



Initiatives

What we do

ANLAIDS ONLUS carries out the following activities:

- Promotion of studies and researches on AIDS through calls for scholarships, research Phds and scientific awards;
- Organisation prevention and health education campaign with the publication and dissemination of information material and through conferences, debates and targeted interventions, both in schools and in youth meeting venues;
- Organisation of training and refresher courses for socio - health care professionals and volunteers;
- Support of the start up and the activities of social housing for people living with AIDS;
- Collaboration with the National Health Service, the Istituto Superiore di Sanità , Universities and Research Institutes, with agencies and voluntary groups, through projects and targeted interventions;
- Organisation, since 1986, annually of the Conference on "AIDS and Related Syndromes " about clinical, ethical and social aspects;
- Implementation of information services, telephone counselling and psychological, legal, social and medical assistance;
- Member of the Palliative Cares Federation;
- Development cooperation activities for developing countries peoples.

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Initiatives/Projects

Projects carried out in Italy

"Woman" Project

It is a survey that ANLAIDS – National Board carried out, in 1998, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, on a random sample of 6.616 women, aged between 25 and 55, aware of HIV issues, disseminated in 21 cities of the country, stratified by size and geographical area. Data collection was realized with the direct interview method, through a questionnaire administered by an appropriately trained to the task interviewer.

The questionnaire investigated:

- Analysis of the collected information
- Details on methods of contraception
- The study of sexual behaviours
- Verification of the beliefs
- Observation of the values and attitudes

"Youth" Project

The "Youth Project" , carried out by ANLAIDS – National Board, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, aimed to take action towards young people, especially teenagers, through the creation of an interactive multimedia tool to learn information designed to encourage and facilitate the process of self-health.



The project developed and produced 18,000 CD-ROM with a video game, inspired by an adventure, interactive and multimedia game, entitled "Mirabilia", which provides a guided tour on health and behaviours, interspersed with games and tests of abilities.

Project objectives:

Provision of appropriate information on infectious diseases in general, particularly on HIV and its ways of transmission;

Provision of correct information on prevention of HIV infections and the most effective prevention methods, using an informal tool, as the game, to convey scientific subjects by stimulating the interest of the very young population;

Establishment and / or consolidation of a partnership with schools and especially, with teachers responsible for health education;

Enter in contact with the socio-health agencies and educational institutions operating in the field of health education;

Distribution, in a targeted way, of the CD in public events (concerts, conferences, etc.), and in youth meeting venues, setting up a computer workstation;

Stimulation of meetings with a preventive nature, in schools and other meeting venues, by representatives of the Association.

Beneficiaries of the project:

Preferably young people aged 14 - 18 years in both school and extracurricular environment. In schools, technical, business and professional institutes should be privileged since some recent investigations have revealed that these institutes host the less informed and with a very active sex life school population; furthermore, generally speaking, they have a sufficient numbers of computers with a 16 RAM.

" HIV+ People" Project

The project, carried out by ANLAIDS in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, realised eight monothematic booklets addressing people living with HIV, partners, family, friends and professionals, on issues concerning:

- Nutrition
- Pets
- Official Therapies
- Complementary Therapies
- Psychological Aspects
- Treatment relation
- Socio-Care Issues
- Living with HIV+ people

The variety of monothematic booklets comes from the need to allow beneficiaries to choose the topics. The colours of the eight booklets form the flag of peace.

" Education" Project

The project was funded by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità in the framework of the IV Research Project on Social AIDS.

The project aimed to collect information about issues related to treatments and their adherence, about the communication between a HIV positive person and his doctor, about



problems and the related suggestions to better treatment centres, about the protection of privacy and the informed consent.

ANLAIDS volunteers and activists interviewed 235 HIV positive people met in 12 HIV treatment centres appropriately distributed on the national territory.

“ Prisons ” Project

PREVENTION: THE HIGHEST SECURITY

The project, carried out with the assistance of the Province of Rome, took place in 2000-2001 and has planned information meetings for police and prison officers in four prisons in Rome and its province.

