

PERCEPTION OF STUDENTS OF SECOND CYCLE INSTITUTIONS AT K. E. E. A. MUNICIPALITY ON HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION

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ABSTRACT

The scourge of Human Immune deficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) had been a pandemic some time ago and continues to give a lot of people great worry. It has been given a lot of sleepless nights to various homes. This virus rendered some children orphans, some mothers became widows with some men widowers. Since the first case was diagnosed many professionals including doctors and scientists have tried to find an antidote to it. The attention keeps swinging from one disease to another. Diseases such as Serious Acquired Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) had come and gone but HIV and AIDS had been with mankind for long. This research sought to examine the perceptions of students of second cycle institutions towards the prevention of HIV and AIDS. The research was carried out in Komenda Edina Eguafo Abrem (KEEA) Municipality in the Central Region of Ghana. Three research questions were formulated to guide the research work. The sample for the study was three hundred (300) students from three second cycle institutions in the KEEA Municipality. The study showed that though much education had been carried out in various places to help curb the spread of HIV and AIDS the fight should still continue. The type of research design used was descriptive survey. The research findings revealed that people should be encouraged to change their behaviours and attitudes towards HIV and AIDS education. This is because no matter how HIV and AIDS education is carried out, if the citizens are adamant and continue to do things in their indifferent ways the spread would still persist. Also, adolescents should be motivated to abstain from premarital sex till they are matured for marriage. It further suggested the use of condom (both male and female) to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS pandemic. The share of the use of sharp objects such as blade should be discouraged as it is a factor to the spread of HIV and AIDS. Also, married couples should be encouraged to remain faithful to their married partners to help combat the pandemic.

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