

Tanzania AIDS Week in Review



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Madereva wa malori ya mizigo kupima VVU wakiwa safarini

MADEREVA wa malori ya mizigo ya kwenda mikoani na nchi jirani sasa watakuwa hawana shida ya kupata maarifa, elimu na hudumu mbali mbali za Virusi vya UKIMWI—ikiwa ni pamoja na kupima kwa hiari ili kujua hali zao—kutokana na ufunguzi wa kituo cha maarifa ya udhibiti wa ugonjwa huo jana katika eneo la Mdaula, nje kidogo ya mji wa Chalinze, Mkoa wa Pwani.

Uzinduzi huo uliongozwa na Mwenyekiti Mtendaji wa Tume ya Kudhibiti UKIMWI (TACAIDS) Dk. Fatma Mrisho na kushuhudiwa na Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Bagamoyo Mh. Ahmed Kipenzi pamoja na viongozi mbalimbali wa wilaya na vijiji vya Mdaula, Matuli na Mbeni.

Huduma zitakazotolewa na kituo hicho ambacho kimejengwa kwa gharama ya Sh. 57 milioni ikiwa ni mchango wa Mradi wa Kudhibiti UKIMWI Eneo la Maziwa Makuu (GLIA) kupitia TACAIDS pamoja na mchango wa wanajamii wa Mdaula na Halmashauri ya Bagamoyo kwa kutoa wataalam wakati wa ujenzi, ni pamoja na ushauri nasaha na upimaji wa VVU.

Nyingine ni kutoa elimu na maarifa mbalimbali za UKIMWI, burudani kwa jamii kama



Dk. Mrisho akikata utepe wa kuzindua kituo cha Mdaula



Jengo la kituo cha maarifa kuhusu UKIMWI, Mdaula

vile luninga, michezo ya darts na pool pamoja na huduma za intaneti.

Akizungumza katika hafla hiyo, Dk. Mrisho alisema uzinduzi huo ulikuwa unabainisha

nia ya serikali ya kuleta huduma za jamii ikiwa ni pamoja na zile zinazohusiana na vita dhidi ya UKIMWI karibu na wananchi.

“Nia ya serikali ni kuhakikisha huduma zinafika karibu na kaya. Kwa mfano, wananchi hawapaswi kuendelea kwenda mbali kufuata huduma za tiba, matunzo, upimaji au elimu kuhusu UKIMWI. Badala yake huduma hizi ndizo ziwafuate ili kuwapunguzia mzigo wa safari na usumbufu. Na hiki ndicho kimefanyika hapa siku ya leo,” alisema Dk. Mrisho

Akasema, pamoja na kuwa kituo hicho kimejengwa ili kuwapa uwepesi madereva wa malori na magari makubwa ya mizigo yaendayo mikoani na nchi ya jirani kuweza kupata huduma mbali mbali na maarifa ya jinsi ya kupambana na VVU pamoja na UKIMWI, wakazi wa Mdaula pamoja na vijiji jirani nao pia watanufaika na kituo hicho.

“Mbali na ndugu zetu madereva, ni matumaini yangu pia kuwa kituo hiki kitakuwa msaada mkubwa kwa vijana na wanawake kujipatia maarifa na elimu ya namna ya kujikinga na maambukizi mapya ya VVU—hii itakuwa ni mchango katika kutimiza ndoto yetu ya kutokuwa na vifo, maambukizi mapya wala unyanyapaa vinavyotokana na

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Our Vision:

A recognized strong media association in and out the country that can bring about enhanced and effective HIV and AIDS media coverage and contribute to a reduction of the spread of HIV in Tanzania

ROADS II Project's behaviour monitoring survey at final stages



Dr Ruberintwari, ROADS II Country Manager--demonstrating on SafeTStop concept



Dr Kamwela of TACAIDS

FHI360's ROADS to a Healthy Future (ROADS II)—a multi-sectoral project funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID)—this week shared with stakeholders a draft report of the on-going behaviour monitoring survey (BMS).

Official finding results of the survey that focused in five sites (Kahama, Makambako, Mwanza, Port of Dar es salaam and Tunduma) will be released soon after the incorporation of the inputs obtained from various stakeholders during a dissemination workshop held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday.

According to Dr Melchiade Ruberintwari, ROADS II Coun-

try Manager, the main objective of the survey was to provide HIV/AIDS programme managers and policy makers with information they need to plan and implement interventions, including resource mobilization and allocation, M & E of the existing programmes and the design of new and effective strategies for combating the epidemic at the site level.

The survey focused on six population groups covered by the project's HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support; male truckers, female sex workers, women in low-income households, in-school youths, out-of-school youth and people living with HIV.

Meanwhile, Roads II project uses a concept in which a clus-

ter composed of homogenous groups come together to implement coordinated activities in a specific programme area. Different interventions are implemented through the clusters at selected SafeTStop sites depending on the needs of the area.

The SafeTStop concept reaches key and other vulnerable populations. Generally, the main aim of the ROADS II project is to break the chain of HIV transmission along the transport corridor

In his opening remarks, TACAIDS' Director of Monitoring and evaluation Dr Jerome Kamwela who represented Dr Raphael Kalinga, the Director of Policy in the commission encouraged FHI 360/ROADS II project to finalize the document

and package it in a way that it can be disseminated to wide audiences including at the sites where the survey was conducted.

