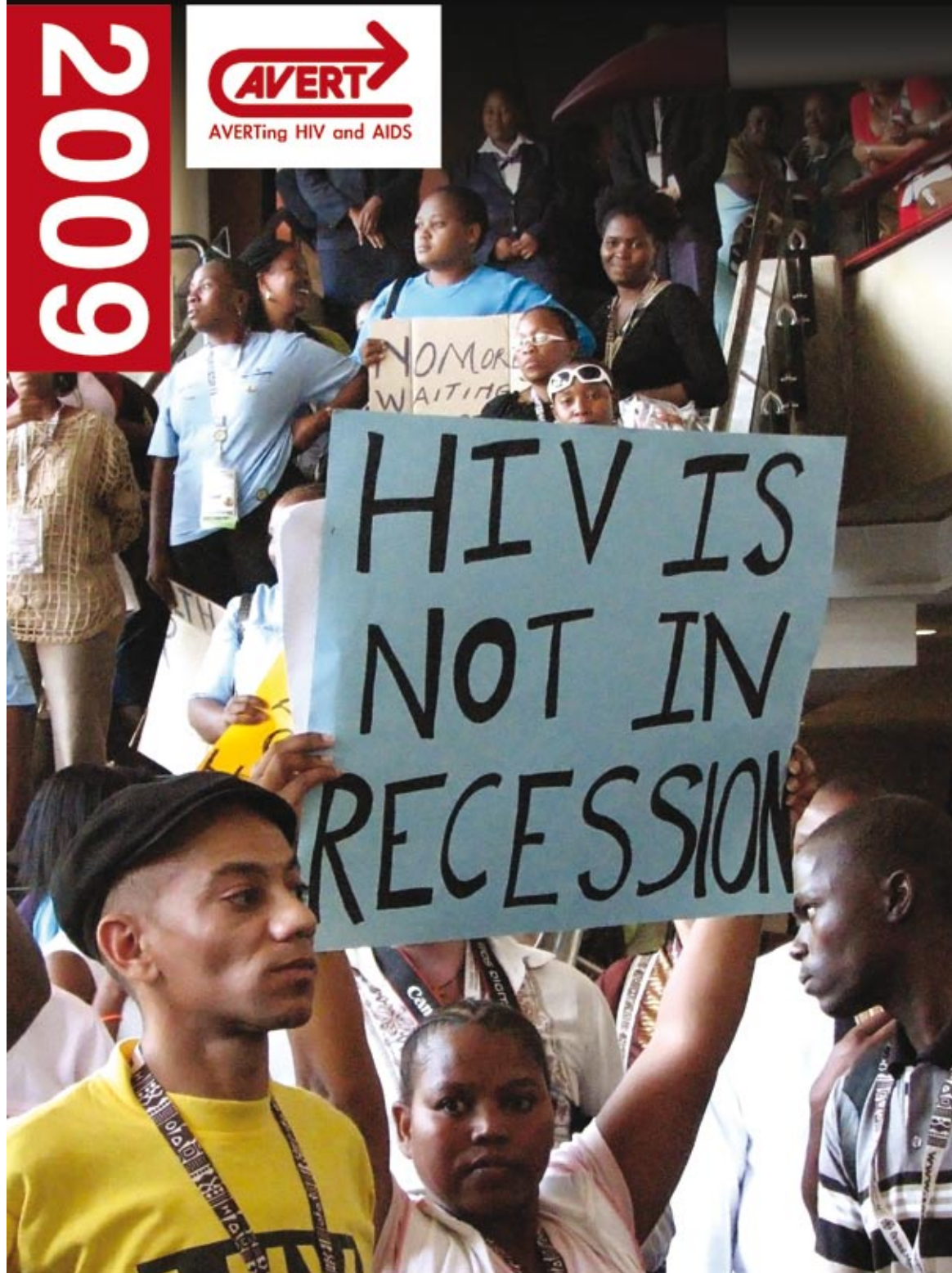


2009



*“We are working to
AVERT HIV and AIDS
worldwide through
education, treatment
and care.”*

Annabel Kanabus - AVERT's Director

AVERT's Community Programme supports and builds partnerships with local organisations who are working to directly avert the spread of HIV, and to improve the treatment, care and support of all people infected with, or affected by HIV/AIDS. AVERT's partnerships and projects take place in areas with extremely high, or rapidly increasing rates of HIV in Southern Africa and India.

