



Winner of SWHAP Achievement Award 2010 *- Category for Peer Educator Achievement (South Africa)*

SWHAP Peer Educator Achievement Award 2010, South Africa

For the first time, SWHAP instituted a Peer Educator Achievement Award in 2010. The award stemmed from the need to recognize not only workplace programmes, as has been done through the SWHAP Achievement Awards in 2008 and 2009, but also the individual efforts of peer educators. The latter often play an integral role in promoting behavior change as well as in implementing the workplace programme as a whole. If given appropriate support and recognition a peer educator is a low-cost way of reaching a high and sustainable impact of a programme.

The selection of the Peer Educator Achievement Awards for South Africa took place during the regional conference in Johannesburg 9-11 November 2010. The workplaces were asked to have their peer educators nominate candidates, who would in turn submit a motivation form. The three shortlisted candidates were requested to submit additional supporting documentation in order to explain and answer questions on what they had been doing as peer educators at their respective workplaces.

In general, it proved that they have shown a great deal of initiative in reaching their target audiences. All three have extended their roles as peer educators extensively into their respective communities. They demonstrated the ability to function in a team together with management, the committee and the Occupational Health Nurses. They each organized sessions with peers and reached many in their roles, both at the workplace and in the community. Thus, it should be underlined that all candidates are in principle winners for the award. However, one nominee stood out for receiving the award for the SWHAP Peer Educator Achievement Award 2010 for South Africa:

Phillip Phoswa, Tetra Pak South Africa

Besides all the other qualities mentioned above, Phillip Phoswa is a humble man, who has a deep rooted passion for peer education and impacting on the lives of others. Phillip forms part of the team that organizes and implements all the wellness activities organized by Tetra Pak. Through his persistent motivation he ensures participation from his peers, which leads to the successes reached with these interventions. Phillip makes the most of every networking opportunity as he believes that sharing with and learning from others enhances his impact on the prevention, treatment and care of HIV and AIDS. The aspect that stood out most was Phillip's system of record keeping. He ensures that all interventions are accurately recorded. These records allowed the



committee to make appropriate decisions on the HIV and AIDS Workplace interventions implemented at Tetra Pak.

Shortlisted Peer Educators for the Peer Educator Achievement (South Africa):

John Masela, Autoliv South Africa

Tieho Vilakazi, ABB South Africa



The SWHAP Achievement Award has been given out since 2008. In 2010 the four categories for the award are Most Comprehensive Workplace Programme; Best Progress in Workplace Programming; Peer Educator Achievement Award; and Most Innovative Intervention. For more information on any of the awards, please contact info@swhap.org. For more information on Swedish Workplace HIV and AIDS Programme, please visit www.swhap.org.