

# Top 10 Ways to Take Action to End HIV/AIDS in Africa

- 1. Call President Bush at (202) 456-1414 and ask him to work with the Group of Eight (G-8) wealthy nations** this year to achieve their goal of universal access to treatment by 2010 and to cancel 100% of Africa's illegitimate debt to free up additional resources to fight HIV/AIDS.
- 2. Contact your Senators and ask them to join Senators Durbin, Coleman, Dodd, Feingold, Kerry and Bingaman to co-sponsor S. 805**, the African Health Capacity Investment Act of 2007. If passed into law, this bill would make inroads into the health care worker shortage in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 3. Set up a lobby meeting with the office of your Members of Congress** in your hometown to talk about your concerns over global HIV/AIDS and ask them to ensure the availability of generic drugs under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), to fully fund the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, to support the Pathway Act, the Jubilee Act for debt cancellation to fight HIV/AIDS and the African Health Capacity Investment Act of 2007. Visit our [Legislative Action Center](#) to contact your Representative's home district office.
- 4. Urge your Member of Congress to support the Protection Against Transmission of HIV for Women and Youth Act (Pathway Act)** which removes the current requirement that one-third of all international prevention funding be spent on abstinence-until-marriage programs. It also requires the President to develop a comprehensive and integrated HIV prevention strategy to address the vulnerabilities of women and girls in each country receiving U.S. assistance to combat HIV/AIDS. Visit our [Legislative Action Center](#) to contact your Representative.
- 5. Organize a Teach-in on HIV/AIDS** [or bring an Africa Action speaker to your school or community](#). You can use our updated fact sheets to facilitate the discussion, for instance [AIDS has a Woman's Face](#) describes how women of color across the globe are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS.
- 6. Call Ambassador Mark Dybul** (202) 663-2304 at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to urge that the U.S. consistently use lower-cost generic drugs in HIV/AIDS treatment programs, rather than more expensive brand-name versions, and to ensure that the greatest number of people in Africa and elsewhere are reached with life-prolonging treatment.
- 7. Organize a Film Screening on HIV/AIDS!** [Download our AIDS Film Guide](#) with synopses of several films about the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, information on how to acquire copies, instructions on setting up a film screening and sample discussion questions to guide the post-film conversation.
- 8. Write a letter to the editor** highlighting how the U.S. government is not contributing its fair share to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, & Malaria. Also include that PEPFAR is both underfunded and has significantly lower capacity than the Global Fund to sufficiently tackle the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa. Visit our [action center](#) to write a letter today!
- 9. Join the Africa Action Student Network** to stay involved and mobilize on your campus. [Join Africa Action's Religious Action Network](#) to engage your religious community in the fight to end HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- 10. Forward this "Top 10" list** to a friend, urging them to take at least one action. [Printable version of this list](#)

