Socialising the evidence from the 2002 national survey
Socialising the evidence from the 2002 national survey: CIETafrica Progress report 2004

CIET has used the evidence from the 2002 national study of sexual violence and HIV/AIDS risk to support a long-term communication strategy that seeks to have an impact on government policies as well as public knowledge, attitudes and behaviours.

Neither the evidence itself nor the materials developed from it make recommendations on how to untangle the link between HIV/AIDS and sexual violence. Instead the evidence is used to mobilise the community into finding solutions and developing individual and/or group protective responses. Here the term “community” has the broadest possible definition and can include local communities defined by geography but diverse in their membership, larger human collectives such as ‘the public at large’, and particular stakeholder groups, not necessarily defined by location but by specific issues, interests or responsibilities.

The findings have been shared through an intensive and inclusive workshopping process with international agencies, local NGOs, education and health authorities, life skills trainers and frontline educators, using a documentary video of the project, population-weighted maps and one-page scorecards displaying 25 key sexual violence and HIV risk indicators.

CIET developed an audio series to reach adults as well as in-school and out-of-school youth across the country. Educators’ and learners’ workbooks were designed for use with the audio tapes in Life Skills classes. CIET also produced an out-of-school facilitators’ workbook to support the broad spectrum of entities working with youth outside the classroom. Both the in- and out-of-school materials have been translated into several regional languages.

Hundreds of youth counsellors, health and life skills educators, social workers and volunteers are being trained in workshops held for NGOs and community groups. In an unconventional move, traditional leaders, tribal chiefs, and female elders are also receiving evidence-based training to enable them to tackle the issues with younger people.

CIET has reached out to wider audiences through newspapers, television programmes and call-in radio shows. A number of national, provincial and regional publications have produced articles about the study. Radio stations have aired episodes of the audio series and discussed the findings, with audiences voicing their views on the issues. CIET is presently negotiating with several stations to broadcast the complete audio programme.

In-school communication tools

The process of socialising evidence with in-school youth began with the development and piloting of a ten-part audio series, “Beyond Victims and Villains”. Although the series was initially conceived for broadcast on community radio stations, extensive pilot testing revealed that the audio programmes worked well in a number of settings, including classrooms.

To develop a product suited both to educators and learners, The CIET team conducted iterative consultations with educators and Department of Education Life Skills planners, as well as school-going youth. The resultant workbooks guide educators and learners through lessons developed around the pre-recorded audio series episodes. The educator/facilitator first plays an episode on CD or tape to the class, then chooses an episode-specific lesson plan and core from the workbook to do with the class. Alternatively, he or she can use the audio programme to stimulate a panel discussion or an open session. A separate publication offers a list of guide questions covering different themes contained in the episode.

The audio and workbook materials are compatible with national curriculum statements regarding HIV/AIDS education and Life Skills programmes, and include details about which
learning areas are integrated in each lesson. The Assessment section for each lesson includes worksheets for peer and self-assessment, including assistance for assessment of remedial learners.

By the end of 2004, five of the nine provinces had requested implementation.

Table: Consultation interaction with Provincial Departments of Education (outcomes included)