AVERT also provides a wide range of information to educate people about HIV/AIDS across the world. Our highly successful website www.avert.org has over 200 pages describing and discussing many aspects of HIV and AIDS, as well as having specific areas for young people, interactive quizzes, an extensive photo gallery, and pages on many individual countries.

Our Information and Advocacy Service provides help and advice to the general public through answering HIV/AIDS related enquiries, as well as campaigning for improved responses on specific issues, such as preventing children being born with HIV.



Front cover: South Africans demonstrating at the AIDS Conference 2009

Our Community Programme

AVERT's Community Programme supports and strengthens local people's response to HIV/AIDS through sustainable and long lasting progress. Each project in our Community Programme is developed and run according to the specific needs of the area, and by people who are local to the area.

Our Community Partners carry out innovative community projects which include prevention, treatment, support and care activities, as well as programmes which work to improve existing HIV/AIDS health infrastructure for treatment and prevention services.

We actively work with our Community Partners providing funding, experience and insight. In return, we have the opportunity to learn about practical issues and challenges, combining our knowledge with existing research, and sharing it with a global audience through our website and advocacy work.

We are in regular contact with our Community Partners, and through detailed reports and regular visits, we monitor closely the progress of each project.



AVERT's Director visits Sisonke's Home Based Carers as they receive their certificates.



AVERT's Community Programme in Southern Africa

Sisonke

Based in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa, Sisonke works to empower small local community groups to develop effective community responses to HIV/AIDS, and helps them to provide education and care in their communities.

Sisonke's activities include enabling community members to access Home Based Care training, as well as helping groups establish gardens and HIV/AIDS community feeding schemes.

Sisonke currently supports more than 800 orphans and helps many of the elderly grandparents, who have become the carers of their orphaned grandchildren. Some of these grandparents have now formed their own support group called 'Gogogetters' (gogo is Xhosa for 'grandmother').



Partners in Hope (PIH)

PIH operates in the Lilongwe district of Malawi, focusing upon integrated HIV and AIDS care, support and prevention activities. With AVERT's help PIH is carrying out an innovative voluntary HIV testing and counselling programme, making HIV testing possible for more people by taking it to their homes as part of a general health package. In 2009-10 PIH aims to reach over 2,000 people with in-home counselling and testing.

A Health Infrastructure Partnership

Mpfuxelelo

The Mpfuxelelo project is located in a rural and remote area of Mpumalanga province in South Africa where there is a huge demand for HIV/AIDS services. Mpfuxelelo, funded and developed by AVERT, is working with the South African Department of Health in Tintswalo hospital to achieve a well-integrated hospital HIV/AIDS system for local communities.

Mpfuxelelo is promoting positive living for those with HIV and AIDS by actively increasing the demand for, and access to, HIV/AIDS services through empowering patients with information and awareness, and creating opportunities for HIV testing, care and treatment.

Tholulwazi Uzivikele (TU)

TU works with communities in rural KwaZulu Natal where there are devastating levels of HIV/AIDS. TU provides households with paralegal help in applying for social welfare grants, and distributes food parcels to the most needy households until they receive their grants. TU also offers assistance to around 3,000 people a month, through its home based care program.

The Rozaria Trust

In Zimbabwe AVERT is partnering with the Rozaria Trust (RMT) in developing its community based programmes on HIV and AIDS prevention, care and support. RMT programmes include supporting and working with home based care givers providing community care and support, as well as establishing support groups for people living with HIV and AIDS in the Murewa area.







AVERT's Community Programme in India

Rural Welfare Organisation (RWO)

RWO works to increase people's access to AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support in rural Perambalur, Tamil Nadu. They support people living with HIV/AIDS as well as involving them in improving local HIV and AIDS prevention and care. People severely affected by HIV/AIDS are helped to develop sustainable livelihoods through a successful income generation programme.

