



Learn About African Action on AIDS (AAA)

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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.

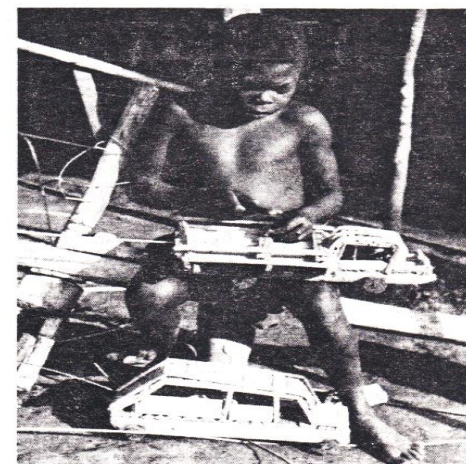
Our country, like many others in the world has been lately hit by different forms of insecurities. Some of our major ones are: Instability in different regions, landslides, collapse of buildings, increasing number of deaths in non-equipped hospitals, dangers caused by street medicines, permanent lack of water/ appropriate toilets/ electricity in the vast majority of homes, Internet failures and the growing violence in schools!

Where do we go from here? Can playing the blame game after each catastrophe solve the problem? Could analysis of the above life examples, lead to a **Community Development based on matching local problems with an appropriate educational path?** Could Education and Research be transformed into a process that will match the competent human resource with solution? Could confidence through helping their community to solve its problems while using their talents **STOP violence and STOP our youth from migrating?**

We have geniuses with no formal schooling, who can build toy cars using local materials (picture 1). There are more girls than ever before, who use and maintain computers (picture 2). Could these positive realities lead to schools equipped with areas of research focusing on solving problems we presently face? Isn't it time for us to affirm with Albert Einstein, that: **"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity"?**

We welcome the next Einstein Forum, the largest Science and Innovation gathering on the African continent to be held in Nairobi, Kenya in March 2020. We equally salute the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, which can serve as a reminder to our youth on the power of working in an active community and doing your own part to help solve your local issues! As one of AAA's distinguished scholar, Azange Kawo (2007-2015) said on her graduation as civil Engineer : **" I intend to do a Master's degree in Structural Analysis...These days, anyone can draw a house plan, but not just anybody can calculate the load the structure is supposed to carry, reason why most of our structures fail... I will be an Agent of Change in terms of living conditions and not just a Diploma Holder"!** Happy Youth Week!

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(Photo: Satyan-UNICEF)

Picture 1



Picture 2

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