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About This Directory

A key mandate of the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa is to coordinate the response of the United Nations to the pandemic. The *UNAIDS Directory of UN Regional Responses to HIV/AIDS in Eastern and Southern Africa* presents succinct information on the regional work of UN entities which provide technical assistance or other services on HIV/AIDS in the region. It was developed to make it easier for those who require support with their HIV/AIDS-related strategies and activities to identify and directly contact the appropriate advisors within the UN system.

Overview of UN Organisations in Eastern and Southern Africa

The overview provides information at a glance on who the respective HIV/AIDS focal points or heads of office in particular UN offices are. The chart lists

- Name of the UN entity involved with HIV/AIDS-related programming in alphabetic order
- Geographic title of the respective offices
- Names of the heads of these offices
- Names and contact details of the HIV/AIDS focal points
- Key areas of their HIV/AIDS-related work

Main Part of the Directory

The main part of the Directory comprises entries for each UN entity in alphabetic order and provides all relevant details on UN agencies with regard to their HIV/AIDS-related work in the region

- HIV/AIDS-related mission of each UN agency
- Regional offices covering eastern and southern Africa
- Complete geographic coverage of the offices
- Key roles of the regional offices
- Names and contact details of the Heads of Offices and all HIV/AIDS advisors
- Reference documents and websites

Database of UN HIV/AIDS Advisor of Eastern and Southern Africa

The 2005 edition of the Directory contains a new appendix with selected content from the new *UN HIV/AIDS Advisor Database of Eastern and Southern Africa*, which is published concurrently on www.sahims.net and CD-ROM. The appendix provides the most important details of each HIV/AIDS advisor working on a regional level within the respective UN entity

- Name and designation of the HIV/AIDS advisor
- UN entity and subunit
- Telephone number and email address

The comprehensive online database also includes information on the advisors' key programme areas, full contact details and preferred language.

The *UNAIDS Directory of UN Regional Responses to HIV/AIDS in Eastern and Southern Africa* and the *UN HIV/AIDS Advisor Database* are published in conjunction with the *Directory of HIV/AIDS Resource Institutions in Eastern and Southern Africa*. All documents are available in hardcopy and CD-ROM from our offices in Johannesburg. Please contact Bruce Waring at waringsb@unaids.org who also welcomes comments or suggestions for improvement.

Overview of UN Organisations in Eastern and Southern Africa

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IFAD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern and Southern Africa Division 	Joseph Yayock	Miriam Okong'o	Poverty and impact alleviation, rural and agricultural development
ILO Regional Office for Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-regional Office for East Africa Sub-regional Office for Southern Africa Office for Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda Office for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland Office for Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique 	Regina Amadi-Njoku Michel Gozo Tayo Fashoyin Ibrahim Ali Judica Amri-Makhetha Louis Ndaba-Hagamyé	Hopolang Phororo Kidist Chala Evelyn Serima Anthony Rutabanzibwa Margherita Licata Dennis Zulu	The workplace, capacity building, stigma & discrimination, private sector collaboration, prevention
IOM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern and Central Africa Southern Africa 	Ed McClain Hans-Peter Boe	Eléonore Caraël Barbara Rijks	Counselling & testing, migrants & refugees, uniformed services, sex workers, trafficking of women & children

Organization & Regional Entity	Head of Office	HIV/AIDS Focal Points	Key Areas of Work
OCHA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central and Eastern Africa • Southern Africa 	Valerie Julliand Chris Kaye	Belinda Holdsworth Gabriella Waaijman	Emergency preparedness & humanitarian response coordination
OHCHR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Africa - ECA Office • Southern Africa Regional Office 	Ibrahim Wani Sihaka Tsemo	N/A N/A	Human rights
UNICEF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern and Southern Africa (ESARO) 	Per Engebak	David Alnwick	HIV/AIDS
UNIFEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East and Horn of Africa • Southern Africa 	Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda Nomcebo Manzini	Roselyn Gicira Eunice Takawira	Gender, advocacy, capacity building, human rights
UNDP Regional Support Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Africa Capacity Initiative (SACI) • Bureau for Development Policy: HIV/AIDS Group • Regional Project on HIV & Development 	Sam Nyambi Roland Msiska Shivaji Bhattacharya Roland Msiska	Roland Msiska Shivaji Bhattacharya Roland Msiska	Policy support, service delivery, capacity stabilization, meeting demand for new skills
UNECA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa (CHGA) 	K.Y. Amoako	Nana Poku	Governance, advocacy, research
UNESCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addis Ababa Office • Dar-es-Salaam Office • Harare Office • Nairobi Office • Windhoek Office 	A. Elhassane Cheikh Tidiane Sy Arno Willems Joseph Massaquoi Claudia Harvey	Florence Ssereo Cathleen Sekwao Margret Mahapa Alice Ochanda Ben Boys	Preventive education, cultural approach to HIV/AIDS, human rights, stigma & discrimination
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World Bank Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS Campaign Team for Africa (ACT) 	Keith Hansen (outgoing)	Albertus Voetberg	OVC, access to treatment, community mobilisation, national strategic planning and review
WFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Bureau Eastern and Central Africa (ODK) • Regional Bureau Southern Africa (ODJ) • Policy, Strategy and Programme Support Division - HIV/AIDS Unit 	Holdbrook Arthur Mike Sackett Robin Jackson	Sana Ceesay Mutinta Hambayi Francesca Erdelmann	Food security and food support for HIV/AIDS-related activities, programme design and implementation, strategic planning
WHO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) 	Louis Sambo	Tshidi Moeti	Health sector response, i.e. epidemiological surveillance, STI, VCT, treatment & care, youth services, joint programming HIV/AIDS, emergency & humanitarian action

