

The 2005-2010 World AIDS Campaign (WAC) - Partnerships

The 2005-2010 World AIDS Campaign's goal is to ensure that governments and all other groups which can make a difference in responding to the AIDS epidemic *do* keep their promises. Over the years, in all efforts to respond to the AIDS epidemic, experience has shown that all stakeholders—governments, donors, civil society, the private sector, the UN, and NGOs—working in partnership can forge powerful and effective responses.

WAC will build on the partnership principle by striving to support a set of vibrant national, regional and global level partnerships focused on enhancing local responses to the epidemic. WAC's partnerships include alliances with several organizations working on strengthening AIDS advocacy at the country and global levels. Its global partners include:

THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB AND MALARIA

The Global Fund is an innovative funding mechanism created to finance a dramatic turnaround in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. The Global Fund finances the work of new and existing programmes that are identified by countries themselves. In this way, it helps to contribute to poverty reduction as part of the Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2000. www.theglobalfund.org

THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

UNAIDS' purpose is to lead and assist in expanding the international response to HIV and AIDS on all fronts. It brings together 10 UN agencies in a common effort to fight the epidemic, including UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank. As a cosponsored programme, UNAIDS unites the AIDS responses of its 10 cosponsoring organizations and supplements these efforts with special initiatives. www.unaids.org

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF AIDS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (ICASO)

ICASO works to strengthen the community-based response to HIV and AIDS by connecting and representing NGOs throughout the world. ICASO operates from Regional Secretariats based on five continents, guided by its secretariat in Toronto, Canada. www.icaso.org

THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS (GNP+)

GNP+ is a global network for and by people with HIV and AIDS. Its mission is to work to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV or AIDS. Through its "Global Advocacy Agenda" GNP+ works with six affiliated regional networks of people living with HIV and AIDS. The Agenda focuses on promoting global access to HIV care and treatment, ending stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS, and promoting the greater and more meaningful involvement of PLWHA in the decisions that affect their lives and the lives of their communities. www.gnpplus.net

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (ICW)

ICW supports HIV-positive women worldwide in advocating for their rights and by providing forums to share information and support. www.icw.org

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU)

ICFTU has a membership of 145 million, more than 40% of whom are women. It works through 233 affiliated organizations in 154 countries and territories to organise and direct campaigns on issues such as respect and defence of trade union and workers' rights, the eradication of forced and child labour, and the promotion of equal rights for working women. The ICFTU believes that trade unions are uniquely placed to

fight AIDS since the workplace can be a major “entry point” for HIV and AIDS information, HIV prevention and AIDS-related rights campaigns. www.icftu.org

UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCLG)

UCLG, the largest local government organization in the world, is a partner of the World AIDS Campaign and UNAIDS. Its city and association membership represents over half the world’s population, with members in over 120 UN Member States across seven world regions. Many of its city members are closely involved in AIDS initiatives, and in 2005 they will unite in a coordinated campaign to launch the Local Governments Committing to STOP AIDS initiative with the slogan “STOP AIDS. Make the promise”. www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg

DANCE4LIFE

Dance4Life is the youth brand of the World AIDS Campaign. It is an international collaborative project that provides an opportunity and platform for young people to become more actively involved in the struggle against HIV and AIDS. The project involves many activities and events culminating in a multimedia event on the Saturday preceding World AIDS Day. Its first event was in November 2004 when 22,000 young people in the Netherlands, South Africa and Indonesia used dance and music to make a strong statement to the world about halting the spread of the AIDS epidemic. In 2006, Denmark, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Russia, Tanzania and the United Kingdom will join the original countries, ensuring the campaign will become truly global. www.dance4life.nl/index.php?lang_id=2

HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS (HDN)

HDN’s mission is to mobilise a more effective response to HIV and AIDS and other health-and-development-related issues by improving information, communication and the quality of debate. www.hdnet.org

THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN (GMC)

GMC is the worldwide movement of 10 children’s rights organizations and networks currently working together on several common initiatives to build a world fit for children. One of its key goals is to foster significant action by communities, organizations and governments in order to close the gap between what has been done to date and what still needs to be done to protect children affected by HIV and AIDS. www.gmfc.org

PUBLIC HEALTH WATCH

Public Health Watch is a new project of the Open Society Institute (OSI) and supports civil society monitoring of government policies on HIV, AIDS and tuberculosis. Its activities aim to encourage greater public engagement in developing, implementing and evaluating general health policies. www.publichealthwatch.info