



Since 2010, BEAT AIDS Project Zimbabwe (BAPZ), a WHC charitable humanitarian initiative, has been partnering with the MoHCC, Hwange district, serving Marabeleland North, encompassing the municipality of Victoria Falls and 53 surrounding rural villages, by revolutionizing HIV/AIDS treatment delivery.

THE BAPZ VISION TO SUPPORT THE MOHCC IN:

- “Saving the Next Generation” with “zero new HIV infections” through prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) and diagnosis and treatment of children and adolescents;
- Reducing the morbidity and mortality associated with HIV/AIDS and achieving “zero new AIDS-related infections” by getting ZIM tested for HIV and offering prevention against AIDS-related opportunistic infections;
- Fighting HIV stigma to achieve “zero discrimination” and increase HIV testing by creating HIV awareness, education and acceptance via HIV Equal Zimbabwe’s “Test. Photo. Fight.” (HIV testing and photographic) initiative and BAPZ MAGAZINE publications.



BAPZ HIV SPECIALTY CLINIC

In June, 2015, BAPZ opened a highly specialized free OI/ART medical clinic and full-service laboratory (Taqman96 capable of 4000 monthly adult and EID viral loads, a GeneXpert 16, etc.) in MatNorth to complement the work of the MoHCC. The clinic's focus is to support MoHCC in providing specialized HIV care through the management of complicated adverse reactions and to introduce advanced state-of-the-art laboratory monitoring. These services include monitoring of HIV-1 viral loads and appropriate initiation of 2nd- and 3rd-line ARV according to the National ARV Guidelines, rapid diagnosis of Tuberculosis and Multi-drug Resistant TB, and 50-minute Early Infant Detection that will assist in increasing ART uptake among infants.



BAPZ Magazine, a new and free publication for the people of Zimbabwe, is both an entertaining and educational source of HIV-related content that aims to share the local stories of Zimbabweans living with HIV and ways in which to prevent and end HIV stigma, as well as to promote PMTCT, testing and education for HIV and other diseases.



Because education is an integral part of BAPZ, the main mission of the BAPZ GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAMME (GAP) is to assist HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) who are unable to pay their yearly primary and secondary school fees. The program picks up where UNICEF BEAM funding ended in January 2014, affecting nearly one million children in Zimbabwe alone. Through 2016, GAP will continue to support 304 OVC to remain in school for one year by paying for uniforms, books and tuition.

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HIV Equal™ (HIV=™) is an international social media photo campaign designed to promote testing for HIV and to help end HIV stigma. In partnership with MoHCC, HIV= Zimbabwe is working to stem and reverse negative perceptions and reduce the stigma and fear associated with HIV and HIV testing. In 2015, HIV= ZIM and MoHCC held 8 events, testing over 1268 children and adults, with men accounting for 41.8% of event participants. The campaign was nationalized through a November, 2015 event in Mbare.