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News on UNESCO's Response to HIV and AIDS Edition 3: April 2009

Welcome to the third edition of our 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.



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[New UNAIDS Executive Director calls for increased efforts on Universal Access](#)

In a [Letter to Partners](#), Michel Sidibé, the new Executive Director of UNAIDS called for intensified efforts and commitment towards universal access.

“With acceleration, we can enter a new era — where fewer people are becoming infected with HIV than going on treatment. When this happens we will have broken the trajectory of the epidemic,” said Mr. Sidibé.

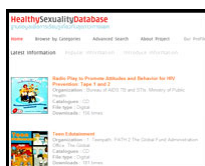
For more information on the new UNAIDS Executive Director, please [click here](#)



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[EDUCAIDS Evaluation](#)

In October 2008, UNESCO commissioned an external evaluation of [EDUCAIDS](#), the UNAIDS Global Initiative on Education and HIV & AIDS. The purpose of the evaluation is to describe and analyse how EDUCAIDS has operated and how well it has achieved its objectives since its inception in March 2004. Preliminary findings demonstrate the instrumental role of UNESCO in mobilizing partners and in advocating for comprehensive education sector responses at country level. [More](#)



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[Online database on sexual health resources launched](#)

The online bilingual (English-Thai) [Health Sexuality Database](#) was launched in February 2009. Supported by [UNESCO Bangkok](#), in partnership with the

Links:

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

[UNAIDS IATT on Education](#)

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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:

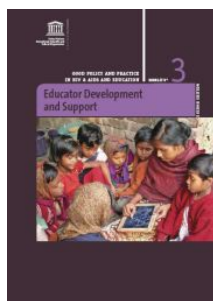
Kenya
([English](#) and [French](#))

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Who's who? [view](#)

National Science Museum of Thailand and UNAIDS, it provides a wide range of print and audio-visual materials developed by government ministries, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations and health professionals on sexual health and HIV. [More](#)

Latest Publications:



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[Good Policy and Practice in HIV & AIDS and Education – Booklets 1, 2, 3 \(2nd editions\) and 4 & 5 \(new\)](#)

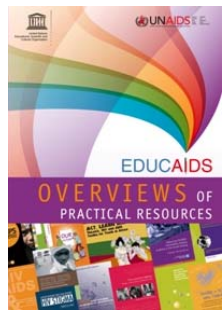
This series pulls together programmatic and policy experiences from different regions to highlight good policy and practice in HIV & AIDS and education. They address: why HIV and AIDS are important issues for the education sector ([Booklet 1](#), 2MB – this and others all PDF format); issues affecting learners in the context of HIV and AIDS ([Booklet 2](#), 5.2MB); issues affecting educators in the context of HIV and AIDS ([Booklet 3](#), 1MB); the role and importance of strategic partnerships in education sector responses to HIV and AIDS ([Booklet 4](#), 3.7MB); and effective learning ([Booklet 5](#), 5MB). [More](#)



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[The Fourth Wave: Violence, Gender, Culture & HIV in the 21st Century](#)

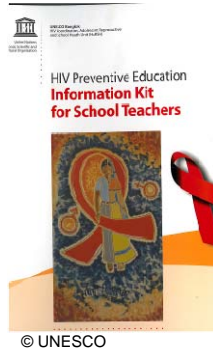
This publication offers original insights and empirical analyses of the socio-cultural factors which shape the gendered course of the AIDS pandemic. It gathers the work of 30 accredited authors, senior policy-makers and young scholars. The full publication, to be published by UNESCO and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), will be launched later in 2009. [More](#)



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[EDUCAIDS materials now available in seven languages](#)

EDUCAIDS Resource Packs are now available in the six UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and Portuguese. Developed by UNESCO in close collaboration with a range of partners, they are designed to support ministries of education and other stakeholders at the country-level responsible for developing and implementing policies, determining resource allocations, and implementing programmes for education and HIV & AIDS.



[The HIV Preventive Education Information Kit for School Teachers](#)

This Information Kit assists and guides school teachers in dealing with challenges related to HIV and AIDS in the school setting, including: countering community resistance to HIV and AIDS education; addressing stigma and discrimination; and reducing risk behaviours. It was originally developed in [English](#) (2.3MB) and has been translated into various languages and adapted for local contexts in [Cambodia](#), 2.7MB; [China](#), 8.7MB; [Kazakhstan](#), 7.4MB; [Nepal](#), 1MB; the [Philippines](#), 6MB and the [Russian Federation](#), 7.5MB (all PDF format).

Latest Events:



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[UNESCO-UNFPA consultation to develop guidelines for sex, relationships, and HIV/STI education](#)

On 18-19 February 2009, [UNESCO](#) and [UNFPA](#) convened a global technical consultation to develop international guidelines for sex, relationships, and HIV/STI education. The draft guidelines are aimed at policy-makers in ministries of education and their counterparts, and are forthcoming in 2009. [More](#)



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[International Network on Education in Emergencies \(INEE\) workshop](#)

Organized by the [International Network on Education in Emergencies \(INEE\) Task Team](#) and the [UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team \(IATT\) on Education](#), the workshop was part of the [INEE 2009 Global Consultation](#) and has the specific aim to address the additional vulnerabilities and risks to HIV infection that children and young people face in humanitarian settings. Specifically, the workshop initiated work on a guide to HIV education in emergencies for emergency actors and development partners, building on the [IATT Toolkit for Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in the Education Sector](#). For more information about the workshop, [click here](#).



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['Love and Relationships': Film festival in Cambodia addresses HIV prevention](#)

In the framework of 'Love and Relationships' film festival, UNESCO, in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre (CCF), is screening this month in selected Cambodian provinces the Khmer movie Palace of Dreams. This drama, produced in 2008 by BBC World Service Trust, aims at reducing the risk of HIV infection among young people. [More](#)

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