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<td>Eastern Cape</td>
<td>22/07/2003</td>
<td>Relevant members of senior management, including: MEC, Superintendent General, Acting Director - Special Needs in Education, HIV/AIDS Provincial Coordinator, HIV/AIDS District Coordinators, Deputy Chief - Education Specialist for Curriculum, Acting Director - MEC's office Department of Education</td>
<td>Positive response, interest in using provincial findings in planning; District coordinator encouraged to organise meeting with district Life Skills leaders (occurred 16/09/2003)</td>
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<td>Eastern Cape</td>
<td>16/09/2003</td>
<td>Life Skills Master Trainers working throughout province (25 people)</td>
<td>Positive feedback to findings and audio programme materials; strong interest in implementation of audio programme materials; interested in utilising findings for planning; interested in organising a training workshop of actual teachers in Fort Beaufort area (scheduled 14/11/2003 with an estimated 300+ to attend)</td>
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<td>Eastern Cape</td>
<td>22/07/2003</td>
<td>Superintendent General, Provincial Coordinator - Life Skills and HIV/AIDS Education, Deputy Director General - Corporate Services, Director - Special Programs</td>
<td>Positive response; interest in having us present to rest of senior management; support for utilisation of materials by provincial Life Skills Master Trainers</td>
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<td>Department of Education of the Free State - Superintendent General</td>
<td>27/07/2003</td>
<td>Life Skills Master Trainers working throughout province (85 people)</td>
<td>Strong, enthusiastic response and valuable feedback towards adapting audio programme manual for use by teachers; eager to utilise provincial findings in future programme planning; materials requested for implementation in province Workshop to present 500 draft copies of BVV educator’s manual for piloting in 60 schools.</td>
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<td>Department of Education of the Free State Life Skills Master Trainers</td>
<td>21/01/2004</td>
<td>Free State Life Skills Master Trainers along with various Life Orientation, Inclusive Education and Curriculum Development officials in a half day Training-of-Trainers style workshop. GDE CEO and other members of executive management team</td>
<td>Members of audience felt it supported their findings although no immediate decision to circulate findings beyond those in attendance; referred to Life Orientation coordinator</td>
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<td>Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) Executive Management Team</td>
<td>21/07/2003</td>
<td>Life Orientation Coordinator</td>
<td>Constructive feedback for adapting materials to Outcome Based Education (OBE) format for teachers; offered to review OBE-adapted materials; support for pilot implementation in local schools</td>
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<td>Gauteng Department of Education Life Orientation Coordinator</td>
<td>on-going</td>
<td>Life Orientation Coordinator</td>
<td>Positive response to findings and audio programme, interest in piloting implementation in their schools, invitation to address peer educator group trainees (date TBA) and hold audio programme workshop</td>
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<td>Kwazulu-Natal Department of Education - Superintendent General and directors</td>
<td>22/08/2003</td>
<td>Superintendent General, Director - Psychological Services, Director - EPMSS, CES - PG SES PMB, Lecturer - University of Natal, School of Social Work, Provincial Coordinator - HIV/AIDS and Life Skills</td>
<td>Positive response to findings and audio programme, interest in piloting implementation in their schools, invitation to address peer educator group trainees (date TBA) and hold audio programme workshop</td>
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<td>Mpumalanga Department of Education</td>
<td>14/07/2003</td>
<td>MEC, Deputy Director General, Chief Director - Further Education and Training (FET), General Education and Training (GET) and Quality Assurance, Acting Head - Inclusive Education, CES representatives from various provincial districts</td>
<td>Positive response, and interest in incorporating report findings into planning</td>
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<td>Northern Cape Life Skills and HIV/AIDS Coordinator and representatives of related departments</td>
<td>31/07/2003</td>
<td>Provincial Coordinator - Life Skills and HIV/AIDS (representative of MEC), representatives of Department Gender Unit, Life Skills Education (LSE) - Care and Support, LSE - DCO, LSE - Out-of-school youth, LSE - FET Institutions, Inclusive Education, Education Support Services, School Safety Project</td>
<td>Positive feedback to materials and findings; interest in getting copies of the audio programme for implementation in schools; LSE - provincial coordinator to brief MEC and senior management</td>
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<td>Limpopo Department of Education - various programme managers</td>
<td>23/07/2003</td>
<td>Representatives of Life Orientation, Life Skills, Education Support Programme, Educational Technological Supports</td>
<td>Although MEC and senior management could not attend at last minute, attendees agreed to brief MEC and senior management of presentation and findings</td>
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<td>Limpopo Department of Education Life Skills Master Trainers</td>
<td>30/07/2003</td>
<td>Provincial Coordinator - Life Skills and HIV/AIDS, Life Skills Education Master Trainers</td>
<td>Excellent engagement with findings and audio programme, interest in implementing audio programme, invitation to address peer educator group trainees (date TBA)</td>
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<td>Northwest Province Department of Education Senior Managers</td>
<td>28/07/2003</td>
<td>MEC, Superintendent General, Senior Managers (17)</td>
<td>Positive response to presentation and interest in implementing report findings in planning</td>
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<td>Northwest Province Department of Education Life Skills Master Trainers</td>
<td>29/07/2003</td>
<td>Provincial coordinator - Life Skills, LSE - master trainers, representative - Department of Education Auxiliary Services, representatives - Department of Health (25+)</td>
<td>Interested in findings and audio programme; comments favour adaptation to OBE format before introduction into NWP schools; invitation to present findings to intersectoral group (including Department of Health, Labour, Social Development, Justice) to coordinate broad-based response</td>
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<td>Western Cape Department of Education Senior Managers</td>
<td>12/08/2003</td>
<td>MEC, Superintendent General, senior managers</td>
<td>Mixed response, as departmental managers indicated a greater interest for information about HIV sero-positivity, rather than social-behavioural research</td>
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<td>Western Cape Department of Education Life Skills Education - Department Implementers</td>
<td>12/08/2003</td>
<td>Provincial Coordinator - Life Skills Education, EMDC representatives, Director – Research</td>
<td>Positive feedback to findings and interested in implementation of audio programme in their schools; interest in adapting audio programme to department's adult education in workplace programme; invitation to present at next provincial Life Skills congress (date TBA)</td>
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- **Communicating with out-of-school youth**

