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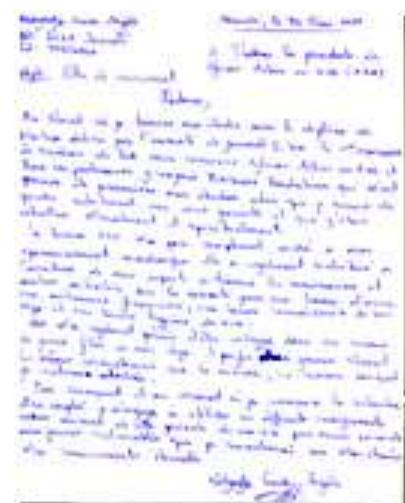
22nd February 1993 – Kampala, Uganda

Dear Sponsorer,

I have the pleasure of writing to you as one of the privileged AIDS orphans receiving your financial support which has enabled me to go to school since last year (1992). My name is Appolo. I am 15 years old and I have found life in Kampala quite pleasant...

Makerere College School is one of the best day and boarding secondary schools in Uganda. It is a co-education school with all facilities like science labs, art room, Agriculture classes where we go and spend a day working on the school farm about 10 km from Kampala. We move by the school lorry and this is a lot of fun with my friends... Our father FK died on 1st Dec 1990 of AIDS, leaving 14 children.....We thank God who has kept my mother alive though she is sickly... We keep wondering for how long she will be with us and what would happen of us if she eventually left us as our father did? This causes stress to most of us....

Hoping to hear from you, I am yours sincerely, Applo Kawalya



AM I DOING SOMETHING?

Dear Friend, AAA 20th Anniversary continues. All e-News Briefs of this year will reveal an aspect of our wonderful journey. In the present issue, you will read 2 letters: The first one AAA received in 1993 from Uganda, and the last one received few days ago from Cameroon. The 2 letters not only reaffirm that NO ONE IS ALONE as we reminded you last month, they also help you discover the other meaning of AIDS, which is: **AM I DOING SOMETHING? Or AIDS?**



A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW
...It will not matter what
My bank account was,
The sort of house I lived in,
Or the kind of car I drove...
...but the world may be
Different because I was important in
the life of a CHILD.

Author Unknown

Objet: Lettre de remerciement

Madame la Présidente d'African Action on AIDS,

Au moment où je termine mes études avec le **diplôme de Maîtrise** délivré par L'Université de Yaoundé II SOA, le 1^{er} Mars 2011, je voudrais de tout cœur remercier African Action on AIDS et tous ses partenaires y compris **Batonga Foundation** qui m'ont permis de poursuivre mes études alors que je venais de perdre subitement mes deux parents il ya 4 ans et que j'étais abattue moralement et spirituellement.

La bourse d'AAA n'a pas simplement aidé à mon épanouissement académique. Elle a également contribué à l'ouverture de mon esprit à travers les séminaires et autres activités sur la nécessité pour une femme d'avoir une autonomie financière, une bonne connaissance de son corps et une bonne hygiène de base.

AAA m'a également permis d'être intégrée dans un réseau de jeunes filles de mon âge et parfois plus jeunes vivant les mêmes circonstances que la mienne – un réseau auquel je resterai attachée.

Par conséquent, et au moment où je commence la recherche d'un emploi, je m'engage à utiliser ces différents enseignements reçus au cours de cette période de ma vie pour venir en aide aux jeunes vulnérables que je rencontrerai sur mon chemin.

Mes remerciements éternels,

Ndogndje Louise Angèle, BP 4849 – Yaoundé, Cameroun
Yaoundé le 31 Mars 2011



Louise – Cameroun 2011



Applo – Uganda 1993

**Louise Ndogndje
presents her
diploma -Masters
Degree to AAA
president**

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