

UNAIDS – A YEAR IN REVIEW

January



The UN stands as one in solidarity with people affected by Haiti Earthquake

As part of the United Nations family, UNAIDS stands in solidarity with the people affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince. [14 Jan 2010]

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February



Dutch AIDS Ambassador Marijke Wijnroks visits UNAIDS

Netherlands AIDS Ambassador Dr Marijke Wijnroks visited the UNAIDS Secretariat to meet with Michel Sidibé UNAIDS Executive Director. We took the opportunity to ask Dr Wijnroks about her role as her country's AIDS Ambassador. [08 Feb 2010]

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Letter to Partners 2010: Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS

In his 2010 letter to partners, Mr Michel Sidibé takes stock of his first twelve months in office as UNAIDS Executive Director, and provides his vision for the coming year. [16 Feb 2010]

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Nigeria to accelerate universal access efforts in HIV response

There are nearly three million people living with HIV in Nigeria. After South Africa, the country has the largest number of people living with HIV in the continent. Each day there are about 1000 new infections. [23 Feb 2010]

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UNAIDS calls on Canada to ensure G8 delivers on universal access

A global summit on HIV took place against the backdrop of the 2010 Olympic Games bringing world leaders in HIV research, health, innovation and policy. [28 Feb 2010]

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UNAIDS, Annie Lennox, launch action framework for women, girls and HIV

Artist, political and social activist Annie Lennox, together with UNAIDS' executive director launched an Agenda for Accelerated Country Action to bring global political attention to the well-being of women and girls today. [02 Mar 2010]

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Launch of agenda to improve scientific research for women and children

New research agenda addressed growing concern that women and children bear the brunt of the AIDS epidemic. [08 Mar 2010]

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Regional body adopts programme of joint action on HIV for Commonwealth of Independent States

An estimated 1.5 million adults and children are living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. With an adult HIV prevalence of 1.6% in 2007, Ukraine has the largest prevalence in all of Europe. [9 Mar 2010]

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CPLP and UNAIDS sign cooperation agreement in for AIDS response

The Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) and UNAIDS formalized their cooperation in response to HIV with a Memorandum of Understanding. [17 Mar 2010]

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Summit engages religious leaders in HIV response

The first-ever Summit of High Level Religious Leaders on the Response to HIV explored opportunities for faith-based leaders to promote universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and speak out against stigma and discrimination. [23 Mar 2010]

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Spotlight on human rights at the 5th Francophone Conference on AIDS

Human rights and law was in the spotlight at the 5th Francophone Conference on AIDS. The conference took place against a backdrop of continuing discrimination and human rights infringement of people living with HIV across the world. [26 Mar 2010]

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UNAIDS Executive Director joins President Zuma to launch national HIV counselling and testing drive in South Africa

UNAIDS Executive Director joined South Africa's President Jacob Zuma, Minister Motsoaledi, Premier Mokonyane and civil society representatives to launch a new national testing campaign. [26 Apr 2010]

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May



First joint mission by UNDP and UNAIDS to Mali

During their official visit to Mali, UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé commended President Amadou Toumani Touré on achievements in the country's AIDS response. [06 May 2010]

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Cameroon copes with mother-to-child transmission of HIV

After almost 10 years, 28-year old Angele is a mother again. "My daughter is my joy. She is such a wonder," said the young woman living with HIV in Yaoundé, Cameroon. [21 May 2010]

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Punitive laws limit access to HIV services in Asia Pacific

More than 90 % of men having sex with men in Asia-Pacific region do not have access to HIV prevention and care services due to an adverse legal and social environment. If countries fail to address the legal context of the epidemic, this already critical situation is likely to become worse. [21 May 2010]

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Africa prepares to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV by 2015

Africa responded to the call by UNAIDS' Executive Director to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV by 2015. Participants from 20 high burden countries met in Nairobi to chart a course of action to accelerate access to HIV services for pregnant women. [26 May 2010]

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June



At World Cup, national team captains appeal: "Give AIDS the red card"

Captains of the teams competing in the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa joined forces to support a global campaign to prevent mothers from dying and babies from becoming infected with HIV. [07 Jun 2010]

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Women Deliver conference focuses on MDG 5

At Women Deliver 2010 conference the theme was "Invest in women. It pays." The event highlighted that the MDGs will not be achieved without investing in women. [08 Jun 2010]

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UN Secretary-General presents progress report on AIDS response

