

Gapa-Ba has become one of the most important institutions in the fight against the dissemination of HIV/AIDS and in the fight against prejudice and discrimination, which are often worse than the disease itself.

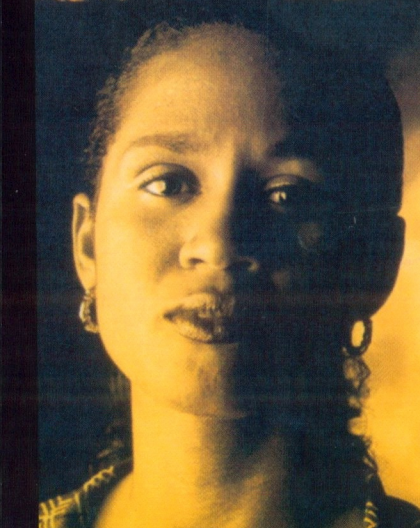
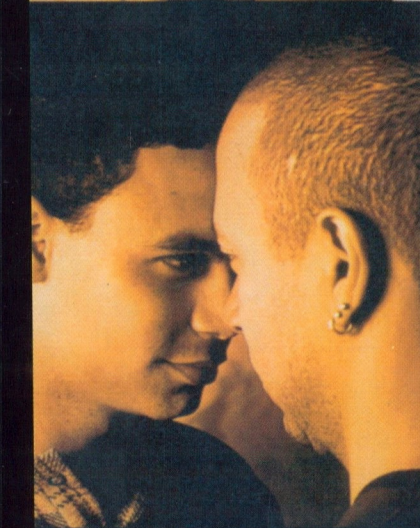
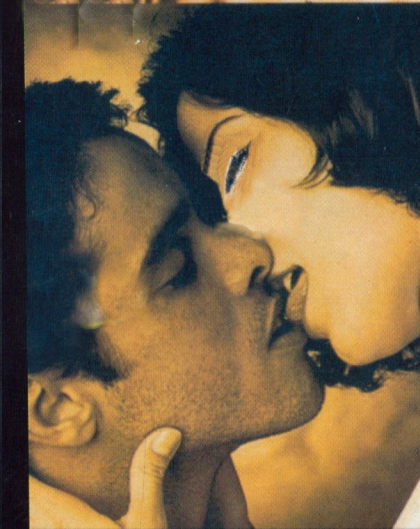
Anticipating the epidemic proportions of AIDS, following its tracks, understanding that it is a menace not only to specific groups but also to the society as a whole, and perceiving the subtleties of its spread, Gapa-Ba has been an authority as far as AIDS is concerned. Thus, for a long time, Gapa-Ba has been developing actions through tens of educational and assistance programs which represent today a great advancement in the control of the disease and in the reduction of the problems generated by AIDS.

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How it works

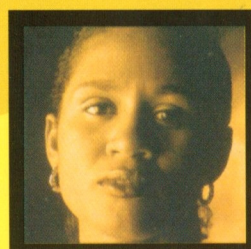
The Group of Support to the Prevention of AIDS of Bahia Gapa/Bahia is a civil, non-profit organization, recognized as an institution of public interest. Formed by a team of professionals and volunteers from diverse areas, Gapa develops a wide range of actions with the purpose of: promoting educational strategies for the prevention of AIDS; fighting the discrimination and the prejudice against people with HIV/AIDS; keeping track of and correcting public policies related to AIDS; and offering assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS and to their families.



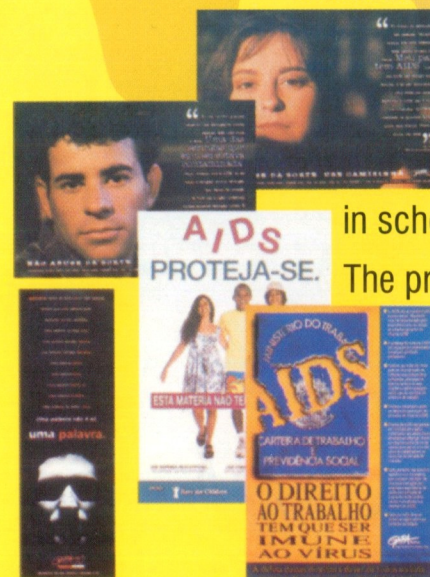
The work carried out by Gapa primarily aims at benefiting the most socially vulnerable population, which is mainly characterized by low income and low level of schooling. For planning, executing and evaluating its actions, Gapa/Ba is structured around an Executive Coordination and a Consulting Board.

Programs

Millions of people in the world live with AIDS. Every day thousands of people are contaminated with the AIDS virus. About 90% of the cases occur in third world countries. Nowadays women and adolescents are the groups in which AIDS spreads the fastest. Within such a context, Gapa-Ba groups its actions in pivotal areas:



socially excluded populations (with an emphasis on women); African-American population; slum residents; and men who have sex with other men. The Area of Adolescents has actions of prevention which are intended for poor suburban

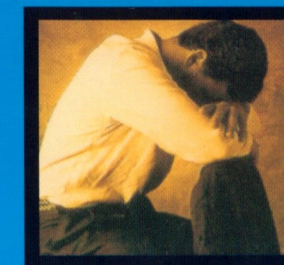


adolescents, adolescents in a situation of confinement, adolescents in schools, parents and teachers.

The prevention strategies also encompass publicity campaigns signed by Gapa/Ba, which are aired in the main means of communication in order

to reach larger parts of the population.

Always aiming at ensuring human rights and life quality to HIV/AIDS carriers, Gapa/Ba offers these people several kinds of assistance, such as psychotherapy (for both the carrier and his or her family), home and hospital visits, legal assistance, distribution of basic food items, ludic educational activities (for children with AIDS), and so on. The actions of the Area of Assistance have been crucial in order to reintegrate the person living with AIDS into the society.



The resources of gapa-ba

All of the actions that Gapa/Ba has been developing throughout its history are maintained with resources from foundations, international cooperation agencies, companies and individuals. Collaborating with Gapa/Ba means guaranteeing the continuation of these social actions, which are actually everyone's responsibilities. Your contribution in the form of financial donation and donation of goods and equipment, as well as in the form of engaging in volunteer work, is an exercise of citizenship extremely precious for life.