



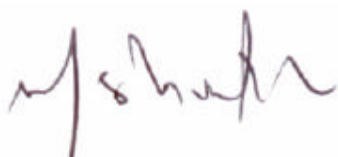
**Joint Initiative by Development Agencies
for the Infrastructure Sectors to
Mitigate the Spread of HIV/AIDS**

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1. We six development agencies consisting of African Development Bank (AfDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), UK Department for International Development (DFID), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), KfW Entwicklungsbank (KfW development bank) and the World Bank (“the Development Agencies” collectively), have recognized the urgency for action in the infrastructure sectors to tackle the global HIV/AIDS crisis, have supported important interventions to deal with the problem, and propose to strengthen cooperation in order to increase the scale, scope and effectiveness of future infrastructure interventions for combating AIDS in developing countries.
2. In addition to supporting specific programs to combat AIDS, the Development Agencies have funded related interventions in other sectors including transport, energy, water, urban and rural development. In view of the success of such interventions, the Development Agencies propose to coordinate their activities in order to mainstream HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs in infrastructure sectors, to reduce the impacts of HIV/AIDS as a result of infrastructure interventions, to take opportunities for implementing further countermeasures against HIV/AIDS and to contribute to strengthening the HIV/AIDS strategies of partner countries.
3. The Development Agencies endorse the ILO Code of Practice for Addressing HIV/AIDS and are encouraging the recipients to incorporate HIV/AIDS programs into infrastructure support, especially where this involves (i) large-scale construction projects which mobilize many construction workers, service providers, and communities who could be vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, or (ii) increased transport activity which may facilitate the spread of HIV infection. HIV/AIDS mitigation clauses are included in the sample/standard bidding documents used for the large-scale civil works funded by the Development Agencies. Under these clauses contractors are required to take necessary measures to raise the awareness of construction workers and other employees of behavior to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission. The Development Agencies have also assisted HIV/AIDS programs for cross-border transport corridors in Africa and South East Asia regions.
4. This joint initiative to promote HIV/AIDS interventions in the infrastructure sectors acknowledges that there has not yet been a comprehensive assessment of the impact of these interventions. Greater sharing of information and lessons learned between the Development Agencies and partner countries is crucial for achieving better effectiveness and for scaling up successful experience by ensuring sustainability and replicability. Cooperation and harmonization with the national AIDS strategy, health system, other agencies and local activities including those of NGOs are important to avoid fragmentation of assistance.

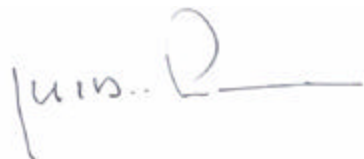
5. Based on the above recognition and practical experience, the Development Agencies agree to take the following actions in this joint initiative, to:
- strengthen the framework for sharing experience of good practice in planning, implementation and scaling-up of HIV/AIDS interventions in infrastructure programs to improve their targeting, impact and sustainability;
 - ensure that interventions are consistent with each partner country's national strategy for combating HIV/AIDS;
 - encourage close cooperation and partnership between communities, local government and other authorities, related donors, NGOs, private enterprises and their employees;
 - carry out joint assessment of key interventions particularly from the viewpoint of the impact, sustainability and cost-effectiveness.
 - seek to scale up this initiative to other projects funded either by domestic or external sources as well as to encourage the partner country governments to incorporate good practice lessons into their own legal and administrative systems (such as regulations related to public investment, construction, transport, work place and labor environment) and into the partner countries' strategies for HIV/AIDS, health and infrastructure development.
6. The Development Agencies will welcome the participation of other development organizations in this joint initiative for enhancing partnership and effectiveness in fighting against HIV/AIDS through the infrastructure sectors.

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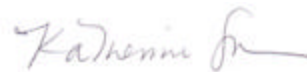
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