



AFAWI – Ghana Community Outreach Radio Dialogue Program on HIV/AIDS

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Background Information

Alliance for African Women Initiative (AFAWI –Ghana) as part of its strategic efforts towards prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS through appropriate communication tools that reaches the large mass of communities in Ghana, The organization through it district consultation with the various stakeholders like the District Assemblies in AFAWI Ghana’s Districts of operational, realized that despite the open campaign on HV/AIDS in the country by various civil society organizations, non-governmental organization and advocacy groups, the fight on prevention, care and support, treatment and awareness creation on HIV/AIDS is still new to rural populace, it was also revealed that the lake of appropriate use of communication tools in most of these communities is a contributing factor to the problem, during AFAWI Ghana

District Technical Team visit to four selected districts namely Ga East, Akwapem South, Kintampo North and Dunkwa –on offin revealed that most of the rural communities lack appropriate tool of disseminating information, but the communities has either one or more radio transmission communication.

National surveillance report indicates the HIV/AIDS infections rate among rural communities are on the raise due to the lack of education or poor method use in disseminating information on HIV/AIDS, by the National Aids Control Program (NACP) Ghana.

AFAWI Ghana on Saturday 10th February, 2007, organized **1st Community Outreach Radio Dialogue Program on HIV/AIDS** at Akwapem South District in Eastern Region.

The dialogue program was to bring together experts, resource parsons, as well as communities leaders to discussed issue on appropriate tools to use to educates communities rural populace who have know access to any communication tool accept through the radio, the dialogue also seeks to explored and identify the difficulties which most rural populace face in accessing the a radio or obtaining a radio set, it was also revealed that despite the availability of communities radio stations made possible by the Ghana Broadcasting Company Radio (GBC Radio) and the recent explosion of private radio stations in most regions in Ghana issues such as HIV/IADS are mostly not discussed.

AFAWI Ghana believes in making use of available resource, despite the numerous of challenges revealed through the District Technical Team report the organization organized it first Radio Outreach Dialogue Program on a community radio station called FAWE FM in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

As part of the organizations collaborating and networking efforts, AFAWI – Ghana has embark on what is themed as AFAWI –Ghana **Community Outreach Radio Dialogue Program on HIV/AIDS**, the radio programme is expected to last for 3 year.

Experience over the years has shown that the use of radio in disseminating information is regarded as the best communication tool as it reaches the large majority of the population in the communities being focused.

FOCUS AREAS

- ✓ Prevention and the treatment of HIV/AIDS
- ✓ Stigmatization and discrimination of persons living with HIV/AIDS
- ✓ AFAWI –Ghana activities that seeks to help and assist persons living with HIV/AIDS
- ✓ Mode, Transmission as well as current statistics as regards to HIV/AIDS in Ghana
- ✓ Home base testing, care and support.