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Jim Yong Kim, MD, PhD, is director of the World Health Organization's HIV/AIDS department, a post he was appointed to in March 2004 after serving as advisor to the WHO director-general. Dr. Kim oversees all of WHO's work related to HIV/AIDS, focusing on initiatives to help developing countries scale up their treatment, prevention, and care programmes.

Dr Kim has 20 years of experience in improving health in developing countries. He is a founding trustee and the former executive director of Partners in Health, a not-for-profit organization that supports a range of health programmes in poor communities in Latin America, Russia, Rwanda, and the United States.

An expert in tuberculosis, Dr Kim has chaired or served on a number of committees on international TB policy. He has conducted extensive research into effective and affordable strategies for treating strains of TB that are resistant to standard drugs. In his current role at WHO, Dr Kim is responsible for coordinating HIV efforts with the TB department.

Dr Kim, who is trained dually as a physician and medical anthropologist, is currently on leave from his position as associate professor of medicine and anthropology at Harvard Medical School and director of its infectious disease and social change programme. He is also associate professor of medicine and medical anthropology at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, and served as chief of the social medicine and health inequalities division.

Dr Kim received his MD and PhD from Harvard University. He is the recipient of a number of professional awards, including a 2003 MacArthur Fellowship. He was a contributing editor to the 2003 and 2004 *World Health Report*, and his edited volume *Dying for Growth: Global Inequity and the Health of the Poor* analyzes the effects of economic and political change on health outcomes in developing countries.