



## AAA NEWS BRIEF – DECEMBER 2008

### GENERAL HEALTH, HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND NATIONAL BUDGETS

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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. No 00174/A/MINAT/DAP/SDLP/SAC). It has special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC and the UN Department of Information.

#### AAA Mission Statement

**We** believe that no one is alone. We succeed when the youth we serve become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities.

**We** reach the youth of sub-saharan Africa whose lives are affected by AIDS.

**We** affirm that tomorrow's responsible parents are the knowledgeable youth of today.

**We** educate youth with the knowledge they need to stay alive, and teach them to share that knowledge with their peers

**We** build extended family support networks in local villages and communities to deliver security, food, education and healthcare to children orphaned by AIDS.

**We** create healthcare awareness by funding women and children's health.

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

##### “JUST KNOW” Campaign emphasizes

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

##### “Health before Wealth” Concept promotes

- Safe potable water and sanitation (wells, latrines, hand washing stations in schools)
- Income generating activities (IGA) like treated mosquito bed nets and WaterGuard – a liquid that purifies water – to create a fund for women's health in rural areas.

“**Women's economic autonomy**” through our **Scholarships Programme**. This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to her financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

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As the year ends, African Action on AIDS is reaffirming its support to the Africa Public Health Rights Alliance **15% NOW CAMPAIGN** for the Right to Health, Sustainable Health Development and Financing in Africa.

This is in line with AAA sustainable health programme based on the concept of: “**Health before Wealth**”.

AAA **Respectfully draws the attention of the African Union** on the Pledge made by member States in Abuja in 2001, to allocate 15% of national budgets to health. If this pledge is not honoured as it should, people of Africa will continue to die, feel helpless and for a long time, Africa will not ensure that each of its citizens has a **minimum common humanity level!!!!**

**In Cameroon 5% of the national budget goes to health.** We encourage our Government to cover this gap in 2009. For more information on the campaign please visit: [www.africa15percentcampaign.org](http://www.africa15percentcampaign.org)

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HIV/AIDS  
Prevention and  
healthy habits**



**HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL**