

20 years of World AIDS Day

Evidence for Action and the Sexual and Reproductive Health & HIV research programme consortia will be marking the 20th anniversary of World AIDS day at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine with a full week of events. EfA partners are also marking the occasion. This year events at LSHTM have been co-organised by students and staff and will include:

- Opening talk by Dr Philippe Mayaud: 'HIV / AIDS prevention gaps: whose responsibility? Whose role?'

- Film screenings of 'Corn, cattle, coconuts and condoms', and 'Please talk to kids about AIDS'

- Short presentations from staff and students:

The impact on Global Health Initiatives for HIV/AIDS on human resources for health, evidence from Zambia' Johanna Hanefeld, PhD student

'TKMOAMS: a community based response to the HIV / AIDS pandemic in Namibia' Emma Richards, MSc student

'Hope, expectation and HIV treatment in a transitional setting: a qualitative case study' Sarah Bernays, Research Fellow

'Global HIV/AIDS and visual impairment: social isolation compounded' Dr Rajesh Babu, MSc student

- Seminar by Dr Ade Fakoya: 'Is AIDS still important? Research, activism, and community-based responses'

- Student - organised panel debate: 'Does HIV get too much funding?' Speakers: Tania Boler, MSI, Kevin Osborne, IPPF, Prof Kaye Wellings, LSHTM

- Seminar in conjunction with the Gender Violence and Health Centre: 'HIV/AIDS and rape: modelling predictions of the increase in individual risk of contracting HIV from forced sex' Speaker: Dr Anna Foss

ZAMBART events

ZAMBART is commemorating World AIDS Day both in Lusaka and the 16 sites where ZAMBART is currently implementing TB research projects.

Activities will include:

1. A 'march past' to raise awareness of HIV and its convergence with TB

2. In the Kabwe district of Zambia where an EfA study is being undertaken on home-based care, ZAMBART has partnered with a local community-based organisation called DACKANA to:

- Conduct awareness-raising activities on HIV and AIDS

- Lead activities to convey the benefits of voluntary counselling and testing

- Give public drama performances to demonstrate the role of home-based caregivers in providing support to people living with HIV and AIDS.

ZAMBART and DACKANA will participate in the march past in Kabwe district, using publicity materials such as t-shirts and a banner printed with the ZAMBART, DACKANA and EfA logos.

International HIV AIDS Alliance events