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS - UNAIDS

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) brings together the efforts of ten United Nations agencies or cosponsors for a coordinated and expanded response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic that engages the efforts of many sectors and partners from government to civil society. The ten cosponsors of UNAIDS are UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank.

UNAIDS is the main advocate for global action on the epidemic. It leads, strengthens and supports an expanded response aimed at preventing transmission of HIV, providing care and support, reducing the vulnerability of individuals and communities to HIV/AIDS and alleviating the impact of the epidemic. The five strategic objectives of UNAIDS are to

- Empower national leadership for an effective response at country level
- Mobilise and empower country-level public, private and civil society partnerships
- Promote and strengthen country management of strategic information
- Build capacities to track, monitor and evaluate country responses
- Facilitate access to technical and financial resources at country level

Regional Office and Geographic Coverage

UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa (RST-ESA)

Twenty countries in eastern and southern Africa including Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Roles of the RST-ESA

The **UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa (RST-ESA)** has as its goal to catalyse and facilitate an expanded response to HIV and AIDS in eastern and southern Africa. The work of the RST is structured to support the delivery of four service lines, namely

- UN Country Team Support for an expanded national HIV and AIDS response
- Regional level partnership development and coordination
- Facilitation of access to technical and programming support for a strengthened national HIV and AIDS response
- Advocacy and strengthened information sharing

UNAIDS RST-ESA clients

Country level

UNAIDS Country Coordinator (UCC) who coordinates the UN Theme Group on HIV and AIDS and through them support to the national response

Regional

Regional UN entities, inter-governmental organisations, donors and non-governmental organisations

Global

UNAIDS-Headquarters (Geneva) and the interface with global partnerships

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Food and Agricultural Organization - FAO

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

It is the mandate of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to improve nutrition, food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development. In relation to HIV/AIDS, FAO identifies and promotes ways

- To increase awareness and recognition that food and livelihood security are key elements in preventing the transmission of HIV in rural communities
- To monitor the impact of HIV/AIDS on food security, especially at household level
- To support member countries in their efforts to prevent the worsening of the epidemic and to mitigate its adverse effects on food security and nutrition

Activities at macro level

- Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into policy
- Project design
- Emergencies and early warning systems
- Advocacy

Activities at meso level

- Capacity building of institutions

Activities at household and community level

- Improving access to farm inputs
- Improving food security
- Improving nutrition and addressing the importance of micronutrient for HIV positive people
- Improving access/rights to natural resources
- Improving land and property rights for vulnerable social groups
- Improving the role of community institutions in prevention and mitigation of the impact of HIV and AIDS
- Promoting sustainable use of economic and social safety nets such as forests, woodlands and fishery resources
- Strengthening resilience through labour and time saving practices, recording and sharing local knowledge, junior farmer field and life schools, and livelihood diversification
- Preventing further transmission through information, education and communication strategies

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

Regional Office for Africa

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Sub-regional Office for Southern and Eastern Africa

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Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division Africa Office

All of Africa with emphasis on the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa

Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division Southern Africa Office

Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Roles of the Regional Offices

- The overall identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. The sub-Regional Offices work closely with the respective Regional Office and are primarily responsible for the overall planning of FAO activities in the sub-region
- The Office of the Emergency Coordinator for Africa in Nairobi supports FAO's emergency operations in the field and ensures strategic coordination and project development as well as promoting consistent programming, planning and fundraising
- Coordination and operational activities relating to emergencies and rehabilitation for eight southern African countries are handled by the FAO Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Support (RIACSO) office in Johannesburg, in close collaboration with other UN institutions
- Support and technical advice for all offices is provided by FAO Headquarters and technical divisions

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International Fund for Agricultural Development - IFAD

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) focuses on the economic empowerment and development of the rural poor through organisational and institutional development and through the facilitation of access to resources and their efficient use. Given the strong links between rural poverty and HIV/AIDS, IFAD's poverty alleviation strategy and rural and agricultural investment projects and programmes aim to address the developmental impacts of the epidemic, with a view to reducing the incidence of HIV in rural communities and to mitigate the impact of the epidemic on poor rural households and communities.