Although South Africa has made significant progress in access to education, and more South Africans are going to school than ever before, many young people are still excluded from classrooms. The proportion of children attending school has increased up to the age of 13
years, but it has diminished for those who are 14 years and older\(^1\). Young black South Africans, in particular those living in rural areas, comprise the majority of young people who are not attending school.

In this context, CIET is reaching out to socialise the findings of the national survey of sexual violence and HIV/AIDS risk with out-of-school youth across South Africa, through several channels:

- *Ad hoc* groups of out-of-school youth
- NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Churches
- Provincial youth commissions
- Parliamentary and government interaction
- Traditional leaders
- Public events
- Local media

Government bodies, NGOs and youth groups in each province have expressed great interest in using the evidence-based educational tools developed from the studies. These include the *Beyond Victims and Villains* audio series and a facilitator’s workbook designed to equip the broad spectrum of entities working with youth outside the classroom.

Through training workshops, CIET has presented this set of resources to community forums, women’s groups, youth groups, welfare organisations, churches, and individuals and organisations working with survivors of sexual violence and people afflicted by HIV/AIDS.

The capacity of this programme and the in-school programme to socialize evidence and promote change will be measured in 2005 as school going youth are once again interviewed about their knowledge, attitudes and practices relating to HIV/AIDS and sexual violence.

The widespread acceptance of the materials comes from some key efforts:
- gathering the evidence base upon which the materials have been developed;
- youth involvement in developing the audio materials;
- provision of the materials (as well as workshop interaction) in five of the national languages.

CIET has conducted workshops in Tshivenda, Sepedi, isiXhosa, isiZulu and English and has the materials available in these languages as well. The Setsonga translations are almost complete and further translations into Setswana, Sesotho and Afrikaans are in progress.

1. LEGISLATORS/GOVERNMENT/PARLIAMENT

**KwaZulu Natal**
- Communications Manager and representative of the Gender Equality Desk of the KZN Legislature
- Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Women Issues
- Department of Social Welfare – Chatsworth District

**Limpopo**
- Department of Social Welfare – Polokwane Child Welfare
- Communications Dept of Limpopo Legislature

**National**
- The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development

2. TRADITIONAL LEADERS

Eastern Cape
- Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders
- Congress of National Traditional Leaders of South Africa

KwaZulu Natal
- Congress of National Traditional Leaders of South Africa
- Khosi Manemzhe

Limpopo
- Department of Traditional Affairs – Limpopo
- Khosi Maake

3. YOUTH COMMISSION

Eastern Cape
- EC Provincial Youth Commission

KwaZulu Natal
- KZN Provincial Youth Commission

Limpopo
- Limpopo Provincial Youth Commission
- Limpopo Youth Health Summit

4. LOCAL MEDIA

Eastern Cape
- GO!
- Sisonke

KwaZulu Natal
- The Mercury
- Durban Youth Radio
- East Coast FM Radio
- Hindavini Radio

Limpopo
- Radio Turf

National
- Rapport, City Press, The Teacher
- Net#workBBDO

ME FM Radio
- Plettenberg Bay
- Umhlobo Wenene FM (12 Down talk show)

