

EDUCAIDS

Country Snapshots

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In Nepal, EDUCAIDS was launched as a collaborative partnership between the Ministry of Education (MoE) and civil society in June 2007. Nepal's EDUCAIDS efforts have focused on three areas: 1) integrating HIV and AIDS education into community learning centres; 2) developing teaching materials; and 3) teacher training.

Activities

In 2008, UNESCO received funds from UNAIDS for implementing HIV prevention in the education sector. Activities undertaken include:

- Training and capacity-building for teachers to develop lesson plans and materials on HIV and AIDS.
- Conducting an advocacy workshop to sensitise media on the need for better coverage of education and HIV- and AIDS-related issues.
- Developing an action plan to monitor media coverage of education and HIV- & AIDS-related issues in preparation for evidence-based advocacy.
- Hosting a multi-sectoral high level coordination meeting on education and HIV & AIDS to harmonise approaches.
- Establishing HIV and AIDS counselling in community learning centres of two districts (namely Ramechhap and Rupandehi) with a high rate of migration and girl trafficking.
- Undertaking a national review of policies and programmes related to education and HIV & AIDS to identify gaps.
- Disseminating resource materials and toolkits such as the [HIV Preventive Education: Information Kit for School Teachers](#) and the [Good Policy and Practice in HIV and AIDS Education](#) series to policy-makers.



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Lessons Learned

Media can play a key role in highlighting issues related to education and HIV & AIDS and in ensuring wider support for interventions.

Resource kits and tools in local languages can support teachers to acquire new knowledge required for teaching about sex, relationship and HIV & AIDS.

Incorporating HIV and AIDS awareness and counselling into community learning centres helps to reach illiterate women and girls who are most vulnerable to HIV and AIDS.

EDUCAIDS needs to be embedded into the existing MoE policy framework to ensure local ownership, uptake and sustainability.