“ Social Housing ” Project

ANLAIDS, in the assistance field, has helped to fund the renovation and furnishing of social houses in different regions:

ANLAIDS "CASA DONO DELL'AMORE" Roma
See the details of the project "CASA DONO DELL'AMORE"

"RAGGIO DI SOLE"
II Traversa Via Vito Siracusa - 70032 BITONTO (BA) - Tel. 080/3715024 - Fax 080/3757477

"I TULIPANI "
Via Case Sparse, 1- 06063 S. ARCANGELO DI MAGIONE (PG) - Tel. Fax 075/8476338

"IL PELLICANO"
Strada Funicolare di Superga, 47/6 - 10100 TORINO Tel. 011/8998921 - 8989437

"LA TENDA"
Via Cal di Breda, 110 - 31100 TREVISO - Tel. 0422/305388

"CASA FAMIGLIA"
Via Buzzano - Castellace di Oppido Mamertina (RC) - Tel. 096683155

Casa Alloggio " Il Focolare "
At work

Casa Alloggio dei Padri Camilliani di Rajong
(THAILANDIA) Prisons



Project in the world

Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso / ANLAIDS – National Board:

- Preparation of the Laboratory (2001)
- Scholarship for 1 Infectious Diseases expert of the University "G. D'Annunzio" of Chieti at the Centre Medical Saint Camille in Ouagadougou (2001/2002)
- Internship of a burkinabé biologist of Bobo Dioulasso in Rome at the Center of Allergology and Clinical Immunology of the Policlinico Umberto 1, Rome (2001/2002)
- Contribution to training courses on the use of machines to monitor the progress of the infection (CD4 lymphocyte count) of 4 local technicians and support and support to the expenditure of 10 treatments for a year for 10 patients at the Centre Medical St. Camille of Nanoro (2004).
- Project in collaboration with the Centre Medical Camille Saint in Nanoro, with the Chair of Paediatrics, of the University of Rome - Tor Vergata and with the Policlinico Umberto I to create a center for the assistance and the nutrition education for HIV positive children (2007 - 2008).

CREN Project

CREN project:

In Burkina Faso, since 2001 there is a close collaboration among the Medical Center St Camille of Ouagadougou, ANLAIDS - National Board and the Department of Allergology and Clinical Immunology at the University "La Sapienza" of Rome.

2001

The responsible for the Centre Medical St Camille, Father Jacques Simpo, received the Social ANLAIDS award Social during the XV Congress in Bari.

Establishment of a six-monthly scholarship for an Italian doctor who went to Ouagadougou

2002

Establishment of a six-monthly scholarship for a biologist, coming from Burkina Faso, at the Laboratory of the University "La Sapienza" of Rome.

2004

Awarded by ANLAIDS - National Board of a contribution for the use of machines to monitor the trends of HIV infection training (CD4 lymphocyte count) for 4 technicians of the Centre Medical St Camille of Nanoro, 100 km from Ouagadougou, directed by Father Gilbert Compaore

2004/2005/2006

Support, by ANLAIDS – National Board, of the expenditure of 10 treatments for 3 years for 10 HIV positive patients at the Centre Medical of Nanoro

2007

Finally, begin of a project at the Centre Medical St Camille of Nanoro in collaboration with the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and the Chair of Paediatrics at the University of Rome Tor



Vergata for the improvement of HIV positive children assistance. The project aimed to better the nutritional conditions of rural populations in the region of Boulkieunde and to open a Department of Paediatrics in the Center.

The project envisaged the training of local personnel with courses carried out by the medical staff of the Chair of Paediatrics of the University Tor Vergata and the expansion of the CREN Center - Center for Recovery and Nutritional Education for HIV positive children, with the opening of a new room housing up to 6 children.

From June 2 to 23 2007, two doctors participating in the project went to Burkina Faso in order to understand the feasibility to build a Paediatrics Division.

“ Burkina Faso” Project

SUPPORT TO THE SIRABA ASSOCIATION

From more than 3 years a close collaboration is active among SIRABA Association from Bobo - Dioulasso, Burkina Faso and ANLAIDS Lombardy branch.

In the perspective of exalting the dignity of HIV+ persons and giving them support in the introduction into the social and working context, thanks to the funds deriving from Convivio 2002, it has been possible to widen an important Sanitary Project for Handicraft and Hygienic Training.

The plan includes training courses on STDs, children and maternal health, and a professional training course. The latter is focussed on the recovery of the traditional dyeing techniques of the woven, on the traditional tailoring techniques and at the end on the creation of a commercial network for the sale of the finished products.

Moreover using the same funds, a phase of the pilot project “STOP AIDS NETWORK-Action Burkina” has been carried out from November 2003

The project includes the preparation of one show, resulting from the experience of Amlet Noir, to spread over the secondary schools of the Burkina Faso the objective to start a true dialogue between teachers, students and experts in order to involve them directly in the fight against AIDS. Moreover the activities of research and training for students and teachers will end up with a final Workshop and with the creation of a Network between the various work groups.

Cameroun

ANLAIDS – NATIONAL BOARD

The project was funded in 2004 - 2005 by the European Union and was implemented in partnership with the Association AFRICA 70, a NGOs working for years in the developing world.



