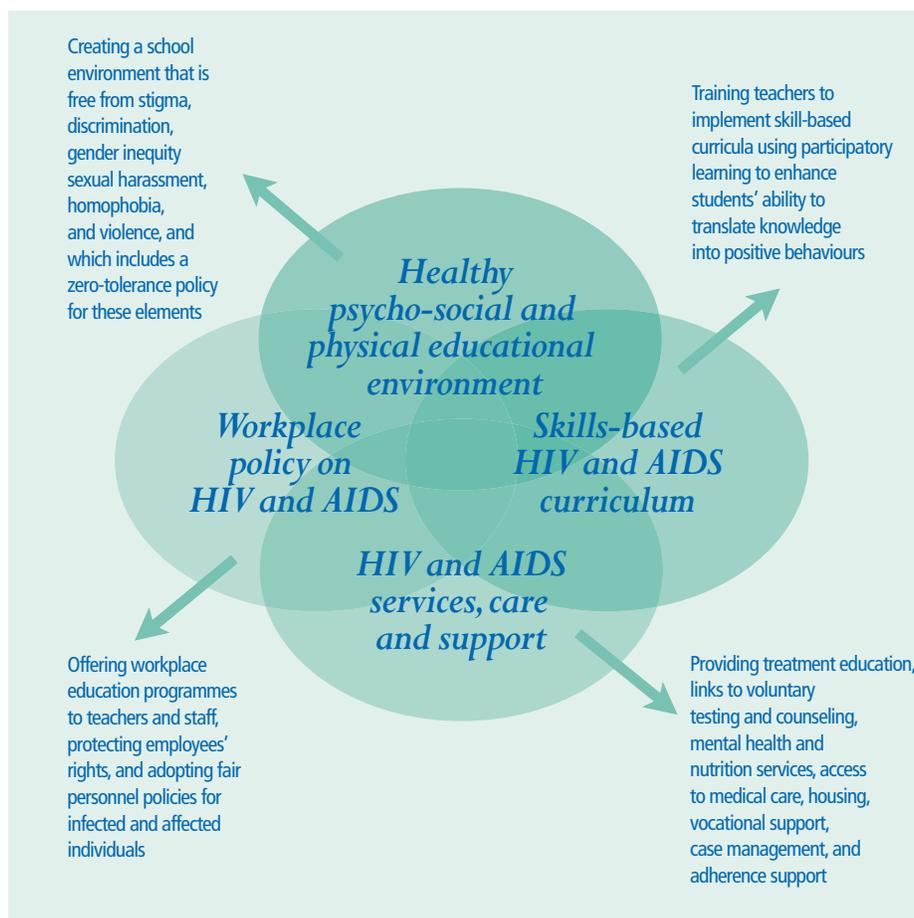


THE ROLE OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR IN RESPONDING TO HIV AND AIDS: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SECTOR APPROACH TO FIGHTING HIV AND AIDS IS A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH

A comprehensive approach goes beyond implementing an HIV and AIDS prevention curriculum in the classroom. To have a real impact on HIV and AIDS, the education sector must address the other challenges posed by the disease, including the need for workplace policies and training programmes for teachers and staff, a safe and secure learning environment for working and learning, and links to services for those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.¹² A comprehensive approach means using all means at the education sector's disposal to promote and protect the health of students and staff, and mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS on the system itself.

THE FOUR MAIN COMPONENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH



¹ C. Vince Whitman, "Uniting Three Initiatives on Behalf of Caribbean Youth and Educators: Health and Family Life Education and the Health Promoting School in the Context of PANCAP's Strategic Framework for HIV/AIDS," *Caribbean Quarterly* 50(1).

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