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**Helping the poor countries
of AFRICA and emerging
Democracies around the
World in their fight
Against the SPREAD and
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Who Are We?

- Africa AIDS Watch (AAW), is a US based non-profit organization with 501 © (3) status based in the Washington Metropolitan Area and funded by the United Way.
- We work in concert with other caring peoples of the world to assist the most economically depressed countries of Africa who are disproportionately affected with HIV and AIDS.
- In addition, we seek to support people of

What We Do

African descent who live in the US with education and prevention to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS.

- AAW hopes to achieve further success through HIV/AIDS prevention awareness mass literacy campaigns, community outreach programs, and hospice services to infected persons.
- We assist clients through local health and community organizations in recipient communities in Africa and the US by collecting, allocating, and distribution of funds and providing other important services to clients such as HIV prevention, education, and testing strategies.

- In addition, we assist in planning, implementing, and coordinating HIV/AIDS education activities, AAW's activities target African communities in Washington Metropolitan area, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya and Guinea etc. etc.

How We Do It

- For example, in response to a distressed request for help from St. Mary's Hospital Mariannahill, KwaZulu, Natal South Africa, AAW through sister agency, Afrilife International, collaborated with AMERICARES which dispatched container loads of medicine and medical supplies to assist the hospital's HIV/AIDS program.
- AAW has donated drugs and medical supplies to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria, and we have donated medicines and medical supplies to the Gbamway General Hospital in Gbambway, Liberia.
- Here in the United States, we work with the HIV Community Coalition of Washington D.C., the DC Care Consortium, African Churches, Africa Action, African Business Community, in promoting the only HIV/AIDS awareness campaign targeting African People living in the metro area.
- AAW sees a desperate need for its work in Africa. While Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for only one-tenth of the

Cold Statistics

global population, it currently carries the burden of more than 80% of AIDS deaths worldwide.

- In the past decade 14 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa have died of AIDS—one quarter of them CHILDREN! Two million persons died of AIDS last year—five times the number of AIDS—related deaths in the United States since the first case was identified nearly two decades ago.
- Everyday, an additional 11,000 persons are infected in Sub-Sahara Africa with the HIV virus—this amounts to one infection every 8 seconds.
- South Africa has the largest number of people per capita living with HIV/AIDS in the world with 19.9% of its adult population infected with HIV. With a total of 4.2 million infected South Africans, the HIV epidemic will produce large numbers of AIDS orphans and by 2005 it is projected that there will be nearly a million of children under the age of 15 who will have lost either of their parents to AIDS.
- The number of orphans created by the AIDS epidemic also overwhelms Kenya with more than one million AIDS orphans.
- Almost 2.5 million of its adult population, more than 50% women, is infected with AIDS.
- Nigeria has the fourth worst infection level in Sub-Saharan Africa; with an estimated 5 million people infected and little attention has been paid to its rate of infection. To date 1.9 million Nigerians have died and it is particularly exposed to an acceleration of the spread of the virus.