# AAA NEWS BRIEF – JULY 2009

### HIV/AIDS PREVENTION: THE IMPACT OF BASIC HEALTH

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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.

## The Impact Of Basic Health

No one needs to read or understand French to realize that IMAGE ONE (Right) - that was published in Cameroon Tribune of 16 April 2009 - is the perfect reminder of "depressive Africa" or in this particular case "depressive Cameroon"!

AAA activities are designed to boost the immune system and improve the quality of human life, based on the concept of a Minimum Common Humanity Level (MCHL) that allows each human being among other things, to enjoy the right of basic health. It also encourages local communities to visualize health as a system and not to fight against each disease separately.

To respond to "depressive Africa", AAA came out with a local innovation "the Portable Dinking Station" - IMAGE TWO (below) that enhances the same tools presented in IMAGE ONE, to introduce a revolutionary

# Source indigne de foi



! = Car on voit bien les conditions dans les- prendre l'eau, d'où qu'elle vienne. Dans ces quelles le liquide est recueilli. Et encore, on conditions, l'eau n'est évidemment plus la ne sait pas exactement d'où il vient. A la vue vie. de ces bidons qui attendent d'être remplis,

ous aurez peut-être la même réaction. l'inquiétude se précise. Cette image est pour que la plupart de ceux qui voient cette tant un cliché très représentatif des difficultés photo: « Pourvu que cette eau ne d'accès à l'eau potable. En ville comme en soit pas destinée à la consommation campagne, les gens sont souvent réduits à

#### IMAGE ONE

change in thinking and behavior. It is a showcase, effective and efficient technique and practice of caring and creating awareness on the impact of basic health care in the process of strengthening of the immune system. We need your support to replace IMAGE ONE with IMAGE TWO in every house hold, helping to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015.

For more information, go to www.africanactiononaids.org/newsletter.php and read the 'June 2008' article.





IMAGE TWO: Pictures of AAA Portable Drinking Stations in use

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