

Jambo

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Introduction

The African Health Promotion Programme (AHPP), under the auspice of New Zealand AIDS Foundation (NZAF) is excited to get in touch with you again, through our Newsletter, *Jambo*. *Jambo* is the official AHPP newsletter, produced regularly throughout the year to stay in touch with African communities in New Zealand.

Our main and chief objective is HIV and AIDS health promotion within the African community in New Zealand. In addition, we also engage in settlement issues and advocacy roles within the community.

Staff

AHPP has a staff complement of five, four Regional Health Promoters (HPs) and a National Coordinator (NC).

We are pleased to say all our four HPs, namely Rumishael Masanga (Auckland), Mohamed Khalif Abdi (Hamilton), Fungisai Foto (Wellington) and Marian Hussen (Christchurch) acquired a certificate in Health Promotion.

The HPs (pictured above right) also attended a computer course and some Staff Development seminars.



The NC Kudakwashe Tuwe (below) recently graduated in a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) with a local University.



The AHPP team continues to seek Excellency in both the academic and professional world.

AHPP Programme Update

1.1 Community Educators Workshops

We held four (4) successful Community Educators Workshops in the following regions-

Auckland	19-20 August 2006
Wellington	2-3 September 2006
Christchurch	16-17 September 2006
Hamilton	28-29 October 2006

The Auckland event was officiated by our NZAF Executive Director Rachael Le Mesurier, while the Hamilton one was opened by our National Manager Health Promotion Te Herekiele Herewini.

All the four workshops were a resounding success. We had professionals giving

presentations. The climax was personal testimonies given by HIV positive people.

Thanks to our AHPP Advisory Board Members who attended (i.e. Etetu Tamirate & Elias Balcha Member).

Our main focus for the next few months will be on community education through our trained Community Educators.

1.2 Religious Leaders Workshops

We have so far held two successful meetings/seminars with the African Religious Leaders (Christians & Moslems - separately) in Auckland.

Plans are at an advanced stage to hold similar meetings in Hamilton, Wellington & Christchurch.

1.3. Regional Events

A number of networking meetings and major community events were held across the country, e.g. African Independence Celebrations and Annual Festivals, soccer matches and New Community welcoming, networking meetings. AHPP Team attended most of these important functions.

1.4. AHPP Team Building Seminar

The AHPP Team held a successful Team Building Seminar on 27th September 2006 at NZAF National Office. The meeting was important, since it was our first time to meet as a complete team.

1.5. Staff Hui

We had our NZAF Staff Hui on 25 & 26 September 2006 in Auckland. It was a time to re-look at all individual programmes within NZAF, AHPP included. The occasion was enriching. AHPP fully participated.

1.6 Advocacy Role

AHPP was deeply involved in lobbying roles with the Government departments. e.g. Immigration, resulting in the latest changes on the Zimbabwe Special Residency Policy (ZSRP) in August 2006.

AHPP is currently undertaking an Employment Survey with a view of wanting to measure the under-employment gap within the African community, starting with Auckland.

1.6. Current Strategic Plan

The current strategic plan for AHPP is to concentrate on community education on HIV/AIDS and safer sex, mostly through our trained Community Educators. In addition, we would want to extend our programme and spread our "wings" to peripheral areas, while ensuring that the current work is maintained and professionally supervised.

1.7. General

Generally, everything is running as per the AHPP strategic plan.

The AHPP Team would like to sincerely thank the AHPP Advisory Board, the entire African community and the NZAF Management, in particular, Te Here kiekie (National Manager-Health Promotion) and Rachel (Executive Director) for the unwaivering support given us. It is imperative to note that without the bold support of the African community in NZ, it would be impossible to function and achieve our intended goals.

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We thank you all and may the good Lord bless you.

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