

**Meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Team  
on Children and HIV and AIDS  
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- Report**

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**I. Introduction**

The Working Group on Orphans and Vulnerable Children of the UK Consortium on AIDS & International Development and UNICEF organized a meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Team on Children and HIV and AIDS (IATT) on 15 and 16 May 2006.

The objectives of the meeting included:

- Review of the outcomes of the Global Partners Forum (GPF) 2006 and agreement on a limited number of concrete follow up actions for the coming 12 months and identification of IATT members responsible for coordinating specific follow up actions.
- Share updates and promote coordination among IATT members
- Exploring opportunities to maximize the upcoming GFATM Round 6 as an opportunity to increase resources and broaden ownership for children affected by HIV/AIDS priorities.
- Agree on the organization of the IATT during the coming year.

**II. Follow up on GPF recommendations**

The first GPF was held in 2003, organized by UNICEF and UNAIDS, especially to review the progress of the Global Framework. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Partners Forum followed, organized by UNICEF and World Bank. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum, organised by UNICEF and DFID, reviewed issues identified at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum and raised several new issues requiring action. The third Forum was preceded by a meeting of technical experts, organised by UNICEF and the UK OVC Working Group. The technical meeting considered background papers that had been prepared for the meeting and

developed recommendations for the Global Partners Forum. These recommendations were considered and prioritized by participants at the Forum.

This IATT on Children and HIV and AIDS meeting reviewed the GPF recommendations with the purpose of identifying required actions for the next year to be undertaken by specific organizations. Not all GPF recommendations were discussed. The recommendations related to education were discussed at the joint meeting with the IATT on Education (16 May pm). The recommendations related to young people and to PMTCT and paediatric HIV will be discussed by the respective IATTs. For the remaining recommendations the IATT agreed to set up various working groups including IATT members. For each working group one IATT member was identified as “facilitator”. The facilitator’s role is to initiate and facilitate action by the working group through the development of a brief Terms of Reference for discussion by the working group. The table below summarizes the various working groups that were established as well as the facilitating organisation and the members of each working group.

**Table 1: summary of established working groups and members**

| <b>Working group</b>              | <b>Members</b>   | <b>Facilitating Organisation</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Civil registration                | UNICEF; PLAN; PEPFAR; World Vision-UK  | UNICEF   |
| Communities’ role in the response | DFID, World Bank; OGAC; UNAIDS; UNICEF; Tearfund; International HIV/AIDS Alliance; SAVE/UK; World Vision -UK, European Foundation Centre; Brussels OVC group; ISRC | OGAC will invite WB to be facilitator, otherwise, DFID and OGAC and UK OVC work group will decide on facilitator |
| Monitoring and Evaluation         | UNICEF, Save the Children/US, PEPFAR, HACI, PLAN, International HIV/AIDS Alliance.   | UNICEF   |
| National Plans of Action          | UK OVC Working Group, Bernard van Leer Foundation, UNICEF, European Brussels OVC group, FUTURES group, UNDP  | UK OVC Working Group   |
| Social Protection                 | ILO; Helpage; International HIV/AIDS Alliance; UNDP; UNICEF; Save the Children; DFID; World Bank   | ILO  |
| Global fund                       | Global AIDS alliance, Save UK, Futures.  | Global AIDS Alliance   |
| Supporting regional fora          | DFID, HACI, PEPFAR, World Bank, SIDA, UNAIDS   | UNICEF   |
| Education                         | UNESCO, UNICEF, WB, PCD, ActionAid   | UNICEF   |

### **Civil registration**

Introduction by Joseph Decosas

[http://www.aidsportal.org/Article\\_Details.aspx?ID=2068](http://www.aidsportal.org/Article_Details.aspx?ID=2068)

#### Summary of presentation and discussion:

A background paper at the Global Partners Forum recognized that large numbers of children are not registered at birth, preventing them from accessing services and protecting their rights. The GPF had expanded the focus on birth registration to also

include death, and marriage registration and call it “civil” registration. Registration is not free in many countries, including those where registration is considered a revenue-making effort. Universal registration coverage is necessary to achieve the impact, for the children who are left out are likely to be those children who are most vulnerable and in need of civil registration.

Points raised at the Global Forum included that registration should be compulsory and legislation should be enforced and that special attention must be paid to marginalized communities. It was recognised that there is a need to consider the role of women in implementing civil registration/birth registration. For example, explore actions that include a particular focus on women, such as pregnancy related interventions

It is important to move from one-off campaigns toward examining and strengthening civil registration systems through addressing the existing barriers. It was pointed out that there is a proportion of very vulnerable children who are not able to access existing registration systems and it will be important to further learn why that is the case and what is needed to ensure that these children benefit from civil registration efforts.

