

## MINURCAT HIV/AIDS UNIT

## The importance of Counseling and Voluntary Testing

The goal of counseling and voluntary testing is to:

- 1. Prevent contamination from HIV-infected people to their partners not yet tested or tested negative as well as from infected mothers to their children.
- 2. Prevent infection from partners not yet tested or tested HIV positive to people tested HIV negative.
- 3. Early treatment and use of adequate services:
  - Family Planning, including counseling on choice
  - Assistance to individual, couple or family
  - Better adjustment for future planning
- 4. People Tested HIV Positive
  - Medical assistance, including ARV therapy, treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections, sexually transmitted diseases and detection of infection and tumors related to HIV.
  - Counseling in terms of good living conditions (nutrition, long-term counseling, questions regarding confidentiality and identification of network providing protection)
  - Social assistance
  - Legal advice

Are you aware of your HIV status? Would you like to find out?

## Please contact the HIV/AIDS Unit or the United Nations Clinic.

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