



THEO-BEN GURIRAB: AN AUTHENTIC LEADER

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AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

"JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes" MA YEM, MA BO":

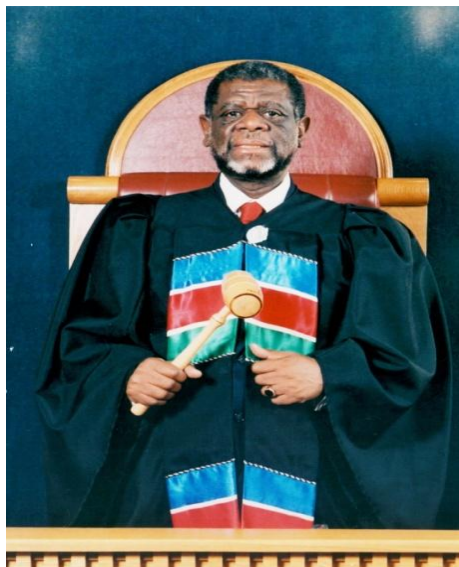
- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

"Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:

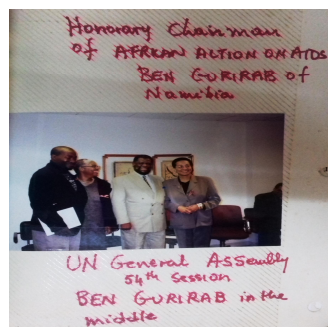
- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands (hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

"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.

It is with deep sadness that we inform members and friends of African Action on AIDS (AAA) of the passing of one of the principal architects of Namibia's diplomacy, stalwart of the Anti-apartheid and freedom struggle, former President of the United Nations General Assembly 2000, and HONORARY CHAIRMAN of African Action on AIDS, Theo-Ben Gurirab. AAA has very few things to add to this sad news, except to recall how honored we felt, when in year 2000, he concluded an important UN GA meeting and immediately came to attend our simple gathering.



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We welcomed him by saying:" AAA is extremely honored by your presence here today. We are overwhelmed and do not have the usual flowery words used in diplomatic circles, because we are simple people. But as simple people, we know how to detect AUTHENTIC BEHAVIOUR! We recognize in you a person who always sides with the oppressed, the poor, and the weak. Starting with your own country Namibia, you sided with your people when freedom was needed more than bread. The award you are most proud of is the one you received from the United Nations interns in 1998, you made the plight of the children the focus of your mandate , and today, on the most important day of the United Nations marking Human Rights Day, you chose to be with the smallest group in town. We are very grateful. The energy of your presence fills us, boosts us and will spread our activities far afield..."

REST IN PEACE !

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Memorial Service at the General Assembly Live <http://webtv.un.org/live-now/watch/general-assembly-108th-plenary-meeting>.
- 2) Memorial Service held on July 20th at 6:30 at the National Black Theatre, located at 2031 5th Ave (125th St Harlem)
- 3) Condolences Book opened at the Mission of Namibia, 135 East 36 St. NY,NY, 10016 on 18, 19, 20th July from 10:30 AM- 4:00 PM



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