

BACKGROUND

ZACH is the medical arm of Christian churches in Zimbabwe. Its mandate is to improve the quality of health and health care delivery in Zimbabwe. It is ecumenical in practice. ZACH has a membership of 126 mission hospitals and clinics. ZACH believes in the holistic approach to health and healing.

“ZACH believes that the provision of health care is an integral part of the Christian gospel following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ZACH is committed to encouraging and promoting the highest standard of Christian health care among its members for the benefit of the people.

In pursuing this mission ZACH is committed to the holistic approach to health and healing encompassing the principles of equity and quality”

ZACH HIV & AIDS VISION

Improved health status of the nation through a coordinated approach by empowering communities in the management of HIV/AIDS by the way of Socio-economic empowerment that will lead to:

- Behavior change
- Self sustenance

Resulting in well-resourced health services, availability and affordable drugs and increased life expectancy by the year 2005

HIV/AIDS STRATEGY

The Zimbabwe Association of Church Related hospitals (ZACH)' s strategy is centered around the integration of HIV & AIDS prevention, care and support (the prevention –care dynamic) using the holistic approach to programming. HIV & AIDS care and support mitigate the impact of the HIV & AIDS epidemic on the individuals, families, communities and nations. Care and support activities are broad in nature and are critical to the continued efforts of communities, governments and donors to promote sustainable development in the face of the HIV & AIDS epidemic. Care and support promote the effectiveness of prevention efforts and prevention enhances the capacity to provide care and support. There is a positive feedback loop.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote change in attitude and behavior that exposes communities to HIV/AIDS.
- To utilize research findings, documented information and input from programme implementers and partners in programme design and development.
- To develop an advocacy and networking strategy to disseminate the results of the project experience at district, provincial and national level among churches, NGOs and relevant ministries.
- To document and evaluate models of care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and community based models for effective care of affected children in different programme areas for the purpose of information exchange, advocacy and replication.
- To develop culturally appropriate information, education and communication (IEC) materials focusing on behavior change.
- To design youth friendly reproductive health programmes as children and youth are the window of hope for the future generation.

RELATED PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- Community HIV & AIDS prevention
- peer education
- Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)
- Prevention of mother to child transmission
- Community Home Based Care
- STI management
- Support for the infected and the affected
- Youth friendly services
- Opportunistic infection clinics
- Training in OI and ART



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HIV & AIDS PROGRAMME

GOAL

To provide an effective HIV & AIDS mitigation strategy for ZACH member institutions and their constituencies