The five key areas of IFAD's response to the HIV epidemic are

- HIV/AIDS information, education and communication (IEC) programmes for HIV prevention and AIDS mitigation among IFAD target groups
- Poverty alleviation and livelihood security programmes adapted to the conditions created by HIV/AIDS including income-generating programmes, microfinance projects and functional adult literacy (FAL) programmes
- Food security and nutrition-related innovations or adaptation of existing practices
- Socio-economic safety nets with special emphasis on support to orphans and households fostering orphans
- Integrated HIV/AIDS workplace programmes for IFAD-supported projects

IFAD has developed a Strategy Paper on HIV/AIDS for East and Southern Africa aimed at strengthening its operations in the region as they relate to HIV/AIDS. The regional strategies will be the basis for developing a corporate HIV/AIDS strategy for Africa.

Programme Management Department - Geographic Coverage

Eastern and Southern Africa Division

Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Comoros, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Key Roles of the Divisional Offices

The regional divisions - and in particular the Eastern and Southern Africa divisions of IFAD - have designed and supported a number of projects with the aim to prevent and combat HIV/AIDS.

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International Labour Organization - ILO

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is committed to help secure conditions of decent work and social protection in the face of the epidemic through the *ILO Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work*, of which the key objectives are

- To raise awareness of the economic and social impact of AIDS in the world of work
- To help governments, employers and workers support national efforts to prevent the spread and reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS
- To fight discrimination and stigma related to HIV status. At the core of the Programme's strategic plan is the implementation of the ILO Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work, which contains fundamental principles for policy development and practical guidelines to develop concrete responses at enterprise, community and national levels in the following key areas
 - Prevention of HIV/AIDS
 - Management and mitigation of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the world of work
 - Care and support of workers infected and affected by HIV/AIDS
 - Elimination of stigma and discrimination on the basis of real or perceived HIV status

A training manual has been developed as a reference document on social, economic and labour consequences of HIV/AIDS as well as to promote workplace action and the implementation of the ILO Code of Practice. Other projects in the region which are implemented with different donor partners include

- The development of workplace programmes to prevent HIV and combat discrimination in eight countries
- Action-oriented research into the labour and socioeconomic impact of AIDS and the legal/policy framework for workplace action in ten countries
- HIV prevention in the transport sector and informal economy in nine countries
- Extending and strengthening workplace policies and programmes on HIV/AIDS including the dissemination of good practice examples in five countries

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

Projects are underway in most countries of east and southern Africa with a network of ten national project coordinators

Regional Office for Africa

Some sections have been temporarily relocated

Sub-regional Office for East Africa

Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda

Sub-regional Office for Southern Africa

Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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International Organization for Migration - IOM

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

While founded outside the UN system, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an inter-governmental body with a structure similar to that of a specialized UN agency. IOM has signed cooperation agreements with the UN Secretariat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNAIDS and WHO. Its mandate allows it to work with migrants, refugees, displaced persons and others in need of migration services or assistance. IOM's response to HIV and AIDS addresses migrants and mobile populations throughout all stages of their journey, from their place of origin, through transit, places of destination and return. This often requires going beyond national approaches to develop regional and inter-regional approaches, in particular in cross-border areas. In addressing HIV and AIDS, IOM supports

- A global approach with a focus on advocacy, policy guidance and definition of best practices
- Regional level initiatives with harmonisation of approaches and capacity-building
- Country programmes with implementation and technical backstopping

The November 2002 IOM-UNAIDS cooperation framework aims at ensuring that the needs of migrants and mobile populations are fully integrated into national and regional AIDS strategies and that migrants have access to adequate HIV/AIDS prevention as well as care and support. IOM promotes initiatives designed to effectively respond to the spread of HIV and at reducing the risks and vulnerability of migrant and mobile populations.

