

# EDUCAIDS

## Country Snapshots

## ZAMBIA

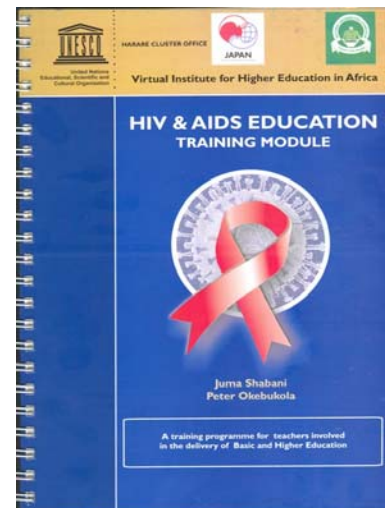
Zambia hosted the official launch of EDUCAIDS in March 2004. To date, the main focus of EDUCAIDS-related work in Zambia has been on building the capacity of education sector personnel to respond to HIV and AIDS, including a specific project on pre-service educator training and support funded by the Japanese Funds-in-Trust.

### Activities

A cooperation framework for stakeholders working on formal and non-formal education in Zambia was developed following a national consultative meeting in 2005 to discuss EDUCAIDS implementation.

Other recent and current activities in Zambia include:

- Capacity-building of pre-service teacher training institutions on HIV and AIDS;
- Design and production of professional development learning materials for college principals and teacher trainers;
- Operationalising and strengthening HIV and AIDS workplace policies at the school level through collaborative work between ILO and UNESCO;
- Development of a draft EDUCAIDS implementation framework; and
- Production of EDUCAIDS materials, including:
  - 1,000 copies of the UNESCO/Virtual Institute of Higher Education in Africa training module on HIV and AIDS for use with pre-service teacher training colleges. The module is available at: <http://www.harare.unesco.org/viheafmodules/m1-hivaidseduc/index.htm>
  - A manual and guidelines for teacher training colleges on psychosocial support, life skills, counselling and guidance, produced in 2006 under the coordination of the Zambia National Commission for UNESCO with the Ministry of Education and non-governmental organizations.



HIV and AIDS module produced for the EDUCAIDS project with pre-service teacher training colleges

### Lessons Learned

In Zambia, EDUCAIDS has been a tool for mobilizing resources and building partnerships with other UN agencies and key stakeholders. Additional advocacy to strengthen the commitment and coordination of partners is still needed in order to better harmonize activities and move towards a more comprehensive education sector response to HIV and AIDS.

EDUCAIDS efforts in Zambia are coordinated by UNESCO Harare, based in Zimbabwe, in collaboration with the Zambia National Commission for UNESCO. In addition, thematic work involves leadership from other partners, such as the collaboration with ILO on workplace policies. There are plans to establish an EDUCAIDS Programme Officer position to strengthen efforts in Zambia. The position will be supported by the Japanese Funds-in-Trust and based at the Zambia National Commission for UNESCO.