



Policy and Advocacy Bulletin

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CREATE Policy and Advocacy Meeting

CREATE Policy and Advocacy and the AIDS Rights Alliance of Southern Africa (ARASA) are sponsoring a meeting on Oct. 10, 2009 at the Vineyard Hotel in Cape Town, entitled: **Building an Advocacy Framework for Critical Issues in TB/HIV.**

The meeting aims at developing a strategic plan for addressing selected critical issues in TB/HIV policy and advocacy; developing an ethical approach to challenges of tuberculosis in high burden areas; and developing tactics for advocating for increased government support for TB/HIV programs.

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ZAMSTAR CAPE TOWN POLICY AND ADVOCACY UPDATE - Contribution by Wena Moelich

ECF Performing Arts Workshop



A drama, dance and theater workshop was given on the 3rd and 4th of September to the ECF groups of the Desmond Tutu TB Centre. The workshop mainly focused on community and educational theater and attention was also paid to the aspects of making theater interesting, professional and educational through dance, props, make-up and music.

Nyanga Dissemination Meeting



The Nyanga Dissemination Meeting took place on 18/09/2009.

OBJECTIVES:

- to give feedback to the community of the status of the ZAMSTAR research study
- to acknowledge the community and thank them for their participation in the study
- to supply basic TB and HIV education
- to obtain volunteers for the Health Committee

Approximately 400 people attended the meeting, with a marked presence of the elders of the community. These people are seen as the leaders in the community - they make the decisions in the households. People were entertained by dancers and a marimba band - all from the local primary school. The ZAMSTAR intervention was greatly welcomed.

'KICK TB 2010' TB Awareness Campaign Update



Things are coming together beautifully for this national campaign. The passion of soccer in South Africa during 2010 is the perfect vehicle for portraying the TB health messages. The international launch of Kick TB 2010 will take place in Cancun, Mexico at the UNION TB Conference early December and the national launch will take place in March 2010 - on World TB Day. Date to be confirmed.

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