

**A STUDY ON HIV/AIDS ISSUES AND
SEXUAL ABUSE PRACTICES AMONG
YOUNG PEOPLE OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES IN ETHIOPIA**

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WHY THE STUDY IS IMPORTANT ?

- Persons with disabilities comprises about 10% of the total world population - 600M
- Few studies about HIVAIDS issues and extent of sexual abuse
- Myths about sexual health and relationships
- Great concern about vulnérabilités in High HIV prevalence countries

OBJECTIVES

- To identify the KAP of persons about HIV
- To identify the magnitude, prevalence and characteristics of sexual abuse practices
- To identify the prevalence of HIV infections
- To forward insightful recommendations

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- What are the KAPs of the young people?
- What are the magnitude and characteristics of sexual abuse practices?
- What is the prevalence of HIV infections?

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Disability: Any person with physical, sensory (deaf, blind), and mentally retardation that have a significant and long-lasting effects on the individual's daily life and activities (WHO, cited in Groce,2004)
- Sexual abuse: Any act or threatened physical intrusion of sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions (IASC,2005)

METHODOLOGY

- **Site of Study:** Addis Ababa, Nazareth & Awassa
- **Target Population:** Young people (10-24 years) with disabilities currently attending in schools and universities.
- **Study Design:** Proportional to sample size. Sample size = 354 persons
- VCT and HIV Testing

INSTRUMENTS

- Structured Interview
- Testing HIV Status
- Case Studies

ETHICAL CONSIDERATION

- A strong communication with associations
- Providing school based orientations
- Confidentiality and anonymity
- Addresses of supportive services - Counsel
- Getting ethical clearance

DATA ANALYSIS

- Cleaning of Questionnaire
- Analyzing using descriptive / Logistic regression models
- Transcription of qualitative data

TIME SCHEDULE

- At least one year of time
- Beginning June 2006

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