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EDUCAIDS Country Snapshots

JAMAICA

EDUCAIDS programming was launched in Jamaica in September 2006. Within the EDUCAIDS Framework for Action, activities are being implemented to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for education and HIV & AIDS, with a specific focus on the reduction of stigma and discrimination among those infected and affected.

Activities

Jamaica's EDUCAIDS efforts are grouped in three areas: 1) strategic planning; 2) professional development; and 3) the design and production of instructional resources. Main activities include: research, policy and strategic plan formulation, course design, training, production and dissemination of publications and the establishment of a resource centre.

Jamaica expects to achieve the following key results:

- A costed five-year education sector strategy through 2010,
- Strengthened capacity of key officers of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture's health promotion team and administrators of teacher colleges and schools to implement HIV and AIDS policies, and
- Publication of youth-friendly policy materials and a manual for training Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture officials and heads of tertiary educational institutions.

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In implementing EDUCAIDS, UNESCO is working with several International Development Partners such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID and the World Bank, and liaising with key partners such as the Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC).

Lessons Learned

EDUCAIDS in Jamaica is built on a strong foundation of previous activities. EDUCAIDS is strategically addressing priorities from these in order to put in place a comprehensive education sector response.

In addition, EDUCAIDS has been used as a tool to mobilise funding from various sources including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, JICA, UNESCO/Japanese Funds-in-Trust, UNICEF and the World Bank.

EDUCAIDS benefits from complementary activities throughout the Caribbean such as the CARICOM/IDB/UNESCO Capacity Building Technical Cooperation Project and the Network of Caribbean Education Sector HIV Coordinators.

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