



AAA NEWS BRIEF – JUNE 2008 BASIC HEALTH and HIV/AIDS Prevention

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.

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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BASIC HEALTH and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Innovative Portable Drinking & Hand Washing Stations

AAA just came out with a double innovation aims at providing the general public with new tools to fight diseases caused by polluted water and unclean hands. Although our work aims to prevent HIV infection and AIDS, the function of the Portable Drinking and Hand-Washing Stations attempt to reduce the risk of opportunistic diseases caused by polluted water and dirty hands.

A Portable Drinking Station: The purpose of which is to provide potable drinking water free of harmful contaminants. The water is protected from the threat of pollutants caused by unclean hands and containers because it is enclosed and elevated away from the floor. The station is comprised of a closed recycled 20 litre container, a brass sieve inserted at the bottom to collect and separate contaminated particles from water, and a metal frame that supports the container on the wall away from the floor. Included in the container is “WaterGuard” – a substance that makes water potable. Located on the wall adjacent to the drinking water station is an extended wooden handle, which is used to hold cups away from the floor.

A Portable Hand-Washing Station: The purpose of which is to provide soapy water for the cleaning of dirty hands. The station is comprised of a closed recycled 20 litre container, a tap, and a metal frame that supports the container on the wall away from the floor. Included in the container is powder soap and water.

The innovative Stations are portable allowing people to travel with potable and soapy water from one location to another while simultaneously promoting the right to safe water and clean hands.

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HAPPY DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD!



AAA Portable Drinking & Hand-Washing Stations, now in schools!