Regional Entities and Geographic Coverage

Mission with Regional Functions (MRF) East and Central Africa

Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Tanzania, Sudan, Djibouti, Somalia, Eritrea

Mission with Regional Functions (MRF) Southern Africa

Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Roles of the Missions with Regional Functions

As resources and support centres for IOM Country and Special-Purpose Missions in the region, regional offices provide operational and administrative expertise to assist with project development and implementation. With regard to HIV and AIDS the roles of the regional offices are

- To incorporate HIV/AIDS concerns into IOM's migration policy framework for sub-Saharan Africa
- To contribute to the overall understanding of the relationship between international migration and HIV/AIDS in terms of the spread of the epidemic
- To integrate HIV/AIDS components into all current and future project activities
- To develop regional projects and implement programmes on HIV/AIDS and mobile populations

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Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - OCHA

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The mission of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is to mobilize and coordinate effective and principled humanitarian action in partnership with national and international actors to alleviate human suffering in disasters and emergencies. It achieves this through advocating for the rights of people in need, promoting preparedness and prevention, coordination of the response and facilitating sustainable solutions.

Humanitarian assistance efforts focus on the needs of the most vulnerable and in this regard OCHA is increasingly supporting the coordination of efforts to better understand the interface between HIV/AIDS and emergencies.

As the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), OCHA assists in the promotion of the Guidelines for HIV/AIDS interventions in emergency settings. The purpose of the guidelines is to enable governments and cooperating agencies to deliver the minimum required multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS during the early phase of emergency situations.

In the context of its role of providing timely, relevant and strategic information to improve the humanitarian response, OCHA has created the PlusNews service as part of the Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), in an effort to provide a comprehensive professionally produced, one-stop service for HIV/AIDS information and advocacy for Africa.

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

Regional Support Office for Central and Eastern Africa

Burundi, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Regional Office for Southern Africa

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion, South Africa, Seychelles, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Roles of the Regional Offices

- To facilitate and participate in discussions regarding the humanitarian response to the HIV/AIDS crisis and to better manage links between humanitarian crises, responses and the HIV/AIDS epidemic
- To support the collection, analysis and dissemination of relevant information to keep the humanitarian community at large informed of the humanitarian situation and developments in the region
- To highlight the need for a broad focus for HIV/AIDS funding in ongoing advocacy efforts

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Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) works in close collaboration with UNAIDS towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of HIV/AIDS. To achieve these objectives, OHCHR is working to increase accountability on HIV/AIDS-related human rights by

- Strengthening the capacity of OHCHR and the UN to deal with the human rights dimensions of HIV/AIDS
- Ensuring the integration of a human rights perspective into the response of other UN agencies and programmes to the HIV/AIDS epidemic
- Encouraging external organisations to adopt a human rights perspective to HIV/AIDS in their policies and activities

OHCHR is active in the areas of

- Support for the work of the UN treaty bodies and special mechanisms in the integration of HIV/AIDS issues
- Assisting of the national human rights institutions to address HIV/AIDS-related human rights issues
- Focusing on legal and policy development on HIV/AIDS-related issues
- Advocacy at all levels, including the promotion of the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights.

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

Eastern Africa (ECA Office)/Southern Africa Regional Office

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Roles of the Regional Offices

- Provide support to United Nations Country Teams for the adoption and integration of a human rights-based approach to all developmental and humanitarian work
- Support state institutions, civil society and regional organisations to build appropriate capacities for human rights promotion and protection, and encourage and strengthen the rule of law and good governance mechanisms
- Dissemination of information to enhance awareness of international and regional human rights instruments, mechanisms and access methodology to them by states and members of civil society
- Bring the technical cooperation assistance services of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights closer to the partners in the region

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United Nations Children's Fund - UNICEF

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

It is the aim of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support and strengthen the capacities of individuals, families, communities and nations to prevent HIV infection and to ensure protection and care for children and young people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS - as stated in its Medium-Term Strategic Plan for the period 2002-2005. More specifically, UNICEF will support actions to

- Prevent new infections among young people
- Prevent Parent-to-Child Transmission of HIV
- Expand access to care and support for children and their families living with HIV and AIDS
- Ensure care, protection and support for children orphaned or made vulnerable by AIDS

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, Nairobi (ESARO)

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Key Roles of ESARO

UNICEF ESARO advocates for expanded action and collaboration among regional institutions and networks. The regional team also

- Monitors trends in the epidemic, its impact and country responses
- Coordinates and facilitates multi-country initiatives
- Provides technical advisory services and programming support for country programmes
- Promotes networking and the exchange of information about experiences and research findings
- Mobilizes resources for country programmes and multi-country initiatives
- Coordinates with key regional partners

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United Nations Development Fund for Women - UNIFEM

