



# Piece of Pie

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In Thailand, officials once silent about rising infection rates are campaigning for a “fair share” of the **UN’s AIDS fund**. In September, AIDS officially became the country’s No. 1 cause of death. Said one leader to *The Nation*, “Most nonaccidental deaths [were reported as] ‘the heart stopped beating.’ This led to **a misconception that most Thais die of heart disease.**” An estimated one in 60 Thais is HIV positive.

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