

Acknowledgements

Scoring African Leadership for Better Health is a joint publication of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), African Union (AU), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

A team under the overall guidance of Patrick Asea, Director of the Economic and Social Policy Division of ECA, prepared this report. The core team, led by Shamika Sirimanne of ECA, comprised Reginald Chima (on secondment at the time from UNAIDS), Adrian Gauci, Donatella Giubilaro-Demonio, Maite Irurzun-Lopez, and Tiberius Muhebwa. Research assistance was provided by Mamadou Bal, Bethelhem Belayneh, and Derrese Degefa. Other people in ECA involved at various stages of the process include George Alibaruho, Alex de Waal, Mamadou Diagne, Aissatou Gueye, Niall Kishtainy, Teigist Lemma, Laketch Mikael, Limia Mohammed, Kasirim Nwuke, Alemayehu Seyoum, and Shewaye Woldeyes. The work was carried out under the general direction of ECA's Executive Secretary, K.Y. Amoako and the Deputy Executive Secretary, Lalla Ben Barka.

Leadership from the African Union was directed by the AU Interim Chairperson H.E. Amara Essy, the Chairperson of the AU Commission Alpha Oumar Konaré, the Interim Commissioners Lawrence Agubuzu and Mahamat Doutoum, the Commissioner for Social Affairs Bience Gawanas, and, finally, the Director of the AU Social Affairs Department Dr. Grace Kalimugogo, who supported the project from the outset.

The report benefited greatly from the leadership and dedication of Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director UNAIDS, Michel Sidibe, Director, Country and Regional Support Department and Dr. Meskerem Grunitzky-Bekele, UNAIDS Associate Director of the Division for Africa. UNAIDS also contributed financially to the editing, production, and launching of the report.

WHO also contributed to this report, led by the Director General Dr. Lee Jong-wook and managed by Dr. Alexandre Nunes Correia, Director Head, WHO Office at the AU and ECA.

A wide range of consultations were undertaken for this report from initial outline to final draft. Substantive comments and contributions from Kizito Nsarhaza Bishikwabo, Bernadette Olowo-Freers, Peter Ghys, Jean-Louis Lamboray, and Hein Marais, formerly with UNAIDS, are much appreciated. The support from UNAIDS-Ethiopia Country Coordinators Bunmi Makinwa and Emilia Timpo, National Programme Officer, Emebet Admassu, and from UNAIDS-Geneva George Tembo, Senior Advisor, and the exceptional coordination of Kate Nightingale are noted with great appreciation. Special thanks must also be extended to Professor C.A.L. Johnson, Director of Human Resources, Science & Technology Directorate, and L.O. Masimba, Senior Policy Officer in the Social Affairs Directorate of the African Union, for their contributions. Substantive comments from Ties Boerma and Bernard Schwartlander of WHO are noted with appreciation.

Special thanks to Carolyn Knapp of the ECA Communication Team who worked closely with the team and did an excellent job of final copyediting. Yinka Adeyemi, Andrew Allimadi, Akwe Amosu, Bénédicte Walter, and Teshome Yohannes of the ECA Communication Team were also involved in the design and editorial process.

The team wishes to thank other contributors outside the three organizations, in particular Mohammed Bhuiyan from Save the Children-USA in Ethiopia, Abdul Mohammed of the UNICEF Liaison Office for ECA and AU, Meera Sethi, former Chief of Mission Ethiopia, International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Kari-Ann Whitbread.

The final report was designed and printed by Kul Graphics, Nairobi, Kenya.