

**More than 1,000 children recorded with HIV, says group – Bernama
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A total of 1,076 HIV cases involving children under 13 was recorded nationwide between 1986 and 2013, says Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) executive director Jasmin Jalil.

She said according to health ministry statistics, 50 new HIV cases among children were recorded in 2013 or 1% of the overall infection cases, totalling 101,672 cases for the 27-year period.

"These children are infected with HIV during pregnancy, usually because of their mother's reluctance to take any medication to prevent the infection," she told reporters after an AIDS Charity Ride programme in Cyberjaya today.

The programme, jointly organised by MAF and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, is aimed at raising funds to help people living with HIV, especially the less fortunate.

A total of 250 participants took part in the event which was held in conjunction with "Zero Discrimination Day". – Bernama, March 1, 2015.

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