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A special Jambo (hello) and greetings to you all, our beloved friends.

Jambo means 'hello' in Swahili. *Jambo* is the official newsletter of the New Zealand AIDS Foundation (NZAF) African Communities programme, developed to keep in touch with members of New Zealand-based African communities, service providers, key stakeholders and many friends around the globe.

Staff Corner

The NZAF has four enthusiastic and passionate African Communities staff. All the team members originally come from the rich and yet exploited content of Africa. Two new members have recently joined the team. We welcome Carlos Abdelrahman to Auckland, and Rodney Tendekayi Mugadza to Wellington. We bid farewell to Fungisai (Fungi) Foto and Rumishael Masanga (Rumi) who have moved on to pursue new dreams.

Carlos was born in Sudan and has worked and travelled extensively. He has joined the NZAF from Child Youth and Family based in Wellington. Carlos says "It's exciting to take on a role working with the African communities and meeting great people. I look forward to sharing my story and working with you in this position". Carlos' first day was 14 November 2011.

Rodney is originally from Zimbabwe and has been in New Zealand for almost ten years. Rodney is a trained NZAF Community Educator and has been working with Fungi in a voluntary capacity for the past five years. He has been the main force behind the monthly dances parties and Miss Africa annual pageants in Wellington. He brings in a wealth of experience to the NZAF and will start on 15 December 2011.

Bon Voyage Fungi, Farewell Rumi

Fungi joined the NZAF in 2006 and has worked in the NZAF Āwhina Centre in Wellington. She will leave the NZAF at the end of December 2011 to move to the sunny shores of Perth, Australia with her family. Fungi has done an outstanding job and will be remembered very fondly. From everyone at the NZAF "Famba zvakanaka Fungi" (please go well).

Rumi has worked at the NZAF in Auckland since February 2006. He has been an active and engaged member of the African community in Auckland and will be sadly missed at sports games, community events and parties. Rumi has left to pursue business opportunities and to spend more time with his growing family. We wish him all the best - Arohanui Rumi.



Fungi Foto, NZAF Community Engagement Co-ordinator African Communities in Wellington.



(l-r) Robyn Masanga, Asante Masanga, Tuwe Kudakwashe, Eden Masanga and Rumi Masanga at Rumi's farewell party.

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who continue to support us, both from our African communities and in the NZAF. The NZAF wishes you all a special *Jambo* holidays!

Keep in touch

We want to enhance the quality of our programme so please get in touch with us if you have anything to share. Email Tuwe on k.tuwe@nzaf.org.nz or call 09 303 3124.

African Advisory Board News

A very warm welcome to three new African Advisory Board members; Frank Amoah, Noah Ghebremichael and Phillipa Muza. Frank, Noah and Phillipa have joined the Board succeeding Asad Abdullahi (Chair) Etetu Tamirare-Bowden and Comfort Olajumoke Ojo. The three outgoing members have reached the end of their terms and we sincerely thank them for their work and commitment.



Etetu Tamirare-Bowden

Comfort Olajumoke Ojo

South Africa Cultural Festival at the Rugby World Cup

Many members of the African communities in New Zealand participated in the vibrant spectacle of the Rugby World Cup events and celebrations. Fungisai represented the NZAF at the South African Cultural Festival in Wellington. Check out our pictures of the fun!



The Deputy President of South Africa and government ministers enjoying traditional music at the RWC South African Cultural Night in Wellington.



(L-R) Kgalema Motlanthe, Deputy President of South Africa, Wanjiku Sanderson, Fungisai Foto, NZAF Community Engagement Co-ordinator and government staff at the Cultural Night.

First African NZAF Trust Board Member

For the first time in its 26 year history, a member of New Zealand's African communities has been elected to the NZAF Trust Board. Christian Bimbola Ogbah was elected by NZAF members in the Trust Board conducted by electronic and postal ballot. Christian moved to New Zealand from Nigeria in 2007. He works with people who have mental and intellectual disabilities both in residential and community settings.