The presenter emphasised that civil registration is not just an HIV/AIDS issue and if the “HIV/AIDS community” want to support civil registration they should support ongoing initiatives. In many countries there are already plans of action that define what needs to be done to address civil registration. Focus for action on birth registration could be on the RAAAP countries to be included as part of implementing the existing OVC Nation Plans of Action.

#### Follow-up Action:

Form an IATT working group on civil registration with the following tasks:

1. Within 6 months undertake a brief technical review which will document the impact of low rates of birth registration on children affected by HIV and AIDS as well as documenting best programming practices
2. Within 18 months develop a project which will demonstrate the actions required to scale-up civil registration by supporting accelerated action in at least 4 RAAAP countries in which national action plans already include birth registration as a priority. Focus will be on developing and strengthening systems that will increase rates of civil registration (ie integrating with health and other societal systems such as social welfare, health, education). The lessons learned from these efforts will be shared with other countries.

#### Working group participants:

UNICEF; PLAN; PEPFAR; World Vision-UK. UNICEF will be the working group facilitator. Also link with other alliances, such as white ribbon, safe motherhood, child survival; private partners, such as Gates; WHO; UNSD

#### **Communities’ role in the response**

– Introduction by Kate Harrison

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#### Summary of presentation and discussion:

First of all it was noted that recommendation number 6 from the GPF to strengthen capacity, effectiveness and participation of civil society does not explicitly mention

the “communities’ role” while much of the discussion at the GPF had been on the role of communities. IATT members involved in preparing the GPF report reported that this was a mistake.

Participants at the Global Partners Forum acknowledged that there is a serious problem with resources not actually reaching communities. Special reference was made to the publication *Bottlenecks and Drip Feeds*, by Geoff Foster for Save the Children/UK ([http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk\\_cache/scuk/cache/cmsattach/3166\\_Bottlenecks.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk_cache/scuk/cache/cmsattach/3166_Bottlenecks.pdf)), which provides insight about how to reach communities and includes recommendations for funding community activities. Some of the barriers of getting funds to communities include: the fact that some donors and granting organizations do not recognize the high cost involved especially those regarding the time it takes to implement a participatory approach. Another challenge is the limited financial and administrative capacity of community based organisations.

World Vision/UK and Save/UK, are trying to take forward the study by Foster. In Mozambique, Malawi, and Zambia, they initially looked into building capacity of granting agencies and CBOs at district level to enable resources to flow to communities. However, during discussions with organisations involved in granting in the three countries it became clear that there are many programs that are trying innovative ways to improve sub-granting, however, the major gap is that there is very little systematic attempt to capture collective learnings from these different initiatives. As a result the two NGOs have developed a proposal to implement a learning project with sub-granting organizations in the three countries which will document good practices sharing the good practice amongst agencies within the countries and monitor the uptake. Lessons will be shared with those who are doing this type of work in other countries.

Much of the discussion during the meeting was about tracking funding flows. World Vision-UK said it is in the process of undertaking research in Uganda and Zambia which will focus on tracking resources and identify the extent to which CBOs providing care for children are receiving resources from external sources. It will work with NACs to suggest potential indicators and the role that civil society can play in tracking resources. - UNAIDS already has an inter-agency group on resource tracking and it was suggested to examine what they are doing to make sure it includes this type of community flow of information.

The meeting noted the work mentioned above, by World Vision UK and SC-UK on tracking of resource flows and impact at community level in Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia, including both technical and administrative resources, as well as identification of barriers to resource flows. This analysis will be outcome focused and will assess various mechanisms through which resources reach communities. WV-UK and SC-UK will lead the process, and will share results. The IATT will note the outcome of these studies, and will use the information gained for further recommendations and implications to members. The meeting also noted potential other sources of information on resource flows and impact:

- Futures
- Action Aid on participatory budget monitoring with IDASA in SA
- UNAIDS IATT on resource tracking
- HACI M&E tool/process
- CADRE in SA
- DFID study of funding flow issues
- Save/UK study (*Bottlenecks and Drip Feeds*)

- US partner initiative
- Tear Fund studies

Follow-up Action:

Form an IATT working group Communities' role in the response with the following tasks:

1. International HIV/AIDS Alliance and International Red Cross to send out the *NGO Code of Good Practice for NGOs responding to HIV/AIDS*. IATT members should then consult internally and decide whether they can sign up to this, and follow the sign-up process outlined by the Red Cross. The IATT recommended that organisations sign up to the code, to support the statement on "strengthening the capacity, effectiveness and participation of civil society".

2. An IATT working group will undertake an analysis of opportunities for the development of a similar Code for donors, governments, private sector and NGOs on responsible granting behaviour. Issues to be covered in the review will include:

- What level organization would this be appropriate for?
- How would this Code be linked to country level networks?
- Is there a similar Code that needs to be developed for the community level?
- What would be the impact of expanding commitment to the Code?