At the 64th session of the General Assembly, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon introduced a report on the progress made in implementing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV. [09 Jun 2010] [More](#) ▶



UNAIDS Annual Report 2009

The 2009 Annual Report provided a snapshot of how the UNAIDS Secretariat and its Cosponsors worked together to strengthen the HIV response in 2009. It focused on concrete results in the 10 priority areas that form UNAIDS' new vision and strategy. [09 Jun 2010]

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UNAIDS addresses UN Human Rights Council on punitive laws and HIV

At the 14th session of the UN Human Rights Council, debates were held on the right to the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health, human rights and extreme poverty, and violence against women. [10 Jun 2010]

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Launch of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law

UNDP, with the support of the UNAIDS Secretariat, launched the Global Commission on HIV and the Law to increase understanding of the impact of the legal environment on national HIV responses. [24 Jun 2010]

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UNAIDS board endorses to vision and mission for UNAIDS

UNAIDS' new vision is "Zero new infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths." [24 Jun 2010]

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New HIV prevention commission will be called on to boost global effort

UNAIDS announced the formation of a High Level Commission on HIV Prevention to galvanize commitment at the highest level in support of effective HIV prevention programmes. [25 Jun 2010]

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July



National ownership pivotal to sustained HIV responses

National ownership is central to sustainable AIDS responses and beyond doubt a path to improved aid effectiveness. UNAIDS held engaged debates in Geneva on national ownership and how to move forward. [02 Jul 2010]

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New UNAIDS OUTLOOK report 2010 launched

The new UNAIDS OUTLOOK report outlined a radically simplified HIV treatment platform called Treatment 2.0 that could decrease the number of AIDS-related deaths drastically and reduce the number of new HIV infections. [13 Jul 2010]

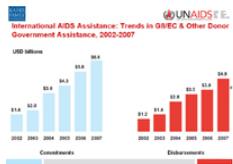
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Town hall on reshaping the future of the AIDS response

Ahead of the opening of the International AIDS Conference, a town hall event brought together influential leaders in the AIDS response to share their insights into what the future of the response should look like. [18 Jul 2010]

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Donor support for AIDS flat-lining

Overall support for global AIDS efforts from donor nations flattened in the midst of last year's global economic crisis, according to a new analysis of 2009 funding from the Kaiser Family Foundation and UNAIDS. [16 Jul 2010]

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AIDS 2010 begins in Vienna with call for Treatment 2.0

Austria welcomed an estimated 20 000 delegates from all over the world at the XVIII International AIDS Conference under the theme "Rights Here, Right Now". [19 Jul 2010]

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Young people interpret new UNAIDS data

Young people are waiting longer to become sexually active, have fewer partners and are increasingly using condoms. As a result, HIV prevalence among young people dropped in many key countries. [22 Jul 2010]

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Vienna 2010 closes with a renewed commitment for AIDS + MDGs

The XVIII International AIDS Conference ended in Vienna after a week of intense dialogue involving an estimated 20 000 people engaged in the global AIDS response. [23 Jul 2010]

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August



Engaging cities in the HIV response

By 2050, seven out of ten global citizens will be living in a "mega-city" of more than 10 million people. In August, UNAIDS called attention to the role that cities can play in the AIDS response. [10 Aug 2010]

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UNAIDS Executive Director at end of Australia visit

Concluding his first official visit to Australia, UNAIDS Executive Director stressed the need for the international community to mobilize an additional US \$10 billion to meet country-set targets for universal access. [31 Aug 2010]

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September



Six things you need to know about MDG 6

At the United Nations Summit on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) UNAIDS released data on progress towards MDG 6 and called for a leveraging of the AIDS response to support all goals. [17 Sep 2010]

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Leaders on MDGs in Financial Times special supplement

To mark the MDG Summit at the UN in New York, the Financial Times produced a special supplement *This Is Africa* featuring leaders insights on the MDGs. [20 Sept 2010]

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New Africa-China partnership to promote a renewed era for progress

World leaders called on South-South cooperation to reverse the AIDS epidemic and lead an integrated approach to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. [22 Sept 2010]

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Developing countries show universal access to HIV services is possible

A report by WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS showed that significant progress has been made in several low- and middle-income countries in increasing access to HIV services. [22 Sept 2010]

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UN SG's 'Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health'

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, a concerted effort to save the lives of more than 16 million women and children. [22 Sept, 2010]