"I encourage you to share your feedback so that together we can enrich this document and the process," said Dr Kamwela.

I want to reiterate the Government's call to all stakeholders to play your part and make the reduction of new HIV infections a historic success, involving all Tanzanians, adults and youth, married and unmarried, HIV positive or HIV negative. The prevention of HIV infection concerns everyone, and together we can make a difference, he stated.

SOURCE: AIDS WEEK IN REVIEW

Kairuki Hospital gets new CD 4 count machine

THE Management and Development for Health organization (MDH) has donated a CD 4 Count machine worth 60m/- to Dr Hubert Kairuki Memorial Hospital in order to strengthen the campaign against HIV/AIDS.

Speaking during the handover ceremony in Dar es Salaam, the MDH Director General,

Dr Guerino Chalamila, said that the donation would go hand in hand with the staff's training on how to use the machine. "This is just the beginning. We shall keep on supporting both private and public hospitals, to promote health services in the country," he said.

He added that the machine would be under the supervision of MDH until 2015 when the hospital will take the total control of the

machine, saying the goal of the supervision is to facilitate the hospital staff offer health services in accordance to the international standard.

The organization's new approach is to study the demands of a hospital first before offering the medical equipments," he said. Dr Chalamila,

Source: Daily News

AJAAT celebrates 200th AIDS Week in Review edition

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Today is a 200th week of our existence. The Association of Journalist Against AIDS in Tanzania (AJAAT) has succeeded in carrying a series of much needed HIV/AIDS stories using its electronically distributed newsletter—the Tanzania AIDS Week in Review.

Speaking in an interview AJAAT Manager of Communications, Documentations and Information, Perege Gumbo said the association has more than expected managed to achieve its newsletter mission since it was started 200 weeks ago. The Manager thanks the UN Joint Campaign on HIV and AIDS—UNAIDS—(Delivering As One), TA-CAIDS and Geita Gold Mines for their moral and financial support.

He said the newsletter was established to bridge the gap of HIV/AIDS coverage in the local media out-lets which was practically low. But also, we wanted to help partners accessing important information published by the mainstream media which, in many cases, tend to skip out of their sight. Gumbo said that the few HIV/AIDS related stories that were being written by local journalists were not being exposed to the wider population in and outside Tanzania, and that the newsletter intended to bridge this gap.

He said that with the newsletter, HIV/AIDS stories are being exposed to much bigger readers. The Manager added that many organization involved in HIV/AIDS in Tanzania have hailed the newslet-



AJAAT Manager of Communications, Documentations and Information, Perege Gumbo

ter for successfully merging stories from the local and international media.

“In AJAAT we're proud of the newsletter because it has strengthened our relationship with partners in HIV/AIDS interventions, health institutions and the international media,” he added. According to Gumbo, several student and professors now use material from HIV/AIDS newsletter in their person projects and researches. Challenges AJAAT faced since the newsletter's inception.

“The biggest challenge that we faced was consistency As we wanted to show our partners and collaborators we are determined to make the project a reality. We had to ensure the newsletter was published every week without failing,” Thank God we have been more than consistency. Not a single week we pleaded for excuse. We have consistently continue to flood our

partners inboxes.”

The newsletter started on a small scale delivering 150 newsletters via emails to organizations involved in HIV/AIDS and other interested individuals. However the figure grew to an impressive 3.5million and later to the current around 4 million readers weekly. “There are now around 3.5 to 4 million online readers world-wide who receive our newsletter so our only problem now is how to correctly track down all of our readers, especially those reading it directly from our website—www.ajaat.or.tz” said AJAAT leader.

He called for other HIV/AIDS institutions to use the newsletter as an accurate source of information and data. He also urged advertisers to invest in the site since it has currently become popular website on AIDS affairs in the region.

• *Source Ben Schalwe, AIDS WEEK*

Jamii ishirikishwe vita dhidi ya VVU

KILA Desemba Mosi, dunia imekuwa ukia-dhimisha Siku ya Ukimwi Duniani. Katika maadhimisho yaliyofanyika mwaka huu, tunaweza kujivunia walau kwa kiasi fulani tumefanikiwa katika mapambano dhidi ya ugonjwa huo.

Nasema haya kwa kuzingatia kuwa, licha ya kuwepo kwa changamoto tunazoweza kupambana nazo, kwa kiasi fulani matunda ya juhudi zilizopo yanaonekana.

Miongoni mwa mambo tunayoweza kujivunia, ni pamoja na kufanikiwa katika zoezi zima la usambazaji wa dawa za kupungunza makali ya ukimwi (ARV's) kwa waathirika wa ugonjwa huo.

Binafsi naipongeza serikali kuhakikisha kila mgonjwa anapatiwa dawa hizo za kumsaidia licha ya upinzani uliopo dhidi ya dawa hizo.

