



# AAA NEWS BRIEF – MARCH 2010

## HIV/AIDS PREVENTION: US AMBASSADOR GIVES TIME

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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.

### US AMBASSADOR IN CAMEROON GIVES TIME TO AN IMPORTANT CAUSE: HIV/AIDS PREVENTION

From the latest UNAIDS report, we learn that new HIV infections and AIDS- related deaths are declining in Sub-Saharan Africa. The drop in infections is a result of the positive impact of 'combination' HIV prevention, an approach that combines public education, access to condoms and other prevention technologies. It also results from reduction in stigmatization of PLWHIV and those at high risk of infection like youth, along with policies that have promoted personal responsibility in all matters related to health.

This is what African Action on AIDS was doing, in partnership with the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Yaoundé, on 17 February 2010 as part of the celebration of YOUTH DAY. While this process was going on, we were all surprised, but happy and immensely proud to see H.E. Janet E. Garvey, the US Ambassador. She decided, within her heavy schedule, to spare sometime for this community effort!

As President Bill Clinton says in his book, GIVING, " While we don't all have the same amount of money, we do have access to the same 24 hours in every day. Though some people have much less free time than others, nearly everyone can carve out some opportunity for giving. The gift of time can sometimes be more satisfying and more valuable than money". In this particular case it was more valuable for the bubbling excited youth of College Monti, Yaoundé....The Ambassador gave these students the chance to live their dreams and strengthen their sense of personal responsibility in the fight against AIDS!!!!

MILLION THANKS to all who made this possible.

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Pictures of HE Jenet E. Garvey and participants

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