

HIV and AIDS Education Clearinghouse Updates

Asia-Pacific Focus

April 2011

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1. Recent Activities

Delhi Super Queen Beauty Contest

On 15 April 2011, with the support of UNESCO New Delhi, UNDP, and National AIDS Control Organization, SPACE organized an evening of fun and frolic with the transgender community in Delhi. The objective of the event was to build and enhance self-esteem among the transgender and hijra community. During this event, Delhi Super Queen Beauty Contest, UNESCO launched the pilot project - "Empowering Sexual Minority Community through Adult Education and Livelihood Skills". During the occasion a series of innovative posters were distributed on issues of community empowerment, combating homophobia and transphobia, and equal income opportunities.

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Understanding the Needs of Vulnerable and Most at Risk Adolescents and Young People in Concentrated and Low Prevalence HIV Epidemics

To build capacity to address these issues, UNICEF, UNFPA, and UNESCO hosted the third short course on 14-18 March 2011 in Bangkok on "Understanding the needs of vulnerable and most at risk adolescents and young people in concentrated and low prevalence HIV epidemics". The course brought together government representatives, civil society organizations--including youth-led and youth-serving organizations and networks--and UN and development partners from 13 countries (Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Viet Nam) in the Asia-Pacific region.

For further information about the course, please visit:

HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Unit website at <http://www.unescobkk.org/education/hivaids>

2. Publications

Agenda for Accelerated Country Action for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV Operational Plan for the UNAIDS Action Framework: Addressing Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV

Asia Pacific Alliance, 2010

The Agenda for Accelerated Country Action for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV 2010–2014 (Operational Plan) supports the implementation of the UNAIDS Action Framework: Addressing Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV. The Action Framework was developed in response to the pressing need to address the lasting gender inequalities and human rights violations that put women and girls at a greater risk and

vulnerability to HIV.

http://www.asiapacificalliance.org/images/stories/20100226_jc1794_agenda_for_accelerated_country_action_en.pdf

Baseline Action Research Sexual and Reproductive Health and Economic Status of Adolescent Girls in Sanghar (Sindh) and Gujranwala (Punjab)

World Population Foundation, Pakistan, 2010

This report represents a baseline for knowledge, attitude and practice of sexual and reproductive health indicators among adolescent girls in two target districts of Gujranwala and Sanghar. It also assesses the demand for reliable sexual and reproductive health knowledge and services.

http://www.wfpak.org/pdfs/Baseline_Action_Research_PF.pdf

Guidance on Testing and Counselling for HIV in Settings Attended by People Who Inject Drugs - Improving Access to Treatment, Care and Prevention

WHO, 2009

This document offers basic operational guidance on HIV testing and counseling in settings attended by people who inject drugs (PWID). It is intended for a wide audience, including policy-makers, HIV/AIDS program planners, coordinators, care providers, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that provide services for HIV-related conditions. This document recommends a proactive approach to HIV testing and counseling by care providers in these settings. It includes simplified pre-test information consistent with WHO and UNAIDS policy.

http://www.wpro.who.int/publications/PUB_9789290613985.htm

HIV Transmission from Men to Women in Intimate Partner Relationships in Vietnam: A Discussion Paper

United Nations in Vietnam, 2010

This discussion paper, generated by the United Nations in Viet Nam, examines the current state of HIV transmission in intimate partners' relationships (IPT); its causes and the historical and social context of sexuality in Viet Nam. It also addresses avenues for preventing HIV transmission in IPT through increased research, policy development, and programming by the government and other stakeholders. The paper highlights the correlation between gender relations and transmission of HIV, particularly between men and their spouses or long-term female partners. It explores some specific factors as well as the larger context of gender inequality and sexual relations that contribute to a growing rate of infection among female intimate partners of men living with HIV. The paper draws upon the findings of a rapid assessment that identified critical gaps in research, policies and program interventions in response to women's increased risk of HIV infection. It also makes recommendations for priority actions for the prevention of IPT HIV transmission.

http://www.unaids.org.vn/sitee/images/stories/temp/ipt_2_aug_2010_final_laidout.pdf

HIV and AIDS in South-East Asia Region: Progress Report 2010

WHO SEARO, 2010

This annual 2010 progress report on "HIV/AIDS in the South-East Asia Region" presents key achievements in prevention and control of HIV in the region and highlights areas where further work is needed.

http://www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/HIV-AIDS_HIV_report-2010-30Nov.pdf

HIV and AIDS and Education: Information and Proposed Action Plan for Education Sector

(in Urdu language)

UNESCO Islamabad, 2011, second edition

Targeting educators including school teachers, this publication consists of the following leaflets: HIV and AIDS: An Introduction; AIDS: Facts and Figures; Situation of HIV and AIDS in Pakistan; A Case Study: Story of a Family; HIV and AIDS: Modes of Transmission; HIV and AIDS and Human Rights; Effects of HIV and AIDS: Global level effects and effects on society; Taking care of HIV and AIDS affected persons; Role of Teachers and Students in prevention of HIV and AIDS; Role and responsibilities of Youth in fight against epidemic of HIV and AIDS; HIV and AIDS: Religious teachings and Measures by Govt. of Pakistan.

