

15CCEM Mid-Term Review for Africa

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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

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- ICT Policy

Teacher Training



Universal Primary Education

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- Schoolnets
- NEPAD eSchools (evaluation/monitoring)
- 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)

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- Gender Toolkits

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- 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

Using Distance Learning to Overcome Barriers

- National Forums
- Lifelong Learning for Farmers
- Nomadic Education
- Community radio

Farmers



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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!