

## **Working to Empower: Canadian based NGO on HIV/AIDS and People's Empowerment Crusade**

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In recent times man has experienced a lot of disasters of which many came and went leaving ugly memories to many a people's hearts; like the Hurricane Katrina; Tsunami that affected Asia and some (North) American countries, the Hurricane RITA in the Texas, USA; Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome otherwise christened (SARS); just to mention but few. And there is nothing that man says recently that he does not mention the most dreaded of all – HIV/AIDS, which have killed man in millions and left million people affected.

Though, man has human made disasters as experienced in USA September 11 attack at the world's trade center, the wars in Iraq, where (the United Nation), United States of America and Britain being the frontrunners of the war, with a view that the out stated Iraqi president Saddam Hussein had weapon worthy of mass destruction, of which evidence proving that is yet to be revealed. The wars between the Pakistan and the India, the Palestine and the Israel, ethno-religious crisis in Nigeria, political wars in Africa etc are not left unrecorded.

Man ought to ask himself that apart from these natural disasters, how come the other man-made disasters that have swallowed billions of lives in our environments. Just like in the middle 80s the HIV/AIDS pandemic was noticed in our world, in Nigeria, it was called SEVEN DAYS KILLER DISEASE, and the information then was that the virus was transmitted by African monkeys. World Researchers took to exercise to know the outbreak of the virus, and it seems that up till today no one – either Scientist; Researchers etc have really told man the origin of HIV virus. It is observed that every published article on the origin of HIV/AIDS was based on assumption. But the virus is real!

Notwithstanding, these scientists and researchers should be celebrated with accolades for being able to investigate and acquaint man with their investigation that the virus is easily transmitted into human being through blood related cases – sexual intercourse, blood transfusion, metal, barbering clippers etc that are not well handled.

That is why many organizations were formed to help man not to be engulfed in an untraceable infection like HIV, which many critics suffice that it was caused by man in carrying his chemically or biologically experimentations. And many religious groups believes that it is a devil infliction on human being, while some of the Christian folks believes that it is a sign of the end time, as recorded in the book of Revelation of the Bible.

Whichever, we can not fold our hands and leave the outspread of HIV/AIDS to continue without many people who are doubting Thomases, upon the crusade on the pandemic, to be infected. That is why Working To Empower, a Canadian non-governmental

organization, that is having branches all over the world, has joined in the race to help sensitize the world's people on the education of HIV/AIDS.

Its president, Mr. Logan Cochrane, a fourth year student of Anthropology at University of Victoria, says he wants to change the lives of the poor who suffer the pandemic mostly. In January 2006, Working To Empower in conjunction with other African organizations, would be touring the shores of Africa in sensitizing people, about the pandemic that has come to stay over a decade.

Mr. Logan says that if the world financial institutions, persons, organizations would come to support Working To Empower that the organization would be recorded the number one NGO fighting on HIV/AIDS crusade. In Nigeria, Africa, working to empower is gaining momentum.