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

To address the gender dimensions of HIV/AIDS, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) has developed a Global HIV/AIDS Framework, which lays the foundation for activities that address empowering women to prevent transmission and mitigate impact. UNIFEM's Global Framework has six objectives

- To strengthen legal and policy frameworks within the context of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women that promote gender equality, women's empowerment and stigma reduction for those infected, affected or at risk of HIV/AIDS
- To demonstrate that gender sensitive community-based initiatives can provide a basis for advocating at the grass roots level, for improved prevention, treatment and care strategies that both mitigate the impact of the epidemic and transform gender relations
- To promote the participation of women living with and at risk of HIV/AIDS - including young women and adolescents - in the decision making and formulation of HIV/AIDS policies and programmes
- To collaborate with and support the UN system at the inter-agency level in mainstreaming gender and women's human rights into all HIV/AIDS-Related programmes, strategies and policies
- To strengthen the capacity of non-governmental organisations, governments and UN agencies to advocate for responses to HIV/AIDS that take gender and human rights into account, with particular focus on women's role within the care economy, on adolescent girls and young women
- To continue to promote women's human rights, economic security and leadership in settings affected by HIV/AIDS

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

East and Horn of Africa

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Key Roles of Regional Offices

UNIFEM Africa focuses its efforts on promoting the enjoyment by women of all human rights including supporting a rights-based approach to the human and economic impact of HIV/AIDS on women's lives and working to end violence against women.

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United Nations Development Programme - UNDP

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

Regional Service Centre and Geographic Coverage Focusing on promoting an enabling policy, legislative and resource environment for an effective multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) supports countries with their efforts by

- Offering knowledge, resources and sharing best practices from around the world
- Placing HIV/AIDS at the centre of national planning and budgets
- Building national capacity to plan, manage and implement responses to the epidemic
- Engaging people and institutions beyond the health sector
- Promoting decentralized responses that support community-level action
- Integrating a human rights framework and gender perspective into all aspects of the response
- Mobilizing domestic and international resources for national programmes

Regional Service Centre and Geographic Coverage

Southern Africa Capacity Initiative (SACI)

Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Swaziland

HIV/AIDS Group

Regional Project on HIV and Development

Sub-Saharan Africa

Bureau for Development Policy HIV/AIDS Group

Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, Swaziland, Sudan, Malawi, Egypt, Eritrea, Mozambique, Zambia

Key Roles of the HIV and AIDS Team at the Regional Service Centre

One of the strategic areas of support included in the UNDP Africa Regional Cooperation Framework is to reduce the threat and impact of HIV/AIDS on Africa. The Regional Service Centre (RSC) brings together the various country support components of UNDP in the region, the Southern Africa Capacity Initiative and the HIV and AIDS Group.

Southern Africa Capacity Initiative (SACI)

SACI is a framework with a set of catalytic actions designed to assist nations to deal through the lens of governance with the interlocking challenges of HIV and AIDS, capacity erosion, poverty and disaster. It aims to transform national institutions and social capital, therefore capacitating countries to implement their national development plans, achieve the Millennium Development Goals and reach the targets laid out in the Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS. The key components of SACI are

- Policy support - adapting and developing policies to effectively respond to the unique challenges of providing services in the area of HIV/AIDS
- Service delivery - promoting an inclusive framework for improving service delivery at all administrative levels, recognizing NGOs, CBOs and the private sector as key partners and maximizing the outreach through the means of technology
- Capacity stabilization - offsetting the immediate loss of skilled human resources in affected sectors by mobilizing volunteers, confronting lost critical capacity in the short term and laying the foundations for a sustainable long-term strategy
- Demand for new skills - accelerating skills training in key areas, strengthening the learning infrastructure and expanding training opportunities

HIV and AIDS Group

The HIV and AIDS Group at the RSC consists of the merged *Regional Project on HIV and Development* and the *Bureau for Development Policy HIV and AIDS Group*. It seeks to increase the understanding of the inter-relationships between HIV and development using policy dialogue, research and systems thinking in sub-Saharan Africa. Its mission is to establish itself as the leading organisation in the provision of technical services for mainstreaming HIV and AIDS into development.

