

Ethiopia

ACCELERATING THE EDUCATION SECTOR RESPONSE TO THE IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS

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THE HIV/AIDS PREVALENCE STATUS IN 2003

- The National Adult HIV prevalence was 4.4%, 12.6% in the urban areas and 2.6% in the rural areas.
- The HIV/AIDS Prevalence among women was 5% and 3.8% among men.

PROPORTION OF ORPHANS, TEACHERS' DEATH AND PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- A total of 4.6 million children under 17 are estimated to be orphans, of which 537,000 were due to AIDS.
- Complete data on deaths among teachers and staff are not available.
- In 2003-04 the Gross Enrolment Rate (GER) for primary school (1-8) was 68.4%, 59.1% for girls and 77.4% for boys.
- In 2003-04 the GER in secondary school (9-10) was 22.1%, 15.9% for girls and 28.2% for boys.
- Data for the proportion of children not in school by gender is not available.

HIV/AIDS COORDINATION, POLICY, STRATEGY AND PLANNING

- HIV/AIDS Coordination is situated institutionally in the General Education Sector.
- The Country has no HIV/AIDS Education Sector Policy.
- However, in the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan the Education Sector strategy is incorporated. The sector has a work plan which covers the general, Technical, Vocational and Higher Education.
- The sector is in the process of preparing HIV/AIDS work place policy for teachers and other education staff.
- The Intra-ministerial committee for HIV/AIDS includes the Vice Minister of Education, Heads of Planning, Women Affairs, Teacher Education, and Curriculum Department and HIV/AIDS Focal Person.
- The HIV/AIDS task force has a total of 13 staff members, but none of them are working full time.
- There is a Joint Government-Donor Task Force for coordinating activities related to Education and HIV/AIDS with members from Ministry of Education, World Bank, USAID, GTZ, DFID, UNESCO, UNICEF

HIV/AIDS BUDGET

- No specific budget line for HIV/AIDS in 2002-2004. As of 2005, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy calls for 2% of the total Education budget to be allocated for HIV/AIDS prevention and control program.
- Source of funds for activities for Education Sector response to HIV/AIDS includes World Bank, USAID, DFID and Ethiopian Government

CURRICULUM INTEGRATION, EMIS AND OTHER ISSUES

- Primary as well as General Secondary Education is tuition free.
- There is HIV/AIDS integrated curriculum guide for primary, secondary and pre-service teachers training
- School health program – Anti AIDS, Anti Drug
- No HIV/AIDS – response EMIS
- HIV/AIDS related indicators are not captured and monitored in the EMIS

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND CHALLENGES

- Anti AIDS clubs established to raise students awareness about the virus
- The challenges faced by MoE in responding to HIV/AIDS include:
 - Most critical: lack of or inadequate commitment,
 - Second most critical: lack of Planning and management capacity,
 - Third most critical: lack of coordination.