Working group participants:

DFID, World Bank; OGAC; UNAIDS; UNICEF; Tearfund; International HIV/AIDS Alliance; SAVE/UK; World Vision -UK, European Foundation Centre; Brussels OVC group; ISRC.

OGAC will approach the World Bank to see if they will be the working group facilitator, otherwise, DFID, OGAC and UK OVC work group will decide on facilitation.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

- Introduction by Arjan de Wagt

[http://www.aidsportal.org/Article\\_Details.aspx?ID=2064](http://www.aidsportal.org/Article_Details.aspx?ID=2064)

Summary of presentation and discussion:

While the 7<sup>th</sup> set of GPF recommendations is about monitoring and evaluation (M&E), several of the other recommendations also raise the importance of improving M&E and documenting best practices. The discussion at the Global Partners Forum indicated that there are a lot of gaps in the M&E systems.

It was recognised that in spite of the "three ones initiative" many stakeholders working on children affected by HIV and AIDS often continue with their own M&E systems and databases. This makes it difficult to coordinate M&E and to have one nationally agreed system. However, with FHI support, an increasing number of countries are now working towards a national framework of indicators to measure progress with the National Plans of Action. Countries that do have nationally agreed indicators often differ significantly on the type of indicators as well as methods and frequency of collection, which makes international comparisons difficult.

OGAC reported that experiences from Africa indicated that the M&E systems for children affected by HIV/AIDS are often weak and that distinctions between input, outputs, and outcomes were lacking and often not measurable. Data are collected at various levels – child, program, etc. and there is a need for clearer distinctions between the levels and indicators must be measurable. OGAC have commissioned the development of outcome specific child-related measures.

Feedback on the National OVC indicators tool developed by UNICEF and partners was that there is a gap between the capacity of information systems existing in the countries and the guidelines for indicators. The reality on the ground makes several indicators difficult to measure and there is a desire for a reduced number of key indicators rather than stick with the “gold standard”, and also relate these to the four outcome indicators for monitoring the declaration of commitment. There is a need to identify data that can be easily and more frequently collected or that is already being collected, e.g. through sectoral (e.g. education) M&E systems. World Vision reported using the 10 key indicators in the UNICEF M&E guidelines as the basis for community-based research in four countries, but the indicators were modified to make them more community-friendly.

#### Follow-up Action:

Form an IATT working group M&E /strategic information with the following tasks:

1. Review key challenges to implementing children affected by HIV/AIDS M&E frameworks based on experiences to date and provide guidance for M&E in support of children affected by HIV/AIDS programmes – including methodological and organizational / systems challenges. Analysis will include:
  - Challenges with regard to the use of indicators
  - Purpose of the M&E –
    - Addressing indicators in Progress Report
    - Why we are doing the M&E- What is the information needed for?
    - Consensus on the way forward
    - Comparability between countries
    - Must be done in context of universal access work
  - Recommendations to the IATT on next steps including with regards to:
    - M&E National Plans of Action
    - The Progress Report
    - UNICEF/UNAIDS OVC M&E framework
    - UNAIDS Core Indicators for monitoring Declaration of Commitment and Universal Access
    - Regional plans, needs and support, including resources needs of regional IATTs (Africa, Asia (2), Latin America and Caribbean)

The process might include desk review, conference calls, electronic technical exchange and consultations and should adequately include country level perspectives and experiences.

#### Working group participants:

UNICEF, Save the Children/US, PEPFAR, HACI, PLAN, International HIV/AIDS Alliance. UNICEF will be the working group facilitator.

## **National Plans of Action (NPA)**

– Introduction by Jane Begala

[http://www.aidsportal.org/Article\\_Details.aspx?ID=2061](http://www.aidsportal.org/Article_Details.aspx?ID=2061)

### Summary of presentation and discussion:

OVC National Plans of Action (NPAs) are focused on orphans and vulnerable children, or children in need, or most vulnerable children; however, “Vulnerable children” are variably defined. As a consequence also the targets of most of the NPAs have more to do with poverty and other types of vulnerability, including disabled children, children without parents, children living with siblings and no adult caregivers than specifically HIV/AIDS. Although there are overlaps between those children with regard to being vulnerable from various causes this will be a problem when looking at denominators for HIV/AIDS specific indicators.

UNDP and the World Bank are working on strengthening national planning processes and in collaboration with UNAIDS they have held workshops with country partners to integrating HIV/AIDS into PRSPs and other development instruments. Workshop participants have included government and NGOs (Workshop report is with UNDP). Additional workshops are planned. UNICEF supported the examination of PRSPs and other planning documents to assess whether they include children. As the findings were disappointing with regards to the inclusion of children into PRSPs the World Bank is now encouraging countries to include children when they redesigned PRSPs .

To further increase funding for NPAs, some countries submitted proposals to Global Fund, for Round 5 and it is expected they will do the same for Round 6.

