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News on UNESCO's Response to HIV and AIDS

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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the first edition of our periodical E-Newsletter. Each issue will share the latest updates and resources from UNESCO, the UNAIDS lead organization in HIV prevention with young people in educational institutions.

This edition features a special focus on UNESCO's work on Sex, Relationships and HIV/STI Education.

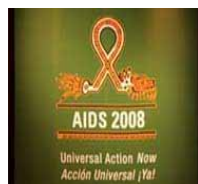
*Mark Richmond,
UNESCO Global Coordinator for HIV and AIDS*

Sex, Relationships and HIV/STI Education

UNESCO has initiated a programme of research and technical assistance on education about sex, relationships, HIV and other STIs. Supported by a Global Advisory Group, UNESCO will provide technical leadership to improve HIV prevention for young people in educational institutions. [More](#)

[Historic declaration on Comprehensive Sex Education](#)

The Ministerial Declaration, which pledges to implement comprehensive sex education as part of the school curriculum in Latin America and the Caribbean, is an important turning point for prioritisation of the issue in the region. Find out more and access the Declaration in English and Spanish [here](#).



[Why are we still failing young people?](#)

In a statement at the eve of the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, UNESCO's Director-General, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, expressed his concern that young people are at the centre of the

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New and Updated:

EDUCAIDS
Country Snapshots

To see how EDUCAIDS, the UNAIDS Initiative led by UNESCO, is being used at country level, new snapshots are available for:

Brazil
([English](#), [French](#) and [Portuguese](#))

China
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Guinea Bissau
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global AIDS crisis and are disproportionately affected by the epidemic.

He emphasized the importance of providing evidence-based and age-appropriate education on sex, relationships and HIV/STI. Read the full Op-Ed article by the Director-General in English, French and Spanish [here](#).



UNAIDS/P.Virot

[Overcoming barriers to educating young people about sex and HIV](#)

The UNAIDS Secretariat, UNESCO, UNFPA and IPPF co-organised this lunch meeting as a side event during the UN High Level Meeting in June 2008

The event discussed how HIV prevention efforts could be improved by more explicitly dealing with the sexual transmission of the virus and by communicating this with young people. [More](#)



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[Achieving Universal Access for Young People](#)

Despite being deeply affected by HIV, young people continue to be left out and sidelined from important policy processes, including the assessment of youth-related universal access targets.

At a satellite session of the XVII International AIDS conference in Mexico City, Mark Richmond, UNESCO's Global Coordinator on HIV and AIDS, reported on progress in educating young people about HIV and AIDS. To find out more, including access to the webcast of the session, [click here](#).

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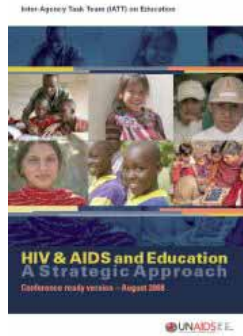
Latest Publications:

[Good Policy and Practice in HIV & AIDS and Education – Booklets 1, 2 and 3 \(2nd edition\)](#)

The newly revised booklets are intended for a wide audience and are based on a review of published and unpublished literature, programme activities (undertaken primarily but not exclusively by UNESCO) and case studies. For more information and to access the full texts in English, [click here](#)

[HIV/AIDS and Education: A Strategic Approach \(2nd edition, 2008\)](#)

This document of the UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) on Education aims to provide policy-makers in the education field and beyond with a strategic vision of the critically important role that education must play in addressing HIV and AIDS. This draft was prepared for distribution at the Mexico AIDS Conference – the final version is due shortly. To find out more and to access the full texts of the ‘conference ready’ version in English and Spanish, [click here](#).



Latest Events:



UNAIDS/ S. Noorani

[Building Knowledge, Skills and Hope: HIV and AIDS Education for African Children](#)

In September 2008, UNESCO organised a five day workshop in Windhoek, Namibia, to strengthen the capacity of field and staff partners implementing the Virginio Bruni-Tedeschi / UNESCO Initiative on supporting [EDUCAIDS](#) in Southern Africa. It brought together UNESCO staff and partners in the response to HIV and AIDS in the region including UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and the national UNAIDS Secretariat. To find out more, click [here](#).

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