



time to **face facts...**

HIV hasn't gone away.

HIV is an issue for everyone.

A red ECG (heart rate) line graphic that starts on the left, moves up and down several times, then levels out to the right, ending in a final sharp peak.

ANNUAL REVIEW 2004

Foreword

By Sir Philip Bailhache, Bailiff of Jersey
Patron

I am particularly pleased to be invited to write a foreword to ACET Jersey's 2004 Annual Review having been a patron of the charity since it was founded ten years ago and having shared the concern of many last year when shortage of funds made its future seem uncertain. Thankfully, ACET has overcome the problems it faced last summer but the crisis highlights the plight of many small charities with no significant reserves whose existence can be threatened by the loss of vital grants or sponsorship.

Over the past ten years all ACET's resources have been used to develop and deliver an impressive range of community-based HIV prevention programmes which have played a significant part in ensuring that our young people, their parents and those who have come to work in Jersey have the knowledge and the skills they need to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The charity has won a reputation for delivering innovative and effective programmes and for its ability to communicate with those living on the margins of our community about the sensitive issues around HIV/AIDS, sexual health and drugs. Furthermore, it has not been afraid to tackle some of the fundamental social and educational challenges that will determine the ultimate success of any HIV/AIDS prevention programme.

The facts set out in this Annual Review speak for themselves. We are facing the threat of a global pandemic which has been described as the 'Holocaust of our day'. No country is unaffected. The European Commission issued a warning last September that Western Europe is currently facing the threat of new epidemics unless Governments step up their prevention activities. We cannot afford to ignore the warning. HIV has not gone away: it is an issue which affects us all.

I recognise the value and importance of ACET's prevention programmes and I am pleased to continue to give my support as patron and to encourage everyone with an interest in protecting the future health and well-being of all members of our community to do the same.



We must make people everywhere understand that the AIDS crisis is not over; that this is not about a few foreign countries, far away. This is a threat to an entire generation, it is a threat to an entire civilization...

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General
2003

Who we are and what we do

ACET Jersey is a member of the ACET International Alliance, a network of independent agencies and church-based organisations seeking together to encourage a Christian response to AIDS and related issues worldwide.

AIDS Care Education and Training Jersey was incorporated as a charitable association before the Royal Court in Jersey in December 1994.

The Associations objects are:

- the provision and promotion of education and other measures which will assist in the prevention of HIV/AIDS;
- the relief of need, sickness and distress of persons suffering from HIV/AIDS in any part of the world; and
- for such charitable purposes ancillary to the said objects as the Trustees may determine.

Values

The following 3 core values of the ACET International Alliance underpin the work of ACET Jersey:

Compassionate Care - for all who are affected.

Life-saving prevention - respecting the historic teachings of the church.

Effective training - with a holistic approach to personal and community development.

Governance

The Christian faith is a strong motivating factor for all involved in the work of ACET Jersey. All ACET Jersey's Members are Christians who are committed to expressing in their life and work something of the practical and unconditional love of God as shown to us in Jesus Christ.

The principal committee is the Board of Trustees, which has responsibility for the Association. Trustees are elected to office by the unanimous decision of the continuing Trustees.

Staff

ACET employs professionally qualified and experienced staff to deliver its services. In 2004 core staff comprised an Executive Director, a Multicultural Community Development Officer, an Executive Officer and an Office Administrator. In addition ACET employed 6 Skills for Life tutors, 6 Children's Workers and 2 ITC assistants to deliver special health and education programmes for people whose first language is not English.

ACET's main activities

ACET is an active member of Jersey's Sexual Health Strategy Group. Throughout the year ACET works in partnership with all the sexual health agencies on the island to deliver an integrated programme of sexual health promotion and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Increasing public awareness of HIV/AIDS

ACET runs the World AIDS Day Campaign in Jersey between September and December. In 2004 Standard Chartered Bank joined ACET in promoting HIV/AIDS awareness in Jersey. Activities included distribution of red ribbons together with information about HIV/AIDS and HIV testing, a public information stand, school assemblies and media coverage.

Improving HIV/AIDS awareness amongst teenagers

ACET's HIV/AIDS educator provides lessons and workshops about HIV/AIDS and related issues to support PSHE education in Secondary Schools.

Involving parents in prevention

ACET provides resources, training and support to help parents play an active role in prevention. ACET's Parent's Toolkit project ensures that every parent in Jersey with a child under the age of 12 years has a personal copy of a comprehensive resource pack to help them lay the right foundations. 10,000 copies were distributed free of charge in 2003/2004.

Reaching economic migrants

ACET is the only agency in Jersey reaching out to Jersey's large multicultural community with information and practical support about HIV and sexual health. ACET's Outreach Worker made over 1,500 personal contacts in 2004. A further 89 adults enrolled on ACET's innovative Health Literacy programmes for people whose first language is not English.

