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Bono To Discuss U.S. and Global Commitment to HIV/AIDS and Africa *Kaiser Conversations on Health...Bono*

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation will host **DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa)** founder **Bono** as the first participant in the new series, *Kaiser Conversations on Health* in Washington, DC this Wednesday, December 3.

Bono plans to discuss the record U.S. and global commitment to combating HIV/AIDS, the doubling of U.S. assistance to Africa in the new U.S. budget, and the \$2 billion increase in overall assistance to poor countries in 2004. He is expected to call on the U.S. to quickly deliver the promised funding. He will provide insight on his travels including last weekend's concert for Nelson Mandela and first-hand experiences on how the epidemic is affecting people in Africa and around the world.

As founder of DATA, Bono has been a leader in raising awareness of the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa and the increase of support in the United States and abroad to address this issue. More than 40 million people are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS around the world and almost 14,000 people are newly infected each day.

The LIVE webcast of this event will be available starting at 12-noon – 1:00 p.m. ET. Visit HealthCast: <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/healthcast/kff/03dec2003>. **E-mail questions may be sent in advance of or during the live webcast to conversations@kff.org.** An archived version of the webcast will be available later at the same web address.

WHAT: Bono talks with Kaiser Family Foundation Senior Visiting Fellow Jackie Judd, former correspondent with ABC News, about the spread of AIDS in Africa. Bono will take questions from the audience and individuals viewing the live webcast from around the world.

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET**

WHERE: **Barbara Jordan Conference Center, Kaiser Family Foundation Building,**
1330 G Street, NW, Washington, DC (one block west of Metro Center)

RSVP: Space is limited so please RSVP to Tiffany Ford at tford@kff.org

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, independent national health care philanthropy dedicated to providing information and analysis on health issues to policymakers, the media and the general public. The Foundation is not associated with Kaiser Permanente or Kaiser Industries. The Foundation has maintained a focus on HIV/AIDS in the United States for over a decade and this work has in recent years expanded to include addressing the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.