### Follow-up Action:

Form an IATT working group on National Planning with the following tasks:

1. Study/documentation of best practice to determine implementation progress of NPA, including identify barriers and facilitating factors (PEPFAR will be supporting this in 2 countries)
2. Link with the UNDP/WB/UNAIDS to review of PRSPs, development plans and national AIDS plans, which is currently underway, and ensure that children affected by HIV and AIDS components are included in the review.
3. Conduct a review of national HIV/AIDS plans and development plans in countries where NPAs have been finalized to identify where children affected by HIV/AIDS are included as a priority group in development plans (ie PRSP, MTEF, etc.). The process should be conducted in partnership with country level actors and could be utilized to mobilize and strengthen civil society at country level.

### Working group participants:

UK OVC Working Group, Bernard van Leer Foundation, UNICEF, European Brussels OVC group, FUTURES group, UNDP. UK OVC Working Group will be the working group facilitator.

## **Social Protection**

– Claire Mulanga

[http://www.aidsportal.org/Article\\_Details.aspx?ID=2063](http://www.aidsportal.org/Article_Details.aspx?ID=2063)

### Summary of presentation and discussion:

The presenter argued that to move social protection interventions for the most vulnerable, including children and adults affected by HIV and AIDS it is essential to invest in building coherent institutions to deliver social protection and health protection structures. It is essential that human development and social protection outcomes for the most vulnerable are fully budgeted and integrated into the next round of the national poverty reduction strategies and development instruments.

Like minded donors working on the potential of social protection to reduce impact of AIDS, particularly for children met on 11<sup>th</sup> May and agreed to work together to move forward the international agenda on social protection. A position paper being developed by Nordic countries and Netherlands on AIDS impact mitigation will be used to develop a common position paper amongst like minded, various political European platforms will be used for advocacy and they will also lobby in UN Reform to ensure UN country offices have capacity in this area

The Government of the Republic of Zambia co-hosted with the African Union an intergovernmental conference on social protection in March 2006 in Livingstone, Zambia. The event brought together ministers and senior representatives from 13 African countries. Among other recommendations, the delegates called for “social transfer programmes, including the social pension and social transfers to vulnerable children, older persons and people with disabilities and households to be a more utilised policy option in African countries”. The Call for Action was tabled at the AU meeting in Cairo in April and is now moving through the AU system. In addition, it is being taken forward nationally within the 13 countries. The “Livingstone Call for Action” will provide an excellent advocacy opportunity to raise support for strengthening or developing social protection mechanisms for the most vulnerable in high HIV prevalence countries.

### Follow-up Action:

Form an IATT working group on Social Protection with the following tasks:

1. Compile, collect and review data on existing household care-giving and livelihoods and determine the impact of social protection on these
2. Examine in countries with NPAs what is the action needed to support implementation of the “Livingstone Call for Action”.

### Working group participants:

ILO; Helpage; International HIV/AIDS Alliance; UNDP; UNICEF; Save the Children; DFID; World Bank. ILO will be the group facilitator.

## **III. Global Fund, Regional IATTs and Structure of global IATT**

### **Global fund: improving the amount of funding to children affected by HIV/AIDS**

- Introduction by Kate Harrison

The AIDSpan Guide to Developing Global Fund Proposals to Benefit Orphans and other Vulnerable Children has been completed and is available on the internet. It will

provide support to proposals to increase the amount of funding for children affected by HIV/AIDS. The Guide is for CCMs, National AIDS Committees, and other committees working on children affected by HIV/AIDS in countries, as well as for groups making submissions to CCMs for children affected by HIV/AIDS related funding.

Follow-up Action:

1. All IATT members should receive a copy of the The AIDSspan guide to Developing Global Fund Proposals to Benefit Orphans and other vulnerable children and circulate them as much as possible. David Garmaise will get copy of the participant list of the IATT
2. Civil society led effort to advocate and coordinate efforts for children affected by HIV/AIDS inclusion in GFATM proposals, including strengthen links between CCM and OVC steering committee and working toward integrated proposals between paediatric AIDS and family oriented care, and integrating with Malaria and TB

Working group participants:

Global AIDS alliance, Save UK, Futures. The Global AIDS Alliance will be the group facilitator.

**East Asia and Pacific Regional Consultation in Vietnam**

Presentation by Dr. An, Vietnam

[http://www.aidsportal.org/Article\\_Details.aspx?ID=2066](http://www.aidsportal.org/Article_Details.aspx?ID=2066)

The East Asia and Pacific regional meeting was held in March, 2006. Delegates from 18 countries attended. There was a two-day forum for under-18 years old children who are HIV-positive and other children affected by HIV/AIDS prior to the formal opening session. They shared their aspirations very effectively with meeting participants. A call to action was developed and shared at the conclusion of the consultation.