AVERT is now funding an innovative mobile voluntary HIV testing and counselling (VCT) unit. This unit overcomes huge transport barriers for rural people as it provides VCT with immediate results, treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections, help with the prevention of mother to child transmission and access to wider reproductive health services as well as helping HIV positive people to access antiretroviral therapy.



Top picture: HIV testing inside RWO's mobile testing unit.

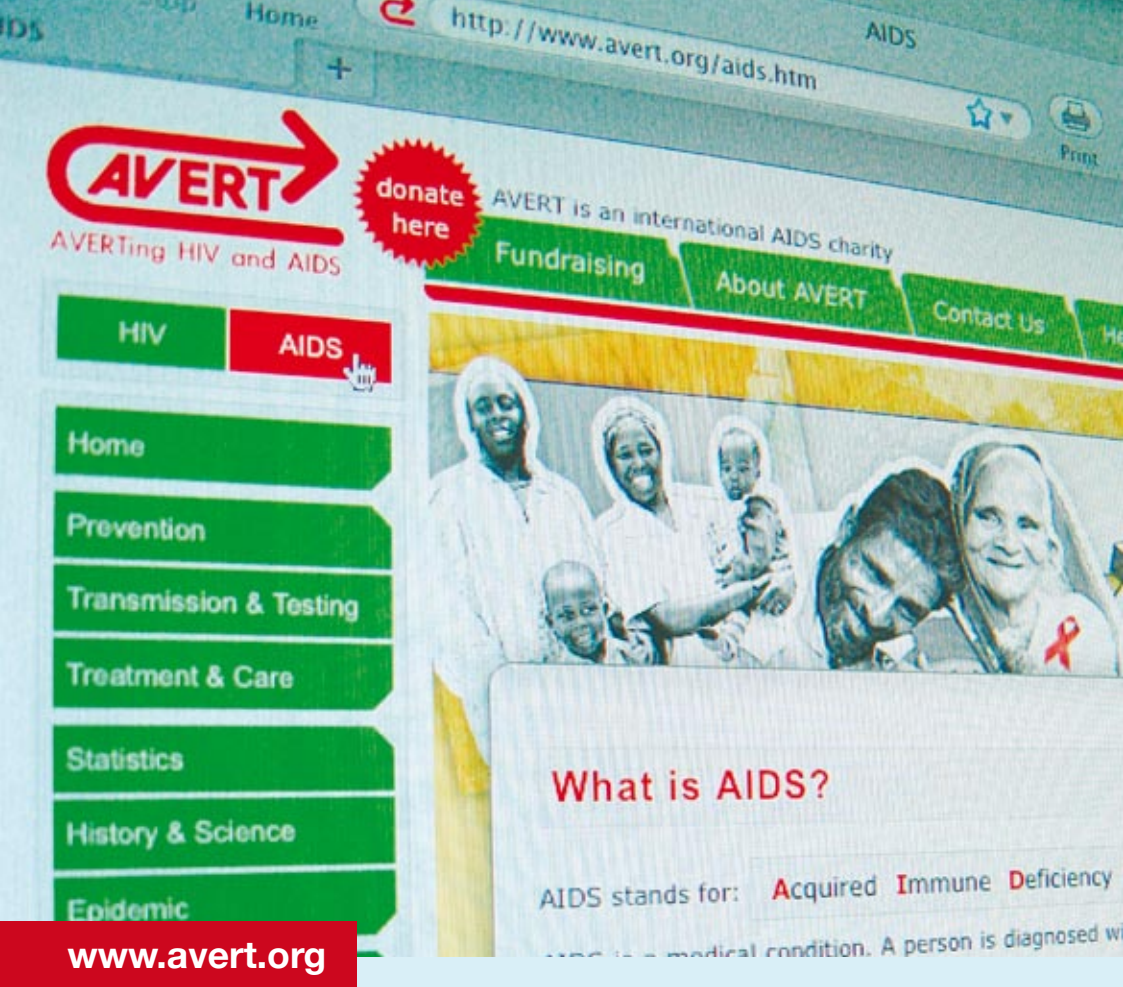
Information and Advocacy Service

Many people learn all they want from the avert.org website, but for a variety of reasons some people need more focused information and help. Our Information Service provides people with an individual answer to their enquiries, including many people in the media.

