







## AAA e-NEWS BRIEF – MAY 2016

### HIV/AIDS PREVENTION: HEALTH BEFORE WEALTH – LETTER TO OUR SCHOLAR

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#### Learn About African Action on AIDS (AAA)

AAA is a tax exempt non-profit organization registered in the USA and operating under section 501(c) 3 of the IRS code. It is also registered in Cameroon (auth. No00174/A/MINAT/DAP/SDLP/S AC). It has special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC and the UN Department of Information.

#### AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

##### "JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes" MA YEM, MA BO":

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

##### "Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands ( hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

##### "Women's economic autonomy" through our Scholarship Programme.

This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

Dearest Benis,

In the name of African Action on AIDS, I congratulate you for your *Health before Wealth Project*. We are all very proud of you, as this is an Alumni post – program activity that is a demonstration that you are able to carry out activities in your Community.

According to AAA Mission Statement, **"We succeed when the youth we serve become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities"**. You are a role model! We are proud and as discussed assure you of our full support including: a) An allocation free of charge of: Extra water stations; Mosquito treated bed nets; Brochures on water issues; Bandanas with health messages. b) The presence of AAA Programme Officer and his team at your event to ensure that you have extra technical support.

AAA stays motivated by the evidence that efforts to educate our girls encourage them to give back. You are just the perfect example of systematic change happening at a grassroots level one school at a time. Your quote of the famous African American Thurgood Marshall during your presentation just summarizes it all: *"None of us got where we are solely by pulling our self-up. But because somebody bent down and helped us"!*

We can't thank the **Embassy of the United States of America, in Yaoundé** enough for giving you this opportunity.

Well done Lady!

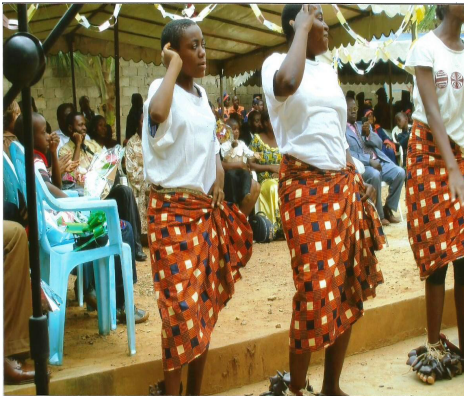


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Benis on the right enjoying a book!



Benis (left) with her school traditional dance Club (2011), one of her preferred activities

#### QUOTE:

Commenting on Batonga Foundation and African Action AIDS Scholarship, she said ***"These two organizations were founded by African Women. I want to pursue their work when I grow up!"***

## LETTER TO THE FUTURE

I am the future

The future begins with the present

Whatever we do now determines our future

For better future, every young person needs

**Good education** to create awareness and become an active member of the community,

**Good health** so as to stay strong, and alive to face the future.

Above all **Good behavior**, which ensures lovable and peaceful environment.

All the above depend entirely on me because I am determined to be in good health, have meaningful education so as to better my present and perfect my future.

**Benis**



**This Event from June - 14 August 2014** was a partnership between AAA and the USA Embassy in Yaounde. A special Summer Programme featuring Arts and Crafts, games, Academic Enrichment, Leadership development, Computer Use, Reading, films etc...

Based on our strategy to ensure both high academic success and leadership in community service, we sent 22 of AAA children to the camp. The satisfaction rate was very high both on the children and AAA sides.