



WELCOME NOTE FROM CENTER:

Welcome to the February/ March 2010 Newsletter from the Center for Social Science Research on AIDS (CeSSRA), a collaborative training and research center, with collaborators from Case Western Reserve University, Makerere University, the Joint Clinical Research Centre, and Mbarara University of Science and Technology, SABRES/IDI/SPH, among others. The CeSSRA office is always open Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. It is located in Seminar Room 7 in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Makerere University main campus.

The center's aim is to train social scientists to carry out social science research on HIV/AIDS collaboratively and also conduct a longitudinal study on the social context of HIV/AIDS treatment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PUBLIC LECTURE

CeSSRA will be hosting a public lecture by Dr. Andrew Ellias State on "Poultry and Peoples' Livelihoods in Uganda." on Friday 23rd April 2010 at Makerere University, main campus, Faculty of Social Sciences, Lecture Room 2 at 1:00PM.

RECENT EVENTS:

CeSSRA hosted a public lecture in February by Dr. Peter Atekyereza on "HIV & AIDS in Uganda: Time to Respond to the Context beyond the Disease." Dr. Atekyereza is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and the outgoing Head of department. He is a holder of BA (Makerere) in Sociology; MSC. Rural Development (University of Zimbabwe; and PhD (Linz University, Austria).

Dr. Atekyereza's talk focused on research done since 2006 in the districts of Wakiso and Pader and secondary data from other related studies. He identified a number of causes for the recent increase in new HIV infections including: political and physical insecurity, regional differences in sexual practices, decreasing awareness levels, and migration. He emphasized the need to look beyond individuals in research to account for structural and contextual vulnerabilities in the epidemic.

More interesting lectures are being planned for the upcoming months! Information will be posted in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

New CeSSRA fellows are beginning their training and this space will feature more about their backgrounds and research in the coming months.



Above: Members of the CeSSRA team (Nalwoga Amina, Namutibwa Florence, Kyarikunda Emily, Meg Winchester, and Kakande Nelson) at JCRC

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