

# UNAIDS

## Inter-Agency Task Team on HIV and Young People

2009 Annual Meeting  
15 – 17 April 2009,  
WHO Headquarters

Final Report



The Alliance of Youth CEOs



## 1. Overview Session

Dr. Mary Otieno gave an overview presentation that explained the history of the IATT and its evolution into its current state (for the sake of new members), sharing the joint IATT products and programming tools including the IATT's joint work in 2008. Participants were briefed on the Unified Budget Work plan (UBW) as a system that unifies the cosponsor work in the response to AIDS, and shared with participants the UBW 2010-2011 objectives highlighting the eight (8) key priority areas in achieving Universal Access as outlined by the Executive Director of UNAIDS in the UBW framework. She also outlined the expected outcomes of the IATT meeting, emphasizing collaboration between global, regional and country teams and how the Task Team's collective work could help accelerate the response.

## 2. Working Group Updates

All the five IATT working Group facilitators (Strategic Information, Programmatic and Technical, Most-at-risk young people, Advocacy and Resource Mobilization), shared their work with the larger group highlighting the progress they had made since the Working groups were established in May 2008 at the first expanded IATT meeting. All groups had clear terms of reference and work plans for 2008-2009. Below is a summary of each of the working group's report and the key actions that were recommended. Working groups also made revisions to their work plans which can be seen on the website (*Please see website: <http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/iatt> for detailed presentations*)

### A. Strategic Information Working Group

#### *Summary*

- The HLSP report which aims to review and analyze secondary data on international and national goals and targets for the IATT/YP will be completed after the Macro International/UNICEF's report is reviewed and finalized.
- Collecting data that accurately captures the status of youth in the epidemic is crucial. PMCTC Report cards for example, could be useful resources for the IATT's data collection tools in development. It would be prudent to make questionnaires that are simple and short, and will not be programme review tools, but will aim to identify gaps.

#### *Action*

- UNICEF to circulate the Macro/DHS report for review and HLSP report to be finalized, taking MARCO findings and previous comments on HLSP report into account.
- Macro/DHS to coordinate the production of a two-page document presenting trend data on the situation of young people – which can be used for information and advocacy purposes

### B. Programmatic and Technical Working Group

#### *Summary*

- Guidance Briefs printed (English) and distributed to all members (launched at ICASA-2008)
- Guidance Briefs have been translated in both in Spanish and French, but require review by respective speakers to clear the technical content before proceeding with publication. UNFPA has funds for printing these two publications, but will need funds for printing the remaining three UN languages (Arabic, Russian and Mandarin)
- UNFPA has created a website for the IATT which will soon be finalized and launched
- Draft Technical Guidance Note for Global Fund applications (to be completed by end of April)
- Documentation of good practices on coordination at country level (contract to be signed in April between UNAIDS and BBC).

#### *Action*

- UNICEF volunteered to review the French Briefs, while YWCA has agreed to review the Spanish Briefs
- Facilitators of the different working groups were asked to communicate better and share developments with other members via conference calls, e-workspaces and email updates.

### C. Most-at-risk Young People Working Group

#### *Summary*

- The Working Group contributed to the finalization of the Guidance Brief on most-at-risk adolescents in IATT package, FHI Analytical Paper on adolescents Most-at-risk (outline agreed and initial chapter on young IDUs circulated for review and comment), and the collaboration with FHI/USAID on June meeting of the Interagency youth working group (IYWG).

#### *Action*

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- UNFPA to Invite YouthRise to join the global IATT, and informed members of the acceptance of the Commonwealth Youth Programme to the Task Team.
- MARYP WG to document three case studies on Most-at-risk young people at least in draft form in 2009 and have them ready by the time the International AIDS conference (IAC) in Vienna takes place in 2010.
- Finalization of a compendium of policy and programme support tools and guidance, to complement the IATT/YP's policy/programme brief on most-at-risk young people, to help countries better understand not only the "what?" but also the "how?" of policies and programmes.
- MARYP WG to pursue opportunity to undertake a joint programme review mission to a country with a concentrated epidemic, in collaboration with regional UN team in Asia Pacific.

**D. Advocacy Working Group**

*Summary*

- Global Guidance Briefs launched at International AIDS Conference at ICASA 2008
- Briefs distributed to members accompanied by a letter reaffirming our commitment to youth participation and capacity building
- In collaboration with the Programmatic and technical working group, finalizing slides for members to use when presenting the briefs. In addition, developing a dissemination strategy to be used for all IATT publications, starting with the Global Guidance Briefs.