Targeting children at risk

ACET provides opportunities for personal development for challenging and disadvantaged children at a Saturday Kids Club and Play Scheme. In 2004, 109 needy children benefited from ACET's children's projects.

Training professionals

ACET provides comprehensive HIV/AIDS training for all Jersey's Children's Workers. In 2004 ACET trained 155 professionals in HIV/AIDS prevention.

ACET Jersey works in partnership with other voluntary and statutory agencies in Jersey to promote and deliver initiatives that reduce the spread of HIV.

ACET's initiatives raise awareness of the issues around sexual health, drugs and relationships.

ACET's interventions reduce vulnerability by providing individuals with the knowledge, confidence and life-skills they need in order to safeguard their own sexual health.

time to face facts...

Message from the Chairman

This Annual Review presents us with some disturbing facts concerning the relentless spread of HIV/AIDS both in the developing world and closer to home.

2004 saw the numbers living with HIV rise to over 38 million worldwide, with a devastating impact on individuals, families and whole communities. Although we are now seeing an increased commitment to providing testing, treatment and care for those affected in the developing world, the task is enormous and there is a long way to go before we will see any reduction in new infections.

New and expanding epidemics, fuelled by injecting drug use, are emerging in Eastern Europe, and in Central Europe most new infections are being recorded in Poland. Injecting drug use also remains an important factor in epidemics in Spain, Italy and Portugal, where the rates of new HIV diagnoses are the highest in Western Europe.

In Western Europe HIV diagnoses in people who were infected through heterosexual contact increased by 122% between 1997 and 2002, with a rise from 25% to 38% in the number of women being diagnosed with the virus during the same period.

Whilst widespread access to life-prolonging anti-retroviral treatment is reducing the number of AIDS deaths in Europe and the UK, UNAIDS reports that there are ample indications that prevention efforts are not keeping pace with changing epidemics.

In some countries, a large share of HIV infections remain undiagnosed. In the United Kingdom, for example, an estimated one third of people with HIV are unaware of their infection and are likely to discover it only once afflicted with AIDS-related illnesses.

Despite all the warnings, HIV in Jersey is still not recognised as a major public health or economic issue - by the media or by the Government. To date, there has been little or no investment by Government in essential surveillance and HIV testing programmes to monitor the spread of HIV on the island. Bearing in mind the fact that we have significant numbers of young economic migrants from all over Europe, in particular Eastern Europe, as well from Africa, Asia and Latin America coupled with growing evidence of an increase in unprotected sexual intercourse among young people, this is an issue that needs both to be better understood and urgent, positive action taken to address it.

All this makes the work of ACET crucial. In 2005 ACET is committed to securing political action to ensure we have policies, resources and services to meet the needs of people living with and at risk from HIV infection, whilst at the same time providing and promoting prevention programmes that help everyone in Jersey to recognise the HIV reality in the island and to play their part in prevention.

Message from the Executive Director

2004 has been a challenging year for ACET Jersey. Uncertainty about future government funding has caused us to examine our costs and prioritise our HIV prevention programmes to ensure that our scarce resources are used to maximum effect.

Our priorities for 2005 and beyond have been strongly influenced by the recommendations of recent major reports published by the **European Commission, the UK Medical Officer of Health and the UK Health Protection Agency**. All the reports emphasise the importance of recognising that we are still in the earliest stages of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and ensuring that governments in all European countries prioritise HIV/AIDS prevention programmes and promote HIV testing for those who have put themselves at risk, in order to stem the tide of new infections.

This report outlines ACET's key areas of activity in 2004. More than 50% of our resources have been directed towards ensuring that the large numbers of **economic migrants** who come to Jersey understand how to minimise the risk of HIV infection.

This is being achieved through our innovative community and **Skilled for Health** programmes which have the added value of improving literacy and employability amongst this marginalised sector of the island community.

The remainder of our limited resources were directed towards ensuring that our **children and young people** know how to avoid HIV infection and have the skills to put their knowledge into practice. **Parents** have a vital role to play here and that is why we are committed to ensuring that all parents in Jersey have the resources and support they need to talk to their own children about these sensitive issues.

We have clearly achieved a great deal over the past 12 months but there is still a long way to go. With the skills, expertise and commitment of ACET's team of trustees, staff and supporters, I am confident we will rise to the challenge.



CHAIRMAN
Brigadier Bruce Willing CBE



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Rosemary Ruddy

HIV hasn't gone away

Reports published in 2004

A number of significant reports were published in 2004, which show that the HIV/AIDS pandemic remains extremely dynamic, growing and changing in character as the virus exploits new opportunities for transmission. All stress that we are still in the earliest stages of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and that no region of the world has been spared. They highlight the urgent need for all governments to prioritise HIV/AIDS prevention programmes in order to stem the tide of new infections.

