

Further Information and Recommended Sources

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign

The Stephen Lewis Foundation launched the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign in March 2006 to raise awareness, build solidarity and mobilize funds for grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa and the orphans in their care. It has evolved into a national movement of more than 240 grandmother groups and some 10,000 members. The National Advocacy Committee provides leadership and support to grandmothers in the movement who seek to advocate in Canada and with international agencies to enact policies and programs that will support African grandmothers and the children in their care.

You can get involved by:

- joining a grandmother group or starting your own
- donating to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and/or holding a fundraising event in your community
- networking or partnering with grandmother groups and the National Advocacy Committee of the Grandmothers Campaign to advocate for issues of common concern.

Please visit www.grandmotherscampaign.com for information on the Grandmothers Campaign. The website of the National Advocacy Committee is at <http://grandmothersadvocacy.org>

"Against all odds, the Grandmothers Campaign has become a social movement. The Canadian grandmothers have not only raised awareness and huge sums of money (twelve million dollars in five years!), but they have become a force of progressive advocacy at crucial political moments... The grandmothers' movement has helped to transform international development policy." – Stephen Lewis, 2011

Key Materials posted by the Stephen Lewis Foundation at

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/news-resources/materials>

- Grandmothers to Grandmothers: The Dawn of a New Movement (2006)
- The Toronto Statement (2006)
- The Manzini Statement (2010)

Also available: posters, fact sheets, public service announcements, newsletters, videos, and speeches at:

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/news-resources>

Other Recommended Resources and Sources

Aging International

Women, Ageing and Health: A Framework for Action--Focus on Gender. United Nations Population Fund and World Health Organization, 2007
http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2007/9789241563529_eng.pdf
Global picture of older women, aging, health and gender issues; written by Peggy Edwards

Older women and Beijing 15 years on. UN Agencies.
www.ngocoa-ny.org/resources/documents/older-women-and-beijing-15.pdf
To what extent have governments and others implemented actions to better the lives and rights of older women as recommended in the Beijing Action Statement?

Ageways 75: Focus on Older Women. Help Age International, Issue 75, July 2010
<http://www.helpage.org/resources/helpage-newsletters/>
Discusses the poor health and other impacts of discrimination on older women in the developing world, while highlighting their abilities and contributions; for example, their caregiving for family members with AIDS and for their orphaned grandchildren.

Women and health: today's evidence tomorrow's agenda, 2009. World Health organization. Contains a chapter on older women's health around the world.
http://www.who.int/gender/women_health_report/en/index.html

World Health Organization: click on publications, including *Health and Aging: A Policy Framework* (2002) Written by Peggy Edwards
www.who.int/ageing

Ageing in Africa 36, 2011. HelpAge International
<http://www.helpage.org/resources/helpage-newsletters>
Looks at poverty in old age and highlights the role of social protection systems, such as universal pensions and cash transfers.

Aging in Canada

Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report, Statistics Canada, 2011. Chapter on senior women available at
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11441-eng.pdf>

Healthy Aging in Canada: A New Vision, a Vital Investment, From Evidence to Action - A Background Paper. Public Health Agency of Canada, 2006
www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/seniors-aines/alt-formats/pdf/publications/pro/healthy-sante/haging_newvision/vision-rpt_e.pdf

Describes a new vision for healthy aging in Canada and suggests five key focus areas for action, co-authored by Peggy Edwards for the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors

A Portrait of Seniors in Canada, 2006. Statistics Canada.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/ads-annonces/89-519-x/index-eng.htm>

A comprehensive profile of Canadian seniors touching on family status and living arrangements, housing, health, education, work and leisure patterns, income, and other lifestyle characteristics.

Canada's Aging Population. Public Health Agency of Canada, 2008

<http://origin.phac-aspc.gc.ca/seniors-aines/publications/public/various-varies/papier-fed-paper/index-eng.php>

Describes the major health issues to address in Canada as the number and proportion of seniors increase in coming years.

Aging, Women and Health. Canadian Women's Health Network.

<http://www.cwhn.ca/en/node/42957>

A comprehensive list of key documents and sites.

HIV/AIDS, Aging and Development

HelpAge International: www.helpage.org

A variety of publications including:

Forgotten Families: Older people as carers of orphans and vulnerable children
<http://www.helpage.org/silo/files/forgotten-families-older-people-as-carers-of-orphans-and-vulnerable-children.pdf>

Ageing and Development 29, 2011.

<http://www.helpage.org/resources/helpage-newsletters>

Presents new data on how people over 49 are affected by HIV and argues for their inclusion in global targets. It also discusses non-communicable diseases, work, migration and humanitarian aid financing.

Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development

<http://www.icad-cisd.com/>

ICAD provides leadership in the response of Canadian international development organizations and Canadian HIV organizations in reducing the impact of the global HIV and AIDS epidemic.

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

<http://www.aidslaw.ca>

Works to ensure that the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by the disease are respected, protected and fulfilled; and laws and policies facilitate HIV prevention efforts, as well as care, treatment and support for people living with HIV/AIDS. Lead agency in the fight to get

affordable generic medicines to developing countries through revisions to Canada's Access to Medicines Regime.

Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG)

<http://www.aidslaw.ca/EN/issues/GTAG.htm>

A working group of Canadian civil society organizations sharing information and undertaking joint activities aimed at improving access to essential medicines and other aspects of care, treatment and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and other health needs in developing countries.

Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS

<http://www.unaids.org>

Source for worldwide data and reports, UN strategies for addressing AIDS and political declarations.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/>

The fund provides grants in support of technically sound and cost-effective interventions for the prevention of infection and the treatment, care and support of persons infected and directly affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Books

Race Against Time by Stephen Lewis. Anansi Press

The second edition of *Race Against Time* includes an afterward by Stephen Lewis, covering events since his lectures were delivered in fall 2005. Lewis describes how the world is falling desperately short of UN goals for reducing poverty, inequality, and mortality rates.

28 Stories of AIDS in Africa by Stephanie Nolen. Learn more and order from the 28 Stories website at

http://www.28stories.com/the_book/the_book.asp These stories reveal how HIV works and spreads; how it is inextricably tied to conflict and famine and to the diverse cultures it has ravaged; how treatment works, and how people who can't get treatment fight to stay alive with courage and dignity against huge odds.

Betrayal of Africa by Gerald Caplan. Greenwood Books. Only by reversing the policies that have done such grievous harm to Africa over the past decades do the continent's new leaders and activists have the chance of making serious progress.

HIV/AIDS: A Very Short Introduction by Alan Whiteside Oxford University Press, 2008. Provides a global perspective; examines social issues such as safe sex and drug use; and discusses what can be done.

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