OUR VISION IS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES TO EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH HIV AND AIDS AND CREATE AN HIV FREE GENERATION
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Respect: We value and respect all individuals, including staff, donors, participants and partners. We strive to foster a zero-tolerance environment when it comes to prejudice and discrimination.

Integrity: We are committed to the highest level of integrity.

Excellence: We dedicate ourselves to excellence in order to create concrete and lasting change.

Teamwork: We commit to a shared vision and take responsibility for the teamwork that is required to achieve the organisation’s goals.
Accountability: We are accountable for our actions and areas of responsibility in relation to donors, participants and partners.

Communication and Transparency: We are dedicated to maintaining a culture of communication and transparency, sharing and learning.

Inspiration: We work to inspire each other, as well as donors, participants and partners in order to achieve a common vision.

Collaboration: We believe in working with others, including the communities we serve, Government and donors to provide a strong support network.
A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

This Annual Report is dedicated to all the hardworking men and women at HIVSA, the passionate community partners we work with, and most importantly, the young women, girls, boys and adults we serve. Without you, we could not have gotten where we are today, 15 years later.

This year, like the past few years, has been challenging from a financial perspective, as donor priorities shift focus, and the intensity and form of the work we do has changed form to adapt to the demands of this changing landscape. Despite these shifts, our partnerships with the Community Based Organisations we work with have strengthened and intensified the impact of the work at community level. We are grateful for these partnerships as they give meaning to our firm belief and commitment to the fact that communities matter and we cannot contribute to lasting change unless we begin from this premise.

We are always grateful to the unwavering support and trust of the many donors and champions that believe in us and the work we do. Without your ongoing support, many of our beneficiaries would be without life-saving treatment and support for young people to reach their fullest potential.
THE HIVSA FAMILY

HIVSA staff 2017 at the Orlando Towers, Soweto, Johannesburg
“Even if I make a positive difference in one person’s life; that is significant because I may have been able to influence many more lives through that one person”

(HIVSA M&E Officer)
Promoting healthy communication between mother and daughter through “Lets Talk”
OUR AMAZING CHAMPIONS, DONORS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- Anova Health Institute (AHI)
- City of Joburg
- Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project (CTAOP)
- Department of Social Development
- DREAMS
- DREAMS Innovation Challenge (DREAMS IC)
- Discovery Fund
- ELMA Foundation
- FHI360
- Gauteng Department of Health
- JSI Research and Training Institute
- Johnson and Johnson Family of Companies
- Orange Babies Netherlands and South Africa
- PEPFAR South Africa
- Positive Action for Children (ViiV Healthcare)
- USAID
- Mrs Mary Struthers and her "Knitting Grannies"

We would like to thank you for making our work possible with your support!
Without the generous support and commitment of our donors and partners, we would not be able to deliver the many programmes we run.

We raised approximately R62 million in 2016/17.
Driving digital media interventions to empower and educate youth in sexual reproductive health and HIV
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

THIS IS HOW WE SPENT IT

Every Rand, Dollar, Pound or other funding goes directly to beneficiaries
Celebrating 15 years of service

Empowering the youth in our communities to remain HIV free
Community HIV Testing Services are provided in hard to reach areas where services are often inaccessible. Services target the whole family, including vulnerable children.
WHAT DIFFERENCE DID WE MAKE?

Community HIV Testing and Linkages to Health Services

Working closely with the Department of Health, we provide community based HIV testing services in hard to reach areas and find those who are HIV positive to provide testing and link them to care and treatment. We support the City of Johannesburg in and around Soweto, Orange Farm, Alexandra, and the Roodepoort areas.

We don’t only provide services to adults. We also provide HIV testing services for children and adolescents living with HIV to improve early diagnosis case finding and linkages to treatment/support, primarily to find children which were missed under Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) from age 5-14 years who might be living with HIV without treatment support.

We partner with Community Based Organisations providing HIV Testing Services in communities and also providing them with capacity building as part of improving the quality of their work, and introducing the RTQII model using the HIVSA QA (Quality Assurance) officers.
“The programme gives hope for all …… We can achieve more if we put our mind into it and assist clients to live a healthy lifestyle. Supporting individuals with an understanding that they are not a statistic. Transferring knowledge to community members to know their HIV status.”

(HIVSA HCT team member)
LINKING COMMUNITIES TO HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT

The Community Health Linkages project ensures that HIV positive clients tested by any community testing partner within the City of Johannesburg are successfully linked into care and are initiated on treatment. The project supports the second and the third 90s of the 90-90-90 cascade through providing the linkages into facilities, as well as providing treatment literacy and adherence support to patients in need to make sure that they are virally suppressed.

60 160 men, women and children received an HIV test
Our linkage officers use all means possible to ensure that clients go to the clinic to access treatment, including escorting clients to facilities and supporting the client throughout the journey to ensure that the client stays on treatment and is virally suppressed.

