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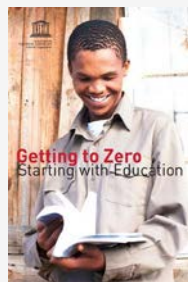
SPOTLIGHT

Education Sector Responses to Homophobic Bullying.

In addition to the original [English version](#), the [Korean National Commission for UNESCO](#) has recently released the translation in Korean of UNESCO's Good Policy and Practice in HIV and Health Education – Booklet 8: Education Sector Responses to Homophobic Bullying.

UNESCO at the 20th International AIDS Conference

Melbourne (Australia), 20-25 July 2014 – The 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014), is occurring at a time when substantial gains are being made. New infections have been prevented and access to treatment and care has increased.



However, these gains have not been uniform across countries and regions. This year's theme, Stepping up the Pace, recognises the fact that the HIV response is at a critical point and needs to build on past successes and catalyse both human and

financial resources to ensure that HIV remains on top of the global agenda. This year's speakers include President Bill Clinton, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé and Sir Bob Gledof among others.

UNESCO will support presentations, workshops, and satellite sessions to highlight the critical role of education in the HIV response. Posters on diverse topics such as the Sexuality Education Review and Analysis Tool (SERAT) and a law and policy review in Asia will also be presented. For further details of UNESCO's activities at AIDS 2014, please click [here](#).

The objectives of the conference include to broaden the understanding of barriers to success; to raise awareness of the progress to date; to highlight the importance of focusing efforts on key affected populations; and to contribute to the post-2015 debate. For further information click [here](#).

ALSO OF INTEREST

From Commitment to Action and Accountability: Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Ministerial Commitment update

Six months after the affirmation of the landmark ministerial commitment on sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people in ESA, countries are making good on their promises.

Advocacy by champions, such as members of parliament, has ensured that the commitment remains high on the agendas of national governments, while a regional accountability framework and monitoring tools have been developed to track progress and hold governments accountable.



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At regional level, national laws and policies are being reviewed, and harmonized regional frameworks as well as guidelines, protocols and manuals for youth friendly services are being developed.

To scale up teacher education on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and ensure it is delivered by a confident and well-trained teaching force, a situational analysis on the status of CSE in teacher education was conducted and pre- and in-service modules and courses are now being developed.

More information will soon be available on the revamped website www.youngpeopletoday.net



This Korean version of the booklet lays out the context, extent, and impact of homophobic bullying in educational settings, lessons learned and good policies and practices to respond to homophobia in schools. It also includes an exclusive foreword by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon.

For further information on the launch, please click [here](#)

Additional language versions:

An [Italian version](#) has also recently been published by the Italian LGBT association [ARCIGAY](#)

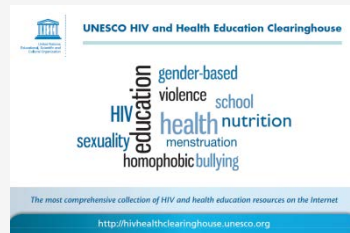


As well as a [Polish version](#) by the NGO called [Kompania Przeciw Homofobii](#)



New HIV and Health Education Clearinghouse

UNESCO is re-launching its HIV Clearinghouse with extended coverage of health education issues including sexuality education, school health, homophobic bullying and gender-based violence in school settings. In addition the [new HIV and Health Education Clearinghouse](#) will incorporate sharing functions to enable all content to be shared on social media networks including Twitter, Facebook, and many others.



To prepare for this event the Clearinghouse is interested in receiving timely and relevant health education related news, events, publications which you are involved in to share through its new website and Twitter feed.

Contributions may be sent to l.sergeant@iiep.unesco.org

The launch, on the 21st of July, is schedule to coincide with the opening of the 20th International AIDS Conference.

International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT)



Director-General's Message

On the occasion of IDAHOT, which is celebrated each year on 17 May, the UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova stated that "UNESCO will continue to support its Member States to develop and implement policies of tolerance and respect through, and in, education". [Full message](#)

"School Rainbow" Campaign in Thailand

To highlight key issues on bullying of young LGBTI people, education stakeholders conducted the school rainbow campaign. The campaign occurred on or near school grounds in Bangkok to support sexual gender diversity on the occasion of the IDAHOT. This campaign draws on the [DIY Rainbow campaign](#), in which people all over the world draw chalk rainbows on the ground to show support to end stigma, discrimination and violence

Zimbabwe - capacity building workshop on HIV and comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)

UNESCO and the National AIDS Council hosted a capacity building workshop for 50 HIV Focal Persons drawn from Vocational and Technical Colleges in Zimbabwe, 17-20 June. As lecturers responsible for Health and Life-Skills Education, the participants will play an important role in ensuring the quality provision of CSE to learners.

