

VISION

*Our vision is to create a healthy,
AIDS-free and prosperous nation,
through sustainable educational programmes.*

BACKGROUND

For years now the country of BZSS has been witnessing the destructive effect of AIDS. There have been the deaths of many men and women resulting in the depletion of our productive population. This has badly affected the industries and the economic development of the country. At the same time, the deaths of so many has resulted in the lost of investment that we have made in our human resources.

Looking at the population of BZSS, the apparent reduction of our productive people is quite devastating. Our insurance of the future generation is therefore questioned. On the other hand, we also see an increase of orphans and elderlies who have no one to care for them. This is really tasking our welfare system.

In the midst of all that, we note that the behaviour and attitudes of people are not changing. There is a denial of the existence of the disease as well as the effect that it can have on our society and economy. Promiscuity and prostitution is still rampant despite the fact that those are the main ways of spreading the disease. There is also misinformation and many are misinterpreting the information available. People often are not counseled and do not know how to deal with this infection.

We believe that for the survival of BZSS there is need for educational programmes that will increase the awareness of people and reduce the devastating effects of HIV and AIDS.

RATIONALE

The non-responsiveness of the large nation towards the information available on HIV/AIDS has led to a perpetual fight on how to best reach them. The society has not changed its behaviour and attitude and it is hoped that through this educational programmes we will reach them in a more effective way.

TARGET GROUP

This programme will target selected members of the community from the police, teachers, health officers, customer records and tribal leaders. We will target to train at least 10% of the population above 30 years old as trainers and counselors. They should be literate, with at least secondary education.

AIMS

The aim of the educational programme is to equip the learners with skills, knowledge and attitude to act as facilitators to counsel and educate others in their respective region.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this programme are:

- To provide participants with skills to contextualise material to local situation
- To provide participants with counseling skills
- To change behaviour and attitudes of people regarding AIDS
- To help the people implement the knowledge acquired from AIDS education

Assumptions

We assume that we will have the commitment of the government, that resources will be available and that the infrastructure will be available.

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

Some of the main indicators of success will be:

- Reduction of infection
- Change in attitude and behaviour
- Reduction of death rate
- Existence of a growing pool of trainers and counselors.
- Increased life expectancy rate
- Prolonged life of infected

COURSE PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme will cover the following topics:

- AIDS/HIV awareness
 - What is HIV/AIDS
 - How is HIV/AIDS transmitted
 - How can certain behaviors increase the transmission of AIDS
 - How can HIV/AIDS impact on the population
- Techniques in dissemination of knowledge
- Counseling and guidance
- The roles of tradition and cultural practices in AIDS
 - Dynamics of the community
- Teaching approach

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES

The strategy to be employed in delivery of the programme will be the Distance Learning Mode. The following methods will be used:

- Face to face workshops
- Printed material supported by audio and video material,
- Other learning supports such as, telephone, faxes, radio and TV

Assessment will be done through a project developed and implemented by all participants in the application of any of the skills learnt. Practical assessments to be done by observers of participants on the field.

Learners will be supported by visits for trainers and telephone contacts. There will be resource centres equipped with computers, internet and books. Participants make can use the centre where they can get together now and then with a tutor to clarify problems.

DELIVERY MECHANISMS

Seminars will be organised and self-learning packages will be given to learners. Libraries will be used for delivery of printed materials. Other partners like health, telecommunication, education will assist in delivery of the programme. Colleges, schools and regional facilities will be used as centres.

RESOURCE IMPLICATION AND LIMITATIONS

For the success implementation of the programme, the following resources will be required

- Very well coordinated administration structure
- Qualified human resources to develop and conduct the programme
- Blank audio, video cassettes,
- Printed sensitisation material and books
- Stationaries
- Computers
- Video and audio equipment
- Printing equipment
- Qualified full-time coordinators
- Transport to get to the various regions

LIMITATIONS

- Language barriers
- Being part-timers/volunteers, participants may not be released by employers
- The spread and distance of the regions might limit access.
- Time limitation to prepare and implementation of this urgent cause