Icora Radio
- Imbokodo Community Radio
- Maputaland Community Radio
- Newcastle Community Radio

UNIVEN Radio Station

National Community Radio Forum
- Carte Blanche

5. NGOs/CBOs

Eastern Cape
- African Solutions Programme
- Aids Training and Information Centre – East London
- Child and Family Welfare Positive Living Programme-East London
- Faith and Hope HIV Organisation
- Family and Marriage Society South Africa – East London
- Lamla Day Care and Training Centre
- loveLife – Umtata
- Masimanyane Women Support Centre
- Nelson Mandela District Municipality
- Partnership in HIV/AIDS Support Organisation
- Pelopepa – Cradock
- Pelopepa-Butterworth

KwaZulu Natal
- Association of Professional Educators in KwaZulu Natal
- Dumbe HIV/AIDS Action Group
- Family and Marriage Society of South Africa – Durban
- Kwa-Mashu Youth Centre
- Ndumo Youth Group
- Ngome Youth Group
- Nedcom

Limpopo
- Acadia Youth Organisation
- Bolobedu Youth Organisation
- Family and Marriage Society of South Africa – Tzaneen
- Department of Social Welfare – Polokwane Child Welfare
- Girl Guides Voluntary Movement
- Limpopo Network on Violence Against Women

Pelopepa – Fort Beaufort
- Pelopepa – Idutywa
- Pelopepa – Middleburg
- Pelopepa – Queenstown

Pelopepa – Umtata
- Pelopepa – Vidgiesville
- Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa – Port Elizabeth
- Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa – Umtata
- Siluncedo Youth Organisation
- School Governing Board
- Small Project Foundation
- Steve Biko Foundation – Eastern Cape Youth Conference
- Umtata Women Support Centre

Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa – KZN
- Prince Mshiyeni Hospital
- Sinethemba Crisis Centre
- Siyaqhubeke Nemphilo Support Group
- Tongaat Child Welfare Society
- Umgababa Grannies

Mmona Ndi Nnyi
- Mudimule Youth Group
- National Association of People Living With AIDS – Polokwane
- Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa – Limpopo
- Rainbow Youth Development Organisation
- South African Democratic Teacher Union – Polokwane
Overview of activities

Ad hoc out-of-school youth groups

CIET is gathering out-of-school youth through local ward councillors, community youth leaders, sports organisers and local church youth leaders. In urban settings, newspaper adverts and articles are used to invite young people to join these groups.

Group participants answer the in-school questionnaire before and after listening to the audio tapes and discussing their contents. Their impressions of the tapes, workbooks and discussion format are also recorded.

NGOs and community based organisations

Since the second half of 2003, CIET teams have been presenting the results of the study and the evidence-based educational tools to NGOs and community-based organisations (CBOs) working on HIV/AIDS and related issues. The aim is to support their efforts and to encourage the use of the tapes and workbooks in their activities.

At the national level, CIET shared the findings with several intervention NGOs, including Childline, Lifeline and AREPP: Theatre for Life. Childline, a children’s telephone support service, showed interest in the findings for television addressing the rape of boys. Childline also asked CIET to train 30 provincial coordinators in the use of the audio programme. AREPP intends to incorporate the evidence into theatre play scripts.

CIET also presented the results of the study to public health planners and practitioners from several African countries during a course on “Programme planning for adolescent sexual and reproductive health: focus on HIV/AIDS”, which was held by the Margaret Sanger Centre International South Africa.

In the Eastern Cape, CIET made contact with – and in some cases provided training to – African Solutions Programme, Aids Training and Information Centre (ATIC), Child and Family Welfare, Faith and Hope HIV Organisation, Family and Marriage Society South Africa (FAMSA), Lamla Day Care and Training Centre, loveLife, Masimanyane Women’s Support Centre, Nelson Mandela District Municipality, Partnership in HIV/AIDS Support Organisation (PHASO), Pelopepa, Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa (PPASA), Siluncedo Youth Organisation, Small Project Foundation (SPF), Steve Biko Foundation, and Umtata Women’s Support Centre.

In KwaZulu Natal, CIET’s work with “granny groups” is breaking new ground, since older women have been historically excluded from preventive efforts regarding HIV/AIDS, despite their seniority and life experience. Those who participated in the training workshop welcomed
the initiative and applauded the use of direct language that could be of help when talking with younger people.