Children participated very meaningfully in the regional consultation. It provided an excellent model for child participation. This involved a concerted effort to work with the children.

There are now discussions with other countries to establish a regional network for Children and HIV/AIDS to coordinate the follow up to the Hanoi call to action and to address regional aspects including child trafficked across countries.

The following discussion showed wide agreement to develop or strengthen regional coordination mechanisms and networks around Children affected by HIV and AIDS. As much as possible these regional mechanisms should be part of existing structures like the AU and SADC in Africa and ASEAN in Asia.

Follow up action

Save the Children will share documentation on the process to involve children at the consultation.

UNICEF will conduct an assessment of regional plans, needs, and support needs for regional coordination mechanisms around children affected by HIV and AIDS and make suggestions to a working group on supporting regional for a consisting of

UNICEF (working group facilitator) DFID, HACI, PEPFAR, World Bank, SIDA, UNAIDS

### **Terms of reference IATT**

It was suggested that an IATT steering committee should be established. The steering committee would be responsible for organising IATT meetings, act to represent the IATT in contacts with other IATTs and partners and would enable closer follow up actions agreed by the IATT in between meetings. A steering committee would increase the involvement and ownership of more partners in the organisation of the IATT work and would improve its continuity.

#### Follow up action

1. UNESCO to share a draft of the TOR of the IATT on Education (Secretariat and Steering Committee) for consideration by UNICEF in the development of the TOR for the IATT on Children and HIV and AIDS.
2. UNICEF to draft a TOR for the IATT Steering committee and share it for review, and comments with and hopefully get endorsement from IATT members. The TOR will include among others Time frame, how the members of the steering committee are selected, specified roles and responsibilities and guidance on the relationship with other IATTs which will be more formalized and information consistently shared (both technical and regional IATTs)
3. GPF will be held every other year, with exploration of the feasibility and timing of holding regional forums

## **IV. Updates**

### **Satellite Session on children affected by HIV/AIDS at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto:**

UNICEF on behalf of the IATT will organize a Satellite Session on the state of the evidence on children affected by HIV and AIDS at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. The four sessions will include:

1. A state of the science overview on how children in Africa are affected by HIV/AIDS
2. What we know about children affected by HIV and AIDS in low prevalence countries
3. What we know about the impact of social welfare and related interventions on children affected by HIV/AIDS
4. From a research agenda towards evidence based programming

### **Leadership session on leadership and education at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto:**

The IATT on education will be holding a leadership session at the International AIDS conference in Toronto on leadership and education (Aug 14). They will launch a CD containing information on education and HIV/AIDS during the Toronto conference.

### **The IATT on Education is holding a number of sessions at the Toronto International AIDS Conference:**

These include: 1) A skills building session on Using Evidence to Influence and Strengthen HIV and AIDS Policies and Practices Aug 15, 2006 14:15-15:45 and

16:15-17:45 (SBR 4); 2) a leadership session on Leadership in Girls' Education: An Essential Component in HIV Prevention Aug 14, 2006 14:15-15:45; and 3) an oral presentation on Assessing Global Readiness of the Education Sector to Manage and Mitigate HIV and AIDS Impact in the session: Education and AIDS: challenges and possibilities Wednesday, 16 August 2006 10:45-12:15 in SR12.

### **Progress Report for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS**

UNICEF commissioned a review of all available data sets, DHS, MICS, etc to collect data on a selection of children affected by HIV/AIDS related indicators. The data was collected for each country and summarized by region. The purpose of this was to monitor progress on issues related to children and HIV/AIDS. For most of the indicators there was not enough country level data to provide input into a regional progress overview. Some of the data available were ten years old. Since some the data were unavailable, there is a need to advocate for more M&E and strengthen the systems, depending on the findings of the IATT M&E working group. The working group on M&E was tasked to provide recommendations on the use of the progress report including the need for regular updating.

### **Review of National Plans of Action follow-up**

An activity will begin in 2 of the RAAAP countries, with USG funding, to move beyond National strategic planning to see how much the plans have been disseminated and been acted upon at every level. They will look at the priorities in the plans to see if, for example, resources have been committed, have begun to flow, and to identify gaps and barriers. They will, for example, examine whether at the provincial level they know about the national plan and whether they have seen resources to implement it. They will identify the leverage points where they might be able to accelerate the implementation of the plan. This is expected to be completed by the beginning of September.

### **Child Protection Document**

The draft child protection document which is a companion document to the Global Framework was presented. The document was drafted by a reference group under the guidance of UNICEF. Members of the IATT were welcome to comment by May 26. If individual organizations would like to endorse the document then they have time to end of June.

### **PEPFAR Annual Implementers Meeting**

The PEPFAR annual implementers meeting will be held in Durban, June 12-15. Almost 40 abstracts related to children affected by HIV/AIDS were received, of which 8 were selected for oral presentation and 12 for poster presentation.