"Thank you so much for your very comprehensive reply ... I am hugely grateful for your care and consideration when replying - keep up this very important work and thanks again."

In addition AVERT's Advocacy Service works to draw attention to issues we feel are being neglected and on which practical action can be taken. Our Stop AIDS In Children Campaign, for example, is calling for improved action to prevent children being born with HIV. We are also highlighting the roles of immediate family and friends in providing home based care.





www.avert.org

With over 200 pages, www.avert.org is the world's most popular HIV/AIDS website, attracting over a quarter of a million visitors each week.

A committed team of researchers, writers and web experts, maintain the ongoing high standard of the site, with all pages being regularly reviewed to ensure that they are accurate, up to date and well referenced. This makes www.avert.org an invaluable source of current information and education for a diverse readership including health professionals, students, teachers, community workers and people living with HIV. This is reflected in the wealth of positive feedback from individual users from countries all over the world.



"I just wanted to say- what a FANTASTIC website. I wanted to research current information ... I found everything I needed here. Clear, sensitive, informative- I'm really impressed!"

Recent Innovations

Game

Building on the success of our quizzes section, the www.avert.org team have developed a game which is a fun new way for visitors to engage with the information featured on the website, simultaneously testing and expanding their knowledge, as they compete to achieve a high score.

Videos

Exciting developments have also been underway with the video gallery as the team seek to extend and enhance our collection, sourcing quality clips featured elsewhere on the internet, alongside utilising the latest software to produce a number of our own videos including several celebrating the work of our partners, with footage taken from visits to them.

Sharing Knowledge

www.avert.org also provides a great opportunity for sharing as we share our knowledge and experience of the issues and challenges identified on the ground, gained through AVERT's partnerships. Visitors can also contribute to the immensely popular stories section.

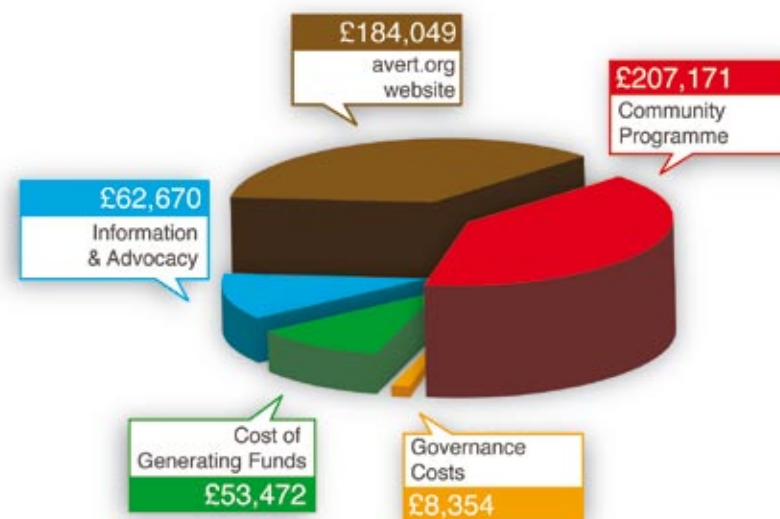
Summary of Income and Expenditure 2009 & 2008

	2009 £	2008 £
Incoming Resources		
Donations & Legacies	360,801	277,996
Investment Income	128,151	105,691
Rental & Other Income	15,222	37,803
Total Incoming Resources	504,174	421,490
Cost of Generating Funds	53,472	54,689
Charitable Expenditure		
AVERT.org Website	184,049	159,564
HIV/AIDS Community Programme	207,171	154,376
Information & Advocacy	62,670	47,367
Governance Costs	8,354	9,594
Total Charitable Expenditure	462,244	370,901
Total Resources Expended	515,716	425,590

This summarised financial information taken from AVERT's audited accounts may not contain sufficient information to gain a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the charity.

The full Trustees' Report and Accounts can be downloaded from www.avert.org or to obtain a copy you can write to the address opposite.

Total Expenditure 2009



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You can also make a donation to AVERT by visiting www.avert.org/donate

Or you can send a cheque or postal order to

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Thank you for your support and for helping us
to continue averting HIV/AIDS.