In Limpopo, CIET has reached groups and entities like Acadia Youth Organisation, Bolobedu Youth Organisation, Family and Marriage South Africa, Girl Guides Voluntary Movement, Limpopo Network on Violence Against Women, Makhado Life Care Centre, Mmona Ndi Nnyi, Mudimule Youth Group, National Association of People Living With AIDS, Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa, Rainbow Youth Development Organisation, and Takalani Nana Home Care Centre.

**Churches**

CIET has made contact with church councils and religious youth organisations at the provincial level. Interaction with these groups has involved increasing awareness, presenting the educational resources developed from the study, and asking for information on how to reach other youth forums in each province.

In the Eastern Cape, CIET met with youth leaders of Saint Albany [Saint Alban’s?] Anglican Church and Greenfields Christian Church, the heads of the Provincial Council of Churches in Port Elizabeth and Umtata, and directors and youth coaches from Youth for Christ. In Port Elizabeth, CIET trained youth volunteers from different religious denominations.

Representatives of the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Council of Churches expressed interest in a training workshop, as did Zionist Christian Church (ZCC) priests from a number of villages in Bakgaga, a tribal authority area in Limpopo. The director of HIV Affairs for the National Office of the South African Council of Churches in Limpopo opted to pilot the *Beyond Victims and Villains* materials in churches of his own diocese.

**Youth commissions**

The provincial Youth Commissions in the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu Natal and Limpopo have all expressed their intention to use the CIET educational tools in their activities. In Limpopo, CIET presented the key findings, the audio tapes and the workbooks at the provincial Youth Health Summit, held in June 2004.

**Parliamentary and government interaction**

On the political front, CIET is approaching standing committees and relevant actors addressing youth issues. At the national level, CIET submitted a report to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development, to inform discussions on sexual offences legislation.

In KwaZulu Natal, interaction with government proved difficult during the months around the provincial elections in 2004. CIET shared the findings and educational resources with a member of the provincial legislature and a chairperson of the Standing Committee for Women’s Issues.

In February of 2004, a workshop for youth groups, CBOs and NGOs working in the Chatsworth district, proposed and assisted by the deputy director of Social Welfare, Mrs. Saras Subramoney, became a highlight in the process of socialising the evidence within the province.
In Limpopo, CIET held an introductory workshop with Polokwane Child Welfare’s home-based care workers. An awareness-raising workshop took place in the Roodeport area of the Sekhukhune development node, including ward councillors, social workers, NGOs and CBOs. CIET is also networking to present the findings to members of the legislature.

**Traditional leaders**

Traditional leaders are key actors in communities throughout the country and provide crucial access to out of school youth: in the course of the national audit CIET liaised with their organisations, shared findings with them and presented the audio programme and facilitators’ workbooks.

In March 2004, CIET met with traditional leaders from across the Eastern Cape, who pledged their full support to involve out-of-school youth. Volunteers from ten different tribal authorities, who work on HIV/AIDS awareness in their communities, were trained for the Congress of National Traditional Leaders of South Africa in the Eastern Cape. Training sessions were also held for this umbrella organisation in KwaZulu Natal.

In Limpopo, CIET presented the findings and educational materials in a meeting with heads of local tribes and traditional chiefs assembled by the Department of Traditional Affairs. Participants valued CIET’s work in deeply rural areas, noting that this is where help is needed most.

At the request of traditional chief Khosi Manemzhe, CIET also trained 42 people at the Nazareth Church in Manemzhe Village, a rural Tshivenda community near the border with Zimbabwe. Some participants admitted they were hearing about the workshop issues for the first time.

**Public events**

CIET exhibited the only HIV-related booth at the 2004 Africa Aerospace and Defence Airshow (21-25 September 2004), an event attended by over 100,000 people from across South Africa. Visiting youth could explore their knowledge of sexual violence and HIV risk and some of the national study’s key findings through an interactive computer quiz developed pro bono by the web develop Intoweb. A professional counsellor was available for those who had questions or issues arising from the quiz. Lifeline also provided materials to assist youth with their queries.