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Integrating HIV & Sexual and Reproductive Health: a Pacific Specific Mapping

Family Planning International, 2010

Family Planning International explores the integration of HIV and sexual and reproductive health services in four Pacific Island countries in its latest resource "Integrating HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health: a Pacific specific mapping". It provides regional stakeholders with information on key entry points and barriers to advance HIV and sexual and reproductive health linkages and integration in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji and Kiribati. The resource aims to help facilitate greater discussion among policy makers, programmers and regional stakeholders about Pacific HIV & sexual and reproductive health linkages and integration.

<http://www.fpi.org.nz/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nwUqD0sIWuU%3d&tabid=388&mid=1087>

Good Practice in Asia: Targeted HIV Prevention for IDU and Sex Workers

UNODC, 2010

This document presents the major achievements of the Preventing HIV Project in Vietnam, including case studies and lessons to be shared. It describes the involvement of local government and local innovative practices and behavioral changes among key affected populations, particularly injecting drug users and sex workers. The descriptions of practical examples are aimed at providers of HIV prevention services. The project and paper reflect the cooperation among the Vietnam Administration of HIV/AIDS Control, U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), and World Health Organization (WHO).

http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/idu/wpro_vietnam/en/index.html

Manual on HIV for Community Learning Center Facilitators

UNESCO Hanoi, 2010

This manual aims to enhance their knowledge of HIV prevention and teaching strategies for adult learners. It consists of five modules: Module 1 – Basic Information on HIV and AIDS; Module 2 – HIV Transmission Modes and Prevention Measures; Module 3 – Stigma and Discrimination; Module 4 – Care and Support for People Living with HIV and AIDS in Community, and Module 5 – Teaching Skill on HIV for Adult Learners.

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Manual on HIV for Community Learning Center Managers

UNESCO Hanoi, 2010

This manual aims to enhance their knowledge of HIV prevention and skills in planning and managing HIV activities at the community level. It consists of two modules on Basic Information on HIV and AIDS and Planning and Managing HIV Activities in Community.

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Message of Safety to Youth (in Urdu language)

UNESCO Islamabad, 2011, second edition

This booklet is addressed to youth, particularly students. It contains basic information about HIV and AIDS, modes of transmission, precautionary measures against HIV infection, what young students should know about their health, adolescence issues, and life skills.

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The National Strategic Plan for Comprehensive & Multi-Sectoral Response to HIV/AIDS III (2011-2015) in Cambodia

National AIDS Authority, 2010

This document describes the national strategic plan for comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS in Cambodia. Situation and Response Analysis of National Strategic Plan II is mentioned. The main part of this document elaborates on implementation strategies for achieving the main goals of the HIV/AIDS response from 2011-2015 in Cambodia.

Pre-service Teacher Training Good Policy and Practice Series, Booklet No.6

UNESCO, 2011

The Good Policy and Practice Series addresses key themes in UNESCO's work on HIV and AIDS in the Education sector. Booklet six, Pre-service Teacher Training, is the latest installment and highlights the key role that pre-service training plays in preparing teachers for HIV prevention and sexuality education when they take up their posts in the classroom. In addition to improving teaching quality and efficacy, pre-service training increases teachers' own knowledge base, enabling them to better protect themselves and their colleagues and families, thereby minimizing the impact of the epidemic on human capital in the education sector. Booklet No.6 introduces: key issues, challenges in pre-service teacher training on HIV & AIDS, institutional and programmatic responses, key factors that support effective responses at the national and international level, key issues to consider for developing or strengthening pre-service teacher training for HIV education, and useful resources.

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0019/001916/191608e.pdf>

Policies Environment Regarding Universal Access and the Right to Work of Entertainment Workers in Cambodia (in English and in Khmer)

HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (HACC), 2010

This research aims at analyzing the situation on the right to work of entertainment workers and at examining a broad scope of enabling environment factors that might affect the coverage of quality of UA services. It also seeks to identify eventual problems resulting from the implementation of the Law on Suppression of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation. With support of entertainment workers and MSM/Transgender networks, this research was conducted in November 2008. 1116 entertainment workers (direct sex workers, massage girls, freelance sex workers, karaoke girls and beer promotion girls) and 591 MSM and transgenders from four provinces: Siem Reap, Banteay Mean Chey, Sihanoukville and Phnom Penh participated in the research.

