

2007 The Work of **AVERT**

AVERTing HIV and AIDS

*AVERT is helping this grandmother
to look after her orphaned
grandchildren.*



Our aim is to AVERT HIV and AIDS worldwide, through education, research and care.

From AVERT's Director

Twenty years ago when I helped to start AVERT we were already aware of the women in Africa who were infected with HIV, and whose babies were also being born with the virus. We had no idea that twenty years later there would be the most massive HIV/AIDS epidemic, that would affect so many people in Southern Africa, and in particular South Africa.


In 2006 millions died, each death a tragedy for the family involved. The people needing help include not only infected adults who need drugs, but children who need adults to care for them and who need to go to school, and mothers who want to prevent their children from being infected at birth.

At AVERT we have responded this year by substantially increasing the number of projects we have, and the help that we are providing, not only in South Africa, but also in Mozambique and Malawi. These projects are making a difference, and are helping an increasing number of people. The projects not only involve different countries but also people of many different faiths.

We have also in the last year continued our work with the AVERT.org website, now accessed by over 150,000 people each week. Through the education provided by the site, we not only directly prevent people from becoming infected, but we also educate those who can also in their own way contribute to the urgently needed response to the pandemic.

I would like to thank those people who support us, and without whose help the work of AVERT would not be able to continue. We will also continue to spend as efficiently and effectively as we can any money we are given, as we continue with AVERTing HIV and AIDS worldwide.

Annabel Kanabus



How We Do This

We have an increasing number of HIV/AIDS projects, run by local people, in countries where there is a particularly high rate of HIV infection and AIDS, or a rapidly increasing rate of infection.

We also provide education through our highly successful website, www.avert.org, which is visited by over 150,000 people each week.

AVERT Makes A Difference

“There are literally thousands of people, who although unknown to you, are nevertheless finding new hope and solutions because of the contribution of AVERT. These people are living and dying with HIV, but are being helped to find significance, greater health and hope. Thank you for this. It means more than I can actually ever tell you.”

*Tony Schnell, Director of DSR,
Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa*

Our Projects

AVERT has projects in Malawi, Mozambique, and South Africa, all countries greatly affected by AIDS.

Most of our projects help people to obtain AIDS treatment and care. We also provide help for the children most affected by AIDS. A very large number of children have already become orphans as a result of HIV/AIDS. In Malawi and Mozambique we also fund AIDS Research.

AVERT also has an HIV/AIDS prevention project in Maharashtra state in India, where the rate of HIV infection is rapidly increasing.

Monitoring

All the projects are carefully monitored, and visited regularly to ensure that the money that you provide is spent as effectively and as efficiently as possible. Project administration costs are kept as low as possible, in order that the maximum possible help goes to those in need.



AVERT's director visiting Missionvale township with some AVERT funded home based care workers.



Tholulwazi

The Tholulwazi Project is in KwaZulu Natal, the South African province that has the highest rate of HIV infection. Tholulwazi is based at a district hospital and provides community level help in a rural area, where little other help is available.

A major focus for Tholulwazi is providing help for the orphans, and it is estimated that there are already over 3,000 orphans in the area. The priority is arranging foster homes and obtaining government grants for the children.

Emergency food is also provided for those in greatest need, and the older children are helped to go to school. Some of the neediest children also receive breakfast before they start school.

For those that are sick there is a large home based care program, that has a small permanent staff and over 200 volunteers. The carers provide basic medical care, help those that are sickest to get to hospital, and support those that are already taking AIDS medication.

If enough money is available Tholulwazi can be expanded over the next few years to reach even more of those in need.

South Africa

Sisonke

The Sisonke project is taking place in the central rural part of the Eastern Cape. The project helps small community groups and organisations to respond more effectively, and in a sustainable way, to HIV/AIDS in their communities.

Most of the groups have decided that their priorities are to help people access treatment, and also look after the orphans and other children affected by HIV/AIDS. The Sisonke project worker is helping them to put their ideas into practice, through their own initiative, and through accessing local sources of support.

Missionvale

The Missionvale township is an area that is home to an estimated 100,000 people near the southern Eastern Cape city of Port Elizabeth. Many people in the township are dying of AIDS, but as a result of AVERT's help there are now an increased number of home based care workers, taking medical care to people's homes.

AVERT is also helping to develop a scheme to enable more people in Missionvale to obtain antiretroviral drugs from the local government program.



Mozambique

In Mozambique AVERT provides funding for the national reference laboratory run by Dr Ilesh Jani, of the Department of Immunology. The laboratory carries out thousands of CD4 tests a year for people with AIDS. These tests are absolutely vital in enabling people to get treatment for HIV/AIDS.