Pia katika maeneo mengi nchini, watu wamepata elimu juu ya kujikinga na maambukizo ya ugonjwa wa

ukimwi (VVU). Aidha, licha ya kuwepo mambo mengi tunayoweza kujivunia, pia yapo ambayo bado tumekwama kuyatatua katika vita hii ya mapambano dhidi ya VVU, kwa sababu bado ugonjwa unaendelea kulitesa taifa letu katika kila kona ingawa bado jamii haijalitambua jambo hilo.

Miongoni mwa changamoto zilizopo ni unyanyapaa dhidi ya watu wenye VVU.

Kwa mujibu wa Kongojole Mamba ambaye ni Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fahalisi ya Unyanyapaa Tanzania, anasema maana ya neno unyanyapaa ni hali ya mtu kujiona bora zaidi ya mwingine.

Anasema kwa upande mwingine, neno hilo linaweza kutafsiriwa kama ukatili wa kijinsia. Mamba anasema bado taifa halijashinda mapambano dhidi ya ukimwi licha ya kupigwa hatua kwa kiasi fulani kutokana na ushirikishwaji wanaopewa wenye VVU katika mambo yanayowahusu, na kuzingatia

sera na misingi sahihi.

“Wagonjwa wa ukimwi hawashirikishwi ipasavyo katika masuala ya ukimwi jambo ambalo ni unyanyapaa kwa wagonjwa hao, mwanzoni ilikuwa njia rahisi ya kuwafikia ni kupitia Wizara ya Afya, lakini sasa utekelezaji wa sera ya ukimwi umehamishiwa Wizara ya Nchi, Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu, Tawala za Mikoa na Serikali za Mitaa (TAMISEMI),” anasema. Lakini anasema pamoja na hilo, sasa hali imekuwa si shwari kama ilivyokuwa awali,” anasema Mamba.

Anasema kupitia Tamiseemi hali haijakuwa sawa kutokana na ushirikishwaji kwa waathirika kuwa mdogo kama wageni katika kamati husika wakati inawahusu wenyewe.

Mamba anasema katika mambo mbalimbali yanayofanywa na kamati hizo za ukimwi, yamekuwa haya-watendei haki wagonjwa wa ukimwi.

“Wagonjwa wa ukimwi
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Weekly quotable quotes!!

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VICHOCHEO VYA MAAMBUKIZI

- Majumba ya video
- Picha chafu za ngono
- Kipatokidogokwawanafamilia kinachopelekea biashara ya ngono
- Unywaji wa pombe na vileo vingine
- Kutetereka kwa ndoa
- Mila Potofu
- Tabia ya kufunga ndoa bila kupima

SOURCE: Advocacy and Communication Department, TACAIDS

HIV FACTS AND STATISTICS IN TANZANIA

- The 2007-08 Tanzania HIV and Malaria Indicator Survey (THMIS) included HIV testing of over 15,000 men and women. According to the survey, 5.7% of Tanzanians age 15-49 are HIV-positive.
 - HIV prevalence is higher among women than men in both urban and rural areas. Urban residents are almost twice as likely as rural residents to be HIV positive.
 - Women get infected earlier than men. For women, prevalence increases with age until it reaches a peak at age 30-34 (10.4%). The peak for men occurs between ages 35-39 (10.6%).
 - Tanzania's HIV prevalence has declined slightly in recent years. The current HIV prevalence rate is 5.7%, with 6.6% for women and 4.6% for men. By contrast, the 2003-04 Tanzania HIV Indicator Survey (THIS) found an overall HIV prevalence of 7.0%, with 7.7% for women (6,000 tested) and 6.3% for men (4,900 tested). These results show a statistically significant decline in HIV prevalence among men but not among women.
 - HIV prevalence is highest in Iringa (16%), Dares Salaam, and Morogoro (9% each). Infection rates are lowest in Zanzibar (less than 1%).
- Drivers of the epidemic
1. Promiscuous sexual behaviour
 2. Intergerational sex
 3. Concurrent sexual partners
 4. Presence of other sexually transmitted infections such as herpes simplex x 2 virus.
 5. Lack of knowledge of HIV transmission
- Contextual factors shaping the epidemic in the country
1. Poverty and transactional sex with increasing numbers of commercial sex workers
 2. Men's irresponsible sexual behaviour due to cultural patterns of virility
 3. Social, economic and political gender inequalities including violence against women
 4. Substance abuse such as alcohol consumption
 5. Local cultural practices e.g. widow cleansing
 6. Mobility in all its forms which leads to separation of spouses and increased establishment of temporary sexual relationships
 7. Lack of male circumcision
- SOURCE: TACAIDS

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Tanzania: Two in One At Barazani Night

To wind down 2012, Alliance Francais organised an art exhibition by students of Fine Art at the Department of Fine and Performing Arts a week before the final Barazani Night for the year on Wednesday.

The artwork on the walls blended in so naturally with the fashion show by Annette Charles Ngongi that featured bold afro centric pieces. Speaking to Mr Kiagho Kilonzo, an Assistant Lecturer at the official opening of the exhibition the week before he explained that the art exhibition under the theme 'Affordable Art' was put together by second year students taking Fine Art at the University of Dar es Salaam.

He said that the hands on experience allowed students appreciate what it takes to put an exhibition together. The over-

riding message in some of over 50 pieces on display seemed to depict the consequences of HIV/AIDS which the artists through their pieces seemed to imply death.

