

UNAIDS

IATT “Addressing HIV in Humanitarian Emergencies”

Terms of Reference
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Introduction

The Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) on HIV in Emergencies (HIV-E) is a group of international, and regional level agencies that seek to accelerate the global response to address HIV in the context of humanitarian emergencies. This interagency body is comprised of experts representing UN agencies, donors and non-governmental organizations.

The IATT was originally created in 2011, and has since then been co-convened by UNHCR and WFP (under the UNAIDS Division of Labour, the two agencies are co-convenors in the area of “HIV services in Humanitarian Emergencies”, in partnership with other members of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (particularly UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and the UNAIDS Secretariat)) and also works with UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board NGOs, other NGOs, donors and other non-UN actors. These revised Terms of Reference reframe the IATT, given the changed environment (both in terms of HIV and its increasing integration as well as new humanitarian challenges) and resource situation, and are deliberately short to ensure flexibility.

Objectives

The core functions of this platform are, in the area of HIV-E, to provide thought leadership and technical guidance, to advocate for funding and policy outcomes, to act as a coordination mechanism and to strengthen country-level partnerships. There are four strategic priorities:

1. Strengthen the coordination, technical and operational capacity of national/regional and global level actors to prevent, prepare for, respond and recover to HIV in emergencies (including integrating HIV into reproductive health, TB and hepatitis efforts, in the context of UHC programming);
2. Strengthen inter-cluster and multi-sector collaboration to ensure HIV-E is addressed as a cross-cutting theme;
3. Contributing to strengthen resourcing, advocacy, information management and research;
4. Proposing solutions to address strategic and technical gaps.

The IATT-E operates principally at the global level, with the aim of supporting country-level activities that are - as far as possible - nationally owned.

Members are self-funded. UNHCR and WFP provide logistic and administrative support and will convene and host meetings.

The following roles and responsibilities aim to support the achievement of the above:

Roles and responsibilities of the co-convening agencies

- Elaborate and coordinate an annual workplan for the IATT-E which builds on member activities;
- Organize an annual face-to-face meeting as well as regular teleconferences;
- Maintain an up-to-date central information platform.

Roles and responsibilities of all IATT-E members

- Share information about their work and input into the IATT-E in the spirit of ensuring a coordinated HIV response;
- Collaborate on developing best practices, setting standards, providing normative guidance, developing policy and ensuring dissemination of these tools and materials;
- Input into initiatives of the IATT, which may include advocacy, technical support, research, resource mobilization, and provision of other capacity.