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AN APPROACH TO DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY-BASED
HIV/AIDS INTERVENTION

THE CASE OF FARM WORKERS IN ZIMBABWE

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- 1 Process evaluation provides a valuable insight into factors which when aggregated, show that success or failure of an intervention is determined by issues beyond the scope of the programme objectives.
- 2 It is difficult for change-agents to function in communities where a legacy of paternalism militates against the decision making process.
- 3 The transient status of seasonal workers on farms tends to re-enforce their 'right' to behave independently of community norms.
- 4 The crisis of orphanhood in marginalised communities is a silent emergency in which conflicting gender perceptions of a solution are already playing a significant role.
- 5 'Multi-disciplinarity', which is an espoused component of Primary Health Care, paradoxically increases territorial jealousy and lessens integration.
- 6 The priorities of the poor will surprise and may conflict with the views of the outsider - while those of the poorest will differ from the poor.
- 7 Effective responses to health problems go beyond bio-medical solutions and require imaginative thinking.
- 8 Care-giving of children in difficult circumstances must be individualised not institutionalised to ensure that the child's need matches the context of her/his environment.
- 9 Decision making is central to developing self efficacy for self protective behaviour among women, but difficult to achieve in a culture which is male dominated.
- 10 The strong culture of didactics which is widely used in health care to prevail upon people to 'change' behaviour, does little to foster action at an individual or societal level.