



# CIFA and AAA: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

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## Learn About African Action on AIDS (AAA)

**AAA** is a tax exempt non-profit organization registered in the USA and operating under section 501(c) 3 of the IRS code. It is also registered in Cameroon (auth. No00174/A/MINAT/DAP/SD LP/SAC). It has special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC and the UN Department of Information.

**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.

Whereas the Council of Independent Financial Advisors (CIFA) and African Action on AIDS (AAA) both have consultative status with the UN-ECOSOC; Whereas activities of CIFA and AAA have been supporting UN sustainable development even before the adoption of the SDGs; Whereas both CIFA and AAA promote the involvement of the civil society and Private sector in the implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the SDGs, **It is worth noting that on 2 February 2015 CIFA was reclassified from Special to General UN Status**, with an outstanding privilege to sit at the same table with other major world players and to contribute **"towards solutions of international economic, social progress and development...with a view of the creation of stability and well being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations between nations"** (UN Charter art 55 and 71). CIFA's declaration during the last High Level Segment of ECOSOC

(UN doc - E/2016/NGO/17) definitively reaffirms its commitment to the UN Charter. With a Partner like CIFA ready to fund local activities in view of building strong evidence on successful partnerships and success stories related to the implementation of SDGs (Care for vulnerable children, Education for all, Water and sanitation in rural areas, etc...), AAA has been empowered to help a lot more people, using its mobilization skills, its network of villages and AIDS orphans. CIFA's commitment emphasizes the fact that these kinds of partnerships can make a dramatic impact on lives of rural people around the world. There is nothing more exciting than supporting a process that leads vulnerable people to **well being!** It goes beyond the people immediately concerned. It strengthens the very fabric of our common humanity. The pictures below tell the story of Water and Sanitation infrastructures built through CIFA's funding in a rural health Centre covering 8000 people. The table demonstrates clear progress.

Year/ Period	2014		2015		January - February (2016)	
Evolution of Gastroenteritis (Diarrhea) case per year	Children	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Adults
	71	62	31	25	4	1



**KEEP GOING CIFA and HAPPY AIDS DAY to ALL!**

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