



AFRICA's Youth: The Need to Keep them Home!

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AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

"JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes" MA YEM, MA BO":

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

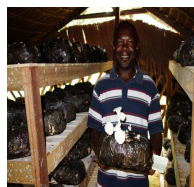
"Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands (hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

"Women's economic autonomy" through our Scholarship Programme. This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

In the last issue of AAA e-News Brief, younger African children sang about training and building. Based on that efficiency-oriented understanding of education, we decided to turn towards older African children, **those who move abroad each day in search of jobs and better life**. How to protect them from the degrading/vulnerable status of MIGRANTS? Did we even notice the change of emphasis in vocabulary? Few centuries ago, people who moved were called IMMIGRANTS – *one that leaves one place to settle in another*. Today, everyone on the move is known as a MIGRANT - *having a way of life that involves moving from one region to another, typically on a seasonal basis...* And therefore not settling in one place! **Is Homelessness the vision we have for Africa's Youth?** In seeking the answer it is important *first*, to understand that knowledge, skills or resources are not always major barriers, but rather attitude, particularly a lack of self-esteem and confidence. *Second*, that the type of education still received by African youth provides a foundation that takes them away from the problems faced by their communities. *Third*, that building their Minds, Intellect and Technical Know- How is part of a process leading to **building a stronger Africa where they will be allowed to settle**. In this issue, we want to share efforts from civil society organizations that take us closer to that stronger Africa:

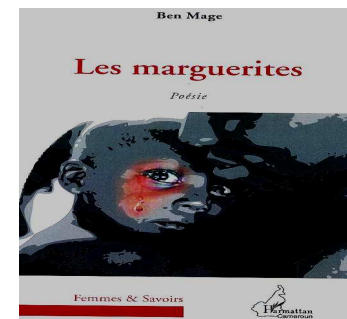
- 1) **The Centre of Socio-Economic Activities – Nkoabang**, Yaoundé is leading hands on training of school drop outs for the production of Fish, Meat, Mushrooms, Corn, which presently contribute to local food security and the reduction of imported foods in Cameroon.



- 2) African Action on AIDS' Mission statement affirms the following:

"We succeed when the youth we serve become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities. **Ben Mage**, one of AAA 10.000 youth who went through Community Mobilization activities since 2007, got, BACC, BTS, Bachelor, presently finalizing a Master's degree. He is 29 years old. He has A JOB and just wrote a book that outlines his perception of today Africa (Les Marguerites, Harmattan). He is one of 21st Century Donors. YES WE CAN KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE VULNERABLE STATUS OF MIGRANTS!

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