

AAA e-NEWS BRIEF - AUGUST 2011 HIV/AIDS PREVENTION – EDUCATION FOR GIRL ORPHANS

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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 medicine

"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.



EDUCATION FOR GIRL ORPHANS

Dear Friends, AAA 20th Anniversary continues. All e-news briefs of this year will reveal an aspect of our wonderful journey. The present issue highlights AAA's strategic goal of providing at least high school education to girl orphans – a minimum level of education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing their risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and/or violence.

Indeed, human beings who grow without positive values, moral influences, and fundamental education have only few possibilities. Most of the time, they even become victims of untapped potential with no one knowing what they could have accomplished! Many African Girls mostly orphans are in this category. Therefore the people who help AAA to empower these girls with knowledge and confidence ensure that these orphans have many paths to choose from. Our main partners in this field are principally the Batonga Foundation, followed by: The Center for Peace through Culture, MTN Foundation and Dr. Honorée Bayiha.

As a Chinese proverb says: If you are planning for a day, catch a fish. If you are planning for a year, plant rice. If you are planning for a decade, plant a tree. If you are planning for a life time, educate a woman. AAA is indeed planning for life and here are results of official exams during 2010-2011 academic year: 8 successes over 13. We are extremely proud of our girls!!!!!!

Ruth Bamela Engo President









From left: Ngo Biog, Bavemi and Azange. These girls do not only read well, they also play music!

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