



AAA NEWS BRIEF – SEPTEMBER 2008 CAMEROON: YOUTH, AIDS AND POETRY

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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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AIDS is a disease
Which comes to tease
But does not cease
If AIDS were an aid
Then humans would tease
So it doesn't fade.
It is like a roaring lion
Upon Mount Zion
With its numerous symptoms
So tiny as atoms
But hard as a metagon
Seeking someone to devour
But none will allow
This horrid pest
Which comes to test
But does not rest
It is running a race
With a seasonal pace
A big 'NO' will do

By,

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HAPPY RETURN TO SCHOOL!



Picture of Author
(right) and youth
paintings on AIDS/
Drug-free Africa