

United Nations Update

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To bolster the fight against HIV/AIDS, the World Health Organization (WHO) launched an online prevention tool kit for sex workers on November 11, 2004. Produced in collaboration with German Technical Corporation (GTZ), an international corporation enterprise for sustainable development, and sex works networks around the world. The tool kit contains valuable expert advice and guidance on prevention practices aimed at people working with sex workers. It is the first time this expertise, an online collection of more than 130 documents, manuals, and research studies, has been brought together and made widely accessible. "Thanks to this innovative project, people working on HIV/AIDS prevention for sex workers can now learn what does and doesn't work from Poland to Papua New Guinea," Jim Yong Kim, WHO Director of HIV/AIDS said. In early 2005 the tool kit will be available as CD-ROM and hard copy as well. For more information go to:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=12507&Cr=HIV&Cr1=Aids>

The integration of HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns into reproductive health services could reach millions of women at the center of the pandemic who traditional campaigns fail to reach, according to a report entitled, "The Role of Reproductive Health Providers in Preventing HIV/AIDS." The report was published on November 10th by the Alan Guttmacher Institute. UNAIDS, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the International Planned Parenthood Federation. The report points out that health-care providers already have access to high-risk people such as women of reproductive age and young people between 15 and 24, who account for half of all new cases of HIV. Health-care providers also have knowledge and skills to build HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns. For more information go to:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=12496&Cr=hiv&Cr1-aids>

States must respect the promises they have made to overcome gender inequalities in education, Carol Bellamy, executive Director of UNICEF, told the annual high-level meeting "Education for All" convened by UNESCO on November 9th. HIV/AIDS, conflict and deepening poverty have eroded previous gains in education rates, she said, but "we must not allow the promise of education for all to become yet another broken promise." Ms. Bellamy outline UNICEF's plan of action and emphasized that it must be implemented as rapidly as possible. Eliminating gender disparity in primary and secondary schools by 2005 and to all levels of education by 2015 is part of the Millennium Development Goals. For more information, go to: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=12494&Cr=education&Cr1=>