

HIV/AIDS and Education

A Toolkit for Ministries of Education

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Dear Sir/Madam,

If you hold this information kit in your hand, you are probably a responsible mid-level or senior official in your country's Ministry/Department of Education. You may be aware of the serious threat that HIV/AIDS poses to the whole Asia and Pacific region. But do you know what you, and your colleagues in the education sector, could do to respond effectively to this threat?

This kit has been developed by UNESCO and UNAIDS to encourage and help you, and other education Ministry/ Department officials across the South East Asia and Pacific region, to reinforce your commitment, increase your colleagues' awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS, and collaborate to take action against the disease. The education system is one of the key actors working to prevent HIV/AIDS from spreading further.

This kit includes several information sheets on issues surrounding the relationship between HIV/AIDS and Education as well as a set of corresponding powerpoint slides to enable you to present the information to others. You will also find references to other sources of information and to other tools that might be of help to you when you decide to proceed with this extremely important endeavour.

There is already substantial knowledge and evidence about what education can do to prevent HIV/AIDS. Best practices need to be shared and implemented across the region. We hope that this advocacy kit will help achieve this goal.

Thank you very much for your help in fighting the epidemic.



Sheldon Shaeffer
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*"Without education, AIDS will continue its rampant spread.
With AIDS out of control, education will be out of reach."*

Peter Piot, Executive Director UNAIDS

