

African Solutions to African Problems (A.S.A.P.)

This is a community based organization, founded in 2003 by social entrepreneur Priscilla Higham, that mainly includes women in Cape Town, South Africa who have created a plan of their own to help improve AIDS education for affected and vulnerable children (OVC) in their community.

A key aspect of ASAP is to provide capacity-building interventions that help the pioneer groups to develop their organizations, improve their services and attain their own development goals. Their goal is to provide more holistic care for OVC and expand their operations to care for 14,000 OVC by 2015.

The ASAP definition of holistic care is to provide:

- Education
- Nutrition and agriculture
- Health care
- Psycho-social support

ASAP has demonstrated that grassroots organizations and their social networks of women are capable of scaling up and replicating effective models of care for orphans and vulnerable children.

ASAP has proved that they are capable of scaling up to reach increased numbers of orphans and vulnerable children. In 2002 there were 100 women caring for 280 children. In 2008 there are over 585 women providing broad based care to 8, 500 children. They have received reports from teachers, children, community members and caregivers which give testimony to the positive impact of community-based interventions and indications of increased school attendance and improved health and nutrition of orphans and vulnerable children.

This organization makes a difference the citizens of South Africa are coming up with a plan of their own to educate and care for their people. Who better knows how to educate the African nation than the people of Africa?

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