*Action*

- Advocacy WG to create a 4 pager on why MDG 6 should be met and another 2 page advocacy document which focuses on Michel Sidibe's letter with a young people's angle to each of the eight priority areas in achieving Universal Access, with detailed activities towards a specific outcome.
- Team should create targeted advocacy documents for development partners (PEPFAR, Global Fund) and 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

**E. Resource Mobilization**

*Summary*

- Terms of reference and a work plan for 2009 developed
- Initial facilitator of the Resource Mobilization WG withdrew, forcing UNFPA to facilitate the WG. There are only two members who are also the facilitators of the Programmatic and technical working group and the Advocacy working group, hence not much progress in terms of deliverables.

*Action*

- Members recommended that the working group merge with the Advocacy working group

A common challenge that all the groups reported was the lack of commitment and active participation of some of the members in the work of the working groups.

**3. IATT/YP Member Updates**

Representatives of each organization represented at the meeting briefly updated the group on key activities meetings and conferences for 2008 - 2009. Here are some highlights.

- Family Health International (FHI):** Mr. Bill Finger said that FHI has commissioned a paper on Most-at-risk adolescents with a focus on those injecting drugs and would like to work/collaborate with the IATT/YP on the publication of this paper. He also said that FHI, through the USAID-supported Interagency Youth Working Group (IYWG), is coordinating a meeting on Adolescents Most at Risk for HIV/AIDS, scheduled for 25 June 2009 in Washington D.C.
- UNICEF:** Ms. Diane Widdus told the group that UNICEF's "Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS campaign", will be focusing on preventing HIV among adolescents and young people in 2009 and they would like to collaborate with the IATT on this campaign. UNICEF has a project in CEE/CIS region focused on collecting information on the 3 MARA groups (Sex Workers, IDUs, MSM), and lessons learned will be available by July. UNICEF is looking to host a meeting in collaboration with IATT in Geneva by the first week of September 2009 to disseminate the findings.

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- C. **UNFPA:** Dr. Mary Otieno told the group that the Adolescent and Youth Cluster (AYC) and the HIV and AIDS Branch (HAB) of UNFPA, have planned 2 regional workshops for staff (locations TBD), which will use the Framework for Action on Adolescents and Youth, and the global guidance briefs to orient staff. The Gender Culture and Human Rights Branch (GCHRB) in collaboration with WHO and Promundo are developing a toolkit on engaging men and boys. In addition, the HIV Branch and GCHRB are documenting case studies on Engaging men and boys in HIV prevention. A meeting is planned in Dakar for September 2009 to orientate staff using these two products. UNFPA is also developing a strategy for uniformed services. A guidance note on HIV and sex work in humanitarian settings is also being developed in collaboration with UNHCR. Finally, the HIV Branch in collaboration with Melbourne University has developed an In-reach Training module on HIV and Sex work for UN staff.
- D. **UNESCO:** Mr. Dhianaraj Chetty told the group that UNESCO's main area of work is on international guidance for sex relationships and HIV education in formal education settings. They are focused on costing, scaling-up, documenting good practices and on "why and what" not "how". Anyone interested in a draft report may contact him for a copy.
- E. **UNAIDS (Secretariat):** Ms. Terhi Aaltonen briefed the group on some joint activities with other agencies that are either directly related to young people including the BBC good practices report, or done e.g. as part of more general prevention agenda and relevant to young people like the UNAIDS HIV Prevention Toolkit, or development of HIV Prevention Taxonomy. There are discussions on figuring out how the different IATTs can have better information sharing and coordination. UNAIDS will organize a partnerships officers' training that includes components on young people, and be involved on a number of global or regional meetings and conferences that will have relevance for young people's agenda.
- F. **ILO:** Ms. Marika Maillot briefed the group on ILO's ongoing global field consultations on the protection of young workers.
- G. **WHO:** Dr. Bruce Dick briefed the group on the training manuals WHO is developing for health sector professionals and service providers including manuals on MARA, YPLWHIV and male circumcision.
- H. **MACRO INTERNATIONAL:** Dr. Kiersten Johnson mentioned that USAID has commissioned Macro International to write a report on trends in young people's indicators (focused on population rather than HIV-specific indicators) and suggested that the IATT could consider which population indicators they would like see included in the report. In addition, DHS questionnaires are currently under revision and the IATT should seize this opportunity to include a few questions on young people if any gaps have been identified.
- I. **USAID:** Ms. Deborah Kaliel briefed the group on PEPFAR which has been re-authorized at USD 48 Billion over the next 5 years. Some of the agencies initiatives are on hold until the new political appointees have been confirmed. The Gender Technical WG is currently working on guidance for working with girls. She also informed the group about USAID's 5 year strategic plan on HIV prevention currently under development, in which the IATT/YP could contribute in order to keep the issues of young people on the agenda, especially given the new administration's favourable policies and the opportunities that these present
4. **Regional Updates** (Please see website: <http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/iatt> for detailed presentations)
- A. **Eastern Europe and Central Asia:** Ms. Nina Ferencic (UNICEF) explained to the group that there is weak leadership on AIDS, weak civil society, and a crippling dependence on GFATM funds in the region. There is limited UN capacity & presence, and told the group that getting international recognition for the region is always a big challenge. She also mentioned that global materials and publications, including those produced by the IATT/YP, need to mention the region to increase its visibility.
- B. **Eastern and Southern Africa:** Mr. Mark Bryan Schreiner (UNFPA) discussed the key drives of the epidemic in ESA as multiple and concurrent partnerships with low consistent, correct condom use and low levels of male circumcision. Session explored how the epidemic in ESA is sustained by cycle of vulnerabilities affecting young people, and especially young women and girls. Prevention efforts to reach young women and girls have focused largely on general programme interventions, failing to address the unique vulnerabilities of young women and girls. Recommended programme actions include: mobilization of communities for HIV

