

Working with women affected and living with HIV in Tanzania and India

Meeting Point with Sanghamitra Iyengar (Samraksha, India),
Tanja Eberle and Esther Pauli Ruhuta (Interteam, Tanzania)

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aidsfocus.ch invites you for sharing of experiences and information from working with women and the most vulnerable groups of people in the context of HIV and AIDS in two different continents: Tanzania and India.

Tanja Eberle ist Pflegefachfrau und ist nach dem Grundsatz „Wissen Teilen - Armut Lindern“ mit Interteam in der ländlichen Gegend Mwanza, Tansania, im Einsatz. Sie vermittelt von Armut betroffenen Menschen Wissen über einfache Vorsorgemassnahmen, gesunde Ernährung und Bewusstseinsbildung zu Risikoverhalten.

Esther Pauli Ruhuta ist Bereichsleiterin für Gesundheit und HIV/Aids beim Mwanza Rural Housing and Food Security Program in Tansania. Dieses setzt sich für eine Verbesserung der Lebensumstände der ruralen Bevölkerung ein, indem es diese in den Bereichen Ernährung, Agrokultur, Gesundheit und Hausbau informiert und fachlich begleitet.

Sanghamitra Iyengar is Director of Samraksha, an NGO working in the area of HIV prevention, care and treatment as well as community strengthening in rural Karnataka, South India. This work has been reaching out to 10000 people in sex work and people living with HIV.

“Empowering people in the south to take action. Helping people to help themselves is at the heart of the INTERTEAM activities. As part of the interventions, change is collectively initiated. Thereafter, our local partner organisations independently continue and develop the processes begun.” (Interteam)

“We were working with some of the most marginalized groups in society, women in sex work, sexual minorities and women and families affected by HIV. We adopted a human rights approach, and if their lives had to truly change, society had to view them differently: to respect them as human beings. HIV work moved far beyond service delivery or claiming rights and entitlements into transforming lives, healing and caring.” (Sanghamitra Iyengar, Samraksha)

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