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HIV/AIDS PREVENTION: BEYOND VULNERABILITY

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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.

First it was about a **vulnerable** orphan girl. Then she got a scholarship from a community organization that believed in the possibility of moving past **VULNERABILITY**. She became a Youth Leader in her school and was later selected to participate in the Pan-African Youth Leadership Program in the USA. In the letter of appreciation that she sent to the USA Embassy in Yaoundé Cameroon on 25 August 2015, she indicated the following: *"...This great program has exposed me to a larger world that went beyond the USA to include many countries of Africa. Indeed, my interaction with other Young African Leaders made me learn about similar problems in other African countries and the zeal to work together for change. I also learned many things in the USA one of the most important being the state of cleanliness wherever I went!"*

Her ZEAL to change AFRICA was translated in a project on improving the sanitation in her community titled: A HEALTH Before WEALTH CAMPAIGN. With this project being launched in the 2 schools she attended in Yaoundé, she intends to: **1) Stop people spending money on HOSPITAL BILLS; 2) Stop people DYING from diseases to do with lack of sanitation; 3) Help SAVE as MANY LIVES as possible in her community and her country as a whole! WOW! WOW! Benis Oyebog Adeh, the yesterday vulnerable has decided to pull her community forward! Keep Going Girl!**

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