



Current PROGRAMMES

*** FUTURE FOOTPRINTS**

This programme provides adolescents with a continuum of care not only related to HIV/AIDS but also in relation to their sexual health. Future Footprints seeks to decrease the impact of HIV/AIDS on adolescents by increasing the uptake of “integrated sexual and reproductive health services” including HIV treatment. Conducted at schools, adolescents participate in a youth friendly “peer education programme” (8 modules). On completion and supported by peer counselors and peer mentors participants access a VCT component provided by a partnering organization. Risk reduction counseling is provided for negatives and positives are referred to a HIV medical site for appropriate follow up and support.

*** CAMP SIZANANI**

In all likelihood the presence of HIV/AIDS in the family will deprive vulnerable children in disadvantaged communities of the basic necessities of normal development. Girls and boys aged 10 – 15 years attend a ten day camp held during school holidays. Children are educated on the facts of HIV/AIDS as well as participating in a life skills programme. Fortnightly Community Kids Clubs are held where learning gained at the camp is strengthened. Parents and school teachers alike are in awe of the change in attitude and knowledge that children have gained after participating in this programme. To date Camp Sizanani has had a positive impact on more than 3 000 children...changing their lives forever.

*** HA SWIKOTA Rural Education Support Programme**

130 counselors / fieldworkers were trained and support groups established at 45 rural healthcare facilities in the Bohlabela district of Mpumalanga. This cadre of staff also provided support to two ARV treatment sites in the form of tracing and tracking of patients who had not arrived for scheduled appointments. Local NGO's and CBO's working in the area were also provided with the opportunity to attend educational workshops on HIV/AIDS. In 2008 this programme was handed back to the local authorities to manage with HIVSA providing continued support in the form of updated training to the counselors and fieldworkers.

*** THE AHA TSHEPO Formula Milk Support Programme**

HIVSA manages a distribution center where HIV+ mothers collect free government funded formula milk for their babies aged 0-6mths. This supports the Soweto PMTCT programme - one of the most successful PMTCT programmes in the world. In addition through the support of the “Orange Baby” project free formula milk is made available to mothers for an additional 6-12 months. Mothers attend a series of “Orange Baby” nutritional workshops where the focus is on formula preparation, importance of good hygiene and preparing solids for infants. Thousands of HIV+ mothers and their infants have benefited from this programme .

*** IMBIZO Male Support Programme**

Males attending the ZAZI VCT centre are encouraged to register with the Imbizo programme giving them an opportunity to discuss issues with male counselors and enroll for educational workshops. Men who receive a negative test result might possibly be in a window period and are reminded via a SMS service to retest at a later date. Condom usage and risk reduction form part of the programme. Men who test positive are referred to the PHRU wellness clinic for follow up. Pregnant women reached through various other HIVSA services are encouraged to refer their partners to the Imbizo programme.

*** COMMUNITY PERMACULTURE & NUTRITION PROGRAMME**

There are two important elements to this programme. Firstly, to create nutritional awareness in the general community and secondly developing communal food gardens.

This programme is more than just about teaching people how to create their own food gardens; it is also about teaching people living with HIV/AIDS strategies for nutrition that helps them deal with deficiencies caused by their illness. As more people are now able to access ARV treatment , a larger number of people now have additional nutritional needs. Over the past twelve months 1 130 men and women were reached.

*** AHA TSHEPO Clinic Support Programme**

Daily, HIVSA provides psychosocial support to the hundreds of clients attending the PHRU HIV treatment and care clinic in Soweto. Educating clients on the facts of HIV/AIDS remains an ongoing focus of our work. Services include daily support groups, treatment literacy classes, adherence support and one on one counseling. Clients that require further assistance are referred to a resident social worker. In the past twelve months HIVSA provided a service to over 10 000 clients attending this clinic.

*** JOHNSON & JOHNSON Palliative Support**

Home base care is a crucial aspect of support for the terminally ill but unfortunately many caregivers lack the basic materials to assist them with their duties. HIVSA has developed a best practice model that provides the caregiver with basic information on HIV/AIDS, provides the organization with tools for good governance and supplies care kits including mouth wash, aqueous cream, body lotion and soap. When applicable, home base care should be “an entry point to treatment” and therefore caregivers should be appropriately trained. Supporting 350 caregivers in excess of 2 000 packs are distributed on a monthly basis providing relief to thousands of clients.

*** ABE SI FAZANE information and support centre**

This centre is situated in Diepkloof, Soweto. Women, including young girls, are at the forefront of this epidemic and in many instances have no one to turn to for guidance on reproductive and or sexual health issues. This community based centre is open daily providing a variety of services and information ranging from basic HIV to “reproductive health issues”, MTCT, including one on one counseling. Approximately 30 women attend workshops held twice weekly at the centre. In addition HIVSA conducts daily information talks at two antenatal clinics targeting over 3,300 pregnant women per annum of whom approximately 900 are HIV+.

*** HIVSA TRAINING PROGRAMME**

HIVSA is a registered training organization with the Health and Welfare Seta accreditation no. HW591PA0706073. This accreditation offers HIVSA the opportunity to provide a professional training programme, recognized by both the South African Qualifications Association (SAQA) and the Health and Welfare Seta (HWSETA).

HIVSA is in the process of developing a Diploma course in ART Support & Counseling, a comprehensive course for lay counselors and community care givers. This course, aligned with the SETA counseling qualification, provides a career path for community care givers working in public health clinics.

*** AREIKETSETSE Le BANA**

HIVSA identified a number of essential needs of children that could only be dealt with at a household level. These needs included access to child grants, addressing child abuse, birth and identification documents, accessing school subsidies and other social services. These needs are addressed through the use of HIVSA trained street guardian committees, appointed by the community. There have been in excess of 19 000 beneficiaries since the inception of this truly amazing programme.



About

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HIVSA was established in March 2002 as a section 21 not for profit organization. Situated at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto its main focus of work is to develop and implement innovative psychosocial support initiatives aimed at improving the lives of people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. HIVSA currently operates 15 programmes impacting on approx.10,000 children and 6000 adults per annum.

HIVSA's earlier interventions reflected grass roots community based programmes including income generation, feeding schemes and nutritional support. Many of these are still a focus of our work today although as HIVSA has evolved as an organization so has the nature of it's programmes. HIVSA is acknowledged by donors and international funders alike as being an ethical organization that is capable of delivering a high standard of service.

Today, aside from providing treatment education and adherence support to those accessing ARV's, HIVSA is actively involved at schools in Soweto providing life skills education resulting in adolescents knowing their status and taking appropriate control of their lives. HIVSA has recently opened an accredited training facility in the city in order to develop and create career paths for counselors and care givers working in the field of HIV/AIDS.

Our Mission

To develop and implement innovative and multi disciplinary programmes which directly contribute to the increased well being, upliftment and life skills education of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Our Credo

HIVSA will endeavour:

- To value and respect all individuals whose lives have been affected by the HIV and AIDS pandemic in South Africa.
- To inspire people living positively with HIV, thereby taking responsibility of their lives thereby improving the overall quality of life.
- To honour the needs of people infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS. We do not dictate, but invite their participation in the development of appropriate initiatives.
- To provide a strong network of HIV and AIDS support in forming alliances in collaboration with partner institutions and NGO's.

Organisational status

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