

Zambia

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

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MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION OF IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS ON EDUCATION SECTOR IN ZAMBIA

THE MISSION STATEMENT

- To enable and provide an education system that will meet the needs of Zambia and its People

Our vision

- To provide education for all which is accessible, inclusive and relevant to individual, national and global needs and value systems

Understanding

- Education empowers individual to influence those around them
- Education enables citizens to function in the world full of challenges
- Education provides life skills

HIV/AIDS UNIT SERVICES

Existing

- Mobilisation and Sensitization Programmes
- VCT and ART Programmes
- Free Education for grades 1-7
- Training of Peer Educators
- Materials Development Programme

OTHER SUPPORT

- Provide Reproductive Health products (condoms)
- Provide HIV/AIDS related Technical support to the MOE management structures
- Provide guidance on policy and guidelines formulation on HIV/AIDS
- Facilitating collaboration between MoE and service providers.

SKILLS BUILDING THROUGH:

- Training of peer educators, mentors and psychosocial counselors
- ◆ Training of PLWHA support groups
- ◆ Training of trainers and facilitators

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

- Mobilization and sensitization
- Counseling

- Support group formation and backstopping

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IMPACT

- HIV/AIDS education has been integrated in the education system
- The management and coordination of HIV/AIDS activities have been aligned to the education administrative structure
- Provision of HIV and AIDS materials in schools

PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

MOE Structure for the Management of HIV/AIDS

Permanent Secretary

College Committee

DEBS

Senior Management Director Human Resources and Administration/NFPP Provincial Education Officers' Top Management

Committee Senior Management

Replication of Directorates HIV/AIDS unit- MOE HQHIV/AIDS Committee/unit Directors Committee HIV/AIDS Committee/unit School level

STRUCTURE OF THE HIV/AIDS UNIT AT MOE HEADQUARTERS

National Coordinator from HRA - Assistant, Director, Human Resources and Administration; Co-ordination and Programme Management Mobilization for VCT and ART which will be supported by Policy and Planning Skills Monitoring and Evaluation of all activities- which should embrace special skills for report writing; data analysis: Standards expected of a key player in school based monitoring of HIV/AIDS activities.

Worker and Pupil focused Peer Education and Mentoring- supported by seconded staff ART Co-ordination: An important area where currently there is a gap Development Information Education and Communication for both School based and work place -supported by Seconded staff

HIV/AIDS STRUCTURE (PROVINCIAL LEVEL)

Provincial Education Officer/PFPP

Principal Education Standards Officer/ Chairs the HIV/AIDS Committee

Human Resources Officer/Coordinator Senior Education Officer (G)- Technical Adviser

HIV/AIDS STRUCTURE (DISTRICT LEVEL)

District Education Board Secretary/DFPP

District Education Standards Officer/ Chairs the HIV/AIDS Committee

PROGRAMMES IN PROCESS

- Extending teaching of HIV and AIDS to higher institutions of learners
- Extending free education from Grade 9-12
- Provision of information on VCT and ART should be provided at school level.

EFFECTIVENESS OF INITIATIVES

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CARE AND SUPPORT

- Formation of Support groups (3 in place).
- Increased number of MOE employees undertaking VCT and being on ART treatment.
- Increase in Accessing Food supplements for PLWHA.
- Capacity building for PLWHA in stigma reduction and nutrition.
- Increased number of orphans being supported by MOE; FAWEZA.

LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

- Increasing awareness on the need for non- stigmatization for PLWHA.
- Increasing Psychological support for PLWHA
- Increased exchange of information among support groups and the NZP+.
- Recognition for PLWHA to participate in a diversity of activities.

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