

Youth Initiatives



World Hope International has designed youth initiative programs to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS through education and community-based activities which are designed to reduce the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.

World Hope believes young people are essential to the future and believes that investing in their physical, social and spiritual well-being is an urgent priority.



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Youth and HIV/AIDS Facts:

- HIV/AIDS is the primary cause of death among youth worldwide.¹
- Nearly 7,000 young people become HIV positive each day.²
- HIV yields to “determined and concerted interventions.” Programs that provide comprehensive sex education to young people can help curb the HIV/AIDS epidemic.³

WORLD HOPE’S PROGRAMS

HOPE Festivals Large scale youth rallies that celebrate personal purity and the hope and transformation that is found in a deepened personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

HOPE Clubs Extra curricular activities for secondary school youth providing a forum for honest dialogue and encouragement from young adult mentors and peers.

Reach4Life A school or church discipleship journey built around the study of the New Testament text that encourages a personal relationship with God and applies Scripture to important issues facing youth including HIV/AIDS.

Goals:

1. To inspire young people with a message of hope in the HIV/AIDS crisis that is unique in its emphasis on personal and spiritual transformation.
2. To provide an environment where young people can openly explore God’s plan for sex and for their life in light of culture and the numerous real issues tied to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Opportunities to get involved with Trusts:

- Learn more about HIV/AIDS and its impact on the world (visit www.unaids.org or www.avert.org).
- Participate in a World AIDS Day event or join the One Campaign (www.one.org).
- Consider organizing a group within your school, church or civic group to adopt a school in South Africa or Zambia.

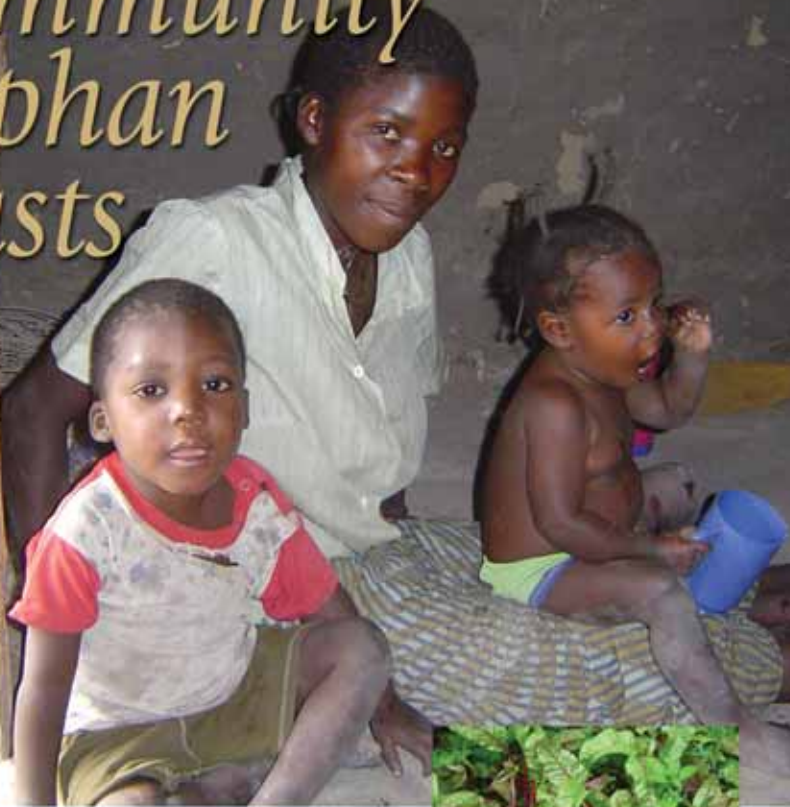
¹ Risk and Protection: Youth & HIVS in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Alan Guttmacher Institute online <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/riskandprotection.pdf>

² United Nations (2003) HIV/AIDS and Young People (pp 334-69) in World Youth Report

³ UNAIDS (2005) AIDS Epidemic Update http://www.unaids.org/epi/2005/doc/report_pdf.asp



Community Orphan Trusts



Community Orphan Trusts are community development initiatives that empower HIV/AIDS affected communities with resources and training to care for vulnerable members. Through partnership with individual donors, churches and funding agencies, World Hope is providing communities with:

- Opportunities to work and provide basic needs for vulnerable community members, adults as well as children
- Skills to provide basic healthcare to loved ones
- Activities and training to address other social, psychological and spiritual needs associated with poverty and/or HIV/AIDS.

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THE THREE AREAS THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Economic Empowerment Trust members are trained in agriculture, animal husbandry, tailoring and other trades and receive a portion of the products produced and profits gained through their projects to support basic livelihood needs of caregivers, widows and orphans.

Prevention/Community Health Trust members are trained in basic hygiene and sanitation, caring for orphans and vulnerable children, HIV prevention, legal rights, gender equality issues. Workshops are aimed at developing leadership skills.

Home-Based Care Community Health workers are trained and resourced to provide basic medical and emotional care for people living with HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other infectious diseases.

“Before the Trust I could not provide for my family, it was discouraging I felt like a failure as a parent and it squeezed my heart. Now I provide and my heart is lighter!”

— A TRUST MEMBER

What does partnering involve?

1. One time financial support for an entire community or one-half partnership in a Trust
2. Praying for establishment, development and leadership of the Trust

Opportunities to get involved with Trusts:

- Send a representative or delegation to visit the Trust
- Send volunteers to complete a building project in that community
- Purchase additional items needed for the Trust
- Encourage others to partner with a community Trust
- Pray for widows, orphans and vulnerable children in the Trust



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