In English:

http://www.haccCambodia.org/view_publication.php?id=28

In Khmer:

http://www.haccCambodia.org/view_publication.php?id=29

Radio Drama Programs Promoting HIV & AIDS Awareness and Prevention Education (in

Wa language)

UNESCO Beijing, 2010

The "Forever-Gone Moon" and the "Who is the True Friend" are two radio dramas in Wa language produced and broadcast in Lincang city, Yunnan using a cultural approach to HIV prevention education targeting ethnic minority communities. The two stories aim at educating Wa people –particularly young people who leave their hometown for a living— about HIV awareness, how to protect themselves from HIV, and non-discrimination towards HIV affected people in the community.

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Reaching the Unreached: A Practical Guide to Producing HIV and AIDS Prevention Audio-Visual Material in Ethnic Minority Language

UNESCO, 2011

The manual is designed for people who want to develop materials in ethnic minority languages but are not sure how. Explaining and giving examples of why culture and language are essential in HIV prevention, the manual offers a simple but detailed explanation of the 12-Step UNESCO Methodology for developing and creating these culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention materials such as such as radio shows, TV soap operas, comics and movies. It also outlines practical steps needed to design and produce a prevention drama in ethnic minority languages.

Although this manual focuses on HIV and AIDS, drug abuse and trafficking/unsafe migration, the UNESCO methodology can and should be applied to a wide range of other issues such as maternal and child health, immunization, agriculture and even tourism.

The "Reaching the Unreached: A Practical Guide to Produce HIV and AIDS Prevention Audio-Visual Materials in Ethnic Minority Languages" will be available in English, Chinese and Thai. There are plans for translating the manual into Khmer, Lao and Vietnamese.

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Report on 10th Asia Pacific Alliance (APA) Conference and Meetings Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for the MDGs: Priorities Leading up to 2015 and Beyond

Asia Pacific Alliance, 2010

The 10th Asia Pacific Alliance (APA) Conference and Meetings were held in Penang, Malaysia and brought together a richly diverse group of representatives from 16 different countries. Through workshops and plenary, members and stakeholders discussed this year's theme "Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for the MDGs: Priorities Leading up to 2015 and beyond". The report contains links to presentations and provides evidence-based information and tools to advocate for sustained access to reproductive and sexual health to achieve the MDGs.

<http://www.asiapacificalliance.org/millennium-development-goals/336-10th-apa-conference-presentations.pdf>

Treatment Access for Positive MSM in the Asia Pacific

APN+, 2010

In collaboration with various community-based organizations, APN+ conducted a peer-led mixed method research project in six Asian countries including India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal and Singapore to document the range of services available for MSM and transgender people living with HIV and to identify barriers to access and use of these services. The primary objective of this report consisting of six separate country reports is to explore the dynamic interplay between structural barriers and local socio-cultural environments, and how together these factors influence treatment access for MSM. Findings from peer-led focus group discussions are analyzed

and remain the main thrust of this report.

http://www.gnpplus.net/images/stories/Rights_and_stigma/Treatment_Access_for_Positive_MSM_in_the_Asia_Pacific.pdf

UNAIDS Letter to Partners

UNAIDS, 2011

UNAIDS Letter to Partners demonstrates the vision toward the global AIDS response, which has been transformed to reach for new frontiers. This document elaborates a set of six new frontiers, which are the UNAIDS strategy for 2011–2015, agreed by Member States at the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting in December 2010. This strategy aims to advance the action towards achieving the UNAIDS vision, which is based on three pillars: to revolutionize HIV prevention; to catalyze the next phase of treatment, care and support; and to advance human rights and gender equality.

http://www.haccambodia.org/upload/hotnews/UNAIDS_2011_LetterToPartners_en.pdf

3. Forthcoming Events

(For the complete list of additions, please visit our Database of Events at

<http://www2.unescobkk.org/hivaids/databases/activity.aspx>)

Study Visit of the Delegation from Research Institute for Education Sciences, Ministry of Education, Lao PDR to UNESCO

25 -28 April 2011

Bangkok, Thailand

The objectives of the study visit are i) to learn how to develop materials on HIV/AIDS/STI, Reproductive Health, Drugs and Life skills and how to improve the quality of teaching-learning in a remote province; ii) To get advice on how to effectively use instructional materials; and to discuss and exchange experiences on how to monitor achievements in teaching and learning in target schools.

Organizer: UNESCO Bangkok

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International Symposium on Sexuality Education

27 April 2011

New York, USA

The Symposium will focus on: - A review of country situations and operational plans with regard to increasing young people's HIV knowledge, skills and behaviors through comprehensive sexuality education. Emphasis will be put on the 17 priority countries identified in the UNAIDS Outcome Framework business case on empowering young people to protect themselves from HIV. - Release of the results and discussion of the implications of a ground-breaking international study on the comparative cost and cost-effectiveness of comprehensive sexuality education programmes in Kenya, Nigeria, India, Indonesia, Estonia and The Netherlands. - Identification of key areas of collaboration and ways forward in improving HIV knowledge through comprehensive sexuality education.

