

An Active Portfolio of Civil Society Projects

A series of NGO-led projects in India have received **7.5 million Euros since 2003** to fight HIV/AIDS. Implemented by international and local NGOs, these projects have the following objectives:

- Reaching vulnerable youth, especially in rural and tribal communities;
- Addressing the health and social needs of sexual minorities;
- Prevention of HIV/AIDS amongst childbearing women in North East;
- Ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health services to vulnerable women;
- Promoting rights-based action to improve youth and adolescent health;
- Addressing exclusion of disabled people and people living with HIV/AIDS;
- Guaranteeing health rights and needs of tribal people in malaria, TB and HIV prone regions.

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Access to Funding

Access to funding is possible through responding to open calls for proposals published by the European Commission on line. Visit regularly the following website for updates on funding opportunities:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

Calls for proposals invite candidates to present, within a given deadline, a proposal for action that corresponds to stated objectives and fulfils the required conditions. All applications are examined and evaluated on the basis of criteria that have clearly been announced in the calls for proposals, while ensuring equal treatment.

More details on funding opportunities for civil society initiatives are available online at

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/who/partner/civil-society/programmes_en.htm



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"HIV/AIDS in India: changing faces and dynamics"

A Strong EU commitment

The European Union has a strong commitment to tackle the exceptional challenge posed by the global AIDS pandemic through a longer term and strategic effort that can lay the ground for sustainable progress in the decades to come. The **EU Programme for Action to confront HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis through external action (2007-2011)** addresses HIV and AIDS as an objective in its own right as well as a cross cutting priority through mainstreaming within national development plans and programmes while respecting fully the principles of ownership.

The urgent need for sustained political leadership and greater investments in HIV prevention to get ahead of the AIDS pandemic is emphasized by the EU which is committed to work harder to address the fundamental drivers of the pandemic. It is concerned by the stigma and discrimination still endured by people living with HIV and calls for the full respect of their human rights, including freedom of movement.



Global Fund against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Since the inception of the Global Fund against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the European Union has been involved in activities of all governing bodies. **The EU seats in the Board of the Global Fund** as a donor constituency which includes the European Commission and Member States (Belgium, Portugal and Finland).

The EU has traditionally provided more than 50% of the total contributions to the Global Fund. Starting from 2006 onwards, EU contributions have gradually increased due to a progressive rise in the annual contribution of a number of EU Member States. In the next three years the EU is to provide about 60% of the total contributions of the Global Fund.

In India, out of a total amount of USD 595,784,582 (equivalent to 414 M €) for all HIV-related Global Fund Grants, **more than half is provided by the EU.**

Civil Society Contributions to National Policies

The EU has been actively supporting a series of civil society interventions which complement India's national policies in fighting HIV/AIDS.

A seminar was held at India International Centre on 5 March 2008 to give a platform for stakeholders, including the National Aids Control Organization (NACO), implementing agencies of EU-funded projects, development partners and civil society to meet and exchange experiences and best practices.

The focal point of the discussions was on indicators and monitoring tools. NACO and 9 EU sponsored projects made presentations, highlighting how tracking indicators and establishing robust, uniform data management systems can contribute to improved planning and alignment to national policies and priorities.

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