**Local media**

CIET has actively sought and obtained extensive coverage of the sexual violence and HIV/AIDS risk study in South Africa and abroad. Several national, provincial and regional newspapers have carried the story within the country. Wide audiences have been reached through call-in radio programmes.

Heide Sonnekus, from CIET, on air at ME FM Radio Plettenberg Bay, in Western Cape
Case examples

- **Manemzhe Village, Limpopo**

  "Male participants blamed their violence on peer pressure...there are however good men in the community that do not support the abuse of women and girls. Those are men who are willing to change mindset of other men and boys are eager to conduct workshops for the youth."

  Participant, Manemzhe Village workshop, 22-23 July 2004, Limpopo

  In June 2004 Khosi Manemzhe attended a meeting hosted by the Limpopo Department of Traditional Affairs. He along with other Traditional Chiefs from Limpopo attended a presentation of the CIET survey findings (video and maps) and an introduction to the audio programme. CIET offered both the materials and the personnel to hold workshops in their villages, in line with their advice on how they would prove most useful. Responding to this offer, Khosi Manemzhe requested a community workshop in Manemzhe Village, a rural Tshivenda community near the border with Zimbabwe, in July 2004. Over two days 42 people from Manemzhe Village and surrounding villages participated. They were a diverse group with members of the women’s league, headmen, councillors, church leaders, civic officials, teachers, health workers and interested community members (including youth). At the time of the workshop there was no forum to address issues confronted by youth. Despite this, Khosi Manemzhe felt a workshop would generate interest in the community for youth and provide information and materials for future work. Some participants admitted they were hearing about these issues for the first time.

  Group work in workshop in Manemzhe Village, 22-23 July, Limpopo

  At the end of the workshop, Khosi Manemzhe committed to starting a youth forum in his villages with an initial meeting in the following weeks. One participant invited CIET to conduct a workshop with the Mudimule Youth Group and in September 2004 the CIET team trained 27 of their volunteers.

  The success of the workshop came, in part, from having most of it conducted in Tshivenda; where English was used translation was provided. Also, the audio recording and the workbook used throughout the workshop were in Tshivenda. Participants were able to provide feedback on the quality of the translations and the content of the materials. CIET recognized and relied on local capacity, calling on some participants to facilitate discussions and asking the local nurse to be the resource on the questions raised about HIV/AIDS and condoms.

- **Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa (PPASA) - KwaZulu Natal**

  PPASA is the largest and oldest South African NGO working with sexual and reproductive health. It runs a number of programs targeting both youth and adults. Their Adolescent Reproductive Health Services unit provides youth with information and skills with which to make decisions about their sexual lives. Their Life Skills Education and Training programmes provide target groups with knowledge of sexual and reproductive health, the skills needed to
manage a relationship and prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV and sexual abuse.

At a meeting of organisations affiliated with the Municipality of Durban’s Department of Youth Affairs in February 2004, the Director of PPASA in KwaZulu Natal requested training from CIET on the use of the audio materials.

- **Partnership in HIV/AIDS Support Organisation (PHASO)-Eastern Cape**

PHASO networks all organisations and government departments working on HIV/AIDS in the Tambo district Municipality and regularly shares information and material to ensure that organisations in remote areas can have access. CIET held a training workshop in Umtata with members of PHASO in May 2004.

Participant comments confirmed the importance of training facilitators to use the audio materials, and highlighted the importance of the materials to their daily work.

- **Girl Guides Voluntary Movement – Limpopo**

The Girl Guides Association of South Africa aims to help realise the full potential of its membership through the development of life, leadership and outdoor skills.

CIET trained 28 youth peer educators (females between 14-27 years) who volunteer with Girl Guide troops in all districts across Limpopo Province at Thohoyandou in August 2004. The group of prospective facilitators was younger than most other groups (with several younger than 15 years).

- **Umgababa Grannies – KwaZulu Natal**

In contrast to the relatively young participants from the Girl Guides Voluntary Movement, a workshop in May 2004 involved female elders. These ‘grannies’, although usually not within the target group of most HIV/AIDS or sexual violence campaigns, can find themselves needing to support or advise youth around these issues and need to be able to facilitate informed discussion. Grandparents may be increasingly called on to care for their grandchildren as their own children become affected by AIDS.