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*"We manage knowledge
that others can make
crucial decisions".*

- Sweet Mother: EDI focuses on maternal health
- EDI Trains Community-Based Animators on HIV/AIDS
- EDI marks World AIDS Day
- EDI holds Seminar on Career Development
- Mural Painting for Development
- Teenagers Network Launched at Supreme Education Foundation
- Community based Animators SACOBAN Marks World AIDS Day
- EDI Gets new board member.

Promoting Social change through participation and community building



COORDINATOR'S DESK

*We make a living by what we get, but
we make a life by what we give. There
is no more noble occupation in the
world than to assist another human - to
help someone succeed.*



Dear partners in development, With great pleasure, I welcome you all to another exciting and challenging year. The past year was characterised by a lot of challenges and activities both in our organisation and our immediate communities.

Nevertheless we give thanks to God for seeing us through. These challenges are stepping stones and doors of opportunities into the future.

For us in Eclipse Development Initiatives, it is a time for spreading our dragnet as we

have a determination and vision of reaching out to more communities with our development programmes. We shall also be moving to many more schools with our HIV/AIDS programmes and forming more "seeds of hope" - Peer educators. Also, our "sweet mother" hospital based project on maternal health will take a new dimension (We will be conducting follow ups on our programme beneficiaries).

O u r programmes are geared towards mobilizing, and equipping the capacity of rural people, youth, women



and vulnerable groups using participatory methods and creativity to help them effectively take control of their future.

Suffice to say that our program performances depend largely on your support and funding. To this end we sincerely crave for your support in cash or in kind.

EDI is a membership organisation and I

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hereby invite as many as are interested in human development to

join hands with EDI to fulfil its objectives, by becoming members and making necessary contributions.

We look forward to having you participate and partner with us this year in our various programmes.

*Once again, have a wonderful year
ahead.*

EDI GIVES ATTENTION TO MATERNAL HEALTH

The statistics of maternal mortality mobility in the country has led EDI to focus her capacity building program towards safe motherhood and womens health. Through its program tagged "Sweet mother Programme" EDI is carrying out communication



■ SWEET MOTHER PROGRAMME IN SESSION ■

campaigns that speaks to the needs of young couples, and new parents on the benefits

of family planning, childbirth and development, sex and relationship education, nutrition and hygiene, emotional health and well being before, during and after birth.

The program also highlights the need for proper and early pre and post natal health care while emphasizing breastfeeding options. The women are also adviced to avoid delay in getting to the hospital on time before delivery because delay has been singled out by statistics as the major

cause of maternal death. The program is laced with entertainment, songs and role play to make it interesting and learner-friendly. Visual aids are also used to draw home some of the salient points during the program.

The participatory nature of the program is such that participants choose topics to be treated in advance of the next session. The sweet mother program has helped in the enlightenment of more women on the issues that has to do with their health during pregnancy and after birth.

The program holds at pacific hospitals Iju on every last Wednesday of each month which is a general clinic day. Effort is being made to get to more hospitals and communities with the program.



■ ANOTHER SESSION OF ■
SWEET MOTHER PROGRAMME

EDI TRAINS COMMUNITY BASED ANIMATORS ON HIV/AIDS

In response to the call for action against the dreaded HIV/AIDS EDI organised a 2-day training programme for indigenes of Saala/Arejogbo Community in Ifako/Ijaiye local government area of Lagos state to increase awareness on the disease. The training was held in conjunction with the Community Development Association and chiefs-in-council. The aim of the training is to train community-based animators

who will serve as catalyst in spreading information about the disease in the community.

24 animators



■ DURING THE TRAINING ■

choosen from the community were trained during which they were guided to formulate action plans to be used in spreading the message in the

community.