### **Additional information provided by participants:**

Futures Group is conducting a global children affected by HIV/AIDS coverage survey.

WHO has guidelines including on the care of exposed and HIV-positive children. They have field tested the guidelines; some countries are using them. These are materials that can adapted and utilized in countries.

Following the Global Partners Forum two year ago, a global technical group on Paediatric treatment was set up and has met twice. Sub-groups have also been

initiated. In January, child survival groups and pediatric AIDS stakeholders were brought together.

International HIV/AIDS Alliance is developing an addition “Building Block”, which will focus on HIV-positive children and the health of young children who are affected by HIV/AIDS. It will be printed by the end of the year.

UNESCO circulated a two page description of activities undertaken in the last 6 months related to education sector responses to HIV and AIDS. Some noteworthy activities include: the development of a Framework for Action for EDUCAIDS, the Global Initiative on Education and HIV&AIDS (a UNAIDS Initiative led by UNESCO); activities in the field of treatment education including a technical consultation on treatment education in November 2005 in partnership with WHO, a report summarising the outcomes of the consultation, and a forthcoming treatment education skills building session at the Toronto International AIDS Conference; a range of technical products including: A series of practical implementation support tools including briefs and overviews of practical resources for EDUCAIDS, produced in collaboration with UNAIDS and other partners, the first three booklets of its *Good Policy and Practice in HIV&AIDS and Education* series which include: an *Overview*, *HIV and AIDS and Safe, Secure and Supportive Learning Environments*; *HIV and AIDS and Educator Development, Conduct and Support, Expanding the Field of Inquiry: A cross-country Study of Higher Education Institutions’ Responses to HIV and AIDS*, FRESH (Focusing Resources on Education and School Health) CD-rom and website; and a forthcoming CDrom of publications on UNESCO’s response to HIV and AIDS.

**Joint Session of UNAIDS Inter Agency Task Teams (IATT) on Children Affected  
by AIDS and on Education  
Tuesday, 16 May 2006-05-16 London, UK  
14:00-17:30**

Introduction

This was the first joint session of the two IATTs

The objectives of the joint session of the IATT on Children and HIV/AIDS and IATT on Education were to:

1. Agree on next steps on advancing selected recommendations of the Global Partners Forum on Children Affected by HIV/AIDS (February 2006) relevant to education
2. Agree on ways to cooperate with regard to education for on children affected by HIV and AIDS, as this is our point of convergence
3. Define the relationships between the HIV/AIDS IATTs on Children and on Education, in order to align assistance based on comparative advantage and identify possible joint actions.

Objectives of meeting:

GPF recommendation related to education includes: "Accelerate the existing momentum towards education for all children through the Fast Track Initiative (FTI) and other financial mechanisms.

1. Eliminate school fees for all children
2. Support behind EFA to address quality education, promoting gender equality and enhancing school retention rates
3. Enable girls to complete second school education"

Presentation: Bold Initiative to abolish school fees

Presentation can be found at:

[http://www.aidsportal.org/Article\\_Details.aspx?ID=2067](http://www.aidsportal.org/Article_Details.aspx?ID=2067)

School fee abolition initiative (SFAI) is an initiative to provide support to countries that are willing to engage on path of school fee abolition. It includes international partners like UNICEF, WB Global AIDS alliance, USAID.UNESCO, WFP, bi-laterals, civil society and academia

SFAI was initiated because there is a need for bold policy measures to achieve the MDGs and school fee abolition is a way to achieve this. Country experiences have shown that this is not easy policy measure and there is a need to review social sector reforms and balance education and social sector reforms

Aims of initiative are to provide guidance to schools by harnessing knowledge and experience; harness evidence-based strategies, developing operational guidance tool, discussing common research agenda. Technical and financial support will be provided. SFAI will also enhance partnership and communication among all stakeholders

HIV and AIDS networks can support SFAI by conducting research and action research around HIV related barriers to access and retention. This will help planning targeted interventions in support and care to enhance effort that ensure that children affected by HIV/AIDS are benefiting from the initiative. HIV/AIDS networks can also

support by ensuring that HIV/AIDS financial resources are also provided directly to the education sector in support of the school fee abolition effort.

Presentation: Quality education, focusing on care and protection

The program, implemented in South Africa and recently moved into 4 other countries, is based on the principle that you cannot afford to ignore care and support issues if you want to provide quality education. The model is of schools as child friendly areas of support. The program aims at strengthening school communities. Need to take into consideration care and support of children to enable positive education. By strengthening school and communities, it lessens burden of teachers in support of children. Presently they are also piloting with education department conditional cash, care and support grants to the schools.

Through the program schools are used as hubs to access services (e.g., birth registration, home affairs, justice, social development). It has also led to improved school attendance including of OVCs through tracking school attendance as well as the health of the child. Teachers' attitudes are changed when they realize the vulnerable situations of their students.

