



SECURE THE FUTURE™

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Secure the Future™ is a \$115 million five-year programme of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation to provide care and support for women and children affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS. The programme is currently implemented in Swaziland, South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana and Namibia.

The primary goal of Secure the Future™ is to form strong partnerships with the government, organisations and communities to find innovative, replicable and sustainable solutions to manage the impact of HIV/AIDS. The programme was launched in 1999 and has already committed \$60 million in more than 100 grants in these countries.

The government is an important partner in the Secure the Future programme. All the projects which are funded under the programme, must be first endorsed by the Ministry of Health in the respective country before implementation could take place.

From April 2 – 4, Swaziland will be hosting the Secure the Future™ Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

The programme has three components:

- ✓ The Community Outreach and Education Fund
- ✓ The HIV Research Institute
- ✓ The Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation NGO Institute

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FUND

Provides grants to NGOs and CBOs to implement effective strategies to serve women and children affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS. Some of the projects and organisations that have benefited as a result of the funding provided by Secure the Future™, the guidance and active participation of the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Welfare Dr Phetsile Dlamini include:

- ✓ **Swaziland Institute of Management and Public Administration (SIMPA)**
Focuses on building the capacity of NGOs and CBOs that are involved in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS.
Contact number: 422-0740
- ✓ **Swaziland Rural Health Initiative**
A three-year comprehensive HIV/AIDS education-training programme to empower Community Health and Social Development Motivators. This programme is funded jointly by Secure the Future™, Cabrini Mission Foundation and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.
Contact number: 995-7003
- ✓ **Save the Children-Swaziland**
Raises awareness and educate families and communities about HIV/AIDS and provides counselling and support to those who are affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS.
Contact number: 404-2573
- ✓ **Parish Nurse Programme**
Provides training of volunteers, HIV testing counselling, integrate the practices of faith and nursing so that people achieve wholeness in addressing the challenges of HIV/AIDS.
Contact number: 505-6900
- ✓ **Baphalali Red Cross Society**
The aim of the project is to identify HIV negative school going children and incentivise them to remain negative by providing them with bursaries.
Contact number: 404-2532

✓ **Khulisa Umntfwana Project**

The objective of the project is to encourage young people to frequent health care facilities in the hope that there will be early detection of infectious diseases such as STI and HIV.

Contact number: 416-2687

✓ **CANGO**

It is the Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations that provides support to CBOs and NGOs to improve the quality of life for all people in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Contact number: 404-4721

THE HIV RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Focuses on facilitating medical research aimed at women and children affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS.

✓ **Baylor Nursing Curriculum**

Train-the-trainer-style educational programs for nurses based on the curriculum, have been conducted by Baylor staff in 2002 in Swaziland and all other SADC Countries. These educational programs were offered in co-ordination with the SADC AIDS Network of Nurses and Midwives (SANNAM), and UNAIDS. SANNAM is an organization of nursing associations of all fourteen SADC nations.

✓ **Medunsa- Secure The Future Fellowship Programme through the National School of Public Health**

The two-year capacity-building program focuses on community-based program strategy and design, implementation and evaluation, health systems management and health policy development; and the biology and epidemiology of HIV/AIDS. About seventeen people from Swaziland have benefited from the programme over the last three years.

✓ **Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training**

Training in GCP was provided to eighteen people in Swaziland on June 4, 2002. More training is planned for 2003.

✓ **Self and Family Care Symptom Management Strategies for Persons with HIV/AIDS**

The objective of this study was to describe, through the critical incident technique, and to disseminate symptom management strategies utilised by women and children living with HIV/AIDS. The study is completed and data analysis is underway. Participants in this study included Dr NA Sukati from the University of Swaziland.

✓ **Baylor Physician Exchange Program**

Four doctors from Swaziland are beneficiaries of this programme. They are from RFM Hospital, Impilo Clinic, Hlatikulu Hospital and TAT Health Services.

THE BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB FOUNDATION NGO INSTITUTE

This initiative is still in a pilot phase. Its primary objective is to strengthen and build the capacity of NGOs and CBOs in the areas of leadership, management and governance. Swaziland is represented by a consortium including CANGO, SIMPA, IDM and the University of Swaziland and working in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

With the support, active participation and commitment of everyone - government, NGOs, CBOs, Traditional Leaders, civil society and the community - we can fight the spread and stigmatisation of HIV/AIDS.

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