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ANGOLAN REGION: PROGRESS REPORT ON "AIDS PROJECT".

The report covers the period between June and September 1989, when the project and some other things were suspended due to the process of withdrawal.

- All areas were covered except town people, as it is difficult to organise them, but reading material was distributed. Below are some of the questions raised by cdes and project proposals in the mean time, until the region is settled.
- Health education aimed at encouraging changes in life-style, is a vital part of AIDS prevention. message while dispelling misconceptions about the disease.
- Discussions and talks were held in the district on AIDS and its prevention, which took the form of lectures followed by open discussions with questions and a video film. The discussion had an impact especially regarding knowledge about transmission of the disease and attitudes towards AIDS patients.
- Everyone left knowing that sexual activity was the factor mainly responsible for spreading the infection.
- The educational work was planned so as to combine rapid diffusion of information with a well designed scheme for changing of life-style.
- We assumed that people's knowledge was minimal and confused, but we knew that in general they had an intense wish to learn about the subject.
- On the following grounds we feel that our programme is effective because there has been good attendances at all our discussions.
- Although the usage of condoms has increased, according to the demand, there are still some cases of STD - especially gonorrhoea. Well cdes are counselled and always given a package of condoms along.

- The following questions were earmarked for our next meeting.

± 1. To find the origin of AIDS. - It is quite a disturbing question as cdes are more interested in it, than any otherthing. well some information as was given though not satisfactory.

2. Devising means of testing all ANC cdes. We tried to explain to them that in reality, there is no need to it, though some are still pushing it.

3. Some cdes feels that..those cdes who are H.I.V.-positive must be isolated from the community.

4. Some cdes felt that M.K must give suicide missions to those who are H.I.V positive.

5. Need of testing partners before getting married.

PROBLEMS.

1. Lack of teaching aids e.g videos as it has prove to be more effective.

2. Lack of new information on the disease.

3. Lack of transport from moving to one centre to the other.

4. Withdrawal process from the region.

PROJECT PROPOSALS.

(1). Video cassettes e.g (a) Dont forget a SHERRIE

(b) Can we talk about things like that.

(c) Beyond fear.

All the above cassettes quoted from the International Child Health Unit in Sweden. Beside that, they have a lot of journals, newsletters, magazines etc.

(2). Reading materials on the subjects.

(3). Video deck

(4). Transport as we have one car in the region which can not reach other areas.

(5). Drawing material.

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