Ownership and mainstreaming of care and support by the Minister of Education is critical. In KwaZulu Natal they had success because government has adopted the strategy of transforming school into centre of care and support.

Working groups reports

The two working groups were asked to identify 3 concrete actions that IATTs for Children affected by HIV/AIDS & Education can collaborate on

*Working Group on Quality education, care and support*

There is a need to build on what exists.

- Link with existing initiatives to make schools a health promoting place through
  - Implementing curricula that's responsive to children's learning needs e.g., life skills education
  - Bringing young people into the process e.g., participation thread in State of the World's Youth
  - Supporting teachers' 'agency' themselves in developing response. Teacher union leaders already engaged in prevention to care.
  - Encouraging child friendly schools
  - Consulting with young people's coalition / forum
- Explore barriers and de-bunk myths that may act as barriers
  - See IATT on Education's Education Sector HIV&AIDS Global Readiness Survey ([www.unesco.org/aids/iatt](http://www.unesco.org/aids/iatt))
  - See what existing initiatives are there, and where are examples of scale. We should be looking at scalable initiatives

Priorities:

- Share documents (and develop if needed) about what a package of school based care and support looks like. Develop a brief *if it doesn't exist already*. Look at schools as entry points – see WHO publication on school health. Generate a similar brief on care and support for children.
- Review findings of Global Readiness Survey and use for advocacy purposes. See if other Situation analyses are required

- Conduct lobbying and advocacy. What power do IATTs have with governments?
- Resource mobilization

Proposed actions:

1. Convene a meeting to share models, situation analysis and build commitment and support
2. Build commitment and support to schools as base for care and support through advocacy through UNGASS meeting. Where health is mentioned, opportunity to add education and other social services.
3. Explore whether this theme can be included in the FRESH follow-up to the EFA framework for action – Dakar [www.unesco.org/education/fresh](http://www.unesco.org/education/fresh)

#### *Working Group on School Fee Abolition*

Many interventions assist children to access education but no single intervention ensures all children will access education. Many of these even where there supposed to be universal access to education could include children affected by HIV and AIDS. Special measure are needed within or linked with universal education initiatives to ensure that also the most vulnerable children, including children affected by HIV/AIDS will benefit.

Proposed actions:

Establish a working group with members of the two IATTs to:

1. inform the existing school fee abolition initiative research agenda
2. contribute to policy and programme discussions on school fee abolition for example, during the EFA Working Group meeting (July 06)
3. identify good practice in countries that enables the “final few” to access education

Suggested members: UNICEF, UNESCO, WB, CSOs (PCD, ActionAid)

Mechanism: Members of the two IATTs should have a teleconference within three weeks of the meetings to discuss the way forward and the timeline

Mechanisms of collaboration between two IATTs for joint action: Points for discussion-education sector issues (user fees, quality ed, care and protection). Need to recognise that the education sector exists outside of these IATTs and actions are underway outside

#### Agreed follow up actions

There is a consensus on the need to build on what’s already there:

1. Research and situation analyses which lead to lessons learned and good practice
2. Packaging of information: Production of sourcebooks on these critical areas
3. Advocacy: dissemination as a means to an end through workshops, FRESH, EFA, UNGASS to take that forward

*Mechanisms have been enunciated, particularly in the group on school fee abolition:*

- Joint working group based around specific agencies, communication to occur virtually by teleconference.
- Could have representation at the meetings between the two IATTs

- Reporting back on issues on the agenda of other IATTs and opportunities for joint actions

It was proposed that a working group would be set up to further work out terms of reference. The IATT on education was going to discuss during their meeting on 18 May the proposal and make further suggestions to the IATT on children and HIV and AIDS.

Working group participants:

UNICEF (facilitating agency), UNESCO, WB, CSOs (PCD, ActionAid) and others to be identified based on draft TOR for working group and feedback from IATT on education.

Closing

Mary Joy Pigozzi of UNESCO, commended UNICEF on their leadership with the IATT on Children and HIV and AIDS and thanked them for suggesting holding a joint meeting. She hoped it would be one of many to come.

**INTER-AGENCY TASK TEAM ON CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS  
MEETING, MAY 15-16, LONDON  
- AGENDA**

**Monday May 15**

Morning chair: Clare Shakya

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome, meeting agenda and objectives

**Session I - Global Partners Forum 2006 outcome review**

This session will begin reviewing recommendations from the Global Partners Forum on Children and HIV and AIDS meeting, held in February 2006 in London. The expected outcome of the session is agreement on a limited number of concrete follow up actions for the coming 12 months and identification of organizations responsible for coordinating specific follow up actions.

