



WELCOME NOTE FROM CENTER:

Welcome to the 14th 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 is to hold a public lecture on **13 November 2009** at 1:00pm in the Faculty of Social Science, Makerere University Main campus, Lecture Room 2. by **Dr. Stella Alamo** on the **Benefits of Holistic Management of HIV**, using the Reach Out Mbuya experience.

Dr. Stella Alamo is a medical doctor with a masters degree in disease control from Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium and is currently pursuing a PhD in health systems from the same university. Dr Alamo won the Matthew Lukwiya award for outstanding performance under the SPH/CDC fellowship program. She is also a

recipient of the USG leadership program for Africa. Dr. Alamo serves Reach Out Mbuya as the Executive Director, and is passionate about vulnerable populations and all her work revolves around the betterment of vulnerable persons' lives.

CeSSRA will be holding a workshop on ethnographic research methods from 11-15 January 2010 facilitated by Drs. Korbin and Greksa from Case Western Reserve University. Details will be communicated soon for advance registration.

RECENT EVENTS:

CeSSRA held a public lecture on 23rd October 2009 in the Faculty of Social Science, Makerere University Main campus. The lunch hour lecture was fairly attended with over 40 participants among whom included lecturers, students and the CeSSRA staff.

The public lecture was facilitated by **Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze**. The topic discussed was; **Universal Access to HIV Care and Prevention: The Role of Expanded Access to HIV Counseling and Testing** .



Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze during the lecture

Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze is the Program Manager at the School of Public Health-CDC HIV Fellowship

Program, and has six years of experience in HIV counseling and testing research, policy and programming.

In her discussion Dr. Wanyenze noted that many low and middle income countries are far from achieving universal access to antiretroviral therapy. Five million people needing antiretroviral therapy do not have access to it; global ART coverage is only 42% and access in Uganda is at 40% (Uganda AIDS Commission 2008). She reported that many HIV infected people present late to clinics, complicating treatment efforts. About the current status, new infections outpace increases in the number accessing treatment with 2.7 million new infections in 2007, and for every 2 people who start ART, 5 get infected. Currently, the access to prevention services by the most at risk populations is grossly limited.



Participants during the lunch hour lecture.

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