



I AM A NEW PERSON!

"My name is Latou Watson. I am 16 years old. I am in 4th grade primary school. I was late at starting school because my Aunt didn't send me. I am living in Virgile. My natural parents died when I was a little boy, maybe three years old. I cannot say exactly the age because I was so young and nobody can give me exact information about that. My Aunt is a wonderful person, she doesn't mistreat me, but unfortunately the family is poor and I suffer from not having some basic things. Sometimes I want to go to church but I can't because I don't have any clothes and tennis shoes to wear. The life is very difficult for me. No Father, no Mother, you can understand what that is like.

In the program I am a new person, I benefit from training on hygiene, HIV prevention and child rights. According to me, the best thing was the training on Animal Husbandry. After the training, I bought a female goat with the money I received in the program, on March 2006. I am taking care of my goat, she is pregnant and I hope soon I will have two more goats.

I thank everyone who thinks of orphans and vulnerable children. I feel really comfortable and happy when I get visits from a friend that they call volunteer. I wish the program will continue to help other children who are living in the same condition like me."



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SAWSO & HIV/AIDS

PEOPLE—PREVENTION—PROGRAMS
CREATING 'NEW' POSSIBILITIES ONE LIFE AT A TIME



Enhancing community capacity
to respond to HIV & AIDS

HIV/AIDS: HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

- 65 Million have been infected with HIV.
- 25 Million have since died.
- 2½ million adult deaths and half million child deaths in 2004.
- 40 Million living with HIV infection.
- Leading cause of death in Sub Saharan Africa.
- Killing 8,500 people a day.
- 5 Million new infections, 2004 (14,000 new infections daily).

WHAT IS SAWSO'S RESPONSE?

We work in partnership with Salvation Army Territories, their local churches and institutions; with financial resources from USAID and other US donors to address the problem.

WHY ARE WE INVOLVED?

It is more than a health issue; HIV/AIDS has social economic and spiritual implications!

- Drop in food production in affected countries.
- Drop in household income.
- Chronic food shortage in affected households.
- Increase in number of children without parents or chronically ill parents (orphans and vulnerable children: OVC).
- Drop in quality of education: Orphans and Vulnerable Children most affected.
- Increased Psycho Social Support needs for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

WHAT IS SAWSO DOING?

Areas we support:

- Prevention of new HIV infections
- Care and support of infected and affected people



- Increase of accessibility and availability of Anti Retroviral Treatment at community level.
- Reduction of HIV& AIDS impact on Children, households and communities

PREVENTION OF NEW INFECTIONS:

SAWSO is a member of AERDO: Salvation Army Territories work in partnership with other churches and Christian development agencies in promotion of Abstinence and Behavior change for youth in affected communities.

SAWSO RESULTS:

- 5,546 People Living with HIV/AIDS cared for through Home Based Care and Anti Retroviral Drug Therapy services In Nigeria, Zambia, and South Africa.
- 34,689 Reached with HIV/AIDS prevention messages through community outreach In Haiti and Nigeria.
- 16,278 OVC supported in Nigeria, Zambia, Haiti and South Africa.
- 10,744 OVC supported with Education: Nigeria, Zambia, Haiti, and South Africa.
- 1,038 OVC supported with Health Care: Zambia Haiti and South Africa
- 1,493 OVC caretakers given economic support
- 754 OVC on nutritional support in Zambia, Haiti, and South Africa

Why support SAWSO?

- The epidemic has not abated, people are still dying, Orphans are still on the increase, Access to Anti Retroviral drug treatment has yet to be available to all who need treatment.
- More resources are needed for capacity building of affected Salvation Army Territories: There are capacity constraints in trained human resources for Orphans and Vulnerable Children care, operational research and documentation.
- TSA is present in communities where the need is greatest and so far the support though limited is making visible difference in communities.

Your contribution of:

\$113.15 provides nutritional support for one orphan and vulnerable child for one year.

\$100.00 provides one Home Based Care kit for one year.

\$150.00 provides Anti Retroviral Drug Therapy for one person for one year.

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