

UNAIDS 10-year anniversary

Over the past ten years, UNAIDS has spearheaded many innovative initiatives that have accelerated the AIDS response worldwide.

Key milestones

- UNAIDS is **the reference on the state of the epidemic, the AIDS response and best practice**.
- Over the last 10 years UNAIDS has worked to **put AIDS on the political agenda** globally and in numerous countries.
- By working with pharmaceutical companies UNAIDS has been able to **negotiate reduced prices of HIV drugs in developing countries** – the 1997 HIV Drug Access Initiative in Abidjan and Kampala was the first public programme to offer antiretroviral treatment in Africa and was expanded worldwide in 2000 with the Accelerating Access Initiative.
- UNAIDS has **promoted the full involvement of civil society**, in particular people living with HIV, in the response to AIDS.
- UNAIDS has played a key role in **engaging the private sector in the AIDS response** – in 1997 UNAIDS initiated the creation of the Global Business Council on HIV/AIDS.
- UNAIDS has ensured that **prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission is a global public health priority**.
- In 1999, UNAIDS launched the **International Partnership against AIDS in Africa** – which for the first time brought together African governments, the United Nations, donors, community organizations and the private sector to intensify efforts in the fight against AIDS.
- UNAIDS helped position **AIDS as a security issue** at a historic UN Security Council Session in 2000 – where a resolution on HIV among uniformed services and UN peacekeeping operations was adopted.
- In 2000, UNAIDS' Cosponsor the World Bank launched a **Multi-Country HIV/AIDS Program (MAP) for Africa**, committing US\$ 1.2 billion to 29 countries to fight AIDS. A similar Multi-Country HIV/AIDS Program was later created for the **Caribbean**.
- UNAIDS advocates for the **interpretation of the TRIPS agreement** that supports public health – 2001 Doha Declaration on TRIPS.
- UNAIDS played a key role in organizing the **first-ever UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS** – the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (the blueprint for action on AIDS) was adopted by all UN Member States.

- Since 2002, UNAIDS has been '**making the money work**' for people on the ground by supporting the implementation of AIDS programmes funded by the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**, and other donors.
- **UNAIDS is a strong advocate against stigma and discrimination.**
- In 2003, WHO together with UNAIDS launched the '**3 by 5**' initiative which was a global movement to **provide 3 million people living with HIV with antiretroviral treatment by the end of 2005.**
- UNAIDS has helped to focus the world's attention on **women and AIDS** and the '**feminization**' of the epidemic – in 2004, UNAIDS launched the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS.
- UNAIDS has worked to **engage media companies in the fight against AIDS** – in 2004, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan launched the Global Media AIDS Initiative.
- In 2004, UNAIDS was instrumental in creating the '**Three Ones principles**' as a basis for engagement on AIDS from national and international actors in countries.
- In 2005, UNAIDS launched a set of **scenarios on the long-term future of the AIDS epidemic in Africa** – 'AIDS in Africa: Three Scenarios to 2025'.
- In 2005 the Global Task Team on **improving AIDS coordination among multilateral institutions and international donors** resulted in a more effective international response to AIDS.
- In 2005, UNICEF together with UNAIDS launched the joint global campaign '**Unite for Children, Unite Against AIDS**' focusing on alleviating the enormous impact of AIDS on children.
- The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board in 2005 adopted the first internationally agreed **Prevention Policy**, launching intensification of HIV prevention.

Era of implementation

- UNAIDS provides **support to multisectoral national responses to AIDS in over 100 countries.**
- Helping with implementation has become UNAIDS' top priority. UNAIDS is working closely with countries to help them come as close as possible to **achieving universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment.**