The event which took place on 23rd - 24th Sept., 2005 at the Palace of Baale of

Saala included talks, role play games, questions and answers session and a film documentary titled "HIV-Positive Voices" show casing the experience of four individuals living with the HIV virus. The closing event were witnessed by the Baale of Saala Chief P. A. Bajomo and Chairman of Saala CDA Prince Olatokun. The animators were christened SACOBAN (Saala community based animators. The Baale presented the certificates of participation. Effort is being made to reach more communities in the Local Government and beyond.



■ TRAINED ANIMATORS ■

EDI MARKS WORLD AIDS DAY

As the world marked the world AIDS Day, Eclipse Development Initiatives also added it's voice to the worldwide event by organizing a program titled 'HIV/AIDS- Our Common future. The program highlighted the rate at which the disease is spreading and the different ways of contracting the virus.

Emphasis was placed on why youth especially students should abstain from sex until marriage. The program hosted by Patience Model College in Opeilu, Ogun State featured talks, Drama presentation by the students, songs and poems on HIV/AIDS.

In attendance were over 300 pupils from other schools namely; BEMA International School, White Rose International College and students of the host school. Also in attendance were parents and teachers.

According to the Executive Director of EDI Mr. Henry Ofurune, the event is worthwhile as a lot of people are still ignorant of the disease and it's effects. He also stressed that youths are the canon fodders in the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The program ended with the program officer of EDI Mr. Gbade Adeyemi harping on the need to show love to people living with the virus as we look forward to World AIDS Day in 2006.



■ WORLD AIDS DAY 2005 ■

MURAL PAINTING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The commitment of youth especially students to campaign against drug/substance abuse was evident at Supreme Education Foundation (SEF) Magodo, Lagos when over 30 student participated in the creative Mural Painting to campaign against drug abuse among teenagers. The painting took two full days (October 19-20, 2005).

The painting was done outdoors in the school premises with the moral support and encouragement of the Art teacher Mr. Ladoja. After much cutting, priming and painting using

ICI Dulux Paint, the mural design began to take shape. A lot of students were

thrilled to see the beautiful design come to light.

The third day witnessed the unveiling of the mural in their school hall with Mr. Henry Ofurune of EDI presenting the keynote address dwelling on the attendant consequences of Drugs/Substance Abuse and it's impact on family and society. This was concluded with a film documentary titled "I Can't Breathe" showcasing the inherent dangers of smoking and other related substance abuse. At the end of the program, the school expressed satisfaction over the mural and thanked EDI and CAPPlc. for their initiatives in impacting valuable knowledge to the students.



■ A SECTION OF STUDENTS DURING THE PAINTING ■



■ FINISHED MURAL ■

TEENAGERS NETWORK AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE ACTIONS LAUNCHED AT SUPREME EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOOL, MAGODO LAGOS.

In it's effort to reach young ones and tapping the strength of peer groups, EDI has successfully launched again Teenagers Network Against Destructive Actions (TENADA) at Supreme Education Foundation (SEF) Magodo, Lagos on October 21, 2005. TENADA is a youth based education network, which maintains and serve as force for positive change in prevention of Drug Abuse, prostitution, youth violence, gangsterism and a host of other social vices. This network has been established in three other schools. They will be given periodic training in leadership, career development, and

team building. The network will empower students to deal with social vices. In all 32 students joined the network.



■ CROSS SECTION OF TENADA ■

EDI HOLDS SEMINAR ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT

As part of it's capacity-building programs, EDI organized a seminar for The "Seeds of Hope" Club in different schools. The club is a youth network of peer educators trained by EDI.

The seminar titled "Securing a colorful future" gave attention to the need for students to be hardworking in their studies and make wise use of their time rather than spending too much time watching television.

Major emphasis was placed on how the students can make wise choice of career, which they are gifted and have a special flair for rather than allowing peer pressure to influence them into choosing a career for which they are not suited. Emphasis was placed on other factors to consider in choosing a career.

Some of the factors are Academic competence, interest, job opportunity and personality.

