Miss Universe Has a Few Words for Critics of Her HIV Advocacy

"I'm so tired of people complaining that I haven't found 'the cure' for HIV," writes Pia Wurtzbach on Instagram.

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Apparently, Pia Wurtzbach, the reigning Miss Universe, has been hearing some complaints regarding her promise to raise HIV awareness. This week, the Filipina-German actress and model responded to critics, posting her thoughts on the topic—along with an eye-popping bikini pic—on Instagram.

She writes: "The mere fact that you're talking about how little I am doing charity work for HIV/AIDS, isn't that awareness in itself? You're thinking about it, right?"

Wurtzbach goes on to acknowledge that she's learning more and more about the epidemic each day, and she encourages people to get tested. The entire post is worth a read:

Just to get some things straight. I haven't forgotten about my advocacy, ok? I'm so tired of people complaining that I haven't found "the cure" for HIV when clearly I said I would raise awareness. I'm not

magically gonna come up with a potion that cures everything. I know the whole being chosen out of 79 from all over the world, getting crowned in a beautiful gown in front of billions of people is all good. But are you really getting the point of my message during the final Q&A? I said I would raise awareness. Putting the spotlight on it so we can start talking about it. Just like the during the competition, I wasn't posting my everyday pageant activities and that upset a lot of fans. They thought I wasn't doing any effort. I just really did not like posting anything online. Why? Cos I didn't feel like I needed to. Instagram isn't part of the judges panel. Am I gonna carry my phone around with me and take every selfie, every photo I see to ease your worries? No. I don't work like that. I put my phone down and I work. And did it work? Yes. Sometimes the plans you carry have a bigger chance of reaching a larger magnitude if you're just focused on the work. I'm good with letting people know about what I'm doing or what I plan to do. I'm a woman of my word. What I say in public is a promise. Why worry about updating everyone on social media and in the process losing the experience because you were on your phone the whole time staging photos. Now ask yourself. Did you get yourself tested? This year the numbers have gone at an all time high. But maybe that's because more people are getting themselves tested making our statistics more accurate. I can't work a miracle here. I still consider myself as a student and I'm learning more and more everyday. So before you go saying that I haven't done anything, the mere fact that you're talking about how little I am doing charity work for HIV/AIDS, isn't that awareness in itself? You're thinking about it, right? Talking about it, correct? Bashing me in the process BUT still getting the message out there. I don't have to spell it out. Oh and here's a bikini photo. Just so I get your attention. ????????✌

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