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News on UNESCO's Response to HIV and AIDS

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Welcome to the second 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 activities on World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day: Keep the Promise

Leadership was the theme of this year's World AIDS Day, with the slogan "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise." This highlights the discrepancy between the commitments that have been made to halt the spread of AIDS, and actions taken to follow them through.

UNESCO offices from Almaty to Yaoundé organized a wide range of activities, building on the theme of leadership and the Organization's longstanding work on HIV and AIDS. For more information on World AIDS Day activities, click [here](#).



[UNESCO's Director-General Commemorates World AIDS Day](#)

UNESCO's Director-General, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, joined the President of Nihon L'Oréal at an event in Tokyo, Japan organized in recognition of the UNESCO-L'Oréal Foundation partnership, [Hairdressers Against AIDS](#). His message on World AIDS Day, urging countries to take action to address the HIV and AIDS knowledge gap among young people, is available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), and [Spanish](#).

Links:

[UNESCO's Response to HIV and AIDS](#)

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[Clearinghouse on HIV and AIDS](#)

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:

Kenya
([English](#) and [French](#))

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[New video on UNESCO's response to HIV and AIDS](#)

This video provides an overview of UNESCO's activities and strategy on HIV and AIDS, based on contributions from all of UNESCO's programme sectors, its field offices, and other partners worldwide. The video, along with other videos developed by others for World AIDS Day, can be [viewed here](#).



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[Interview with Luc Montagnier, winner of the 2008 Nobel Prize for Medicine](#)

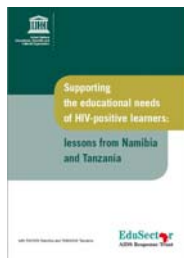
In this interview, Professor Montagnier reflects on the work of the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention he established 15 years ago, the status of research on HIV and AIDS today, the possibility of finding a cure for AIDS, and other issues. The full article, published in *The UNESCO Courier*, can be [viewed here](#).



[UNESCO joins forces to form the UNESCO HIV and AIDS Education Clearinghouse](#)

The Organization's existing resources centres on HIV, AIDS and education in seven offices and institutes have been brought together to form, in a single technical platform, the UNESCO HIV and AIDS Education Clearinghouse. With an interface in English, French and Spanish and currently over 4,000 resources, users can access the Clearinghouse [here](#).

Latest Publications:



[Supporting the Educational Needs of HIV-positive Learners: Lessons from Namibia and Tanzania](#)

This report is a commissioned review of best practice as well as an exploratory study in two countries – Namibia and Tanzania – to understand how the education sector can and should support HIV-positive learners at school. The report identifies the specific challenges faced by the education system in responding to the needs of HIV-positive learners and develops a set of recommendations and guidelines about how best to support them. To find out more and to access the full texts, [click here](#).



[UNESCO at the International AIDS Conference](#)

This report presents an analysis of Conference highlights, regional updates, UNESCO's activities at the Conference, and implications for programming in different areas of UNESCO's work. To find out more and to access the full texts, [click here](#).

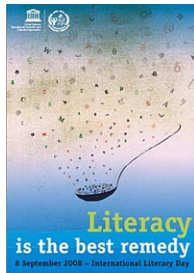
Latest Events:



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[Information Meeting with Peter Piot for UNESCO Permanent Delegations](#)

On 18 November 2008, the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, held an Information Meeting for UNESCO Permanent Delegations on HIV and AIDS with the participation of Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, and Lady Cristina Owen-Jones, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for HIV and AIDS Prevention Education. To find out more, click [here](#).



[International Literacy Day - Round Table on Literacy and Health](#)

In September 2008, a round table on literacy and health at UNESCO's HQ in Paris explored the complexity of the links between literacy and epidemics – including the AIDS epidemic. For more information on the meeting and the winners of the 2008 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, click [here](#).

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