

girls worldwide say

“we can stop
the spread of AIDS”

“My wish for young people is that they acquire a deep understanding of the risks of HIV and AIDS and the precautions that are necessary so that they can lead as long and as healthy a life as I have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed.” - Nelson Mandela

“The impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting on a girl’s life cannot be underestimated. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has achieved so much but there will always be more to be done to develop and promote young women in society.” - Cherie Booth, QC

“I commend the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts for its commitment to the fight against HIV and AIDS. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting plays a vital role in breaking the silence around HIV and AIDS through its work in local communities.” - Stephen Lewis, Board Chair, Stephen Lewis Foundation, former UN Special Envoy for HIV and AIDS in Africa.

“I hope to be the voice of change that will use this opportunity set goals and aspiration for all young people in my community and my Association. Through my experience at the AIDS conference, I hope to be a social scientist that will influence positive change in the global society as a whole.” - Yvonne Bellys Akoth, Youth Delegate from Kenya at International AIDS Conference 2010

Girls and young women

are disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS.

The global response to the pandemic will be more successful if girls and young women are at its heart.

Yet girls and young women rarely have a voice when it comes to developing programmes and policies on combating HIV and AIDS, and they often have unequal access to prevention education and methods and treatment programmes.



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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME

- **Raises awareness and mobilizes action** amongst WAGGGS' 10 million members and their 50 million strong communities to fight HIV/AIDS.
- **Develops and implements non-formal education projects** that contribute to preventing HIV/AIDS in local communities.
- **Ensures the girl voice** contributes to the global debate and young women are empowered to influence the HIV/AIDS agenda.
- **Actively contributes** to HIV/AIDS campaigns and partnerships to ensure the broadest possible engagement on related issues.
- **Ensures that broad development issues**, such as education and gender equality, are at the heart of HIV/AIDS frameworks and programmes.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- WAGGGS Global Action Theme (GAT) badge curriculum on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- AIDS Badge supports girls and young women to work towards prevention, eliminating discrimination and providing care for those already living with HIV and AIDS (produced with the support of UNAIDS and the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations).
- HIV and AIDS Training Toolkit is a collation of best practice thinking about how girls and young women can help in the fight against HIV and AIDS (produced with funding from the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS).
- Youth delegations at international advocacy events such as the International AIDS Conferences from 2006-2010, as well as the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) over many years.



GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS AROUND THE WORLD SAY TO LEADERS:

- Girls and young women need to be at the heart of all efforts to combat HIV and AIDS.
- Governments need to ensure that young people have access to comprehensive, objective, non-judgmental, gender and youth-specific information on HIV and AIDS
- We must increase efforts to eliminate gender inequality and all forms of violence against women and girls, creating a secure environment for them to take responsible decisions on their sexual and reproductive health.
- Girls and young women must have access to effective methods of HIV/AIDS prevention, including male and female condoms.
- Governments must ensure that girls and young women have equal access to treatment programmes and therapies.
- The human rights of all girls and young women must be protected through laws, policies and international protocols.
- Invest in girls' education, which ranks among the most powerful tools against HIV AIDS.

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