



TALENTS PROMOTION (MUSIC CLUB)



MAHAVI MEETING



YOUTH CLUB (ENGLISH)



MOBILE VCT (Voluntary Counselling & Testing HIV/AIDS)



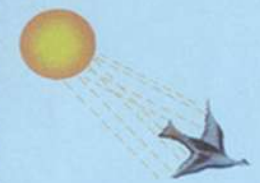
Home-based care and home visits!

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HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME

SHALOOM CARE HOUSE

Shaloom Care House is the health unit and centre for HIV/AIDS activities at the Health Department of the Archdiocese of Mwanza. It is a non-profit making unit relying mostly on donor assistance and support.

This organization was established in 1992 under the HIV program of Archdiocese following 1987's declaration of the Tanzania Bishops conference (TEC) to combat HIV/AIDS.

OUR VISION

To develop a community free from the threat of HIV/AIDS epidemic, and also cares for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) AIDS related orphans and vulnerable children.

OUR MISSION

To reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and strategies to mitigate the impact of the epidemic in the society.

AREA OF OPERATIONS

The main service area is Mwanza City. Yet, Shaloom Care House renders support to Parish health HIV/AIDS committees. There is provision of a "SERVICE FOR ALL". Regardless of creed, nationality, tribe or colour. The communities are reached through linkage with Parishes and government leaders at all levels. And collaboration is with various NGO's Governmental groups, Volunteer groups and donors both within and outside the country.

ACTIVITIES

The Shaloom Care House provides holistic quality care through the following activities:-

- Voluntary Counselling and Testing for HIV
- Home-based care and home visits
- Visiting patients in hospital
- Treatment of opportunistic infections
- Education and counselling of family members on patient care
- Provision of pastoral and spiritual care
- Support and care for AIDS-related orphans and vulnerable children
- Conductive behavioural seminars and educational programmes
- Vocational training to out of school orphans such as carpentry, tailoring, etc.
- Supply of food, school materials and soap to PLHA and OVC
- Formation and coordination of support groups that include:

Safina, Tuinuane, Kipa, Isaki, Mahavi, Youth Alive and Walezi family

- Recreational activities e.g. yearly picnics
- Commemoration of the celebration on world AIDS Day and on the Day of the African Child which involves HIV clients and orphans
- Care and Treatment clinic and provision of ARV to PLHA

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- People living with HIV/AIDS who are or will be served by the programme.
- HIV/AIDS-related orphans and Vulnerable children.
- HIV/AIDS family members and dependents.
- Youths—Behaviour change programme
- The community in general
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INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- Volunteer counsellors
- Drama groups
- Corporate citizens and non citizen

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Orphans are children who have lost both parents, through death or desertion. They are recognized as potentially vulnerable.

Vulnerable children are children living a very difficult or hard life, missing many basic needs such as food, clothes, rights, to attend school, or medical attention.

Often these children are living in acute poverty, those with irresponsible or uncaring or abusive parents, children working hard at home or working to earn money, or children with no known family; the abandoned and street children

OBJECTIVES

- Counselling orphans and vulnerable children
- To provide short term and long term assistance together with the caretakers

GUIDELINES FOR HELPING THE CHILD

- To gather correct information
- To keep records of each child and the caretaker
- Home visits, school visits
- To access the environment where the child is living.
- To discuss the situation with family members and local leaders
- In emergency situations to provide counselling and to care for the basic needs.
- Long term help:
 - Counselling the children and caretakers.
 - Behavioural change seminars
 - Providing uniforms, school books for Primary and Sec. School education.
 - Vocational training
 - Life skills activities
 - Meetings
 - Yearly picnics

All of us at Shaloom Care House
thank you for your support and assistance!