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prevention; expanding access to SRH and prevention services; addressing structural drivers of vulnerability; and strengthening country capacity for epidemiological and behavioral surveillance to generate strategic information for policy and programming. Mark also briefed the IATT on type of support being provided by the UN Regional inter-agency HIV Prevention Team to countries, through Joint UN Teams of AIDS, including way forward for using the Guidance Briefs in sub-region and proposed opportunities for strengthened collaboration between global IATT and regional-level.

He stressed the need to place HIV and Young People's issues in overall development context, package our work within UN Reforms to integrate and strengthen existing inter-agency mechanisms to "Deliver as one".

- C. **Western and Central Africa:** Ms. Fatima Maiga (UNFPA) informed the team that 10 out of the 25 countries in the region are either in conflict or post conflict situations hence, requiring a differentiated response. 13 countries are implementing nationally agreed roadmaps for scale-up over five years to achieve universal access by 2010, however, coverage of services still very low e.g.- less than 6% of adults had access to VCT services in 2006 ( report from 18 countries). She spoke of the Joint UN team's ongoing activities to build the capacity of regional youth organizations and networks, including providing them with skills and opportunities to assist countries and stakeholders at country level.

**5. Presentations by the Youth Networks/Organizations** (Please see website: <http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/iatt> for detailed presentations)

- A. **Alliance of Youth CEOs, (represented by YWCA):** Ms. Andrea Núñez Argote informed the group about the background, objectives and reach of the Alliance (International Award Association, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), World Alliance of YMCAs (YMCA), World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), World Organisation of the Scout Movement (Scouts), World YWCA), highlighting each of its members key initiatives on youth and HIV.
- B. **African Youth and Adolescent Network on Population and Development (AfriYAN):** Ms. Aidah Nakanjako briefed the group on AfriYAN's growth and partnerships in the region, and highlighted the network's key role in some of the recent youth successes in the region (e.g. African Youth Charter ratification)
- C. **Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA):** Ms. Rachel Jacobson informed participants about GYCA's structure, priority areas, activities and successes including its increased presence and building the capacities of youth through e-courses.
- D. **World AIDS Campaign (WAC):** Mr. Jostein van Vliet briefed participants on the history and objectives of WAC, and its new Youth Programme, which aims to increase youth involvement in campaigning for accountability on universal access within and across international constituency-based networks'.

*Recommendations to the IATT/YP:*

- The IATT/YP should continue to support increased youth involvement and participation in the planning, programming and implementation of HIV programmes at all levels
- A suggestion involved improving the pooling of resources (financial, technical and human) for more comprehensive, efficient and sustainable support to youth focused HIV and AIDS work.
- The IATT/YP should embrace new communication technologies to improve its reach to young people

**6. Group Work and Planning for 2009-2011.**

Meeting participants broke off into small groups which focused on the respective activity areas in order to complete the 2009 work plans, and to finalize the 2010 – 2011 work plans of all four working groups. (Detailed work plans will be available at <http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/iatt> by **19 May 2009**.)

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**7. Key Priorities/Deliverables for 2009:**

- Complete the report on the “Review and analysis of the secondary data on international and national goals and targets on HIV and young people” by HLSP incorporating inputs from the Macro/UNICEF and the DHS/USAID youth reports.
- Produce 2- 4 page update/document presenting trend data on the situation of young people to be led by Macro (DHS)
- Develop a monitoring tool to assess utilization and usefulness of the Global Guidance Briefs and communication to countries in support of their dissemination at regional and country levels, informing of the IATT and available technical support.
- Document three case studies on Most-at –risk young people at least in draft form in 2009 and have them ready by the time the International AIDS conference (IAC) in Vienna takes place in 2010
- Undertake a joint programme review technical/advocacy mission, in collaboration with regional UN team, to a country with a concentrated HIV epidemic, to strengthen programming with most at risk young people.
- Complete the Technical Guidance Note to support country applications to the Global Fund
- Collaborate with FHI to complete the Analytical Paper on adolescents most at risk as well as in the organization of the FHI/USAID June 25 meeting of the Interagency youth working group (IYWG)
- Develop a dissemination strategy to be used for all IATT publications, starting with the Global Guidance Briefs.
- Publish French and Spanish versions of the Global Guidance Briefs and disseminate
- Finalize and launch the IATT website and e- work space
- Complete the documentation of good practices on coordination at country level as directed by the Deputy Executive Directors in May 2007.
- Complete the PPT presentation for disseminating Guidance Briefs.
- Invite YouthRise, the Commonwealth of Youth Programme and Young Positives to join the global IATT