The laboratory is also doing important work on the early diagnosis of HIV infection in children, and the new approach they have developed is now being piloted at a number of paediatric clinics around the country. There are now, alongside AVERT, some other funders of this important laboratory, but AVERT provided the initial "start-up" funding, and as Dr Jani recently told AVERT :

“without AVERT’s help this laboratory would never have existed.”

Malawi

AVERT is funding HIV/AIDS research at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre. In collaboration with the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Liverpool, England, research is being carried out into the drugs used for the treatment of HIV/AIDS in children.

AVERT is also providing additional care for some of the hundreds of children with AIDS that are being looked after at the hospital.

Website

AVERT's website, **AVERT.org** continues to be a highly successful HIV/AIDS information and education resource.

Run by a dedicated team of researchers, writers and web experts, AVERT.org aims to provide high-quality information on HIV/AIDS and related issues to young people, adults, students, academics, health professionals, journalists and anyone else who needs it.

10 years of success

2006 not only saw the 20th anniversary of the founding of AVERT, it also marked the 10th birthday of AVERT.org.

Originally just a few simple pages of facts and advice, the site now contains over 250 pages of original content on HIV/AIDS, sexual health, teen issues, sexuality and other related areas. Unlike some other sites, AVERT regularly reviews and updates both its content and design, ensuring the information it provides is always accurate and appealing.

"I don't recall ever seeing such a comprehensive, well organized, rich and well-written site on any health topic. Perhaps some of the UN or major foundation sites have a bit more pizzazz, and the various government sites have tons of details (and a huge staff no doubt) but in terms of hard info, clearly presented, nothing matches AVERT."

Barry Youngerman, Author



Accessed by thousands

Attracting an average 125,000 visitors every week, AVERT.org is now one of the most popular HIV and AIDS information resources on the internet; and its reach is getting wider. World AIDS Day 2006 saw 65,500 people visit the site in just 24 hours; around twice the number who visited on World AIDS Day in 2003.

"I have been researching for a BBC documentary on AIDS in Africa, and I just wanted to say thanks for an excellent site, extremely comprehensive and balanced. You are doing a really good job informing people about the issues."

Andrew Bryson, BBC4 Current Affairs.

Screen to Print

As well as providing information to members of the general public, AVERT also works closely with journalists to ensure accurate and balanced coverage of AIDS in the press and broadcast media, and to advocate for better provision of treatment and care for HIV positive people worldwide. The development of a new photo library on the website has also allowed us to supply AIDS-related pictures to major publications.

In August 2006, a number of AVERT's photos featured in the daily newspaper of the XVI International AIDS conference in Toronto, which was read by AIDS experts, politicians and HIV positive people from all over the globe.

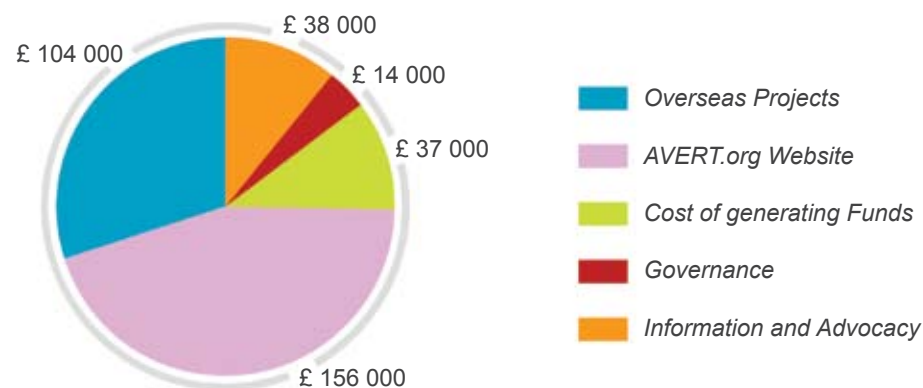
Summary of Income and Expenditure 2006 & 2005

	2006 £	2005 £
Incoming Resources		
Donations	97,168	88,735
Legacies	-	133,896
Investment Income	125,491	99,208
Grants	-	15,645
Rental & Other Income	34,095	35,331
Total Incoming Resources	256,754	372,815
Cost of generating funds	37,020	26,978
Charitable Expenditure		
AVERT.org website	156,331	144,336
HIV/AIDS overseas projects	104,203	131,783
Information & Advocacy	38,250	30,805
Governance Costs	14,429	11,638
Total Charitable Expenditure	313,213	318,562
Total Resources Expended	350,233	345,540

Expenditure exceeded income as planned with the difference being taken from AVERT's expendable endowment. The endowment comes from a donation given to AVERT by Peter and Annabel Kanabus in 1989 to provide for certain of AVERT's long term costs such as administration.

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 2006 Trustees' Report and Accounts can be downloaded from www.avert.org or to obtain a copy you can write to the address opposite.

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