



## AAA e-NEWS BRIEF – JULY 2015

### Support to Refugees and Displaced Persons – TEAM WORK FOR PEACE

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#### AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

##### "JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes:

- 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.

Cameroon, like other countries in the Central region of Africa has been stressed by an imposed war. Children and a great number of others have been unjustly killed and many displaced. Schools and Medical centres that have not been destroyed are closed. African Action on AIDS believes that **NO ONE IS ALONE**. We have watched with sadness and have decided to join the drive of incredible goodwill and solidarity that is taking place all over the country. We now have a better understanding of how Community destabilization aggravates the vulnerability of each community member. We chose to send our support through the UNHCR – Yaoundé Office. Our donations were transmitted on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. The present situation gave African Action on AIDS an occasion to reflect on characteristics of Mobilized and Responsible Communities. They are generally led by local PEK / FEK or WISDOM. Please check the table below: **Ruth Bamela Engo, AAA President**

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF MOBILIZED AND RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITIES - WITH "FEK/PEK" or WISDOM

- Members are aware and informed of their individual and collective problems.
- The knowledge acquired by members help them to better understand their own world
- Members acquire le "FEK/PEK" or Wisdom through debates/Conversations/MINLAN/ MINKWEL
- Members have practical knowledge of different options they can take to solve their problems.
- Members act within their capacity, applying their own strengths and investing their own resources
- Members understand the importance for each one to play their role in decision making, evaluation, responsibility for outcome.
- The community seeks outside partnerships, not to totally rely on them, but to grow and be more efficient
- Members of the community become creative
- Members learn the importance of a team and network.
- Members learn positive effects of endurance.

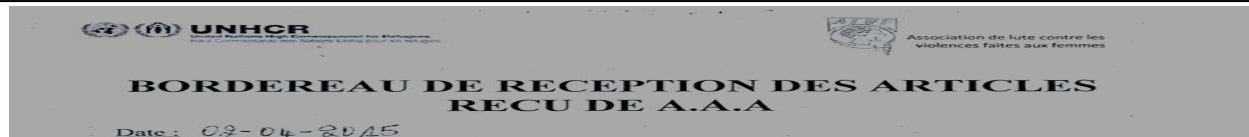
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