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## NEW SCORECARD SHOWS GOVERNMENTS ARE FAILING WOMEN IN THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO AIDS

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--75% of countries fail to report basic information on services for women and girls,  
says AIDS Accountability International--

**Audio Press Conference – 1500 GMT Monday, 23 November 2009**  
10:00 am New York, 3:00 pm London, 4:00 pm Stockholm,  
5:00 pm Johannesburg

**WHAT:** As World AIDS Day (December 1) approaches, AIDS Accountability International (AAI) (<http://www.aidsaccountability.org>) will release the first ever global scorecard analyzing country responses to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of women in the context of the AIDS epidemic. This independent assessment, developed through a comprehensive consultative process with global health experts and civil society representatives from across the world, evaluates data that all governments provide as part of the 2001 United Nations *Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS*.

Globally, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death and disease in women of reproductive age worldwide. The AIDS Accountability Scorecard on Women rates countries on their reporting on six key elements of an effective national response for women, and reviews additional information provided by governments in their narrative reports. A Women Reporting Index provides a country-by-country rating of the overall quality and completeness of their reporting.

**WHO:** Press conference speakers include:

- **Elizabeth Mataka**, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on AIDS in Africa
- **Mo Ibrahim**, business leader and Chair, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- **Sigrun Mogedal**, Norwegian HIV/AIDS Ambassador
- **Rodrigo Garay**, Executive Director, AIDS Accountability International
- **Per Strand**, Scientific Director, AIDS Accountability International

**WHY:** Women and girls are particularly vulnerable to, and disproportionately affected by, HIV/AIDS in the global context. Lack of accountability for addressing women's needs hampers efforts to measure the impact of different approaches, reward effective efforts, adjust or stop ineffective ones and ensure good use of resources. Without better monitoring, the international community is unable to assess whether the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed targets for the response to AIDS are being met.

AIDS Accountability International is an independent non-profit organization established to increase accountability and inspire bolder leadership in the response to AIDS.

**DIAL-IN:** To participate in the media teleconference, please RSVP to Jonathan Rich at [jonathan@jcrcommunications.com](mailto:jonathan@jcrcommunications.com). RSVP is required.