Other students had a thing or two with witchdoctor shrines. A few took on nature capturing still forms wild animals and the wild. One painting simply labeled 'Make - up' showed a man in a turban and kanzu applying lipstick to a young lady parked off debates as exhibition goes tried to guess the relationship between the two. All in all the pieces had a sense of innocence about them and as the theme suggests they are rather affordable. Interested parties can still visit the department after the exhibition that ended on Friday. On Wednesday night, by far the Barazani Night was a hit. I had not been to a monthly Barazani Night for a long time and I was

impressed by the set up.

Used to climbing up the stairs to attend Barazani Nights I was stopped in my tracks at the back gate seeing the stage being set up outside with professional stage lights and musical instruments. The gentleman in charge of mixing and controlling the music did a fantastic job as the acoustics turned out very well.

Another feature I found new was the drinks that were on display. Spread out nicely guests could sample spirits, wines, beer and soft drinks without having to fight to get the bar man's attention. Watching what seemed to be a happening live show in France by an energetic band Evans Bukuku the MC called us into the exhibition Hall for the fashion show that opened up with a contemporary dancer swaying away to a West African beat.

What I thought was a wardrobe malfunction turned out to be a teaser as the dancer slipped out of her baggy kitenge trousers and was left with African print briefs. The designs were rather modern and daring as kitenge was mixed with satin, chiffon and lace.

From micro minis to ballroom gowns and a few means' outfits thrown in it was an exciting show. Back to the courtyard outside guests were entertained by Tandale Modern Theatre who danced in raffia skirts to the coastal beats of the enthusiastic drummers. Much as I appreciated the attire I felt it got into the way of the gyration of the ladies.

Other artistes at the Barazani Night included Kisauni Sanaa Group who acted out a drama on HIV/AIDS and school girl pregnancies. Malfred otherwise known as Michael Alfred Mwasote took to the stage and belted out Reggae and Ragga songs. For an end of the year do it was great and I am looking forward to what Alliance Francais has in stock for us next year.

Source: Daily News

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wamekuwa hawafikiwi hususan kule vijijini kwa kuwa hata hii mikutano inayohusu ugonjwa huo mara kwa mara inafanyika mijini badala ya kuwahusisha na wanakijiji ambao hawana elimu ya kutosha kuhusiana na ugonjwa huo kutokana na umbali wa mawasiliano kama vyombo vya habari," anasema Mamba.

Anasema katika utafiti uliofanywa na kamati yake juu ya hali ya unyanyapaa Dar es Salaam, waliweza kubaini kuwa idadi ya unyanyapaa wa ugonjwa huo ni mdogo katika mkoa huo.

Mamba anasema hali hiyo imetokana na elimu ya masuala ya ukimwi waliyoipata kutokana na ukaribu wa huduma zote

muhimu za mawasiliano.

"Bado hatujapata fursa ya kutembelea vijijini kutokana na ukata wa fedha, pamoja na kuwa tumekusudia kutembea nchi nzima kuhakikisha kuwa tunapata takwimu sahihi juu ya utafiti wetu katika mapambano dhidi ya ugonjwa huo kwani hali si nzuri kama tunavyodhani," anasema Mamba.

Mamba anabainisha kuwa, kamati yake imekuwa ikifanya utafiti kwa njia ya kuhoji maswali kwa kila mwananchi ambapo anasema wamegundua kuwa elimu juu ya masuala ya ukimwi bado haijawafikia watu wengi.

"Jamii inapaswa kupewa elimu ya kutosha juu ya ukimwi maana hali si nzuri kama

tunavyofikiria, kama elimu itatolewa itasaidia kupunguza maambukizi pamoja na kuleta mafanikio katika mapambano dhidi ya VVU.

"Kwa mtazamo wangu, mamlaka ya muundo wa kamati ya ukimwi ingeachiwa Wizara ya Afya kwa kuwa ndiyo inayoendana na masuala hayo na ina uzoefu juu ya magonjwa, lakini kama jukumu hili litabaki Tamisemi hakuna mafanikio tutakayoyaona," anasema Mamba.

Anasema serikali inapaswa kuunda sera upya ya ukimwi yenye mantiki ya kusaidia mapambano dhidi ya VVU badala ya kuhusisha wadau wengine tofauti ili mafanikio mazuri yaweze kupatikana nchini kwa

kuwa hali hiyo inaweza kusaidia mapambano.

Pia anaitaka serikali iunde mpango wa kuiwezesha kifedha mitandao yote ya watu wenye VVU iweze kufanya kazi kwa ukamilifu zaidi katika kuongeza ushirikiano kwa kuwa vita ya ukimwi si ya mtu mmoja bali jamii nzima inapaswa kuungana kuutokomeza ugonjwa huo.

"Naiomba serikali ipanue wigo kwa maana ya ushirikishwaji wa makusudi katika kushirikisha mitandao yote ya watu wanaoishi na VVU ambayo iko tayari kufanya kazi katika kuandika michanganuo inayohusu ukimwi, yenye uwezo wa kuleta msaada katika mapambano," anasema Mamba.

