



**HONOUR to Late Pr GOTTLIEB LOBE MONEKOSSO**

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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.

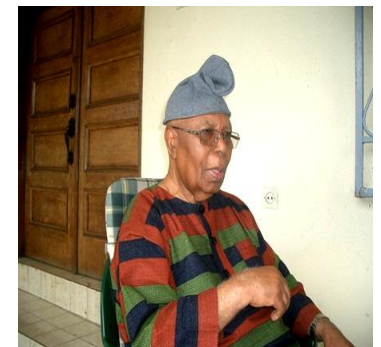
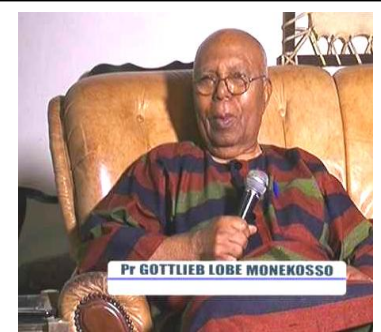
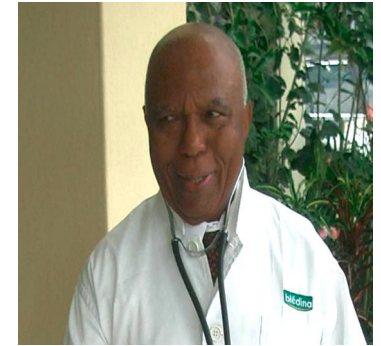
In June 1990, one year before AAA was legally established, a few of us decided to seek advice and general orientation from Pr Monekosso . This meeting took place in Addis-Ababa where he was chairing a WHO meeting in his capacity as WHO/Africa Regional Director (1980 – 1990). His first question was: WHY WOULD YOU CREATE ANOTHER ORGANIZATIONS ON AIDS, there are so many already? This important meeting ended with 2 major ideas:

1) To base our work on Knowledge, helping people understand what was happening in their own bodies and what they could personally do to be AIDS free. This advice led to AAA: MA YEM MA BO or I KNOW and I DO concept, the AAA Preventive Health Plan and a Strategic plan based on Prevention not cure.

2) The second major orientation was to build an organization grounded in local communities with a pool of voluntary actors who would address their basic health needs , leading to a positive appropriation of their own health !  
 Cameroon Minister of Public Health: 1997 - 2000; Director of Cameroon Centre Universitaire des Sciences et de la Santé (CUSS) : 1969 – 1978, Pr Monekosso was world wide respected by his peers in the Medical Community.

Many generations of AAA will remember a Great MENTOR, a Vibrant Community Leader who would meet, orient and advise in all his simplicity. We will carry on his ideals....And YES A SAGE NEVER DIES!  
 May he Rest in Peace!

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Minister of Public Health G. L. Monekosso interacting with NASUCA students – a local organization of AAA (1999)



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