



AVERT Annual Review 2005
AVERTing HIV & AIDS Worldwide

A year of expansion

Introduction to AVERT

An increasing level of donations during the year has meant that we have been able to expand our HIV/AIDS work in southern Africa, as well as further developing our website AVERT.org.

A major new initiative in South Africa has been the Sisonke project, in the rural part of the Eastern Cape province. Sisonke is about helping the response to HIV/AIDS at a “grass roots” level, through enabling small community groups and organisations to respond to HIV/AIDS in their own communities.

The AVERT funded laboratory in Mozambique is expanding further the tests that enable doctors to monitor the effectiveness of HIV treatment of people with HIV. A new service will shortly allow an earlier diagnosis of HIV in children.

Alongside developing exciting new overseas projects we have also expanded AVERT’s highly successful web site AVERT.org. The site is now visited by over 100,000 people each week.

As the AIDS epidemic continues around the world a growing number of people are now dying. There is an increasingly urgent need to provide treatment for those who are sick whilst at the same time providing education to prevent new infections. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us over the last year, and we would be very grateful for any donations given to us this year that will help us to continue AVERTing HIV and AIDS worldwide.

Annabel Kanabus



Visiting an AIDS support group in South Africa.

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Forging partnerships in Southern Africa

At Tintswalo hospital in rural South Africa, AVERT is providing training for health care workers, as well as enabling lay counsellors to work in the treatment clinic. AVERT is also helping the paediatricians to improve the medical treatment for the children with AIDS at the hospital.



Children helped by the Hardship Fund



AIDS awareness drama in Zambia

In partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Grahamstown in South Africa, AVERT has established an AIDS Hardship Fund. Crucial emergency aid such as food is provided to those in greatest need, particularly vulnerable children.

In partnership with the community organisation Thandizani in Zambia, AVERT is helping to coordinate HIV/AIDS community activities across the rural area of Lundazi.



HIV Treatment laboratory in Maputo, Mozambique

Providing treatment in Mozambique

AVERT is funding a laboratory run by Dr Ilesh Jani at the Department of Immunology in Mozambique. Vital monitoring of the use of anti HIV drugs is taking place, enabling thousands of Mozambiquans to receive better and more effective HIV/AIDS treatment, something which is in ever increasing demand.

Helping communities in South Africa

The Sisonke Project

'Sisonke' means togetherness in Xhosa, the main language of the Eastern Cape, and this is the central principle of the program; people and communities working together to help each other.

The aim of Sisonke is to help small community organisations and groups to respond more effectively and vigorously to HIV/AIDS in their communities.

Community groups and organisations look at how they are being affected by HIV/AIDS and start to develop their own solutions.

Sisonke is a new AVERT initiative in the rural part of the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. It is one of the poorest parts of South Africa where the HIV infection rate is particularly high.

Providing home based care, an after school club for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, and improving nutrition by growing vegetables are just some of the first Sisonke activities.



Growing your own food

Combining education and care for truck drivers in India



above: Education for the truck drivers



above right: Distributing information in the market place



right: Children forming a human chain on World AIDS Day

AVERT is working with the organisation SANGRAM in Sangli, a rural area south of Mumbai which has a particularly high rate of HIV/AIDS. The project provides education and care for truck drivers, migrant workers and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Fear of stigma and discrimination against those who are positive is very strong in India, so much so that it stops people living with HIV accessing treatment or counselling. To overcome this the project operates a mobile clinic with a doctor and counsellor, making treatment for STDs and for HIV related Opportunistic Infections available directly at truck stops. HIV/AIDS antiretroviral drugs are only just beginning to be available, but the project is helping people to get them from the local hospital. The clinic also distributes condoms and provides information on HIV.

AIDS is viewed as a shameful disease in India, and many who openly admit their positive status are rejected by their family and society as a whole. So there continues to be a great need for education work to combat the stigma, as well as to prevent further infections. The project works towards this not only through the provision of information, but also through peer education and the holding of special events on occasions such as World AIDS Day.

Continuing the success of AVERT.org

AVERT's website has continued to be successful, more people than ever have been visiting the site and we currently get over 100,000 visitors each week from countries across the world.

During the year we have put a lot of work into ensuring the information we have on the web site is updated regularly and continues to be relevant.

Particular areas that have been developed include sections on global initiatives that provide HIV/AIDS treatment, mainly focussing on Africa. Individual pages on AIDS in specific countries around the world have been researched and written.

We have also developed a new section on AIDS in America where there are a large number of people who are infected and in need of treatment. Many people who visit the site are also from the US.



Updating the website in AVERT's office



www.avert.org

Listening to the visitors to avert.org

Looking at the numbers alone does not give a complete picture of the impact the site has on people's lives. So here are a few of the things that people have recently said about the site.