The vision is to facilitate support to countries in formulating policies, strategies and actions to

- Reduce the effects of development efforts that facilitate transmission of HIV in communities
- Encourage development efforts that inhibit transmission of HIV in communities
- Reduce the impact of AIDS-related illnesses and deaths on societies' capacities to attain development goals

The HIV and AIDS Group works with multi-level and multi-sectoral partners using transformational leadership development methodologies. Personal transformation serves as a platform for optimizing a country's capacity to create and deliver new thinking, actions and results for responding to HIV and AIDS. Leadership for Results is a multi-pronged, flexible set of programmatic initiatives that is tailored to the country context and needs. The initiative is based on the premise that standing for a new future means a commitment to action, which ultimately enables a shaping of the future. UNDP focuses on two core areas of action, which are designed to reverse the course of the epidemic as outlined in the MDGs, they are

HIV and AIDS, governance and development

Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into

- Sectors, decentralized national strategies and programmes
- PRSPs and national development strategies
- Sector wide approaches

Harmonisation and governance support to national strategies

- The Three Ones
- Joint cosponsor planning (Common Country Assessment/UN Development Assessment Framework) and implementation (Country Programme Action Plans and UN Implementation Support Plans)

HIV/AIDS and MDG-based PRSPs

- Enabling macro-economic policies for financing the HIV/AIDS response
- Ensuring full costing and budgeting of HIV/AIDS response in the MTEF

Trade, TRIPS and Access to ARVs

- Enabling trade, health and IP legislation for sustainable access to ARVs
- South-South cooperation for importation and/or production of low-cost, quality ARVs
- Strengthening developing country negotiating capacity in multilateral, regional and bilateral trade negotiations to ensure public health considerations are given prominence

Enabling a human rights environment

UNDP's approach is based on the strategic tenets of capacity development for action at scale, strategic partnerships and policy support

- Human rights and legislation - promoting human rights as values and a legal framework
- Gender equality - ensuring empowerment of women and men for prevention and access to treatment and care
- Stigma and discrimination - creating an environment respectful of the rights of socially excluded groups and individuals
- Greater Involvement of People Living with the virus (GIPA) - supporting the involvement and empowerment of people living with the virus in policy formulation and programme implementation
- *We Care*, UNDP's workplace programme - ensuring the rights of UNDP staff to access treatment and to a workplace free of stigma and discrimination

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United Nations Economic Commission for Africa - ECA

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

In the context of its continent-wide mandate to work with African policymakers and other stakeholders, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) particularly examines the governance aspects of the African HIV/AIDS epidemic. The main focus of ECA's AIDS-related activities is the UN **Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa (CHGA)**. Announced by the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2003, the two-year commission focuses on issues relating to HIV/AIDS and governance in Africa through its twofold mandate

- Clarifying the data on the impact of HIV/AIDS on state structures and economic development
- Assisting governments to consolidate the design and implementation of policies and programmes that can help to govern the epidemic

The strategic aims of CHGA are

- To assess the complex and long-term implications of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on government capacity and economic development in Africa, and to make African governments, their citizens and their international partners fully aware of the scale, gravity and nature of this threat
- To mobilize political will amongst African governments, regional and international organisations, civil society, business and other stakeholders in support of adopting the necessary policy and programme measures in the fields of human resource capacity planning and scaling up treatment

Regional Office and Geographic Coverage

ECA/CHGA

53 member states in Africa

Key Roles of CHGA

As a UN Commission, CHGA has a specific mandate to assist African policymakers to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The first of CHGA's reports containing policy recommendations will be released in the second half of 2005, with a number of research and other publications to follow, as well as extensive advocacy activities on the African continent and beyond.

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United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - UNESCO

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

UNESCO's response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic seeks to combat complacency, challenge stigmatisation, overcome the tyranny of silence and promote more caring attitudes. In cooperation with UNAIDS cosponsors, Member States, civil society partners and the private sector, UNESCO's contribution to the fight against the pandemic concentrates on

- Integrating HIV/AIDS preventive education into the global development agenda and national policies
- Adapting preventive education to the diversity of needs and cultural contexts
- Encouraging responsible behaviour and reducing vulnerability
- Promoting culturally appropriate responses to the pandemic, including the use of arts and creativity

Fighting HIV/AIDS through preventive education is directed towards five core tasks

- Advocacy at all levels
- Customizing the message
- Changing risk behaviour
- Caring for the infected and affected
- Coping with the institutional impact of HIV/AIDS

To address the challenge of prevention with renewed commitment, UNESCO and the UNAIDS cosponsors have spearheaded the launch of the Global Initiative for an AIDS-free Generation by a massive expansion of prevention education. The ten UNAIDS partners in the Global Initiative are united by a commitment to implement a jointly developed prevention education framework.