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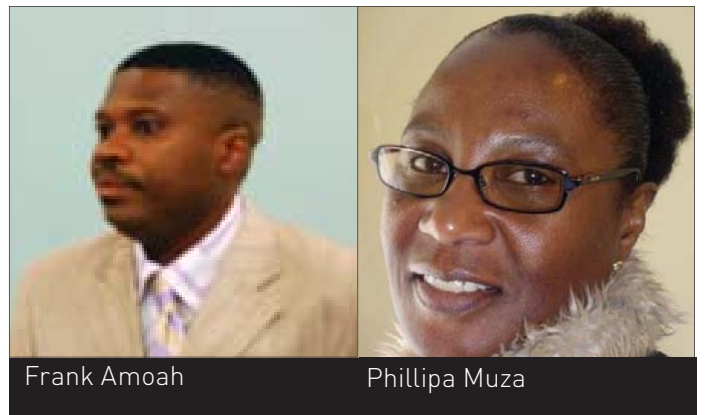
The Trust Board is responsible for governing the organisation as a whole, without managing the operational aspects. The Trust Board sets the organisation's strategic direction and vision, its policies and performance measures. It appoints, delegates authority to and monitors the Executive Director's performance. The Board ensures the organisation has the resources to achieve its mission while monitoring and evaluating its performance and risk.

New African Advisory Board members

Frank Amoah is Ghanaian and has a background in accounting. In New Zealand, Frank trained as a Social Worker and is the currently the New Zealand African Welfare Service Trust Centre Manager in Auckland.

After his birth in Eritrea, Noah Ghebremichael lived in Sudan and came to New Zealand three years ago. He is in his final year of the Bachelor of Business programme at AUT in Auckland, and is the founder and Acting President of the AUT African Students Club.

Phillipa Muza (below right) is originally from Zimbabwe and has been in New Zealand for six years. Before moving to New Zealand, Phillipa worked for a commercial bank for more than ten years. She is now working within the health sector in Christchurch.



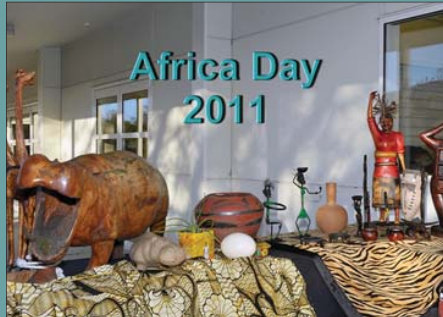
Frank Amoah

Phillipa Muza

Africa Day 2011

On 25 May 1963, the Organisation of African Unity was founded and leaders of 30 of the 32 independent African states signed a founding charter in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This historical event is commemorated on 25 May each year - Africa Day - when the entire African

continent celebrates emancipation from colonialism. Check out these images of the 2011 festivities in Christchurch which was hosted by the NZAF African Communities Programme.



African art at Africa Day 2011.



Marian Hussen NZAF Communities Co-ordinator and friends.



A future Commissioner of Police tries out his future ride.



Constable Phil Goto, NZ's first black Zimbabwean police officer.



Community members distributing condoms.



Traditional dancing at Africa Day 2011 celebrations in Christchurch.

Community Educators

The NZAF African Communities team trains Community Educators to inform and educate African community members about HIV. In turn, the Community Educators will train other community members in their own languages and culturally appropriate ways. As Community Educators have moved on to new pursuits, the training programme is reviewed and more Community Educators are recruited. We are happy to say that we have enjoyed the unwavering support of many members of the African communities for this programme. To find out more, please email your local NZAF Community Engagement Co-ordinator (contact details are on the left side of page 1 of this issue of *Jambo*).



New African Website

A new Get it On! website designed for NZ-based Africans is now live! www.lovecoverprotect.co.nz is aimed at young Africans and provides important information about condom use as the best way of preventing HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in a culturally appropriate and accurate way.

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