

JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Support to NEPAD

Period of Report: 2004 - 2005

Advocacy

- The Executive Director and senior staff of UNAIDS have continued to be strong advocates of NEPAD within the UN system at both regional and country levels. This has included numerous speeches, policy inputs and attendance at high level meetings in which UNAIDS has presented on the issue.
- The Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance (CHGA) addresses some issues on HIV/AIDS that complement and supplement areas covered by NEPAD. There are, however, weak linkages between thematic areas of the two institutions. UNAIDS is, therefore, supporting fostering linkages and defining areas that add value to the functions of the two institutions.
- UNAIDS is supporting the development of an AIDS strategy by the African Union and integrating AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) within the African Union. UNAIDS is advocating for close strategic ties between NEPAD, African Union and AWA as it relates to HIV/AIDS.
- UNAIDS is supporting NEPAD to identify Best Practices for use as strategic information for policy.
 - The development of the '3 by 5' treatment advocacy policy;
 - Use of reports of APRM as Best Practices of NEPAD and UN;
 - Monitoring of implementation of Abuja Declaration; Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa (CHGA), and UNGASS.

Technical and financial support

- UNAIDS has strengthened its office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, by appointing a senior level staff member and recruiting staff responsible for on-going follow-up on NEPAD and other regional bodies. In addition, UNAIDS has focal points on NEPAD at headquarter and regional levels.
- UNAIDS will support monitoring the performance of countries on HIV/AIDS through the NEPAD African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). HIV/AIDS will form part of the APRM within the objectives, standards, criteria and indicators that are agreed upon. Through NEPAD, the UN will engage the APRM Secretariat, currently located within the NEPAD Secretariat, in political and programmatic discussion on the process and actions to be taken to effect the recommendation.
- Considering that HIV/AIDS was not adequately addressed in the original NEPAD strategy, UNAIDS is supporting NEPAD in the mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS into all of its sectors. A consultation is currently underway to develop a strategy that will enable

each sector to integrate HIV/AIDS in its core activities and make HIV/AIDS an overarching issue in NEPAD.

Collaboration with other UN agencies

In view of the WHO ‘3 by 5’ strategy, UNAIDS is providing policy support to NEPAD to develop the capacity of countries for effective implementation of ‘3 by 5’ treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS. The NEPAD HR cluster will initiate the contacts with the appropriate sectors and facilitate the discussion on the process within the NEPAD Secretariat.