

Integrating International Perspectives in the Community-based AIDS Movement in Canada: The International Toolkit

Objectives

- To enhance the capacity of community-based HIV/AIDS organizations in their response to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic
- To enhance the capacity of community-based AIDS organizations to integrate international perspectives in their HIV/AIDS work
- To familiarize participants with key resources that can support the integration of international perspectives in community-based HIV/AIDS work.

Some of the Toolkit resources to be introduced

- To Share and To Learn: The Case for Canadians to Act Globally on HIV/AIDS
- Implementing the UN's Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS - A Guide for Canadian AIDS Service Organizations
- Beyond Our Border: A Guide to Twinning for HIV/AIDS Organizations
- Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Database for AIDS organizations who have experience or are interested in international development work to fight against HIV/AIDS
- Global Treatment Access Group
- Global Campaign for Microbicides and Community Mobilization Kit for microbicides

Toolkit Format

The Toolkit outlines global issues in three primary topic areas, including:

- a contextual introduction to the issues (state of the global epidemic, Case for Canadians, UNGASS Declaration);
- an overview of advocacy issues (global access to treatments, microbicides, vaccines, the Global Fund); and
- strategies for engaging in overseas partnerships (twinning, internships).

The Toolkit contains resources and presentation materials pertaining specifically to each topic area, including:

- a Fact Sheet providing a one page, point form overview of each issue;
- a series of PowerPoint slides outlining each issue; and
- a comprehensive list of tools, references and links for more information.

Target audiences

- Individuals involved in community-based AIDS work
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Individuals involved in development work
- Anyone interested in learning more about global HIV/AIDS work!

The Toolkit may be downloaded for free from the CAS [www.cdn aids.ca] and ICAD [www.icad-cisd.com] websites.