9:30 – 10:00 Introduction: History and context of 2006 Partners Forum  
recommendations

Presenter: Clare Shakya

10:00 – 11:00 Civil registration  
Presenter: Joseph Decosas

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/tea break

11:30 – 12:30 Communities' role in the response  
Presenter: Kate Harrison

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

Afternoon chair: Stuart Kean

13:45 – 14:45 Monitoring and evaluation  
Presenter: Arjan de Wagt

**Session II - Updates and coordination**

This session will provide an opportunity to review key activities implemented and planned by the IATT to ensure that all members are informed of recent developments and to strengthen collaboration.

14:45 - 15:30 Organisation, establishment of Regional inter-agency fora - including outcomes of East Asia Forum on Children and HIV, March 2006 in Vietnam

Presenter: Nguyen Trong An, Deputy Director, Children Department, VNCPFC

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00 – 17:00 Other updates

17:00– 17:30 Review of outcomes and next day objectives - Linda Sussman

## **Tuesday May 16**

### **Session III - Global Partners Forum 2006 outcome review continued**

This session will continue reviewing recommendations from the Global Partners Forum on Children and HIV and AIDS. The expected outcome is agreement on a limited number of concrete follow up actions for the coming 12 months and identification of organizations responsible for coordinating specific follow up actions.

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| Morning chair: | Beverly Nyberg   |
| 8:30 – 9:30    | Social welfare<br>Presenter: Claire Mulanga  |
| 9:30 – 10:30   | National planning for children affected by HIV/AIDS and integration into development instruments<br>Presenter: Jane Begala |

### **Session IV – Looking forward and closing**

This session will include discussion and agreements on maximizing upcoming opportunities to increase resources and broaden ownership for children affected by HIV/AIDS priorities.

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| 10:30 – 11:00 | Mobilising for children and HIV/AIDS in Global Fund Round 6<br>TBC |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee/tea break   |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Co - organizing / hosting organization and date for next IATT      |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Other business   |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | Summary: - Linda Sussman<br>Closing                                |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch  |

**THE IATT ON CHILDREN AND HIV/AIDS MEETING WILL CLOSE AFTER LUNCH. IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 16, A JOINT MEETING OF THE IATTs ON CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS AND AIDS AND EDUCATION WILL BE HELD.**

**Joint Session of UNAIDS Inter Agency Task Teams (IATT) on  
Children Affected by AIDS & on Education**

**Tuesday, 16 May 2006**

**London, UK**

**14:00-17:30**

*Version 3: 11 May 2006*

**The two IATTs are meeting together for the first time with the following objectives:**

- To agree on next steps on advancing selected recommendations of the Global Partners Forum on Children Affected by HIV and AIDS (February 2006) relevant to education.
- To agree on ways to cooperate with regard to education for children affected by HIV and AIDS, as this is our point of convergence.
- To define the relationships between the HIV/AIDS IATTs on Children and on Education, in order to align assistance based on comparative advantage and identify possible joint actions

| <i>PROPOSED AGENDA</i>                 |  |   |
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| <b>CHAIRPERSON</b><br>Mary Joy Pigozzi | <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>PRESENTER</b>                                    |
| <b>TIME</b>                            | <b>Introducing the session</b>   |   |
| <b>14:00-14:05</b>                     | Welcoming Remarks<br>Review of objectives and agenda   | Peter McDermott<br>IATT on Children and AIDS        |
| <i>14:05-14:10</i>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background &amp; rationale for collaboration between the IATTs</li> <li>• Overview of Global Partners Forum recommendations</li> </ul>                | Chris Castle<br>IATT on Education,                  |
|  | <b>Advancing selected Global Partners Forum recommendations: presentation and discussion</b>   |   |
| 14:10- 14:20                           | School fee abolition   | Dina Craissati<br>UNICEF                            |
| <i>14:20-14:40</i>                     | Plenary Discussion   |   |
| <i>14:40-14:50</i>                     | Quality education, focusing on care and protection   | Lynn van der Est<br>Media in Education Trust (MiET) |
| 14:50-15:10                            | Plenary Discussion   |   |
| 15:10 -16:10                           | <b>Group work:</b> What the two IATTs can collaborate on towards achieving the objectives related to <i>School fee abolition</i> and <i>Quality education, focusing on care and protection</i> | <b>Four</b> facilitators from the two IATTs         |
| <b>CHAIRPERSON</b><br>Amaya Gillespie  |  |   |
|  | <b>The way forward for Relationship Clarification and Joint Action</b>   |   |
| 16:10-16:50                            | Presentation of group work and discussion  |   |
| 16:50-17:25                            | Presentation & Discussion: Defining the relationship & identifying the mechanisms of collaboration between the two IATTs for joint action  | Don Bundy<br>IATT on Education                      |
| 17:25-17:30                            | <b>Closure of session</b>  |   |
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**IATT on Children and HIV/AIDS Meeting & Joint Meeting between IATT on Children and Education**

**London, 15th & 16th May 2006**

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