



HIV/AIDS NEWSLETTER

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News from the Editor

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Staff Matters

There have been 3 new appointments in recent weeks.

The first is **Anita Marshall** who has been appointed as the Integrated Plan Coordinator. We wish her well in a very challenging task.

The other 2 appointments are **Susan Tshukudu** who is the Secretary to Mr. Collen Bonnecwe (Director), and **Linda Lembethe** who was appointed as an Administrative Clerk in the GAAP Unit.

Great news also is that **Matilda Phohole** has been promoted to a Community Liaison Officer in the Partnership Support unit, and has thus moved from the Care & Support unit.

Supporting Trade Unions

The Sub-Directorate: Partnership Support has a strong programme of supporting trade unions through training on HIV/AIDS issues.

In this year 2 workshops have already been held – the first from 12-16 February in Braamfontein, and the second from 26 February – 2 March in Cape Town.

These workshops form part of a three-part training series for Master Trainers that will be sponsored by the Department of

Health and the Solidarity Centre (USAID funding).

The overall goal of the training series is to strengthen the capacity of trade unions to develop and implement effective prevention education programmes. The training series will include the following components:

- Fundamentals of HIV/AIDS and approaches to teaching about HIV/AIDS
- HIV/AIDS and the Law
- HIV/AIDS prevention, counselling and care & support

Each workshop is for 5 days, and has a total of 15 participants. Forthcoming workshops are scheduled for 12 – 16 March (Durban), 26 – 30 March (East London), and 18 – 22 June (Pietersburg).

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CDC Support for HIV/AIDS

The Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta USA has provided significant support for HIV/AIDS programmes in South Africa for some time now. The priority areas for their support include:

- HIV/AIDS, business and labour
- VCT
- Congenital syphilis operations research
- Youth HIV/AIDS programmatic support
- HIV/AIDS and STD surveillance
- Laboratory support
- MTCT programmes
- TB programme support

- Other operations and programmatic support

Various staff from CDC visited South Africa to discuss both current and future collaborations. This has set the framework for continued support from CDC in 2001 and beyond.

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HIV/AIDS Donor Coordination Forum

The first meeting of the HIV/AIDS Donor Coordination Forum took place on 13 March 2001. At this meeting the foundation was laid for priority areas for support from donors in 2001.

The next phase is to get inputs from the Provincial Health Departments on their priorities for funding from bilateral and multilateral donors in 2001.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 May 2001.

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