Chanzo: Tanzania Daima

Katibu Mkuu, Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu, Peniel Lyimo, hivi karibuni aliwasihi vijana, ambao wanaashambuliwa zaidi na ukimwi, kubadili tabia na kutambua kuwa tiba ya kisayansi dhidi ya ugonjwa huo haipo, hivyo wajitunze na wasaidiwe kujilinda.

Nasaha hizo zilitolewa na Lyimo wakati akifungua mkutano wa kupitia mapendekezo ya kitaalamu na maboresho ya sera na huduma za ukimwi nchini.

Kauli hiyo ya Lyimo ilikwenda sambamba na ile iliyotolewa na Mwenyekiti Mtendaji wa Tume ya Taifa ya Kudhibiti Ukimwi (Tacaids), Dk. Fatma Mrisho, katika mkutano huo. Dk. Mrisho aliwataka watu wanaojitangaza kutibu ukimwi, zikiwamo taasisi za dini na waganga wa jadi, kucha mara moja kufanya hivyo kwa kuwa wanafifisha mapambano na kupotosha ukweli kwamba, hakuna dawa ya ugonjwa huo kwa sasa.

Aidha, aliwashauri wanaoishi na ukimwi wanaotumia dawa za kupunguza makali yake (ARVs), kupuuza matangazo hayo, hasa yale yanayowataka kuacha kutumia dawa hizo kwa kuwa wakiacha wanahatarisha maisha yao.

Alionya watu wote wanaojitangaza kutibu ukimwi kuwa hatua kali zitachukuliwa dhidi yao. "Jamii yenyewe inawaendeleza hao wanaojitangazia tiba. Kwanza wanakwenda kinyume cha Sheria ya Ukimwi ya Mwaka 2008. Wanafifisha mapambano. Mpaka sasa hakuna tiba ya ukimwi. Bali kuna dawa za kupunguza kasi ya kuzaliana virusi. Wanaojitangazia tiba wanapaswa kushitakiwa," alisema Dk. Mrisho.

Aliwatahadharisha watumiaji wa ARVs kutoacha kutumia dawa hizo kwa vigezo vya kuwapo kwa tiba na kuwashauri wanaodhani wana tiba, waende Wizara ya Afya na Ustawi wa Jamii kuthibitisha tiba zao. Naye Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya Baraza la Watu Wanaoishi na Virusi vya Ukimwi (Nacopha), Vitalis Makayula, aliomba jamii

kufahamu kwamba, ukimwi hau-na tiba mpaka sasa na kuwaomba viongozi wa dini kusaidia hilo, wasipotoshe umma kuhusu tiba, bali waeleze ukweli ili watu wajilinde. Wote hapo juu waliotoa kauli hizo, si watu wa kawaida. Ni weledi wa maradhi hayo. Hapo kuna mtawala (serikali), mtaalamu na pia kuna sauti ya watu wanaoishi na virusi vya ukimwi. Kwa maana hiyo walichokisema ni swadakta. Hata hivyo, hoja yangu haipo kwa weledi hao wa maradhi ya ukimwi kutoa kauli hizo. La! Hasha! Hoja yangu ni lini kauli hizo zimetolewa?

Hadi ninaandika safu hii, kuna maelfu ya watu walidanganywa hadi wengine mamia kufikia kupoteza maisha. Kwa maana kwamba, hivi sasa wenzetu hao hatunao tena duniani. Wamefariki dunia. Tafsiri sahihi ya kauli za kina Lyimo, Dk. Mrisho na Makayula, ni kwamba, wenzetu hao walidanganywa kupitia kinachoitwa ndoto za 'Sadiki Ukipenda'.

Ndoto hiyo ilimhusu mtu aliyejipatia umaarufu kupitia, hasa kwa baadhi ya vyombo vya habari, mawaziri, wabunge, viongozi wa dini. Mtu huyo alibatizwa jina la 'Babu', ambaye ni mkazi wa Kijiji cha Samunge, Loliondo, Wilaya ya Ngorongoro, mkoani Arusha, Mchungaji Ambilikile Mwaisapila.

Kwa kutumia 'ndoto' hiyo yaliibuliwa madai kwamba, babu huyo alilala na kuota kwenye njozi akiongea na Mungu, ambaye alimletea 'kikombe' cha kuponya magonjwa ya kisukari, kifafa, presha na ukimwi. Huyu 'Mungu' ikadaiwa kuwa hakuishia hapo tu. Bali pia alimpangia babu hata bei ya kuuzia kikombe chake. Kwamba isizidi Sh. 500! Ikapigwa ngoma kubwa. Kwamba, mtu yeyote, ambaye 'angekunywa' kikombe hicho, basi kama angekuwa na ugonjwa wowote kati ya magonjwa hayo, basi angepona.

Unafiki kikwazo kingine cha vita dhidi ya ukimwi



Katibu Mkuu, Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu, Peniel Lyimo

Ngoma hiyo ilipigwa sambamba na watu kuambiwa waachane na dawa zao za awali za hospitali. Wagonjwa wa kisukari na presha wakawa wanakula vyakula walivyokuwa wamezuiwa na madaktari.

