

Declaration on the Response to HIV and AIDS in Asia and the Pacific
AIDS Ambassadors and Champions
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We, AIDS Ambassadors and Champions, in our commitment to strengthen the response to HIV and AIDS,

- Recognize and pay tribute to the many people across our regions – members of civil society, government officials, political leaders, healthcare professionals, youth leaders, People Living with HIV and Affected by AIDS, leaders of networks of marginalized populations, religious and community leaders, leaders of national programmes, UN system, multilateral, donor agencies and allies in the private sector – who together and individually share in building and sustaining an inclusive, humane, comprehensive, and effective response to the global AIDS epidemic;
- Recognize that while substantial progress has been made in reaching some Millennium Development Goals (MDG), many countries in Asia and the Pacific still lag behind, especially in reaching Goal Number 6 to combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Also recognize that achievement of the targets to provide Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support to people who need these services, set in the Declaration of Commitment adopted by the countries of the world in June 2001 is absolutely essential if we are to meet the MDG Target for Goal Number 6 to have halted them by 2015 and begun to reverse their spread;
- Recognize the link between HIV and all the MDGs and the need to raise HIV and AIDS in a broader range of fora;
- Recognize that as a result of the global economic crisis, HIV prevention and treatment programs may be disrupted as donors and governments alike confront resource constraints in funding HIV and related programs. At the same time many households and individuals face economic hardship which makes them both more vulnerable to HIV and less able to meet their own health costs;

We therefore call on Governments, donor organizations and all community partners to

- Achieve the goals of reaching Universal Access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in order to accelerate progress in implementing the Declaration of Commitment adopted at the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS in 2001, and the High-Level Political Commitment of 2006, despite the pressures of the global economic crisis;
- Work to eliminate HIV related stigma, discrimination and gender disparity and to ensure that people at risk of or affected by HIV have equitable access to services, and meaningful involvement in related policies and programmes.
- Work with young people in planning, policy development, implementation and monitoring of the HIV and AIDS response;
- Improve the efficiency, outreach, and inclusiveness of our work related to HIV prevention by focusing on high impact strategies that are evidence informed and grounded in human rights, with an emphasis of reaching key populations including injecting drug users and their partners, men who have sex with men, sex workers, clients of sex workers and their partners and encourage all countries to seek ways to make programmes more accessible, efficient and more cost-effective;
- Accelerate resource mobilization at both the national and international levels;
- Develop contingency plans to ensure continued access to essential care, treatment, and support regardless of whether an emergency arises out of local conflict, natural disaster, or global economic pressures;
- Address impediments to effective HIV prevention presented by legal and policy frameworks, which criminalize vulnerable groups like sex workers, drug users and men who have sex with men and ensure that human rights principles, including those outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are upheld. This includes working to overcome the obstacles that prevent the support and scale up of harm reduction programmes;

In closing, we, the AIDS Ambassadors and Champions present at this meeting,

- Pledge to implement this declaration whenever and wherever possible.

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