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

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- Dar-es-Salaam Office - Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Tanzania
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Southern Africa Cluster

- Harare Office - Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Windhoek Office - Angola, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

Key Roles of the Cluster Offices

UNESCO's strategy focuses on addressing the needs of those who are most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS including the poor, young girls and women as well as out-of-school children and youth. The devastating impact of HIV/AIDS on the educational system of countries of eastern and southern Africa is threatening the achievements of the Education For All (EFA) goals. UNESCO cluster offices therefore pay particular attention to the development of EFA action plans in the context of HIV/AIDS. The offices support education ministries with the development of their capacity to provide educational services appropriate to national development under conditions of threat

- Improving access and equity, quality and relevance
- Building capacities and partnerships

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The objectives and key strategies of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to address HIV/AIDS among refugees and other persons of concern is outlined in the UNHCR Strategic Plan on Refugees, HIV and AIDS. They are based on two principles

- Ensuring that refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern live in dignity, free from discrimination and their human rights are respected
- Reducing HIV transmission, improving HIV/AIDS treatment and care through better planning and implementation of HIV/AIDS programmes such as reinforcing surveillance, monitoring and evaluation

UNHCR's main strategies are

- Ensuring the effective implementation of UNHCR's protection policy and standards at the field level
- Further consolidating UNHCR's commitment to address HIV/AIDS in refugee situations at all levels
- Reinforcing access to technical resources and strengthening institutional capacity building through partnerships
- Continuing support for existing HIV/AIDS programmes
- Developing comprehensive HIV/AIDS pilot projects in selected refugee situations
- Expanding the scope of activities in returnee situations, in cooperation with the government of the country of origin and other UN agencies
- Accessing and identifying additional financial resources to expand HIV/AIDS-Related programmes for refugees

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Regional HIV/AIDS Technical Officer, Southern Africa

Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Roles of the Regional HIV/AIDS Technical Officers

The Regional HIV/AIDS Technical Officers are responsible for

- Overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan at field level
- Providing technical support to country, refugee camp or site level HIV/AIDS programmes in the areas of behavioural change education, treatment and care, surveillance, monitoring and evaluation
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HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) seeks to play a leading role in raising awareness and supporting global, regional and national efforts to prevent and arrest the spread of the twin epidemics of HIV/AIDS and injecting drug use. Priority geographic areas for programming activities include East Asia and the Pacific, Eastern Europe and Central Asia regions where intravenous drug use is known to drive the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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Regional Office for Southern Africa

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Key Roles of the Regional Offices

The Sharm-el-Sheikh Action Plan against Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS in Africa defines the priorities of the regional office response to the epidemic as

- Raising political and public awareness within Africa and the international community
- Identifying priority projects to assist HIV-infected drug users and drug users at risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS
- Integrating the prevention of drug abuse into larger HIV/AIDS programmes
- Including drug abuse components into HIV/AIDS research in Africa
- HIV/AIDS is mainstreamed into all programme and project development undertaken by UNODC, including projects targeting substance abuse and violence against women

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HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

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The policies and strategic priorities of UNFPA in relation to HIV/AIDS are outlined in its *Strategic Guidance on HIV Prevention*, which focus on five core areas

- Preventing HIV infection in young people and women, especially pregnant women
- Responding to sexual and reproductive health needs of HIV-positive women
- Male and female condom programming in the context of STI and HIV prevention
- Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) for all including HIV-positive women
- Integrating SRH and HIV prevention

UNFPA addresses a number of cross-cutting issues to create an enabling environment for action

- Mainstreaming gender concerns in the context of culture and reproductive rights
- Population and development concerns, data and knowledge management
- Advocacy and partnerships for HIV prevention
- Strengthening national capacity including information sharing and lessons learned

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

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Country Support Team, Southern Africa

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Key Roles of the Country Support Teams

Country Support Teams provide technical advisory services in all areas of population, development and sexual and reproductive health. These multidisciplinary teams have dedicated HIV/AIDS advisors who work to integrate HIV prevention within UNFPA supported activities

- Advise country offices on country 5-year plans, on joint programming and on critical stages of programme development, CCA/UNDAF, CPAP, PRSP
- Support capacity-building among government and other counterparts in HIV prevention - especially linked with sexual and reproductive health -, behaviour change and communication activities, condom programming, provision of youth-friendly services, mainstreaming of gender into national policy and socio-cultural research
- Help develop global and regional policy and strategic directions, guides and toolkits
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World Bank Group

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

As a long-term investor in the prevention and mitigation of HIV/AIDS in developing countries, the World Bank Group is working with its partners to

- Prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups and in the general population
- Promote countries' health policies and multi-sectoral approaches - e.g. by working in education, social safety nets, transport and other vital areas
- Expand basic care and treatment activities for those affected by HIV/AIDS and their families, as well as for children whose parents have died of AIDS and other vulnerable children