Kutokana na hayo, presha na kisukari vilipotibuka, hawakupona. Hao ukiachilia mbali na mamia wengine waliokufa kwenye foleni wakisubiri kupata kikombe cha babu. Watu hao yaliwakuta hayo kutokana na uhamasishaji uliofanywa na mawaziri hao walioacha kawaida yao ya kwenda London na Mumbai kutibiwa.

Badala yake wakakimbilia Loliondo. Matukio hayo yapambwa sana na vyombo vya habari!

Haikuwa kificho. Mawaziri hao ni William Lukuvi (Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu-Sera, Uratibu na Bunge), Stephen Wasira (Ofisi ya Rais-Mahusiano na Uratibu), Dk. John Magufuli (Ujenzi).

Pia walijitokeza baadhi ya wabunge, wakuu wa mikoa, wilaya na watu wengine wanaoheshimika katika jamii.

Kila aliyesikia kwamba mawaziri, wabunge na wakubwa wengine, badala ya kukimbilia London, Afrika Kusini na India kama kawaida yao, sasa wanapigana vikumbo kwenda kupata 'uzima' kwa babu, aliona huko ndio pa

kwenda.

Almradi ilikuwa ni hamasa juu ya hamasa. Baadhi ya vyombo vya habari vikajitahidi kuhamasisha watu kwenda huko.

Mambo hayakuishia hapo tu. Bali babu akawekewa pia ulinzi na kuona kuwa 'huduma' aliyokuwa akiitoa ni muhimu sana kuliko hata madaktari mabingwa wa Hospitali ya Taifa Muhimbili (MNH) na Bugando!

Zaidi ya hivyo, pia kipindi hicho iliwahi kuripotiwa kuwa msaidizi wa babu, aliyetajwa kuwa ni Ofisa wa Serikali, Frederick Nisajile, alitangaza kuwa ni marufuku kumsalimia babu bila idhini kwa sababu za kiusalama.

Ikiwa hali ilikuwa hivyo tena dhahiri shahiri, je, kina Lyimo, Dk. Mrisho na Makayula, hawakuyaona yote hayo kipindi hicho? Je, baada ya mamia kwa maelfu ya watu kufa, leo ndio wanazinduka na kusema kuwa hakuna dawa ya ukimwi?

Hivi hawakujua kuwa kilichokuwa kikifanyika Samunge, ni utapeli, wizi na mauaji? Je, nani anawajibika? Nani anabeba dhima hiyo?

Je, Watanzania wamejifunza nini katika kadhia hiyo? Je, yaishe tu kwa kauli ya Lyimo, Dk. Mrisho na Makayula kwamba, hakuna dawa ya ukimwi?

Je, mawaziri na watumishi wa serikali walioharakisha kupeleka barabara, umeme na kumuwekea ulinzi babu kipindi kile, uchunguzi gani walifanya hata kujiridhisha kuwa madai yake ni ya kweli?

Walithibitisha vipi kwamba, ndoto zake za kuongea na Mungu ni za kweli? Je, serikali iliwahi kumshuhudia babu akiongea na Mungu na kupata maagizo ya kutibu watu kwa kikombe?

Je, kwa mwenendo huo, ushindi katika viti dhidi ya ukimwi unaweza kupatikana? Hilo ni swali linalohitaji kukaliwa kitako.

Chanzo: Nipashe Jumapili

Inatoka Uk 4

UKIMWI tena ifikapo mwaka 2015,” “Kwenu akina mama, ukikutana na m-baba anakwambia anakutaka ki mapenzi, muulize kwanza, umetahiriwa?, kabla hajajibu muulize tena, una kondomu?,” akaongea Dk. Mrisho na kusababisha hadhira nzima kuripuka kwa kicheko

Eneo la Mdaula pamoja na Chalinze ni mojawapo ya vituo maarufu mkoani Pwani ambapo madereva wa magari makubwa na malori ya mizigo hupumzika ili kujipatia mahitaji mbali mbali kabla ya kuendelea na safari.

Takwimu zilizotolewa jana na Mratibu wa Mkoa wa Tume Dk. Hafidh Ameir zinaonyesha kuwa maambukizi ya VVU katika maeneo hayo ni kati ya asilimia 9 hadi 15 (9% hadi 15%).

Aidha, imebainishwa kwamba visababishi vikuu vya maambukizo miongoni mwa jamii hiyo na nyinginezo hapa nchini ni kuwa na wapenzi wengi kwa wakati mmoja (MCP); matumizi madogo ya kinga (kondomu) wakati wa kujamiana pamoja na kiwango kidogo cha wanaume wanaotahiriwa.

Kwa mujibu wa Bw. Renuat Kihongo, Mratibu wa Programu za Kanda za Afrika na Kimataifa wa TACAIDS, mradi wa Kudhibiti GLIA ulianzishwa mwaka 1998 kwa ufadhili wa Mashirika ya Kimataifa ya USAID, DFID, UNAIDS na UNHCR.

Madhumuni makubwa ya kuanzishwa kwake ni kupunguza maambukizi ya UKIMWI na athari zake kijamii na kiuchumi katika Eneo la Maziwa Makuu. Nchi hizo ni Burundi, Jamhuri ya Kidemokrasia ya Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania na Uganda. Makao yake makuu ya Jijini Kigali nchini Rwanda.

