

Exploring the Desires of HIV and AIDS Patients, Family Members and the Caregivers Associated with Zimbabwe's Community Home-Based Care Programs

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ABSTRACT This paper explores the desires of HIV and AIDS patients, their family members and caregivers associated with the Zimbabwe Community Home-Based Care Programs (CHBC). The study was explorative and descriptive in nature and it used a quantitative and qualitative design. The sample comprised of 100 HIV and AIDS patients, 50 primary caregivers and 10 secondary caregivers. Questionnaires and in depth interviews were used for data collection. The study found out that the desires of HIV and AIDS patients, family members and caregivers included the need for food, transport, treatment vouchers and other essentials. Also of high desirability were CHBC kits among primary caregivers and secondary caregivers, up to date knowledge or information about HIV and AIDS and various sustainability projects. It is recommended that the government and NGOs raise funds in order to provide the beneficiaries of CHBC programs with enough resources so as to improve their conditions and well-being.