The project was implemented in Douala thanks to the support of local associations and cooperatives operating in both the economic and prevention of AIDS fields.

In 2007, the monitoring of the medical dispensary realised by a physician volunteer of ANLAIDS Veneto was extended

Chad

ANLAIDS - National board / ANLAIDS - Veneto section

CHAD / ANLAIDS - LOMBARDY SECTION

SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT HIV / AIDS IN THE DISTRICT OF HEALTH GOUNDI
(2005-2007)

Chad is one of the four poorest countries of the world according to the statistics released in 2005 by UNDP. HIV Infection, until recent times relatively restraint compared to what was recorded in other geographical districts of the sub-Saharan Africa, at present, is spreading among the local population, driven by the trade with neighbouring countries and by the presence of war refugees on the border of the country.

The Health District of Goundi, located in the southern region of the country, was awarded in 1996 of the Sasakawa Award by WHO being a model of integrated health district at rural level in a developing country. The Health District coordinates the activities of the central hospital reference with the peripheral dispensaries covering a catchment area of about 100,000 inhabitants, succeeding to cover the cost of self-maintaining of the structures. The activity of the District is directed by the Chadian Association "Community for Progress" (ATCP) and works with several international non-governmental organizations (Italy, France, Spain, Switzerland) to support training activities of the local medical staff .

ANLAIDS – Lombardy branch supports the efforts of the Institute of Infectious and Tropical Diseases of the Ospedale Sacco to promote a program to fight AIDS in the Health District Goundi by:

- Promoting a specific center for counselling and HIV testing at the periphery dispensaries of the District and training of health personnel and not on the techniques of counselling pre-and post-test
- Creating a laboratory for the diagnosis and treatment of HIV / AIDS at the Hospital District of Goundi

- Awareness raising activities of the local population on the ways of transmission and prevention of STDs

- The pilot project for prevention of maternal-infant transmission of HIV infection (PTME) through the continuous use of antiretroviral therapy in pregnant women and their HIV positive partners

The project started in July 2005 and supported:

- The training of nursing staff of the hospital and of the peripheral dispensaries (80 people) and of rural midwives (400 people).

- Awareness raising activities of the local population: 10 meetings in peripheral dispensaries (1200 people in total) and 2 meetings in elementary and primary schools (250 pupils in total)

- Awareness raising activities on the theme HIV / AIDS and on purposes of the PTME project of pregnant women referring to the peripheral dispensaries for the prenatal visits (120 women)



- The establishment of the laboratory of Virology of the hospital of Goundi which now has various facilities for serological and haematology analysis, dry biochemistry and cytofluorometry for the diagnosis and treatment of HIV positive patients

- The creation of a center for counselling and HIV testing at the peripheral dispensary of Goundi Est: 4 people appropriately trained offer for free the opportunity to get an individual interview and to get tested for pregnant women and their partners referring to the peripheral dispensary of Goundi East

The administration of the antiretroviral therapy and the clinical - laboratory follow-up of pregnant women and their partners, resulting seropositive to HIV testing, is about to start.

Ethiopia

ANLAIDS National board / ANLAIDS - Veneto section

ETHIOPIA

The project was carried out with the Divine Providence Missionary Sisters (Italian branch of the congregation in Parma) in the forced village of Gasse Char Dauro Konta and it contributed to the creation of a medical center, a Day Hospital, a hospital facility and two wells for water (2005 - 2006).

With the missionary sisters congregations, even distance adoptions have taken place.

Guinea Bissau

National Association for the Fight Against AIDS

SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT "PROJECT FOR HEALTH AND STRUGGLE AGAINST HIV/AIDS INFECTION"

The Guinea Bissau is one of the poorest nations of the Sub-Saharan Africa, recently come out from a civil war (1998) that it has drastically reduced not only the economic and political resources, but also the social and human capital of the country. The Hospitals are falling into decay and sanitary organization is almost absent.

The association "Cielo e Terre", supported from the Milan municipality, from ANLAIDS Lombardy Branch of ANLAIDS and from the Institute of Infectious and Tropical Diseases of the University of Milan (that collaborates for the therapeutic and clinical and aspects), has carried out a project for the prevention of the vertical transmission of HIV virus, the project has been approved from the local sanitary authorities and is active from January 2002.

" School " Project

ANLAIDS – Lombardy section

The School project of ANLAIDS Lombardy branch, aims at promoting the training activities addressed to school operators on the topic of HIV prevention.



