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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) was created in 1995 as a result of a resolution by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Its main aim is to translate policy into action for the improvement of the quality of life and care of those living with HIV, and to stop the spread of the virus through effective treatment and prevention strategies. The eleven co-sponsoring institutions of UNAIDS are UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UN Women, UNESCO, WHO, ILO and the World Bank.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Mobilising leadership and advocacy for effective action on the epidemic
- Providing strategic information and policies to guide governments
- Tracking, monitoring and evaluation of the epidemic
- Engaging civil society and developing partnerships
- Mobilising financial, human and technical resources to support an effective response
- Digital health and innovation

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

UNAIDS works on a wide range of issues related to HIV. Its activities include: programmes aimed at improving gender equality; expanding counselling and testing services; providing information and skills to make HIV prevention strategies more effective; improving access to treatment, care and support; educating people about sexual and reproductive health; conducting scientific research; and reducing stigma and discrimination. UNAIDS also issues policy briefs on the above topics and provides governments with policy guidelines to help them address the epidemic more effectively. At WHA72 (2019) Launched the Health Innovation Exchange, an interactive exhibition which showcased 20 selected innovations in the fields of HIV, TB, digital health and systems for health, with a cross-cutting focus on rights, gender and inclusion.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

UNAIDS is governed by a programme coordinating board which includes 22 elected member states, 11 co-sponsoring organisations and NGO representatives from organisations in its six geographic regions working with people affected by HIV/AIDS. Only the elected member states have the right to vote. The UNAIDS executive director is Gunilla Carlsson.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

UNAIDS is funded by core contributions from national governments and donor contributions

from philanthropic organisations and other sources. The budget for the joint programme for 2018 is USD 242 million.

PUBLICATIONS

For publications, documents and fact sheets, see: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources>

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