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The evidence presented in this report shows that the health of our educators is a source of concern because the prevalence of HIV is high. The determinants are multiple: behavioural, knowledge deficit, lack of self-efficacy skills, migratory practices, gender, and alcohol misuse. Chronic conditions such as hypertension, stomach ulcers, arthritis and diabetes are common. The report also shows that our country is likely to lose a very high proportion of educators due to job dissatisfaction, job stress and low morale. Much needs to be done to improve the health status and the working conditions of our educators. The ELRC, which comprises the employer and the labour organisations, is best suited to facilitate the two parties jointly addressing the recommendations of this study.

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