# Wollega University HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Coordinating Office

Wollega university HIV/AIDS prevention and control office,

though young for its age, is also contributing its share to achieve the university's and millennium development goal in fighting this grave disease by creating an informed and well protected university and surrounding community and through provision of high quality reproductive health services so as to create healthier and enabling learning – teaching environment where by HIV/AIDS no longer has negative impact.

Some of the community services so far implemented in the year 2002 E.C. are

◆ Awareness raising and up-to-date Health information dissemination in and out of the university.

◆ Training at different times for different groups of individuals.



- ♦ Outreach interventions on HIV/AIDS, Abortion, HTPs, GBV, STI and Contraceptives for hard to reach adolescents and young people (commercial sex workers, orphans, PLWHAs).
- ◆ Peer education among students of Wollega University and selected schools in Nekemte town. More than 3000 students of WU received peer education training on HIV/AIDS, Abortion, STI, contraceptives, GBV, risky behaviors and friendship.
- ◆ Voluntary counseling and testing campaign in Gimbi and Nekemte Campus.
- ♦ Youth dialogue on HIV/AIDS, GBV, Abortion, HTPs and unhealthy behaviors.



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- ♦ community conversation (HIV/AIDS, condom use, discrimination, ART, Abortion, GBV and HTPs at Gute kebele.
- ♦ Computer, singer, hair saloon and beautification training for people living with the disease, orphans and commercial sex workers.
- Hair saloon and beautification training at Lealem hair saloon and beatification.
- ◆ Drama production and staging on HIV/AIDS, abortion, GBV, SRH rights and an health behaviors at Gimbi Campus



Care and support for orphans of HIV/AIDS.

- ◆ The Office provided clothes, exercises books and pen for 25 orphans selected from Nekemte town at the beginning of the year.
- ◆ The office gave financial support for 30 students living with the disease to ensure continuity

In order to respond to challenges of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, Wollega University HIV/AIDS prevention and control office is currently working in collaboration with different stake holders and is getting financial, technical and material support from these donors and collaborators namely, MOE, UNICEF, UNFPA, MOH, Oromia regional health bureau, Oromia HAPCO, Health Communication partnership, Engender health, DKt Ethiopia, Nekemte HAPCO, Nekemte OSSA, Nekemte Sinan PLWHA Association, Nekemte Abdi PLWHA Association, and sister higher training institutions. So, for sustainable implementation of the program the office has planned to have functional referral links with the above governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and to identify new potential areas of collaboration, donors and collaborators.

Dear graduates!, you are among the glorious and educated group of our society; let you save yourself, your innocent families and communities by providing up to date information about HIV/AIDS, by preventing harmful traditional practice & by acting against Gender based violence, so as to bring bright future for the new generations of Ethiopia.

Wollega University HAPCO believes to work through net working system with dedicated individuals and organizations; to continue with provision of up to date information about HIV/AIDS and related issues and to conduct different researches on different aspects of HIV/AIDS.

# Discharge your responsibility in fighting HIV/AIDS!!

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