday said, 'factors like stigma and discrimination against HIV affected, trafficking of girls and women and other gender-HIV related issues are adding to increasing number of HIV cases throughout the country'.

"Today Nepal is facing a rapid increase in HIV and AIDS prevalence among high risk groups. Experts believe the nation now has a window of opportunity to reduce its spread and effectively reach out to those suffering by improving access to information and care," the statement added.

The statement said tools like community conversation, mapping and story telling will be used to make community people aware. "So that communities learn to recognize that they have the power to prevent spread of HIV in their communities and the importance about care and support for those affected," it said.