2056 people tested HIV positive, and of these, 876 are on life saving HIV treatment.
Success is when all HIV positive clients tested in the community are successfully linked into care and are initiated on treatment.
The Gogo Champions gave health talks to 3135 individuals in the community.
SENIOR CITIZENS LINKING COMMUNITIES INTO HEALTH SERVICES

The Gogo Champions provide health talks targeting young men and women on sexual and reproductive health, and distribute condoms and IEC materials in their communities and in their senior citizens clubs. The Gogo Champions are often retired social workers, nurses, teachers and others, who have the energy and the passion to give back to their communities.

“This project has given me a new lease on life. When I retired, I thought my life was over. Now I have the chance to give back to the younger generation, that they may live long and healthy lives and get to my age”

(Gogo Champion)
With a relationship spanning over close to 15 years, HIVSA and Johnson and Johnson have provided product support to bedridden patients in their homes to provide hygiene and comfort.
SUPPORTING BEDRIDDEN PATIENTS IN THE COMMUNITY WITH JOHNSON AND JOHNSON

HIVSA continued working with 23 CBOs and 2 Hospices to support bedridden clients with Johnson & Johnson care and hygiene packs in an effort to ensure that patients are taken care of with dignity.

Some of the clients and beneficiaries provided with J&J products are:

• Bedridden palliative care clients at CBOs including known HIV positive parents of children that could potentially have been exposed to HIV through their parents in order to promote case-finding of the missing HIV positive children within the City of Johannesburg

• HIV positive pregnant women that enrol and complete I ACT support groups at facilities
Care givers provide much needed information to the community.
EMPOWERING HIV POSITIVE PREGNANT WOMEN TO ADHERE TO TREATMENT

Through an information sharing program called I ACT (Integrated Access to Care and Treatment), HIV positive women in the facilities are empowered with the information and knowledge they need to take care of their health and adhere to treatment for themselves and their unborn children.

The project aims to reduce HIV infections and support the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV, through the provision of health education and information at community and health care facility level.

“...After getting tested I never went for counselling so that’s why I could not deal with my diagnosis. Coming to IACT helped me deal with my stress.”

(IACT participant)
Orphans and Vulnerable Children and youth provided with psychosocial support, child protection, HIV testing and economic strengthening services and support
SUPPORTING ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH (OVCY) TO REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL

The OVCY Support programme has largely focused on improving the quality of services offered to OVCY and their families with special focus being in the areas of child protection, psychosocial care and support, economic strengthening, youth and adolescents, HIV/AIDS (testing, access to treatment and linkages into care), health (health screening intervention), mapping and referrals systems strengthening so as to promote access to other crucial services that include Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision (VMMC) services. Through the health screening initiative, 22755 OVCY’s now know their HIV status.

“I feel happy that after health screening, I felt strong to do HIV testing and I know my status”

Tinyiko who was screened through the Health Screening Programme
Young girls and women were provided various packages of interventions to help them make informed and wise decisions about their lives, career and their health to ensure that they do not contract HIV.
EMPOWERING YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN THROUGH DREAMS

We are a DREAMS implementing partner in the City of Johannesburg’s priority sub-districts A, D, E and G. Our primary DREAMS interventions are Economic Strengthening and HIV Prevention education (Combination approach), Social and Protective Asset Building, Material assistance and Parenting /caregiver programs (Let’s Talk).

“I would have died, committed suicide if there was no DREAMS programme”.

Thando was feeling hopeless and demoralised because of the hardship she was going through in her life but the programme was a safe haven for her because she was able to off load her burden to the mentors.
“Before attending Let’s Talk I was so shy to talk to my daughter about sex. Now I am glad that through attending Let’s Talk I am now able to talk freely with my daughter about everything, even her sexual life”

Sihle, a parent who attended Let’s Talk
## Our Achievements

### CBO Institutional Capacity

59 CBO management staff were found competent in the Home Community Based Care (HCBC) Management Skills Programme

50 CBO management staff were trained in sustainability planning

42 CBOs were trained on effective case management for children

42 CBOs assessed using the USAID SIMS guide and found competent

### OVCY Programme Capacity

351 CBO Supervisors, Social Auxillary Workers (SAWs) and site implementers found competent in Thogomelo SKills Programmes

50 CBOs trained on referral systems and referring clients to healthcare services

40 individuals qualified as Social Auxilliary Workers

### DREAMS

4662 AGYW received social asset building training

6041 AGYW completed Let’s talk support groups aimed at getting caregivers and teenagers to talk to each other

2471 AGYW attended combination approach groups

23828 AGYW received material assistance
“I am inspired by the desire to see change in people, to see people being empowered so that they don’t only become effective in their jobs but empowering people for the betterment of their personal lives. I am also inspired by the quest to be a better man who makes contributions to the society through training”

HIVSA Trainer
IMPROVING QUALITY OF HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION THROUGH TRAINING OF NON-CLINICAL HEALTH WORKERS

HIVSA is an HWSETA accredited training provider with over 10 years of experience in the training field. We provide accredited and non-accredited counsellings skills programmes targeting both clinical and non-clinical health care personnel.

