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# Aids spreading by minute, says Mozambique doctor

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MAPUTO. — Aids is spreading so fast in Mozambique's Manica province that one person is infected every 60 seconds, says Dr Augusto Macome, director of the province's programme against Aids and other sexual-

ly-transmitted diseases.

Dr Macome said about 10 percent of all blood received by the Manica provincial hospital at Chimoio is infected with Aids.

He said Manica province ranks second behind Maputo as

the area with the highest recorded incidence of Aids in the past three years.

The doctor said he suspected that many of Manica's Aids sufferers, especially children, had contracted the disease through blood transfusions and

poorly-sterilised hospital instruments.

The Aids figures would be even higher but for the inability of the Maputo central hospital since last June to do Aids tests since last June, said Dr Macome.