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AIDS: Need for data on high-risk groups

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Proper research must be conducted on the vulnerability of certain groups of people in contracting AIDS.

Malaysian AIDS Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir said there was a lack of research on the educational level, attitude and practices of groups like homosexuals, dadah addicts and sex workers.

With detailed information, the council could design appropriate programmes for each group to effectively convey its preventive message and also discourage promiscuous behaviour.

Marina was speaking at a Press conference to announce World AIDS Day 1998 to be held in Penang on Dec 1.

It will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will also present the Red Ribbon Media Awards for outstanding efforts to educate the public through journalism, advertising and the arts.

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