# **AAA NEWS BRIEF – JUNE 2010**

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION: THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD 2010

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

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### **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.

# PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD

The theme for the Day of the African Child 2010 in Cameroon is," *PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD - A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY.* 

Based on this theme, African Action on AIDS has conceived once again, a project called: PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF TODAY, EDUCATED ADULTS OF TOMORROW. The objective is to focus on primary school children mostly orphans, so that they will grow up to be the new educated generation to help their own children to avoid opportunistic diseases that affect most people living with HIV/AIDS. These diseases include intestinal worms, diarrhea, typhoid, cholera and dysentery. But these diseases deriving from dirty water and dirty hands are the same that kill most African children!

The project aims therefore at placing one potable water station in each classroom and one hand washing station for 50 children. It also ensures that these children sleep under treated mosquito bed nets, and get worm medicine once a year. AAA has targeted 25 primary schools and orphanages – a total of 6000 children this year too. The plan emphasizes the idea that the future does not come on its own, that one needs to go out to create conditions for it to happen...AND THAT IS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY!

Our first important partners in this collective responsibility are children themselves: Children like **Noah and Gilana Etame (see pictures)**, who, at their tender age, are learning from their parents, to give financial resources that help carry part of the community responsibility. Children like Nahang Cedric, the Honourable Junior Parliamentarian who represents the Blinds (CJARC) at the National Assembly, and who helped articulate the theme of this year. Children from Louis Braille orphanage for the Blinds, children from Better Life for All orphanage in Yaoundé, where AAA celebration 2010 was launched.

We are extremely proud of our young partners! In the spirit of the original African Child's Day, we work hard to strengthen younger generations to accelerate the coming of sustainable futures!

Ruth Bamela Engo, President -AAA



Noah



Gilana Children of CJARC



Children of Better Life

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