

The Case for Canadian to Act Globally Against HIV/AIDS

Why Should Canadians Be Involved?

- It can enhance the capabilities and reputation of Canadian NGOs and ASOs
- It can enhance our domestic response
- It can reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases
- Canada has committed itself to help
- We are internationally recognized leaders
- We must ensure the sustainability of our development initiatives
- It is in our economic interest
- It is simply the right thing to do

What Can Canadians Do?

- Assume a leadership role
- Build communities and their capacity
- Intervene through prevention and education
- Share technical expertise
- Contribute to international research efforts
- Advance and protect human rights
- Enhance support and care infrastructure

How Do I Get Started?

- Determine areas of strength or “comparative advantage”
- Identify institutional readiness to undertake international HIV work
- Understand the challenges that you will face
- Determine senior management commitment to acting globally
- Build a detailed plan
- Identify and secure possible partners for your initiative
- Solicit and secure program financing
- Seek the counsel of others

Ways to Engage

- Raise awareness of the global epidemic in your organization and community
- Incorporate the Declaration of Commitment to HIV/AIDS in your work
- Advocate for access to treatment in developing countries
- Raise awareness and advocate for new prevention technologies: vaccines and microbicides
- Engage in a partnership with an overseas partner