



REPORT FOR THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2008

Theme: “STOP AIDS, KEEP THE PROMISE AND LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT”

INTRODUCTION:

IN AN OPEN COMMONS CONFERENCE ORGANISED AT DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS CAMPUS, BY THE STUDENT GLOBAL AIDS CAMPAIGN, CAMEROON CHAPTER

S.G.A.C. being a youth organization with mission and vision to Fight AIDS, TB, Malaria and work with vulnerable children and orphans also included a good and very vital topic family health including Reproductive Health (RH) and STIs after reviewing all school officials deemed it necessary to visit them through out the World AIDS Week (November 26th to December 1st 2008) coming up on December 1st 2008 in the globe. SGACers equally explained how the above health related issues affect day-to-day life and activities. This event marked the 20th WAD celebration throughout the world during which sketches, poems and film projections spiced the event.

DAY 1: Wednesday 26th November 2008

This day marks the 20 th edition of the celebration for the World AIDS Day. The theme of the year's celebration being ‘**STOP AIDS,KEEP THE PROMISE AND LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT**’ The open commons discussions were held with the focus on the HIV/AIDS,ARH together with other health related issues and how the entirely youths could get ride of and live a better life in future. As a youth group discussions were centred on issues that relate to the health of youths and their future.

At 1:25 PM, SGACers hosted the event in **MARIO Academic Complex Simbock, Mendong.**

The following program was adapted

- 1).Opening (prayers and a welcome word from President of Health Club the host)
- 2) Self introduction of SGAC and their activities
- 3) The General view of HIV/AIDS, ARH and other related issues.
- 4) The way forward for the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its future.

Prayers having been directed to the plight of HIV/AIDS, Mr. Ntiokam Divine, the President of SGAC while welcoming all present called for fruitful deliberations. On the issues of the day, an overview of the scientific evidence for male circumcision and HIV prevention is expanding over a period of nearly



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20 years, and the policy and programmatic responses of the UN and partners to the recent evidence confirming male circumcision as an important HIV prevention intervention. Ecological and epidemiological evidence dating back to late 1980s has shown an association between lower HIV prevalence and higher male circumcision. Three randomised controlled trials were recently conducted in South Africa, Kenya and Uganda and completed by December 2006.

They all demonstrated a protective effect of male circumcision on the heterosexual transmission of HIV to men by 50-60 %.(Dr. Dick WHO, Geneva)

HIV/AIDS has caused untold suffering to children south of the Sahara, whereby parents died and OVC'S(Orphans and Vulnerable Children) turn to the streets living in poor conditions and perpetuating crime. The number of orphans in Africa is alarming and needs intervention from the international community as claimed.

The students were very interested and wanted to know about the following:

- What is HIV/AIDS?
- How is it contracted/transmitted?
- What are the different modes of prevention?



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SGACers keeping the promise and barring AIDS



SGACers exposing on the RH in Mario Complex

At 2:30PM SGACers drove to **Mevick Bilingual Grammar School, Etoug Ebe** where the school officials welcomed them and presented the different clubs. While in MBGS, SGACers involves all students accommodated in the science laboratory where students started by wanting to know our mission and vision. This was later on explained by Mr.Ngwesse Prince coupled with Sandrine Mengue. after getting the information passed out they promise “keeping the promise and stop unprotected intercourse”. Finally, the founding President promised including Adolescent Reproductive Health in Mevick`s Health Club this academic year 2008/09.



SGAC Founder President chatting with Mevick health Club President



SGACers and Mevick students

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Day 2: Thursday, November 27th 2008

This day was embarked on presenting the theme of the World AIDS Day in **Ecole Publique Biyem Assi-Acacias** (a primary school)where SGACers read the agenda and adopted it.

This was followed by some presentations of which Mr. Flavy gave a talk on the basis definitions of HIV/AIDS and also different modes of transmission/contraction.

Reasons being that the pupils are very curious, one of them said “pour *quoi nous devons Abstenir et porter les preservatives*”?

Further more the question “ quel sont les différents signes qui nous permet de connaitre que une personne a atteint le SIDA’?

Contributions to the above questions were given three SGACers namely NDOUNDA OYIE, ASSOUMOU ETTIENE, MENGUE MARIE, UDUAK EKANI ,EPIE NZUME, MATIFA EMMANUEL, ONDO CHRISTINE AND PRINCE NGWESSE.

The pupils concluded by saying once they get home the normal hi to dad/mum will become ‘*Mama/Papa, tous le monde peut attrapper le SIDA et tous le monde peut se protégé*’



SGAC Founder President elaborating on AIDS



SGAC Founder President exposing

on Contraceptives



Groups photographs with Staffs at the end of the celebration in Ecole Publique Accacia

Day 3: Friday, November, 28th 2008

SGACers launched the program in **Quality International School (QIS)** after which the Principal and other officials gave a welcome speech appreciating the idea of including them in the said program.

The following questions were asked:

- Can someone acquire the disease while eating in the same dish with an HIV+ person?
- Is there an existing treatment which can be used to cure this disease or limit dead rate?
- What are the main preventive methods for the pandemic?

Responses were given to the above question by projecting a film where the students were satisfied and felt more impressed when they heard about the **ABCs** of HIV/AIDS. With

A: Abstinence

B: Be faithful

C: Condom usage

and the “window period”.

After which Mr. Ntiokam Divine gave a talk on Sexual Adolescent Reproductive Health where he iterated that reason being that youths are the future of tomorrow, this part of the discussion should be taken with care.

This was the ever first group to visit the Quality International School in Maison Blanch Biyem Assi, Yaounde. It equally created a lot of awareness in neighbouring institutions such as ITIE and CITY BILINGUAL ACCADEMY all in Yaounde, which are going to be SGACers next targets.





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QIS Students were very impressed having good information about HIV/AIDS

Day 4: Monday, December 1st 2008

Today which is the 20th Anniversary for all HIV/AIDS Activities called the World AIDS Day, SGACers celebrated this day with a **Private Secondary School in Yaounde (College Privee Le Savior)** where some films were projected .It started at exactly 1:40 PM, followed immediately by self introduction the agenda was disclosed. During the session, SGACers did their best to distribute some pliers containing HIV/AIDS information to the students for future use. This day was flourishised with a lot of contributive ideas from all participants and staffs as well. Presentations on Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH), discussions on causative and preventives measures of HIV/AIDS were equally discussed by Ntiokam Divine, Otto Flavy and Prince Ngwesse respectively. Students being very interested in the program, proposed on opening an SGAC Branch in their school premises as soon as possible for follow up. The day ended with question and answer sessions during which the following was asked : **peut ont contracter le SIDA attraverso la morcu des mostiques?** The response was presented in three different versions by NDOUNDA OYIE,OTTO FLAVY,ONDO CHRISTINE and PRINCE NGWESSE. The celebration ended with a refreshment offer by SGACers and group photographs.



COLLEGE LE SAVIOR STUDENTS VERY EXCITED AND HAPPY GETTING SGACers VISIT