“To the youth of today, ....be the scriptwriters of your destiny and feature yourselves as stars that showed the way towards a brighter future.”

Nelson Mandela

Non clinical health care workers were provided with skills and information to deliver quality HIV counselling and testing services at community level.
Ntokozo Dube is one of the many beneficiaries who were trained on the Further Education Training (FET) programme, and got employed as a result. She is employed within the health sector as a linkage officer that assists clients to access HIV treatment. She says:

“I never thought I would be employed ……. by any company and earning a salary and not a stipend. I am so thankful to HIVSA and the DOH for the opportunity they afforded me to obtain a study bursary so that I can get a better future for myself and my son. The sky is the limit; this certificate is a stepping stone to better things”.

Ntokozo Dube

“I strive to help people believe in themselves again. Supporting the plan of decreasing the HIV infection rate”

(HIVSA HCT team member)
Choma magazine has reached youth between the ages of 15-24
Guiding and empowering our girls and young women to make healthy lifestyle choices
DIGITAL MEDIA INNOVATIONS TO REACH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Digital Media Programme aims to use innovative digital technology to facilitate positive knowledge, attitude and behaviour change of social community health interventions. One of its biggest and successful brands is Choma Magazine.

Choma Magazine, funded by the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project (CTAOP), now in its fourth year of project implementation, aims to engage young South African women between the ages of 15 and 25 years, through the platform of an interactive online magazine, accessible on mobile phones. Choma has reached 1,4 million young women and girls since inception in 2013. The digital magazine seeks to engage user interest in a wide array of popular lifestyle content, while the primary purpose of the magazine is to engage young women and girls on HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) issues. Choma is accessible via Web (www.choma.co.za), Facebook, Twitter, including newcomers to the magazine; WhatsApp and Instagram. In the previous funding period, Choma Magazine was also active on MXIT; however, MXIT had closed its operations in September 2016.
HIVSA with The Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project (CTAOP) & Pepfar, a thriving partnership with the goal to create an HIV free generation by providing safe connected spaces for girls and young women in communities.
Choma’s objectives are to contribute to an HIV free generation by developing and supporting an active community that’s informed, self-aware, empowered and inspired to take responsibility for their own SRH choices and are willing and able to influence others positively through the use of social media. This is aimed at supporting change in knowledge, attitudes and behaviours goals as set out below and our communication and engagement strategy addresses these in multi-faceted and integrated manner.

young girls and women aged between 15 and 25 accessed sexual and reproductive health information on their cellphones through our Choma Magazine
The specific CHOMA behaviour change goals are:

1. Delay sexual debut
2. Increase positive self-esteem and ability to make better choices
3. Know your status and increase demand for HCT
4. Increase and negotiate condom use
5. Increase STI care-seeking behaviour
6. Reduce number of sexual partners
7. Increase perception of risk
8. Increase safe sex behaviour and reduce risk
9. Increase demand of SRH services including contraception
10. Create demand for information on HIV and AIDS and increase dialogue and discussions on related topics.
Choma supports young women to be who ever they want to be.
These behaviour change goals are supported by integrating relevant and congruent health, SRH and lifestyle information and content, while instilling inspiration, motivation and empowerment. Discussion forums, social gaming, and various forms of engagement facilitate the interactive and dynamic aspect where users can receive immediate and direct feedback to their questions around SRH, HIV and AIDS, and general health issues.

The impact of CHOMA

Yes Choma that true hey someone that will never share your secrets with anyone and a person that will never talk behind your back. Anyway thanks Choma and will talk soon

Hi Chome.... I hope you fine. The reason I wrote you today is to let you know what going on in my life for the past weeks after we spoke. Me and my parents we fine again and since you told me to confront them... I did so and now they are supportive in everything i do and i apply tp SAPS, they called me an i went to write the physisohometric test and im crossing finger to pass so that i can go do the physical test... Im happy Choma and have self-esteem again because of you. Thank you so much and take care
Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project supports HIVSA in empowering girls through online education resources at the Choma Dreams Cafés to reach their full potential and to be the change they want to see.
Choma- Helping young girls and women find their inner ‘GIRL POWER”
CHOMA DREAMS CAFE’ S

The Choma Dreams Cafés provide a community based platform to inform, support, inspire and empower communities and adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) by providing access to internet and related resources including skills and enterprise development opportunities as well as partners including skills development, education and employment partners that will capacitate the youth and provide linkages to potential employment and/or internship outcome opportunities.

Choma DREAMS Café’s have been installed in Johannesburg and KwaZulu Natal (30 in Johannesburg and 10 in KZN)
HIVSA builds the capacities and resilience of people and communities to effectively deal with the impact of HIV.
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