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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.

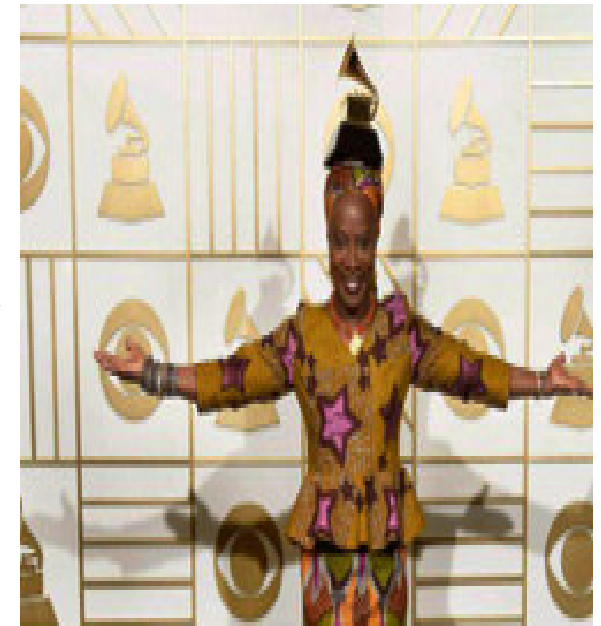
She is a world Musician. Since 2007, she has won 3 Grammys. She is a "Phenomenal Woman" from the African Diaspora living in the USA. She is a UNICEF Ambassador. She is the Founder of Batonga Foundation. She is a Mother of more girls than her biological daughter. Most of all, and since 2007 - The very year that she won her first Grammy - She has been awarding Scholarships to 21 Cameroon Secondary, Professional and University girls through **African Action on AIDS**. So far her sponsorship has produced: A Master in Economy and Finances, 3 State Nurses, One Civil Engineer and one Human Resources Manager. One of her scholars visited the USA as an African Youth Leader in 2015! **Angelique Kidjo** has not only used herself to touch lives of other people, but also proven that true service is about how many people you have impacted and in her case the numbers are multiplied, because sponsoring girls is touching their Communities!

LISTEN to Cameroon Batonga Scholars writing to their younger self:

Cyntia: *"Cyntie, I am 23 years old today and I want to believe that my life through high school and the training school for nurses gave me experiences that helped me to build my inner strength. Over the years, though I can't boast of having total confidence in myself, I am contented in the way I am capable of taking care of the sick. I am happy that I built some confidence in me and I have stopped tolerating the attempt to live up to the expectation of others. Now I know I am just me and being myself puts something wonderful in the world that was not there before. As long as I live, I will not stop believing in myself because I know I am a mine full of gems of inestimable value from which others can tap."*

Xaverie: *"After both my parents died, it was clear to me that I will never go to school again! But for the last five years, Batonga's Scholarship has saved my life. I finished my Secondary school education and now starting second year in accounting school. Thank you is not enough to express my feelings... I will have to make another child live the same experience!"*

Issa: *"My mother is a small trader who would not have sent us to school. Batonga Scholarship has therefore opened the door to my dream career: NURSING!"*



Angelique Kidjo dedicated her 2nd Grammy Award EVE to African Women World Musicians

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH TO ALL!

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