

Handbook on mainstreaming HIV/AIDS issues into child labour initiatives

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Combating and preventing HIV/AIDS induced child labour in Sub-Saharan Africa: pilot actions in Uganda and Zambia

This *handbook* provides a practical approach to integrating HIV/AIDS responses in projects and programmes that address child labour. It also provides a useful resource for organizations engaged in the fight against HIV/AIDS to reflect on their interventions and consider incorporating aspects that might make it easier for children who are affected by HIV/AIDS to avoid the slide into child labour.

Oftentimes these organizations focus on the vertical dimensions of an issue or problem, without considering the horizontal aspects of such issue. This has made certain interventions less effective and at the same time costly.

The handbook is therefore intended to provide a framework for mainstreaming HIV/AIDS issues into child labour sectors.

The handbook also provides a tool for evaluating ongoing and proposed interventions targeting young boys and girls, either already trapped in or on the verge of joining the ranks of child labour.

Specific objectives

1. To provide practical ideas and information on how HIV/AIDS can be mainstreamed in various interventions on child labour.
2. To highlight the link between HIV/AIDS and child labour in order to strengthen gender-responsive psychosocial interventions against child labour.
3. To provide a tool to be used for implementing, monitoring and evaluating different programmes and all IPEC projects on HIV/AIDS-induced child labour

The target audience

This handbook is intended to support a wide range of different actors within the public and private sectors to mainstream HIV/AIDS in all child labour interventions.

IPEC seeks to facilitate alliances to bring HIV/AIDS knowledge and dimensions to its normal partners in the field of child labour issues, such as Ministries of Labour, workers, employers, implementing agencies (including NGOs), etc., and train them with the assistance of HIV/AIDS specialists to systematically mainstream responses to child labour induced by HIV/AIDS.