The main activities are:

- Training courses for doctors talking with teenagers
- Training courses for primary and high school teachers
- Training courses for high school students aimed at creating groups of students working out communication strategies to disseminate the messages to their schoolmates (peer-to-peer education)
- Training courses for volunteers who work only with teenagers
- Training courses for parents (in the context of integrated projects of the Institute)
- Pedagogic laboratory, made by a group of experts in the field of research, aimed at creating educational patterns for prevention and publications addressing teachers to be used during their courses at school.

The training activity has been extended to the local prison "San Vittore "and to the "minor prison.

Convivio 2002 has allowed the creation of a network on the national territory with the purpose of promoting the activities of prevention and the training of educators.

A grant application form for primary schools has allowed the evaluation of dozens of projects and to award a prize to the nine more important projects for the development of the culture of AIDS and STDs prevention.

" Uganda" Project

ANLAIDS – Lombardy section

ANLAIDS FOR AFRICA: KAMPALA – UGANDA SUPPORT TO "MEETING POINT KYAMUSA OBWONGO"

The Meeting Point of Kampala is a Non Governmental Organisation, officially recognised by NGO BOARD from 1997.

ANLAIDS Lombardy branch gives economic support to the activities carried out by the centre.

The main activities are:

- Payment of school fees and learning materials to orphans of the neighbourhood (at present about 700 children).
- Buying of food and commodities for AIDS patients and their families (at present about 400 families)
- Home care assistance to AIDS patients of the neighbourhood, about 650 patients with 17.000 visits from volunteers, doctors and social workers
- Running of a school for the alphabetisation of 125 women
- Running of a vocational sewing school for 68 teenagers, the first 20 graduated received a sewing machine.
- Running of the Learning Centre for illiterate children. About 400 children, infected by AIDS, living in the neighbourhood and in extremely poor families, which are unable to bare the school fees.
- The artistic group of KYAMUSA Obwongo, made of about 230 persons (152 women, 29 men, 49 children), through shows and songs aims at communicating AIDS prevention messages to the neighbourhood and to the district population.



- Sexual Behaviour training for women and young people in general.
- Support to the reception house that hosts 13 orphan children and gives support to the families that welcome orphan and abandoned children (at present 25).

“ Zanzibar” Project

ANLAIDS – Lombardy section

ZANZIBAR – PEMBA ISLANDS: SUPPORT TO THE “COSVID-ZAN” PROJECT

Collaboration with the Laboratory of Public health of Pemba for the fight against viral infections in Zanzibar

Setting up a virology unit at the Pemba Health Laboratory – Ivo De Carneri.

Training of local sanitary operators on the issues of:

- Epidemiology and HIV and other virus infection modalities;
- ELISA methodology for anti-corporal screening of viral infections;
- Involvement of 2.725 patients coming from selected wards to be subjected, with their aware-consensus, to blood sampling and anonymous questionnaires on socio-demographic data and risk factors for viral infections transmission. Each patient has been subjected to free haematic-chemical exams for clinical use, and the state of the serums has been analysed for HIV, HBV, HCV, HTLV.
- Study of subspecies of HIV spread in Zanzibar, in order to track the main entryways
- Periodic controls of the HIV epidemic through serum tests on sentry-groups like pregnant women and blood donors
- Study of a project for the treatment of HIV+ mothers after the childbirth
- Improvement of the AIDS signalling system through execution of free HIV tests in suspected cases of hospital recovery.

“ Swaziland” Project

ANLAIDS – Lombardy section

SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT “SAVE THE MOTHERS, SAVE THE FUTURE”

The Swaziland is a country of a million inhabitants located between South Africa and Mozambique. The AIDS epidemic quick diffusion in this country places it among the four most HIV affected countries of all Africa. The characteristics of the infected persons and the dimensions of the problem, in absence of timely and radical interventions, unfortunately carry to forecast a deep crisis able to upset the social and organizational structure of the country.

In 2002, a close collaboration between the Institute of Infectious and Tropical Diseases from hospital L. Sacco Italian technicians operating in Swaziland and Cospe from Florence, a NGO engaged in a rural community, that it has supported projects in favour of AIDS orphans and the training of technical-sanitary staff and the spread of the antiretroviral therapy.



The pilot project "Save the mothers, save the future" created in order to nurse and support 100 HIV-positive mothers in the rural community of Shewula with an organizational model managed from sanitary operators of the same community adequately trained.

Moreover, a program of assistance started with the objective to satisfy the requirements of subsistence and education of 400 orphans for year.

Training programs for technicians of the Swaziland have been carried out both in their native place, and at the Laboratory of the Department for Infectious and Tropical Diseases of Milan University-Hospital L. Sacco.