

# **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



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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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- Resources (FAWE)

# Gender Resources



[www.colfinder.org/dev](http://www.colfinder.org/dev)

# Improving Quality in Education

-Management

(Teacher Education and Postsecondary)

Training Events for Senior Staff



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- 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

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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!**