

Creating HIV Aids awareness

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Preparations

On Friday, 25 November 2005, Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) HIV/Aids committee embarked on a HIV/Aids Awareness campaign. Community health workers and volunteers from communities joined forces with DCAS staff to ensure a successful campaign. This event was aimed at citizens from poor communities and two informal settlements were visited, namely Mfuleni and Sweet Home in Phillippi.

Activities on this day included the distribution of food and clothing parcels; the demonstration of condom usage and encouraging HIV status testing. DCAS staff and volunteers successfully distributed 20 000 condoms, 700 clothing parcels and 125 loaves of bread that were used to make sandwiches. 2 000 HIV/Aids information booklets and pamphlets were also distributed. Approximately 1 600 residents were reached in terms of food, clothing and information on HIV/Aids.

The aim of this community awareness event was not only to increase awareness regarding HIV/Aids and sexually-transmitted infections but also to encourage different departments and various components to work and care together.



Right above: Voluntary workers handing out toys at Sweet Home in Phillippi during the HIV/Aids Awareness campaign

Right: Members of the the DCAS team making sandwiches for the citizens from poor communities