“ AVERT is the website of an international AIDS charity which has brilliant statistical data and explanations of the science that anyone can understand ” Guardian Unlimited, the 100 most popular Guardian sites.

“ I think that your web site is absolutely wonderful and very informative. ... Not a lot of other web sites are as helpful and straightforward as yours and trying to get accurate information is very frustrating. ” Nicole

“ Thanks so much you have absolutely changed my life for the better! ”
Liam

“ just to say .. great web-site, it makes a change to visit a site where the info is non biased, and answers questions which are relevant to me James (medical student) ”

“ 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. ”



www.avert.org wins first prize in 2005 BMA Patient Information Award (Websites)

Working with the media

Most journalists and researchers working for newspapers, TV and radio use the Internet constantly to obtain information. They visit AVERT.org regularly for accurate, up to date information. AVERT is also contacted on a weekly basis by people asking for further information or asking our opinions on a variety of topical issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

Fundraising

A big thank you to all the people who have donated to AVERT this year, we really appreciate your support of our aims and projects and hope that you will continue this in the future. It may be a cliché now, but each and every donation really DOES make a difference and enables us to continue developing HIV/AIDS projects around the world. And to all the people who have fundraised for AVERT, we have really enjoyed hearing all about your increasingly imaginative ideas for events – from fancy dress nurses in Sheffield to walking around the Isle of Wight dressed as pirates!

AVERT is an independent international organisation, and as such, relies on continuous public support for our work to carry on. If you would like to find out more about helping AVERT, please email Naomi at info@avert.org



Students fundraising for AVERT



Please return this form to us at:

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Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, the government will add 28p to every £1 you donate to AVERT at no extra cost to you. Please tick:

I am a UK taxpayer and I wish AVERT to treat all donations I have made since 6th April 2000, and all donations I make hereafter until further notice as Gift Aid Donations.*

Or

I am not a UK taxpayer

*You must pay an amount of income and/or capital gains tax (in the UK) at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for every £1 you give).

If you wish you may tick one of the following:

I would like this to go to AVERT's work in Southern Africa.

I am happy for the Trustees to direct my gift where it is needed most.

I would like to make a donation of £10 £15 £25 £50

Other £ Please state

I enclose a cheque made payable to AVERT

Or

I would like AVERT to send me a form so I can:

Make a Credit card donation Make a regular donation

Thank you

Report by the trustees on the Summarised Financial Information

The summarised financial information is extracted from the full trustees' annual report and financial statements which were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 25th August 2005. The full financial statements, on which the auditors Horwath Clark Whitehill gave an unqualified audit report on 25th August 2005, have been submitted to Companies House and the Charity Commission on 15th September 2005.

The auditors have confirmed to the trustees that the summarised financial information is consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.

This summarised financial information may not contain sufficient information to gain a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. The full trustees report, financial statements and auditors' report may be obtained from AVERT at the address shown on page 2.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Annabel Kanabus

AVERT's administration costs are funded from the interest on investments. So all donations are used entirely to fund AIDS education and care. AVERT's endowment comes from a donation given to AVERT some years ago, to provide for certain of AVERT's costs on a long term basis.

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2005	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	2005 Total	2004 Total
Incoming Resources					
Donations	194,899	27,732		222,631	51,392
Less costs of generating donations	9,986			9,986	3,233
Net donations	184,913	27,732		212,645	48,159
Grants	15,645			15,645	20,009
Investment & other income	134,539			134,539	131,598
Less investment managers fees	16,992			16,992	12,278
Net investment & other income	117,547			117,547	119,320
Total incoming resources available for charitable expenditure	318,105	27,732		345,837	187,488
Charitable Expenditure					
Medical research studentship grants	10,529			10,529	46,194
Overseas & other grants	73,864	27,732		101,596	61,505
AIDS web site & information service	125,263			125,263	133,803
Other activities	14,116			14,116	16,190
Cost of management & administration	67,058			67,058	76,727
Total charitable expenditure	290,830	27,732		318,562	334,419
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	27,275			27,275	(146,931)
Realised (losses) on investments					
			(12,165)	(12,165)	62,639
Unrealised gains on investments					
			260,512	260,512	309,053
Net movement in funds					
	27,275		248,347	275,622	224,761
Fund balances brought forward			3,398,919	3,398,919	3,174,158
Fund balances at 31 March 2005	27,275		3,647,266	3,674,541	3,398,919

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2005

	2005 Total	2004 Total
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	805,086	823,071
INVESTMENTS	2,658,919	2,426,321
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	17,086	10,903
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>221,336</u>	<u>159,219</u>
	238,422	170,122
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	27,886	20,595
NET CURRENT ASSETS	210,536	149,527
NET ASSETS	3,674,541	3,398,919
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	27,275	-
EXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT	3,647,266	3,398,919

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AVERT's trustees at one of their regular meetings

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