

The Effectiveness of Africare-South Africa Peer Education Programmes among  
Pastors in the Whittlesea Area

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This study will benefit all the pastors who participate in this research study in that the results of this discussion and evaluation will help each one of them to improve their work on HIV/AIDS Management in their church Peer Education Programmes. The study is establishing the knowledge gap in the implementation of their Peer Education Programmes. When the study identifies this as a need, a mini plan to address this will be shared with the South African Council of Churches at Queenstown Regional level. I plan to provide guidelines to improve the current peer education curriculum run by Africare-South Africa to align them with the HIV/AIDS knowledge level of the pastors in the whole Whittlesea area.

Overall, this study or research will generate new ideas that will be built into the already existing peer education model strategy of HIV/AIDS community mobilization, awareness and education among the pastors and their congregations in the Whittlesea area.

## **5. PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION**

All the pastors who will participate in this research will be doing this out of their own free will to assist me and will not be paid any money whatsoever. Again, whoever wants to pull out of the study because of none payment or any other reason is free to do so at any time.

## **6. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. Confidentiality will be maintained by means of keeping the information from the focus group discussion secret. I will keep the information from the focus group discussion in my computer that has a password. Nobody has access to my computer. All discussions will be produced in a report which will be my dissertation to the part fulfillment of the Masters of Philosophy Degree in HIV/AIDS Management at the University of Stellenbosch.

My direct Study Leader Mr. Burt Davies guiding me in this study from the University of Stellenbosch and the University of Stellenbosch Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management will have the privilege of receiving this information for the purpose of assessing my research work from the pastors in the community as part of my studies at the University.

As mentioned earlier, all the participants of the focus group discussion will have a right to review or edit all the materials produced and generated from the discussion. After writing my research findings, I will provide the pastors with a copy of the report produced from the focus

group discussions. I will also supply a copy of this report to Africare-South Africa to identify with the findings of the study given that they are stakeholders in the church peer education programmes in Whittlesea area.

Finally, I will erase all video recordings of the proceedings of the focus group discussions and any other written materials other than the final or research report arising from the research study after the research exercise.

## **7. PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL**

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer and still remain in the study. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so.

## **8. IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS**

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact Mr. Barnabas Opio Ikuya [Investigator], cell number 079-515-2569, Address: 7 Ridgeway Road, Amalinda, 5201, East London; email address: [Banapati@gmail.com](mailto:Banapati@gmail.com) and Mr. Burt Davies [Study Leader] telephone number 021-808-3707; email address [burt@sun.ac.za](mailto:burt@sun.ac.za) University of Stellenbosch, Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management.

## **9. RIGHTS OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact Ms. Maléne Fouché [[mfouche@sun.ac.za](mailto:mfouche@sun.ac.za); 021808 4622] at the Division for Research Development.

## **10. PERMISSION TO ACCESS AND USE PROJECT PERFORMANCE RECORDS**

As a member of this church / pastor, I hereby sign below (bottom of consent form), on the behalf of the church, as consent to allow you [Researcher] to access and use information that has been generated and documented by your Peer Education Programme project.



**SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH SUBJECT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**

The information above was described to [*me/the subject/the participant*] by [*name of relevant person*] in [*Afrikaans/English/Xhosa/other*] and [*I am/the subject is/the participant is*] in command of this language or it was satisfactorily translated to [*me/him/her*]. [*I/the participant/the subject*] were given the opportunity to ask questions and these questions were answered to [*my/his/her*] satisfaction.

[*I hereby consent voluntarily to participate in this study / I hereby consent that the subject / participant may participate in this study.*] I have been given a copy of this form.

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**Name of Subject / Participant**

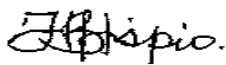
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**Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)**

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**Signature of Subject/Participant or Legal Representative**

**Date**

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR**

I declare that I explained the information given in this document to \_\_\_\_\_ [*name of the subject/participant*] and/or [*his/her*] representative \_\_\_\_\_ [*name of the representative*]. [*He/she*] was encouraged and given ample time to ask me any questions. This conversation was conducted in [*Afrikaans/\*English/\*Xhosa/\*other*] and [*no translator was used/this conversation was translated into \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_*].



05 April 2011

**Signature**