Utekelezaji wake unafanywa kwa kushughulikia maeneo ambayo huchangia jitihada na mikakati ya Serikali za nchi wanachama katika kushughulikia masuala mtambuka ya UKIMWI. Kwa kipindi cha miaka minne mradi huu ulikuwa unafadhiliwa na Benki ya Dunia kwa ukishu-

Madereva wa malori ya mizigo kupima VVU wakiwa safarini



Mratibu wa kituo hicho Bi.Beata akitoa maelezo kwa wageni



Mgeni Rasmi Dk.Fatma Mrisho akitoa hotuba wakati wa uzinduzi wa kituo cha maarifa kuhusu UKIMWI, Mdaula. Kulia ni Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Bagamoyo, Mh.Ahmed Kipozi

gihulikia maeneo

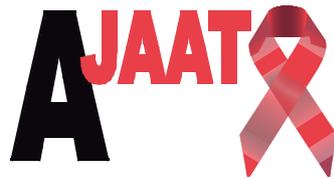
Katika hatua nyingine, shirika la Family Health International (FHI360) limeahidi kukisaidia kituo hicho ili kiweze kutoa huduma endelevu kwa wa-

lengwa. Ahadi hiyo ilitolewa na mwakilishi wa FHI360 katika hafla hiyo Bw. Charles Fungo ambaye shirika lake linaendesha mradi mwingine ujulikanao kama ROADS na ambao um-

ejikita katika kuwafikia watu walio katika maeneo hatarishi ya kuambukizwa VVU mfano wanawake wanaofanya biashara ya ngono na madereva

Chanzo: AIDS WEEK

THE ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALIST AGAINST AIDS IN TANZANIA



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USE AJAAT FOR PUBLICITY, DOCUMENTATION, COMMUNICATION AND MASS MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Association of Journalists Against AIDS in Tanzania is a volunteer journalists' organization. It is non-profit, non-governmental, non-religious entity run by highly trained and season senior journalists some of which are university lecturers. Although the organization has HIV/AIDS as its specialty its members are drawn from diverse professional and educational background.

AJAAT has track record of working with local and international organization in areas of training, capacity building of journalists, and training manuals development, resource guides on HIV/AIDS and others. It has, for instance, worked with UNICEF training journalists on PMTCT in all zones of the country. It has worked with HPI/ Futures Group of USAID, UNAIDS, UNDP, ICAP, Population Reference Bureau (PRB), Advance Family Planning (AFP), Human Development Trust, WAMA Foundation (of Mama Salma Kikwete), coordinating and running training on stigma and discrimination). Its members have been involved in trainings organized by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT), Agricultural Council of Tanzania, Women's Dignity, Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP), TAMWA, Amref, Vijana Vision Tanzania, Marie Stopes, Help Age International, Tanzania Women Miners Development Organization, among others.

1.1 CORE ACTIVITIES

In short, AJAAT are media experts and our strengths are in media advocacy, training, community journalism, research and gender analysis. However, our major focus is HIV/AIDS and its related economical, community and social impacts.

1.2 SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

1.2.1 PUBLICITY, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

Apart from its core activities, AJAAT, made by

professional journalists, provides other services in the areas of Public Relations (PR), Advertising Promotions and Communications consultancy for special agreements and terms. Other services that are or can be provided are

1. Playing the role of a-go-between or link between the CUSTOMER and the media. A customer here means a Corporate Organization, NGO, Embassy, Government Ministry, Government Agency, Private Firm etc.
2. Providing professional advice to the CUSTOMER on the most effective approach to use the media in order to achieve the maximum publicity, exposure and promotional benefits.
3. Fore warning the CUSTOMER about impending negative media reportage, and taking appropriate professional measures to protect the customer image. (This is done on special arrangement or through a customer request).
4. Play a role of a think tank to CUSTOMER regarding media, PR and Communications events planning.
5. Managing and facilitating press conferences and press events for the CUSTOMER.
6. Where appropriate and necessary to invite, manage, coordinate and facilitate Journalists from various Media Houses from within and outside the country.
7. To publicize in local, regional and international media CUSTOMER's commercial/ humanitarian/government related activities and CUSTOMER's participation in various local, regional and international forums.
8. To conduct media interviews with relevant CUSTOMER officials or partners and get the interviews published in the media as per agreement or customer requirements.

This is done where applicable and on CUSTOMER consent, also should follow the agreed publicity schedule.

9. To conduct media interview with CUSTOMER's services beneficiaries, clients, partners, stakeholders or members of the community with the goal of getting a feedback on their perception to various services offered by the CUSTOMER. The interview should be positively published and transmitted by both print and electronic media.
10. To visit areas and sectors enjoying the CUSTOMER services to get facts on the ground and produce positive and image building news articles in print media and informative news for electronic media.
11. To take CUSTOMER photographs on different occasions be it organized by the CUSTOMER or where the CUSTOMER is invited and make use of them in the media as well as store in the CUSTOMER's photo bank in Energetic MEDIA offices.
12. To design and print CUSTOMER's Newsletter/Journal/Magazine and other publicity and communications related materials where applicable and based on an agreement with the CUSTOMER.
13. To professionally advise the CUSTOMER how appropriate are promotional materials to avoid litigations.
14. To undertake daily PRESS monitoring for and behalf of a CUSTOMER and give either daily monitoring report or weekly depending on the agreement
15. To undertake for and on behalf of the CUSTOMER any other PR and communications - related assignment.