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Mobility, migration and vulnerability to HIV

The UN estimates that there are between 20 and 30 million migrants. UNAIDS co-hosted in a conference in Djibouti addressing the issue of key populations at higher risk of HIV infection along the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden ports. [29 Sept, 2010]

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October



UNAIDS welcomes US\$ 11.7 billion donor commitment to Global Fund

UNAIDS welcomed commitments made by donors at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria's replenishment conference chaired this year by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. [5 Oct 2010]

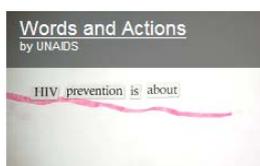
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Plan launched to halve TB prevalence and death rates by 2015

The Stop TB partnership launched a Global Plan to Stop TB (2011-2015) aimed at halving tuberculosis (TB) prevalence and death rates by 2015. [13 Oct 2010]

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HIV Prevention focus for UNAIDS social media initiative

"More than 7000 people are infected with HIV every day. We need a prevention revolution" was the message in UNAIDS' Twitter and Facebook initiative to revitalize interest in HIV Prevention. [26 Oct 2010]

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Progress in Caribbean HIV response

At the 10th annual general meeting of the Pan-Caribbean Partnership Against HIV and AIDS, held in St Maarten, UNAIDS Executive Director joined former UN Secretary-General and Caribbean leaders to take stock of progress, challenges and lessons learned in response. [21 Nov 2010]

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UNAIDS welcomes Pope Benedict's support to HIV prevention

UNAIDS welcomed the reported statement of Pope Benedict XVI calling for "a humane way of living sexuality" and that the use of condoms are justified "in the intention of reducing the risk of HIV infection". [21 Nov 2010]

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At least 56 countries have either stabilized or achieved significant declines in rates of new HIV infections

UNAIDS' flagship report showed that new HIV infections fell by nearly 20% in the last 10 years, AIDS-related deaths were down by nearly 20% in the last five years, and the number of people living with HIV is stabilizing. [23 Nov 2010]

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UNAIDS and WHO welcome new findings that could provide an additional tool for HIV prevention for men who have sex with men

UNAIDS and WHO welcomed new research showing that an antiretroviral drug combination, taken daily as a prophylaxis, in conjunction with use of condoms, reduces the risk of HIV infection by an average of 43.8% for HIV-negative men and transgender women who have sex with men. [23 Nov 2010]

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An AIDS-Free Generation

Achieving an AIDS-free generation is possible according to the *Children and AIDS: Fifth Stocktaking Report 2010*. Attaining this goal, however, depends on reaching the most marginalized. [30 Nov 2010]

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December



President of Brazil receives UNAIDS leadership award on World AIDS Day

Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was awarded the 2010 “UNAIDS Award for Leadership” in recognition of his contribution to social and economic development as well as the AIDS response. [1 Dec 2010]

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2010 World AIDS Day statements

1 December 2010 marked the 22nd anniversary of World AIDS Day. “Universal Access and Human Rights” was the theme. To mark the day, the United Nations Secretary General, the Executive Director of UNAIDS Secretariat and Heads of UNAIDS Cosponsors and partners spoke out in special World AIDS Day statements. [1 Dec 2010]

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World AIDS Day commemorated across the world

UNAIDS posted photos from across the globe capturing the spirit of Universal Access and Human Rights—the theme of this year’s World AIDS Day. [2 Dec 2010]

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New UNAIDS Strategy 2011–2015 adopted

The governing body of UNAIDS, the Programme Coordinating Board, adopted a new UNAIDS strategy to advance global progress in AIDS response. [8 Dec 2010]

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Trade agreements should not hinder efforts towards universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support

UNAIDS called on all countries to ensure efforts towards universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support are not impeded by bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. [9 Dec 2010]

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UNAIDS calls for Zero Discrimination on Human Rights Day

UNAIDS urged countries to improve legal and social environments to protect human rights in the context of the HIV epidemic and reiterated its call for global freedom of movement for people living with HIV. [10 Dec 2010]

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UNAIDS and Islamic Development Bank sign partnership agreement

The Islamic Development Bank UNAIDS signed a memorandum of understanding for collaboration on a range of AIDS programmes in sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. The MoU was signed between IDB Group President Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali and UNAIDS Executive Director Mr Michel Sidibé at IDB headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. [13 Dec 2010]

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