Using distance learning to overcome barriers

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SIX ACTION AREAS

- Achieving Universal Primary Education
- Eliminating Gender Disparities in education
- Improving Quality in education
- Using distance learning to overcome barriers
- Supporting education in difficult circumstances
- Mitigating the effects of HIV/AIDS
Open and Distance Learning is the only way to achieve the scope, scale and impact that you require.
Universal Primary Education

MDG Target (2015)

Ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school
Universal Primary Education
(and its consequences)

COL’s activities:
- Schoolnets
- NEPAD eSchools (evaluation/monitoring)
NEPAD

eSchools Pilot Project
Universal Primary Education
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- ICT Policy
Teacher Training
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- ICT Policy
- Teacher training
- Open Schooling
Eliminating Gender Disparities in Education

MDG Target (2005)
Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education (equal access)

MDG Target (2015)
Eliminate gender disparities at all levels of education (equal outcomes)
Eliminating Gender Disparities in Education

- Gender Toolkits
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- Gender Toolkits
- ICTs
Eliminating Gender Disparities in Education

- Gender Toolkits
- ICTs
- Resources (FAWE)
Gender Resources

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Improving Quality in Education

-Management
  (Teacher Education and Postsecondary)

Training Events for Senior Staff
Improving Quality in Education

- Management
  (Teacher Education and Postsecondary)

- Quality Assurance
  (Teacher Education and Postsecondary)
Using Distance Learning to Overcome Barriers

(All Millennium Development Goals)

Poverty and hunger
Primary education
Gender equality
Health
Environment
Partnership
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- National Forums
- Lifelong Learning for Farmers
- Nomadic Education
- Community radio
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Supporting Education in Difficult Circumstances

Focus on orphans and vulnerable children
Mitigating the Impact of HIV/AIDS in Education

Media empowerment
The Virtual University
for Small States of the Commonwealth
The Virtual University for Small States

Participants:

Botswana; The Gambia; Lesotho; Mauritius; Namibia; Seychelles; Swaziland + 17 other non-African countries

Topics:

Professional Development in Education
Life Skills for Youth
Business, Management, Entrepreneurship

+ training in eLearning methods, etc.
Literacy and Livelihoods

A new COL programme that has evolved from its previous work on technical and vocational education and training.
Regional Centres

RETRIDOL (NOUN)
Serving: Cameroon, The Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone

SARDEC (BOCODOL)
Serving: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia
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Thank you!