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EDUCATION, HIV/AIDS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd February, 2004 in which you requested us to review and make recommendations regarding a strategic framework for Education, HIV/AIDS and Risk management for consideration for discussion at the April 2004 ADEA Ministers Bureau.

We would strongly recommend the following information to be included in the Policy on HIV, AIDS, Education and Risk Management for Sub-Saharan Africa for the forthcoming 2004 ADEA Ministers Bureau:

In order to have effective risk management of HIV/AIDS, one should first and foremost identify those who are at greater risk (those with multiple sexual partners) of contracting the HIV virus and provide them with risk reduction counselling to all sexually active men and women in the educational sector through the adult education programmes.

Participants should also be provided with basic HIV/AIDS prevention and educational information through workshops. The ultimate objective is to produce more peer-educators within their respective social communities.

Another strategy needed is to motivate those at risk to go for Voluntary Counselling and Testing because HIV/AIDS disclosure can help in the management and prevention of HIV/AIDS.