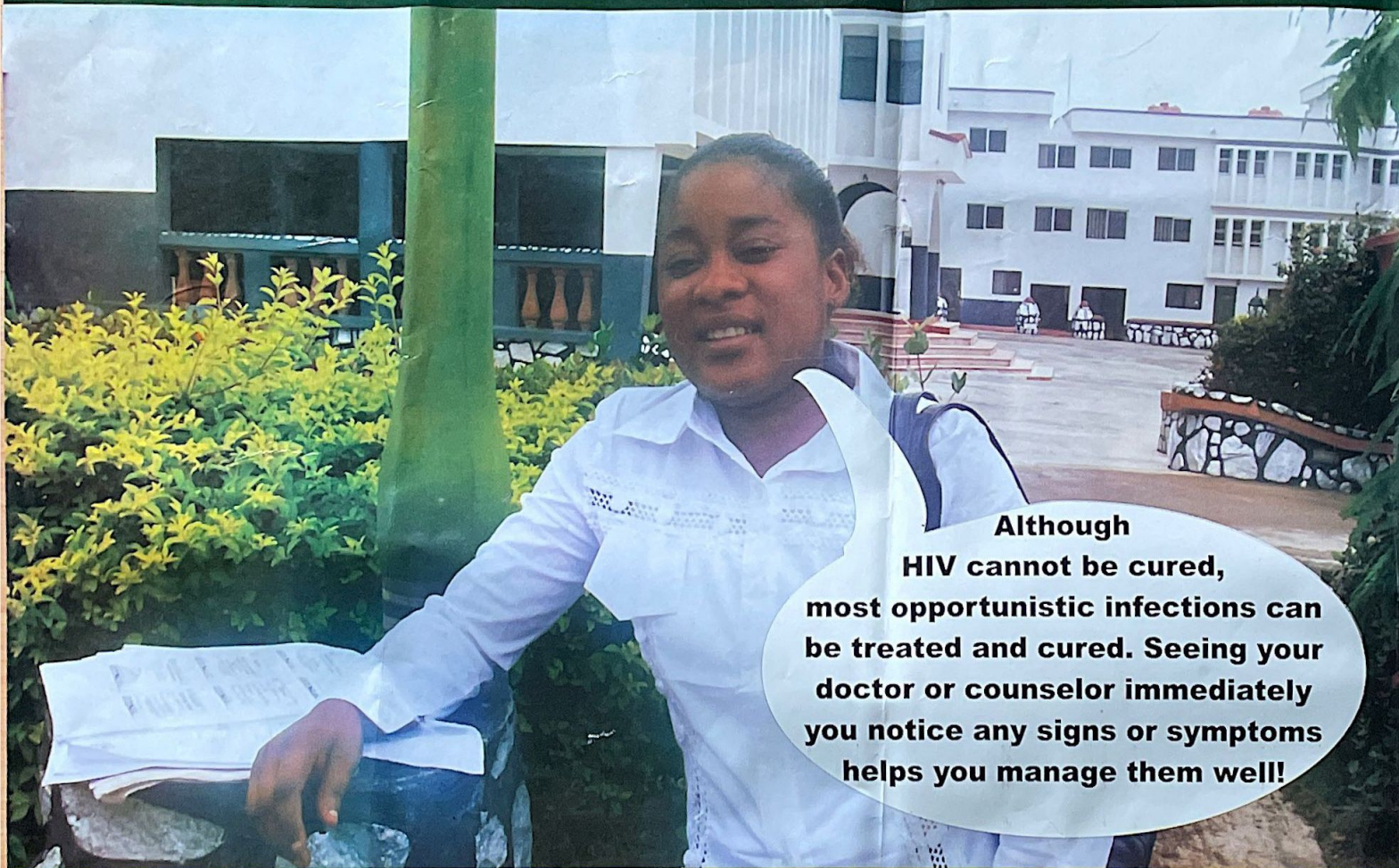


OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

Persons living with HIV are at greater risk of infections arising from reduced ability of their bodies to resist infections if they have low levels of immunity. However, most of these infections can be effectively treated with a variety of drugs.



Although HIV cannot be cured, most opportunistic infections can be treated and cured. Seeing your doctor or counselor immediately you notice any signs or symptoms helps you manage them well!

HIV infection reduces the body's ability to fight other infections (immunity). This puts people living with HIV at risk of diseases that would normally have been unable to affect them (opportunistic infections).

Common opportunistic infections include herpes zoster (shingles), oral and vaginal thrush, tuberculosis, meningitis (severe headache), sores and blisters, skin rashes, diarrhoea, pneumonia and other infections.

Get more information about opportunistic infections and their symptoms from your doctor, counselor or support group leader. Discuss with your doctor as soon as you experience any symptoms of opportunistic infections.

Advocate for the provision of drugs for treating opportunistic infections as part of HIV treatment programmes.

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