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The workshop's aim was to strengthen the HIV Focal Persons' understanding of the issues as well as enhance their capacity to plan, manage, and monitor CSE and HIV programs for young people.

UNESCO advocates for increased access to age appropriate CSE and a conducive environment for learners living with HIV.

The annual conference of the Kenya Secondary School Heads Association (KESSHA) held from 23rd to 27th June 2014 in Mombasa brought together over 7,000 head teachers drawn from both public and private secondary schools. Other guests in the forum included senior management from the Ministry of Science and Technology.



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UNESCO Brasilia has published Guidelines for Sexuality Education



The publication targets teachers by adapting topics and learning objectives, specific to the Brazilian context, from the UNESCO publication "[International technical guidance on sexuality education: an evidence-informed approach for schools, teachers and health educators, volumes I & II](#)", published by UNESCO, Paris, in 2009, in partnership with UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.

Click [here](#) for further information

UNESCO Brasilia (Brazil) has also produced a video titled "[Bad practices in Brazil on tackling homophobic bullying](#)". The video is designed to stimulate the discussion about homophobic bullying in schools, projects and among policy makers. With everyone's participation and commitment — teachers, staff, students, parents — it is possible to protect victims, address school dropout and change the offenders' view.

against people from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Transexual and Intersexed (LGBTI) communities.



This activity is one among many others for IDAHOT as students across Thailand return to schools for a new academic year.



Click [here](#) to see the video "School Rainbow Stand up, Speak out, Stop bullying!"

To learn more about the activities undertaken and how you can help promote attention to this issue, please click [here](#)

"Friendly Campus" in China



In celebration of IDAHOT, the UNESCO Beijing Office launched the "Friendly Campus" campaign together with its national partners. Click [here](#) for further information.

UNESCO advocacy for youth, HIV and school health at EECA conferences

Youth needs on CSE discussed at the largest HIV Conference in EECA, in Moscow, May 12-13

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Together with UNAIDS, its cosponsors and civil society organizations UNESCO put youth participation and education for HIV prevention on the agenda of the [Forth](#)

[Conference on HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia](#) that attracted more than 1,200 delegates.

UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé visited the Youth Space and encouraged youth participants to stay engaged in AIDS response.

Click [here](#) for further information

In order to galvanize support, create awareness on the magnitude of HIV among young people and contribute to an enabling environment for learners living with HIV, UNESCO took the opportunity of the KESSHA annual conference, that received great media coverage, to disseminate the statistics on HIV among young people and teachers and the education sector policy to advocate for increased access to age appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and a conducive environment for learners living with HIV.



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Jane Kamau UNESCO National Programme Officer on HIV and AIDS addressing the Head-teachers



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EDUCAIDS resources at the at EECA Conference on HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

“As We Grow Up “

The exhibition “As We Grow Up”, that was launched in Hanoi, Viet Nam six months ago to promote healthier lifestyles for young people through comprehensive sexuality education, is a great success with over 105,000 visitors to date.



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This exhibition is a joint effort between the Ministry of Education and Training, the Ho Chi Minh Youth Union and One UN in Vietnam (with UNESCO as the lead agency in collaboration with UNFPA, UNAIDS, UN Women, UNODC and UNICEF) that responds to a real need of young people but also, parents, young couples, and teachers.

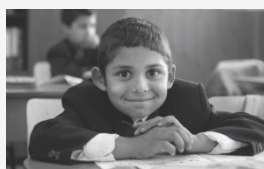
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UNESCO advocacy for skills-based health education at the fourth Congress of University and School Health, Saint Petersburg, May 15-16



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Hundreds of school health workers and researchers from the region attended the Congress and reiterated their commitment to promote school-based health programmes.



At the Congress, UNESCO presented various approaches to enhance health education in schools using comprehensive scientifically accurate, culturally appropriate and age-specific programmes and launched the [Russian version of the FRESH Monitoring and Evaluation Guidance for](#)

[School Health Programmes](#) to help the growing regional network of health promoting schools and other educational institutions standardize their health programmes and allow easier comparative benchmarking and monitoring across countries.

Click [here](#) to learn more

UNESCO Brazzaville (Republic of Congo) organized a workshop 15-17 May

The workshop was aimed at building the skills of teachers and administrators of schools of social and medical sciences to use harmonized HIV programmes through e-learning tutorials such as DVD and CD.



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The tutorials cover curricula issues and teaching methodologies that address HIV and AIDS elements.

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