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Dear Paul,

Re: Grant from TB Alert to Zambart Project for Community Based Care TB Curriculum

Since Vincent Tihon is about to leave Zambart, we thought it timely to explain what Zambart did with the grant for 2000 pounds sterling for developing a TB curriculum for community volunteer caregivers in Zambia.

The grant allowed us to begin a process of bringing together a broad based group of home-based care groups to review existing curriculums, to develop a new curriculum and to pilot and evaluate the new curriculum in Chawama compound with two different HBC groups. The TB Working Group then responded to the evaluated curriculum by holding a workshop – funded by CDC and DFID – which was attended by a core group of NGOs and which resulted in the curriculum being further revised. The curriculum is awaiting one more review by the TB Working Group and then it will be printed and disseminated.

More specifically the grant contributed to:

Step 1: Workshop for Facilitators. Review of Existing TB Curriculum for community based volunteers. 2 days, attended by eight groups (DHMT, CBTO, ZATULET, FHT, Kara, CHBC, Ndola IAP, Bwafwano), 1st & 2nd February 2000.

Step 2: Piloting of reviewed TB Curriculum through training for community based volunteers from the Catholics and from Interfaith, 2 days, Chawama Clinic, Lusaka attended by 71 volunteer caregivers (34 Catholic HBC & 37 Interfaith), 27th & 28th November 2000.

Step 3: Evaluation of Curriculum through staff monitoring, individual interviews with trained caregivers and untrained caregivers and a one day review/TB refresher course (7th February 2001).

Step 4: Discussion of TB Curriculum within national TB working group and review of curriculum, 2001.

Step 5: Kafue workshop on TB Curriculum and Treatment Supporters (CDC and DFID funded). Attended by DHMT, CBOH, CDC, Zambart, CBTO, Bwafwano, ZATULET, 6 December 2002.

Step 6: Final review of TB curriculum by TB Working Group, chaired by Dr Alwyn Mwinga (CDC, Zambia), and publication scheduled for June 2003.

Dr Tihon will soon e-mail you a spreadsheet of how the TB Alert money was spent.

Please feel free to contact Dr Mwinga directly about the final publication. Her cell number is: 096 762635 and her e-mail: amwinga@zamnet.zm

We thank you for supporting this process.

Yours truly,

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