

The UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) on Education was created in 2002 to support accelerated and improved education sector responses to HIV and AIDS. Education contributes toward the knowledge and personal skills essential for the prevention of HIV, and the capacity of individuals, families, communities and nations to overcome the impact of AIDS. Education also helps to overcome the conditions that facilitate the spread of HIV, including poverty, ill health, gender inequality, violence and abuse. Beyond this, education can create the conditions of understanding and tolerance that contribute to reduced stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.



IATT: Scaling up and sustaining action for education responses to HIV and AIDS
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Goals, objectives and primary activities

The UNAIDS IATT on Education aims to accelerate and improve the education sector response to HIV and AIDS by:

- Promoting and supporting good practices in the education sector related to HIV and AIDS; and
- Encouraging alignment and harmonisation within and across agencies to support global and country level actions.

Specific activities undertaken by the UNAIDS IATT on Education include:

- Strengthening the evidence base and disseminating findings to inform decision-making and strategy development;
- Encouraging information and materials exchange;
- Working jointly to bridge education and AIDS communities; and
- Ensuring stronger education sector responses to HIV and AIDS.

IATT members and functioning

The IATT membership includes UNAIDS Cosponsors, bi-lateral agencies, private donors, and civil society partners. See back page for a full list of current IATT members and contributors.

UNESCO provides the Secretariat and the services of the IATT Coordinator. Institutional members finance their own participation in biannual IATT meetings, and contribute in-kind to the development of outputs. Core funding has also been provided by IATT members to strengthen policy and programmatic action and improve coordination.

IATT technical products

IATT-commissioned technical products aim to advance the evidence base and to inform decision-making and strategy development. The most recent materials include:



- *Improving the Education Response to HIV and AIDS: Lessons of partner efforts in coordination, harmonisation, alignment, information sharing and monitoring in Jamaica, Kenya, Thailand and Zambia (2008)*
- *Toolkit for Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in the Education Sector: Guidelines for Development Cooperation Agencies (2008)*
- *UNAIDS IATT Advocacy Briefing Notes (2008)*. The first in the series are on:
 - *Girls' Education and HIV Prevention*
 - *HIV and AIDS Education in Emergencies*
 - *Mainstreaming HIV in Education*
 - *Teachers Living with HIV*

Other selected materials (all available in English, French and Spanish) include:

- *Review of the Evidence: Girls' Education and HIV Prevention CD-ROM (2006)*
- *Education Sector Readiness to Respond to HIV and AIDS CD-ROM (2006)*
- *Quality Education and HIV & AIDS (2006)*
- *HIV and AIDS Treatment Education: A Critical Component of Efforts to Ensure Universal Access to Prevention, Treatment and Care (2006)*
- *Education Sector Global HIV & AIDS Readiness Survey 2004: Policy Implications for Education and Development (2006)*
- *Report on the Education Sector Global HIV/AIDS Readiness Survey 2004 (2005)* [Eng. only]

These and other materials are available for download on the IATT website or can be ordered free of charge at the email below.

IATT Members and Contributors

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Current members and contributors include:

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European Commission (EC)
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United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
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