2.0 CORE ACTIVITIES PROFILE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT

Since its establishment, AJAAT has been able to collaborate with various partners to accomplish the following core activities

2012- Established a Sexual and Reproductive Health/FP blog and link it up to AJAAT's website—www.ajaat.or.tz

2012- Continues to publish a weekly AIDS WEEK in REVIEW e-newsletter

2011- Engaged Editors Forum to provide space for Sexual and Reproductive Health/FP issues

in their respective media outlets/houses

2011- Conducted a Rapid Media Assessment on Family Planning and Reproductive Health issues—This was through the support AJAAT got from the Advance Family Planning project which is being jointly carried out in Tanzania by 11 NGOs

2011- Published the first edition of TANZANI Bila UKIMWI Magazine through the support from Geita Gold Mines

2011- Conducted a Media Writing Competition on Universal Access to Essential HIV and AIDS Services—This was through the support from TACAIDS

2011- Continued to run the weekly AIDS WEEK in REVIEW e-newsletter

2010- Running a Media Competition on Couples HIV Testing and Counseling (CHTC) to stimulate media to advocate for the importance of people in relations to under-go HIV/AIDS testing together on regular basis. The UN Joint Campaign on HIV and AIDS in Tanzania support this competition

2010- Implementing Children Agenda, especially on how to protect infants and adolescent girls from HIV. In this activity AJAAT collaborates with several partners such as KIWOHEDE, UNICEF, Save the Children, CCBRT, CDF, VSO, World Vision, TenMeT, etc

2010- Run a Media Campaign against Gender-Based-Violence (GBV) and Stigma and Discrimination (S&D). This activity is supported by Health Policy Initiative (HPI) of USAID

2010- Run a Media Writing Competition on the Importance Couples HIV and AIDS Testing and Counseling—supported by UNAIDS through UN's system of Delivering as One

2010- Conducted a three-day Media Training on HIV/AIDS and Campaign to End Pediatric AIDS (CEPA)—in collaboration with Human Development Trust (HDT) under the support from Global AIDS Alliance (GAA)

2010- Second year of running and publishing Tanzania AIDS Week in Review, a weekly newsletter that focuses on various issues on HIV/AIDS and its impacts to the society—politically, socially and culturally. This is supported by UNDP/UNAIDS

2010 – Third year of implementing its strategic plan (2008-2011)—This include resources mobilization

2009- Second year of implementing its strategic plan (2008-2011)

2009- AJAAT started running Tanzania AIDS Week in Review e-newsletter—Through UNDP/UNAIDS funding

2008- Announced a three-month media writing competition on national voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), popularly known as “Tanzania Bila UKIMWI inawezekana” Media Competition- Activity funded by TACAIDS

2008- Media Training on Accurate and Anti-stigma Reporting- Activity funded by UNDP/UNAIDS

2008- Media Training on PMTCT reporting- Activity funded by UNICEF

2008- Launched its Strategic Plan (2008-2011) and website- www.ajaat.or.tz –Activities funded by UNDP/UNAIDS and USAID/HPI respectively

2008- Accomplished a media training manual for Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and Media Resource Guide for Anti-Stigma Reporting – Activities funded by UNICEF and USAID/HPI respectively

2007- Completed a four-year Strategic Development Plan (2008-2011), Supported by UNDP/UNAIDS, Tanzania Offices

2007- AJAAT trainer conducted training on effective HIV/AIDS reporting on behalf of TACAIDS

2007- Date- AJAAT runs radio programme on HIV in Radio Maria (on-going)

2007- AJAAT runs joint end-of-month radio programme on HIV with Radio One

2006-Date: Running a website, www.ajaat.or.tz – Then supported by USAID/Health Policy Initiative

2006- Rapid Assessment on HIV/AIDS in Media Houses, Funded by USAID/Health Policy Initiative (supervised by Constella Futures)

2006- HIV/AIDS Bill campaign, USAID/Health Policy Initiative

2006- Media Monitoring Report (for one Month) - UNICEF

2006- AJAAT officers participated in MCT supervised Manual Development on Effective Reporting on HIV

2006- AJAAT ran Media Writing Competition on OVC- AXIOS Health Foundation Inc.

2004- AJAAT ran a Media Writing Competition on Stigma and Discrimination—Funded by Policy Project of USAID

2003-2006- Training of mid-career journalists on HIV/AIDS reporting workshop- funded by Futures Group/USAID, UNAIDS, CUAHA

3.0 BASIC INFORMATION

Establishment: Established in 2002 and was registered in April 2003, by registrar of societies in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Reg. No. SO 11872

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3.1 MEMBERSHIP

Membership: AJAAT has a total of 250 members, 70 of which are paid up members (journalists) scattered in all regions except Zanzibar. They are drawn from both Print media (Newspapers) and Electronic media (Televisions and Radio, including bloggers)

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