



BACK TO THE BASICS: IMPACT OF FAMILY TRAINING

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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.

Based on numerous recent debates on the importance of Education in general, we chose to open the 2017- 2018 academic year by drawing attention to Home Training and the role of parents. We stress the importance of home training that is rooted at the community level, solid, self-reliant, with a clear vision of the kind of Citizen and human Values necessary to positively interact with the rest of the world.

In this context, parents are the initial role models of human behavior for the child. Parents therefore have the singular duty of educating their children by setting the example through action. When parents are disciplined, children tend to follow their example. If parents do not throw garbage or urinate on the street, children will not do it either. Parents who say: Good morning, Good night, Please, Thank you, I am sorry, Congratulations, etc... will tend to have children who use same positive words. On the other hand, influential parents that use their high rank in the society to ignore laws and regulations, including the disrespect of traffic regulations, not only cause accidents and deaths, but may definitely give the

WRONG IMPRESSION to their children on how affluent members of the community must conduct themselves.

Education should therefore be applied at different complementary levels: the family, the school and the society at large. These different levels must groom and nurture children, allowing them to become positive actors equipped with Technical, Academic Knowhow as well as Moral Values. In the past, Traditional African Societies had mastered this practical methodology that links positive Knowledge and positive Action (MA YEM – MA BO). In so doing, SCHOOLING was for LEADERSHIP, not just a process limited to getting Diplomas (Yii Nkong). So let's get back to the Basics. The testimony below speaks for itself:



"Small domestic tasks are normally entrusted to children, such as sweeping and putting out thrash in the early morning before going to school, taking shuttles of thread to the weavers, giving the tontine money to this or that person, helping mother to sell woven skirts and bedcovers at the big market on feast days and the like. My integration, through these means into the Women's World to which I belonged was my parents' way of not trusting entirely to schooling..." Aminata Traoré of Mali – ORIGINS: African Wisdom Every day, Editions Follimi 2005

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