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HIV/AIDS Awareness Education

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HIV/AIDS is the worst calamity Africa has ever gone through; the disease is threatening to wipe out a whole generation in the continent. Sub Saharan Africa is the home of 70% of the adults and 80% of the children living with AIDS in the world. This is in the backdrop of public health infrastructures that are already strained by the demands of malaria, Tuberculosis and other diseases. Care for HIV/AIDS sufferers and the affected is therefore inadequate. The Youth of Africa are the most affected by the scourge; one in every ten young people between the age of 15 and 24 years is HIV positive. Yet this is the most active and productive age bracket, the present and the future generation!

Scouting is a Youth Movement and the Scouts of Africa are active in the war against HIV/AIDS. The Africa Regional Office has developed a HIV/AIDS awareness education project with the goal of educating young people on HIV/AIDS issues. HIV/AIDS education will be integrated into the Scout Youth Programme. This campaign will involve awareness and education, behaviour change, caring for the infected and the affected, stigma reduction, counselling and testing. Through this project, we will reach millions of African youth as well as their communities.