It was also stressed that the youth should abstain from sex, drugs and unwanted pregnancies as these can truncate their future ambition. The seminar ended by highlighting some career choices and their viability.

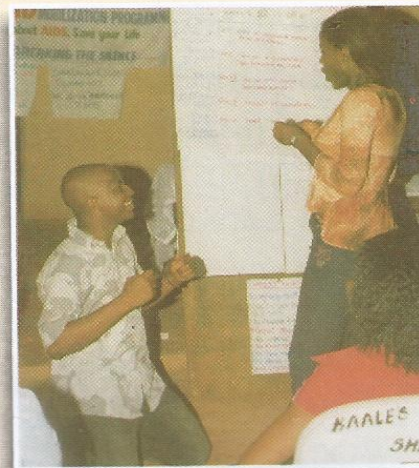
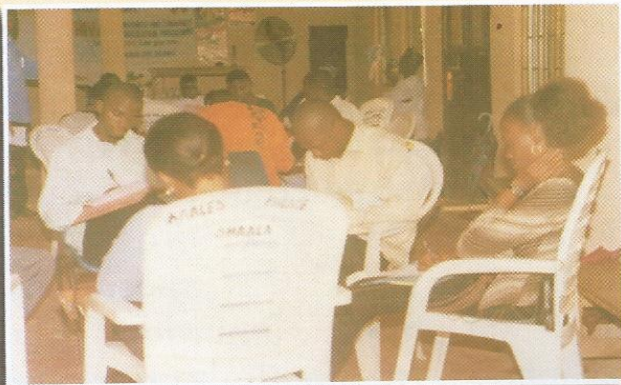


■ STUDENTS DURING THE SEMINAR ■

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**SACOBAN
WORLD AIDS
DAY**



**Group work
and Role play**

**EDI Director
during
democratic
leadership
training
Workshop
held at ALF**



TEENS NEED "HUMAN CONNECTION TIME"

- By Folasade Ofurune

Every caring parent knows that toddlers thrive on loving attention and that they will crawl onto their parent's lap when they need to be cuddled. By the time they reach adolescence, however, they are more likely to push parents away. Yet, this is the time in life when they most need parental attention. Why is that the case?

With adolescence comes unstructured and unsupervised time, and this is one of the biggest dangers facing teenagers. Adolescence is a time when kids are learning about who they are and how they fit into the world around them. Mix that with the propensity for risk-taking and the power of peer pressure, and the perils can be huge. Adolescence consists of various stages and is not about age. Rather, it's about how [Teenagers] are functioning and processing information and experimenting. Early adolescence is a time of self-absorption, preoccupation with body changes and impulsiveness. Middle adolescence is characterized more by experimentation, and late adolescence by independent thinking.

Yes, teenage years can be exciting, but they can also be confusing-both for parents and for teenagers. Dr.

Barbara Stagers, who has looked after adolescents for more than 20 years, says most of them "need human connection time with an adult who cares about them." How is this achieved?

Keep the line of communication open! Parent, reassure your children that you care about them by asking questions to help your teenagers piece thoughts and ideas together and help them to identify the consequences of any poor decisions they make. Be positive about the good that results from right decisions. Help them to know what behavior is acceptable.

If parents follow conventional wisdom that children must learn to handle problems on their own, they leave young ones vulnerable to the harmful influence of unprincipled and unscrupulous individuals. On the other hand, parents who apply Bible counsel will give their children the best possible opportunity to make their way successful through adolescence and to become responsible adults. Parents, therefore, must learn to "train up a boy according to the way for him."

... Culled from *Awake*

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Whatever you want to give, please call the Coordinator on 08029734447, 08035769459 and we will come and Pick them. God bless you as you serve humanity.

EDI Gets New Board Member

EDI has appointed a new board member into its board He is Dr. Anthony B. Azeez. Dr. Azeez is the Chairman of Rainbow Cards Ltd. We wish him the Very Best.



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