UN Women, in collaboration with UNAIDS, created this comprehensive online resource to provide up-to-date information on the gender equality dimensions of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The site aims to promote understanding, knowledge sharing, and action on HIV/AIDS as a gender and human rights issue.

UN Women's Approach

While HIV/AIDS is a health issue, the epidemic is a gender issue. Statistics prove that both the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS are not random. HIV/AIDS disproportionately affects women and adolescent girls who are socially, culturally, biologically, and economically more vulnerable. The figures are alarming: At the end of 2009, slightly more than half of the estimated 33.3 million adults (aged 15-49) living with HIV/AIDS were women and girls. In Sub-Saharan Africa, more women than men are living with HIV, and young women aged 15-24 years are as much as eight times more likely than men to be HIV-positive. In the Caribbean, approximately 53 per cent of people living with HIV are women. Globally, the incidence of HIV/AIDS among women has risen at a shocking rate. In 1997, 41 per cent of HIV infected adults were women and this figure rose to nearly 52 per cent at the end of 2009. Women's empowerment is one of the only HIV vaccines available today. By integrating gender equality and human rights components into UN Women’s HIV/AIDS strategies, plans and policies, we hope to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls. UN Women is committed to addressing underlying factors, such as violence against women, feminized poverty and women’s limited voice in decision-making, to increase access to HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs, and stop the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls.

How Our Web Portal Works

This web portal is where you can find cutting edge research, studies and surveys; training materials; multi-media advocacy tools; speeches and presentations; press releases and current news; best practices and personal stories; campaign actions and opinion pieces by leading commentators. www.GenderandAIDS.org offers these and other up to date resources on the gender equality dimensions of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

By providing access to a variety of materials in one place, information can be retrieved quickly

and easily, thereby reducing the amount of time spent locating key resources and materials on the Internet. Resources are organized by topic, type, and region and the entire site is fully searchable. Short summaries are provided for each of the resources to give visitors to the site a quick overview of each of the materials.

The web portal also offers interactive features such as: registration for email alerts when the site is updated and new materials are added; feedback forms for comments, ideas, and suggestions for improvement of the site; on-line forms for sending materials and resources you would like to include in the site; and surveys and opinion polls on specific issues.

The web portal also offers interactive features such as: signing up for our RSS feed to follow instant posts to our site, including breaking news, the latest resources and personal stories; registering for our monthly newsletter when the site is updated and new materials are added; feedback forms for comments, ideas, and suggestions for improvement of the site; on-line forms for sending materials and resources you would like to include in the site; and surveys and opinion polls on specific issues.

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