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Launch of the SWHAP in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Uganda

During the last month the SWHAP has successfully been launched in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Uganda. The launch in Zimbabwe took place in Harare on February 1st. Representatives from senior management as well as employees from the six main Swedish workplaces in the country attended. The Minister of Development Cooperation and Head of Sida, Mr. Göran Engstrand at the Swedish Embassy in Harare, opened the meeting.

The SWHAP now covers major parts of the East African Community. On February 14th the Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania Mr. Torvald Åkesson opened the SWHAP-launch in Dar es Salaam in the presence of the seven major Swedish related companies in Tanzania. Two days later the three Swedish related companies that are present in Uganda met together with the SWHAP to launch the programme and to discuss a way forward in the country.

New SWHAP National Coordinators

Due to the expansion of the SWHAP, two new National Coordinators have been recruited. Edith Maziofa (edith.maziofa@yahoo.co.uk) is as of February 1st responsible for the SWHAP in Zimbabwe. In Tanzania the programme is as of February 15th run by Chris Kiondo (ckiondo@yahoo.com). Daniel Mwaura, presently National Coordinator in Kenya, will take on the responsibility also for the SWHAP in Uganda (danielmwaura_swhapkenya@yahoo.com).



Edith Maziofa, new National Coordinator in Zimbabwe

Peers Educated in Zambia

A combined training of Psycho Social Counselling was done for the four companies under SWHAP in Zambia. A total of 14 employees were trained over a period of seven days. The participants have now gone into practicum period for six weeks. Methods such as group discussions, role plays, lectures were used in the training.



Psycho Social Counselling in Zambia

Well Informed Management in Zimbabwe

On February 27th, senior management from all the workplaces in the SWHAP network in Zimbabwe attended a management sensitization session. The forum provided for interesting discussions and all attendants are keen to start and/or boost their respective programme.

Strong SWHAP Network in South Africa

On March 9th the SWHAP network of workplaces in South Africa will organise a joint management-employees workshop. Representatives from the HIV and Aids Steering Committees at the workplaces will take part in the meeting.

Positive Results from Male Circumcision Study

The distinguished medical publication the Lancet published on February 23rd 2007 results from two randomised trials in Kenya and Uganda. The studies confirm that male circumcision can half the risk of transmission of HIV through heterosexual intercourse. (For more information please see www.thelancet.com)

The International Council of Swedish Industry (NIR) and the Swedish Industrial and Metalworkers' Union (IF Metall) have jointly decided to initiate and implement a long-term programme to support and contribute to the establishment of HIV/Aids programmes at Swedish-linked workplaces, through projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Swedish Workplace HIV/Aids Programme (SWHAP) is financially supported by Sida.

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