Organizers: UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT)

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HIV & AIDS and Reproductive Health Education Workshops

9-13 May 2011

Nadi, Fiji

The workshops will run back to back and groups participating countries by their level of experience in initiating and implementing educational policies and teaching programs in the area of sexual and reproductive health or HIV and AIDS.

Organizers: Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), UNESCO and UNFPA

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Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV & AIDS Programs

11 – 22 July 2011

Bangkok, Thailand

The workshop offers intensive training that will cover the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating HIV and AIDS programs. The workshop include sessions on: The Rule of Strategic Information in Decision Making: M&E Framework; Indicators; Information Systems; Evaluation Designs; Developing M&E Plans; Selecting, Calculating and Interpreting Indicators; and Use of Recently Developed Tools. In addition, modules on program areas and crosscutting issues appropriate for the Asian region and other will also be included.

Organizer: Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University at Salaya Campus, Thailand

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10th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific

Theme: "Diverse Voices, United Action"

26 - 30 August 2011

Busan, Korea

To accomplish the theme "Different Voices, United Action", ICAAP10 promotes its objectives by creating an opportunity to enhance responses to HIV and AIDS at the local, regional and global levels. It aims to i) empower and strengthen political, community and business leadership by adopting a consultative, collaborative and participatory approach; ii) offer a platform where different voices from diverse counterparts across the Asia and the Pacific region could be reassembled to deliver a united action; iii) Exchange and share achievements, successes and best practices; and iv) ensure that affected communities and their families are free from stigmatisation, marginalisation and discrimination by addressing political, social, economic and cultural barriers and working towards societies where the full range of human rights and protections could be taken for granted.

Organizers: AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP) and UNAIDS

Website: <http://www.icaap10.org>

AIDS Vaccine 2011 Conference

12 – 15 September 2011

Bangkok, Thailand

The Conference provides an interactive forum for the participation of leaders and future leaders in the HIV vaccine field—policymakers and funders, multidisciplinary and highly specialized researchers, promising and talented young scientists, public-health experts, clinicians, epidemiologists, representatives of community associations and community advocates, and members of the private HIV vaccine-development sector—thereby fostering and strengthening a collaborative global network and a global research environment.

Organizers: Mahidol University, the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, and the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise

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6th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR)

Theme : "Claiming Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Asian and Pacific Societies."

19 -22 October 2011

Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Major objectives of the conference include: assessing the progress of government and civil society institutions in respecting, protecting, and fulfilling sexual rights for all; strengthening institutions responsible for just and comprehensive reproductive health services; and sharing knowledge and experience among the diverse societies of the Asia Pacific regions.

Hosted by: *Center for Population and Policy Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia*

Website: <http://www.apcrshr6.org>

2011 Australasian Sexual Health Conference

28 – 30 September 2011

Canberra, ACT, Australia

The Australasian Sexual Health Conference will be of interest to professionals working in sexual health medicine, including physicians, nurses, counsellors and those involved in public health, indigenous health and health promotion.

Organizer: *Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Australia*

Contact: *Conference Secretariat at info@sexualhealthconference.com.au or tel.: +61 2 8204 0770*

Website: <http://www.sexualhealthconference.com.au>

12th IUSTI International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections World Congress of Sexually Transmitted Infections & AIDS

Theme: *Promoting Sexual health: Basic Science to Best Practices*

2 – 5 November 2011

New Delhi, India

The Conference aims to optimize the implementation of the latest scientific discoveries and best practices regarding prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of STIs/HIV, through integrated programmatic approaches to achieve sexual health.

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Website: <http://delhi.iusti2011.org/home>

National MSM Consultation (Thailand)

Dates to be confirmed

Thailand

Organizers: *UNESCO, UNDP and other partners*

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This Newsletter was prepared by the HIV Coordination, Adolescent Reproductive and School Health Unit, UNESCO Bangkok. We would like to invite you to share your knowledge, project experience and resources through our website:

<http://www.unescobkk.org/education/hivaids/>

For more resources related to HIV and AIDS Education, please visit the global UNESCO HIV and AIDS Education Clearinghouse at <http://hivaidsclearinghouse.unesco.org>

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<http://www2.unescobkk.org/hivaid/databases/activity.aspx>

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<http://www2.unescobkk.org/hivaid/databases/organisation.aspx>

Database of Lesson Plans

http://www2.unescobkk.org/hivaid/databases/lesson_plan.aspx