The Global HIV/AIDS Programme was created in 2002 to support the World Bank's efforts to address HIV/AIDS from a multi-sectoral perspective. The programme offers global learning and knowledge sharing on approaches and best practices to address HIV/AIDS. A key function of the Global HIV/AIDS Programme is to lead the monitoring and evaluation efforts of UNAIDS partners at country level. The Programme is actively working to

- Strengthen the Bank's capacity to respond to the needs of national governments, civil society and other stakeholders
- Share and expand available knowledge about effective approaches to HIV/AIDS and develop new approaches

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

AIDS Campaign Team for Africa (ACT Africa)

All of sub-Saharan Africa

Key Roles of ACT Africa

To support the implementation of its global HIV/AIDS strategy in Africa, the Bank has established a multi-sectoral AIDS Campaign Team for Africa, based in the Office of the Regional Vice President for Africa. The team serves as the region's focal point and clearinghouse on HIV/AIDS and provides a variety of services, including

- Supporting implementation of the Multi-Country AIDS Programme
- Supporting African countries through knowledge dissemination and exchange
- Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into the Bank's work in multiple sectors
- Supporting the Bank country teams in addressing HIV/AIDS in their country assistance strategies
- Building HIV/AIDS impact assessment into existing environmental and/or social assessment processes
- Strengthening and expanding the Bank's partnership with UNAIDS as well as with key agencies, non-governmental organisations and donors

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World Food Programme - WFP

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

Improving a family's food security is a means to reduce their vulnerability to HIV infection and its impact. The World Food Programme (WFP) is therefore committed to incorporate HIV and AIDS concerns into all its programming tools and categories, using food insecurity as an entry point for crucial food aid interventions.

In the East and Southern Africa regions, WFP is working on reducing the problems faced by the triple threat of HIV/AIDS, food insecurity and weakened capacity of governance. This is central with regard to the importance of food and nutrition in the fight against declining conditions of the poor.

WFP works with partner organizations in the dissemination of prevention messages to food aid beneficiaries as well as to critical actors within the transport and food handling sector. WFP provides food assistance in support of TB programmes, Anti Retroviral Therapy, Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission, Home Based Care and a wide range of activities providing care and protection to orphans and vulnerable children. Integration of HIV/AIDS activities into education and asset creation programmes contributes to safeguarding livelihood opportunities for affected households and communities.

At a macro level WFP provides assistance to governments in the development of national food and nutrition support programmes in context of HIV/AIDS, and of submissions to international funding sources.

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Regional Bureau for Southern Africa

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WFP's HIV/AIDS unit provides technical support to WFP corporate strategy development on HIV/AIDS, fulfilment of its co-sponsorship responsibilities, development of strategic and operational partnerships and assists its country and regional offices in the design and implementation of appropriate HIV/AIDS-related food aid programmes.

Key Roles of the Regional Bureaux

The Regional Bureaux situated in Kampala and Johannesburg provide operational support in the design and implementation of appropriate food aid programmes. Where possible they extend technical support to WFP's programmes in the various countries in close collaboration with WFP's HIV/AIDS unit. The Regional Bureaux

- Liaise with strategic partners in the respective regions, including individual and collective government initiatives
- Undertake advocacy and resource mobilization for country-based programmes
- Build the capacity of Country Office and Regional Bureau staff on HIV/AIDS programming and addressing HIV/AIDS in the workplace
- Seek and/or strengthen partnership and coordination for more effective programming

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World Health Organization - WHO

HIV/AIDS-Related Mission

The World Health Organization (WHO) provides technical support and catalytic funding to countries for the strengthening of national capacity to adopt appropriate policies and to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate health-sector based HIV/AIDS and STI activities. These actions aim to reduce HIV transmission, improve access to care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health sector in a coordinated manner.

Regional Offices and Geographic Coverage

Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO)

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UN Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Support Office (WHO/RIACSO)

Southern African sub-region

Key Roles of the Regional Office for Africa (AFRO)

- National advocacy, information management and programme management for HIV/AIDS and STI activities
- Health sector plan development, monitoring, evaluation and resource mobilisation within the context of multi-sectoral national strategic plans
- HIV/AIDS/STI surveillance including strengthening laboratory capacity
- Blood safety and STI prevention and care
- HIV/AIDS clinical, nursing and psychosocial care including care for opportunistic infections and improvement of access to affordable HIV/AIDS drugs
- Prevention of HIV/STIs in adolescents and youth including improving access to youth-friendly health services
- Prevention of Mother-to-Child-Transmission of HIV and Voluntary Counselling and Testing for HIV
- Human resource development including capacity for HIV vaccine and drug research and development
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