**8. Conclusions:**

1. Working group facilitators to submit work plans and budgets indicating each agency’s contributions and gaps for 2009 and 2010 – 2011 by **15 May 2009**.
2. Facilitators of the other working groups to forward advocacy related activities to the interim advocacy working group facilitator (Mary Otieno) by **30 April 2009**.
3. Steering Committee will have monthly short conference calls (date TBD) and 1 annual face to face meeting.
4. **Issues for further discussion for Working Groups:** Youth Participation, Youth Organization financial/technical support. The need to document youth participation, (including youth networks and youth led organisations) and the tangible impact (or lack thereof) that it has on young people’s lives other than those participating. Use of the IATT on HIV and Young People as mechanism for coordinated technical and financial support to youth organizations and networks. –These discussions will be facilitated by the Advocacy Working Group and completed by **7 May 2009**.
5. Next Annual IATT/YP Meeting planned for **24-26 February 2010. Location TBD**.

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II. Agenda

DAY 1: Wednesday, 15 April 2009.

Time	Sessions	Moderator(s)
9:50 – 10:00 AM	Welcome and introduction of participants	UNFPA
<b>THEME 1: REVIEW OF THE GLOBAL IATT 2008 ACTIVITIES: REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUP FACILITATORS</b>		
Time	Sessions	Moderator(s)
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Overview of the IATT and a brief review of 2008	UNHCR
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Strategic Working Group	UNHCR
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Programmatic and Technical Working Group	UNHCR
11:30 – 11:40 AM	Tea Break	
11:40 – 12:10 AM	Most-at-Risk Young People Working Group	UNHCR
12:10 – 12:40 PM	Advocacy Working Group	UNHCR
12:40 – 1:10 PM	Resource Mobilization Working Group	UNHCR
1:10 – 1:55 PM	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:40 PM	Updates Including Key Upcoming Global Meetings and Conferences by IATT Members (10 mins each)	
	1. FHI (Moderator) 2. UNHCR 3. UNICEF 4. UNFPA 5. UNESCO	6. UNAIDS 7. ILO 8. WHO 9. MACRO INTERNATIONAL 10. USAID
<b>THEME 2: REGIONAL UPDATES</b>		
Time	Sessions	Moderator(s)
4:00 – 4:30 PM	East and Southern Africa	UNICEF
4:30 – 5:00 PM	West Africa	UNICEF
5:00 – 5:30 PM	CIS	UNICEF
5:30 – 5:40 PM	Tea Break	
5:40 – 5:55 PM	Q & A/ Discussion	UNICEF
5:55 – 6:00 PM	Closing of the Day's Sessions	UNFPA
6:00 – Whenever!	Reception	WHO

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DAY 2: Thursday, 16 April 2009.

<b>THEME 3: <u>YOUTH PARTICIPATION</u></b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Moderator(s)</b>
9:30 – 9:50 AM	Alliance of Youth CEOs (represented by YWCA)	YWCA
9:50 – 10:10 AM	Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA)	YWCA
10:10 – 10:30 AM	AfriYAN	YWCA
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Tea Break	
10:45 – 11:05 AM	World AIDS Campaign	YWCA
11:05 – 11:45 AM	Q&A / Discussion	YWCA
11: 45 – 1:00 PM	Discussions to Define and Confirm IAT'T Deliverables for 2009	WHO
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch	
<b>THEME 4: <u>DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2010-2011</u></b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Moderator(s)</b>
2:05 – 3:30 PM	Identification and Agreement on Priorities and Funding Requirements for Joint Activities for the Year 2010-2011	WHO
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Tea Break	
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Identification and Agreement on Priorities and Funding Requirements for Joint Activities for the Year 2010-2011 (Continued).	WHO
4:30 – 4:45 PM	Planning for Next IAT'T meeting	UNFPA
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Wrap-Up and Close for the Day	UNFPA

DAY 3: Friday, 17 April 2009.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Moderator(s)</b>
10:00 – 1:00 PM	Working Group Meetings	UNFPA