

CANDLE LIGHT 2012 ACTIVITY REPORT

Introduction

Candle light is the oldest grassroots mobilization campaign for HIV/AIDS awareness in the whole world and commemorated every year. VIAF and WFAC organized and commemorate the event which other CBOs participated. Since 1983, these grassroots activism have existed honouring those who have lost their lives to the aids pandemic infected by the virus. It has also created positive community dialogue and has influenced local and policy makers about prevention care and treatment.

The celebrations was held at University of Buea in the South West Region on the May 9th 2012 under the theme “Zero new infection” of HIV and we also use this opportunity in paying homage to all youths who have lost their lives to HIV, those infected and affected by the pandemic. The event was in two parts and the first part started with education talk on the generalities of HIV, basic prevention, the importance of knowing your status, the use of male and female condom as a dual mechanism, . Other activities that was educative and motivational where the AIDS cafe and quiz.

The second part which lasted for two hours started with an opening prayer and after the prayer, tributes were read, 45 minutes video projection on HIV/AIDS and health care and the lighting of the candles. The lighting of the candles at this function signified a special moment where all participants are called upon to pray for the people who have died of HIV/AIDS and also to reflect on how far each individual has contributed to combating HIV and AIDS.

All activities at the candle light memorial event was live streamed on twitter @UBAIDS12

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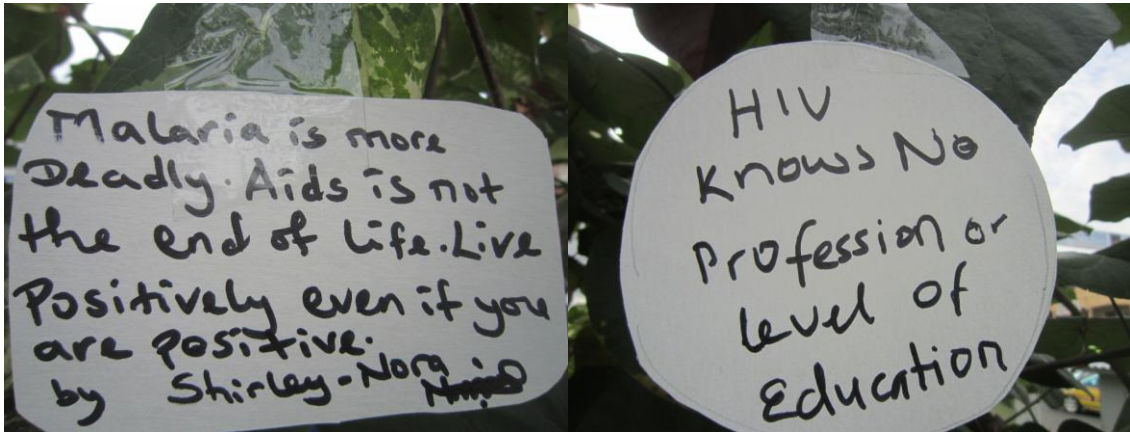


AIDS cafe; what do you think and know about HIV



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Messages from participants



Projections during the event



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The Event ended at 9:30 pm.

Thanks, VIAF team.