

2023 QUARTER 4 NEWSLETTER

World AIDS Day 2023 @ WAAF & IHCC

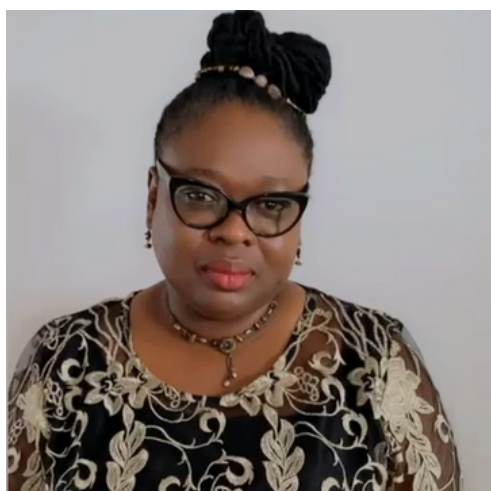
In celebration of World AIDS Day 2023, WAAF & IHCC facilitated a series of outreach events aimed at educating and spreading awareness about HIV & AIDS to the Haatso community. During the five working days leading up to the national celebration, WAAF and IHCC successfully administered free health screening covering blood pressure and Body Mass Index (BMI) screening, HIV testing, Hepatitis B testing, and vaccination, as well as condom distribution and demonstration outside the clinic. The same services were also offered at the World AIDS Day celebration Durbar.



organized by the Ghana AIDS Commission at the forecourt of the State House in Accra. Additionally, our staff distributed red ribbons to attendees to show their support for the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS. During this year's celebration, WAAF was recognized by the Ghana AIDS Commission for immensely contributing to the fight against HIV for 24 years. This demonstration of support was a huge encouragement and motivation WAAF & IHCC to continue to do this work as it positively affects the community. WAAF's World AIDS Day 2023 celebration was successful in its outreaches as it utilized the opportunity to extend health services and education to the public using all regional and district level offices. WAAF will continue spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS, destigmatize the condition, and promote education on sexual health.



Board of Directors Spotlight



Elsie Gaisie-Ahiabu is a professional social worker, a researcher and has over 13 years' experience as a Program Administrator in higher international education. She is currently the Program Coordinator for California State University (Ghana Center) at the University of Ghana. She has strong skills in research that employs qualitative methods of analyses in women, children and sexuality issues. She has also acquired skills in managing Civil Society Organizations; she is the founder of DeSMAS (a local women and children civil society organization). She holds BA and MPhil Degrees in Social work and a PhD in Population studies. Over the years, she has acquired an appreciable level of skills in areas such as technical and financial reporting, monitoring and evaluation of development projects and impact assessment. She has undertaken several consultancy services, developed the tact of being a good team player in managing various people of diverse social and cultural backgrounds to achieve value for money outcomes. She is a consultant for Rutgers University (US) and a board member for some organizations and tertiary institutions.

WAAF-IHCC Showcases its work to other Stakeholders



WAAF-IHCC's work was presented representatives of various Africa CSOs and networks from other African countries when they visited WAAF & IHCC as part of a South-South experience learning and sharing event. Key strategies utilized by WAAF including the use of mobile van clinics, online health services, and the engagement of PrEP champions (trained community members who are taking PrEP themselves) to promote HIV prevention and care were shared. WAAF explained that the mobile van clinic which was the highlight of this engagement, ensures better accessibility and availability of critical medical services, including ARVs and HIV testing adequately reaching those who need them the most. The online demand approach was also presented highlighting the use of virtual platforms and customized accounts on dating apps for reaching a wider population with information and services related to HIV prevention. The PrEP champion approach utilizes motivational counselling by role models who are people taking PrEP to encourage their peers as a positive step towards promoting

trust and adherence. At this event, 3 PrEP champions spoke about their work and role in advocacy, and information dissemination, as well as the benefits and challenges of the PrEP champion approach.. This approach remains extremely important in educating the public about HIV-related issues including practicing safe sex as well as the availability of another HIV prevention method outside of condoms. The meeting ended with a tour of the WAAF and IHCC premise which was enjoyed by all.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Breast Cancer Awareness Month is celebrated every October to raise awareness for the prevention of a disease that affects 2.3 million women worldwide every year. The awareness is to support people diagnosed with breast cancer, to educate people about risk factors, to stress the importance of regular screening, and for fundraising to support breast cancer research. WAAF and IHCC staff celebrated breast cancer awareness month by wearing pink ribbons to show support and offered them to clients as well. Our clinic, the International Health Care Centre also offered free breast screenings to clients who expressed interest in it. We also made an effort to educate the community on breast cancer awareness through our websites and social media channels. Breast Screenings are still open all year round for both men and women as a venue to prevent late diagnosis which makes treatment more complicated and expensive.



The WAAF team receiving the GAC award and citation At The 2023 World AIDS Day Celebration

GAC Award & Citation



Season's Greetings



GET INTOUCH WITH WAAF & IHCC

WAAF and IHCC enjoy servicing the people of Ghana; we continue to ensure our services are available to all and that absolutely no one is left behind. We also enjoy sharing our experiences as we continue our journey in the areas of health in Ghana focusing on HIV and TB. You can reach us and keep in touch with us via any of the under-listed contact details. We look forward to an exciting year in 2021 and you can follow our work on these same platforms.

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