

## Five Years of the Accelerate Initiative: Where are we now?

### An Initiative of the Education Sector Networks of HIV Focal Points in sub-Saharan Africa

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## The Accelerate Process

Regional Analytical Work



Sub-Regional Workshop



Establishment of National Stakeholders (including DPs) Group



National Workshop and Follow Up

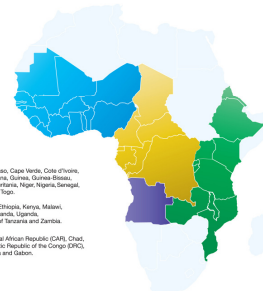


## Education Sector Networks of HIV Focal Points in SSA

- West Africa: ECOWAS.** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.
- Eastern Africa: EAC, SADEC.** Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.
- Central Africa: ECCAS.** Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.
- Lusophone Africa: PALOPS.** Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe.

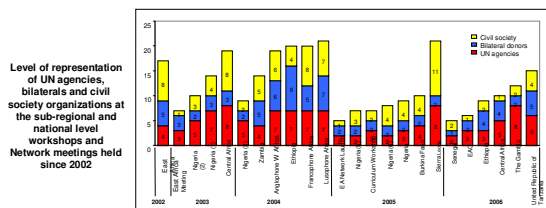


## Objective 1: To promote leadership by the education sector



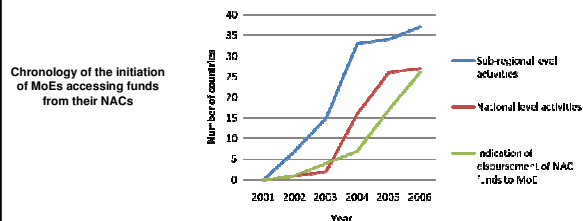
## Objective 2: To harmonize support among development partners

Number of UN agencies, civil society partners, bilaterals, multilaterals, etc. that have participated in the process.....76



## Objective 3: To promote coordination with the National AIDS Committees

Of 37 countries, 24 are now accessing funds from their National AIDS Committees



## Objective 4: To enhance availability and sharing of information

### Since 2002:

Number of titles of HIV & Education documents that have been distributed.....	76
Number of copies of these documents distributed to education practitioners.....	250,000



## Objective 5: To strengthen the technical content and implementation of the education sector response

Source: 2007 ES HIV Network Survey

### In 2007, of the 37 countries, the % of countries with:

A National HIV Strategy.....	100
An HIV Focal Point within the MoE.....	94
An education sector HIV Strategy.....	79
An education sector HIV Strategy & Plan.....	76
An interdepartmental committee in the MoE.....	74



## Objective 5: cont.

### In 2007, of the 37 countries, the % of countries with:

HIV prevention education.....	100
Training for teachers to protect themselves.....	91
HIV prevention activities before puberty.....	82
Training teachers in a life skills approach.....	74
Free (school fees) schooling for orphans and vulnerable children.....	71
HIV counseling services for teachers.....	62
A health education curriculum.....	59



## Conclusions

Within an annual continent wide meeting, the following conclusions of progress to date were drawn by the Focal Point Networks:

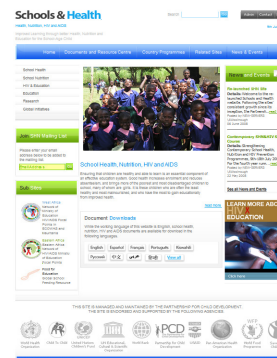
- The Education Sector Networks of HIV&AIDS Focal Points in SSA have taken full ownership of the Initiative
- Education sectors are now implementing HIV responses in a majority of countries, moving towards 100% implementation
- More effective Ministry of Education access to HIV funding increasing from 1% in 2002 to 5% in 2007



## Way Forward

Within the annual continent wide meeting, the following key challenges were identified as requiring further attention:

- Effective M&E remains a major challenge.
- The hyper endemic countries of the Southern Cone of Africa are yet to engage in the Accelerate Initiative.



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