

# Summary

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## UN / UN Secretary-General's Message on World Teachers Day

In his message on World Teachers Day the UN Secretary-General notes that teachers are not given the recognition and support they deserve and pays tribute to the millions of teachers around the world who are working with passion and whose influence on the world is potentially profound. Ban Ki-moon calls to recognize that investing in teachers is essential in our efforts to build a future of dignity and opportunity for all.

## UN / The 67th Session of the General Assembly Opens in New York

On 18 September the 67th session of the General Assembly opened in New York. In the opening speech Chairman Vuk Jeremich and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the UN organizations to focus on the following areas: sustainable development, building a safer world, assistance to countries in transition, empowerment of women and youth.

## UNIC / Access to Mobile Communication for Disabled People

On 12 September, the World Bank office in Moscow hosted a launch of the Russian version of the report "Ensuring access to mobile phones and mobile communication services for disabled people". This is a third document prepared by the UN Office in cooperation with the World Bank and the UN Information Centre in Moscow.

## UNFPA / First National Survey on Reproductive Health

On 25 September, the results of the survey dedicated to reproductive health were presented at the national forum 'Mother and Baby'. This is the first ever high quality survey on reproductive health in Russia prepared in accordance with international standards.

## UNHCR / Paying Tribute to Humanitarian Workers: World Humanitarian Day and Nansen Refugee Award

World Humanitarian Day is not yet broadly marked in Russia and UNHCR is making efforts to promote its noble goals. This year, UNHCR widely publicized the global campaign devoted to the World Humanitarian Day entitled 'I Was Here'. The Campaign logo and messages encouraging people towards humanitarian actions, however big or small, were broadly disseminated through UNHCR's Russian language website, partner websites and mass media.

## UNAIDS / Russian Community-based Organization Receives Prestigious Red Ribbon Award for Innovative Response to AIDS

The Red Ribbon Award is the world's leading award for innovative and outstanding community work in the response to the AIDS epidemic. Russian initiative group "Patients in Control" was among ten community-based organizations, which have shown exceptional and inspiring action on AIDS and were honoured with the 2012 Red Ribbon Award in a special session of the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) in Washington DC in July 2012.

## UNESCO / Internet and Social Networks to Help Achieve 'Zero New HIV Infections'

The UNESCO Office and the UNAIDS Regional Office in Moscow supported the dance4life Russia campaign aimed at uniting the efforts of youth organizations from the Commonwealth of Independent States in online HIV prevention activities. The project gathered together over 100 youth centres, public organizations, and teenage clinics in CIS countries.