UNAIDS Report¹

This report warns that despite increased funding, political commitment and progress in expanding access to HIV treatment, the AIDS pandemic continues to outpace the global response.

The pandemic varies in scale or impact within regions; some countries are more affected than others, and within countries there can be wide variations in infection levels.

The report emphasises that HIV estimates—whether they are based on household surveys or surveys of pregnant women—need to be assessed critically as the pandemic evolves. Achieving 100% certainty about the numbers of people living with HIV globally, for example, would require repeatedly testing every person in the world for HIV – which is logistically impossible.

Asia

The epidemic in Asia is expanding rapidly. This is most evident in the sharp increases in HIV infections in China, Indonesia and Vietnam.

Africa

An estimated 25 million people are living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. There appears to be a stabilisation in HIV prevalence rates, but this is mainly due to a rise in HIV deaths and a continued increase in new infections. Prevalence is still rising in some countries such as Madagascar and Swaziland, and is declining nationwide in Uganda.

Eastern Europe

Eastern Europe and Central Asia continue to have expanding epidemics, fuelled by injecting drug use. Strikingly more than 80% of the 1.3 million living with HIV in this region are under the age of 30. Estonia, Latvia, the Russian Federation and Ukraine are the worst affected countries, but HIV continues to spread in Belarus, Kazakhstan and Moldova. Russia, with over three million injecting drug users, remains the worst affected country in the region with 1 adult in every 100 infected with HIV. This is a 50-fold increase in the last 10 years.

United States and Western Europe

An estimated 1.6 million people are living with HIV in high-income countries. The majority of these who need anti-retroviral therapy have access to it, so they are staying healthy and surviving longer than infected people elsewhere. In both the United States and Western Europe infections are on the rise.

European Commission Report²

This report reveals that the number of newly reported cases of HIV infection in Europe has doubled over the past nine years. The authors warn that the European Union and its neighbouring countries now face the threat of a new epidemic unless governments show strong political leadership in the following areas:

- *preventing the slackening of safer sex practices;*
- *improving access to HIV testing and health care for all, especially migrant and excluded populations; and*
- *maintaining prevention activities as a priority.*

Report of the UK Chief Medical Officer³

In his report for 2004 the UK Chief Medical Officer highlighted HIV as a key UK health priority and recommended that there should be an increase in activities to ensure early diagnoses and minimise the chance of infecting others. He proposes that HIV tests should be offered and recommended to:

- *All individuals attending a sexual health clinic for the first time.*
- *All patients attending with syphilis and gonorrhoea.*
- *All heterosexuals who have had unprotected sexual intercourse in a country with high HIV prevalence.*

In addition, he recommends that all gay men should be encouraged to have an annual HIV test even if they have not had a sexually transmitted infection or have attended a sexual health clinic.

UK Health Protection Agency Report⁴

This report provides UK figures for new diagnoses of HIV infection, showing an increase of 20% in one year. The reports states that prevention is the key to reducing the growing burden of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and recommends the following three-pronged approach aimed at those most at risk from HIV and sexually transmitted infections:

- *Sexual health education.*
- *Opportunities to screen those with no symptoms.*
- *Early diagnosis and treatment of those infected.*

It states that each HIV infection prevented can save between £500,000 and £1 million in treatment and lost productivity, and can also save the significant social costs placed upon those who have become infected.

¹UNAIDS: 2004 Report on the global AIDS epidemic.

²European Commission working paper: A coordinated and integrated approach to combat HIV/AIDS within the European Union and in its neighbourhood, September 2004.

³Report of the UK Chief Medical Officer of Health, 2004.

⁴UK Health Protection Agency Report, November 2004.

THE FACTS...

Worldwide

38 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.

5 million people are infected every year.

14,000 people are infected every day.

AIDS has claimed 20 million lives since 1981.

AIDS claims the life of a child every minute.

Europe

Newly reported cases of HIV infection has doubled in 9 years.

1 adult in every 100 in Russia and the Ukraine has HIV.

In Western Europe 580,000 people are living with HIV.

HIV is an issue for everyone in Jersey



Many people in Jersey are ignorant of the facts about HIV/AIDS and complacent about the risk of HIV infection. Raising awareness in the local community and challenging complacency amongst both politicians and the general public is one of ACET Jersey's priorities.

Our Aims

- To improve everyone's knowledge of the facts.
- To challenge complacency and prejudice.
- To equip people with the knowledge and skills they need to prevent the spread of HIV.

What we did in 2004

• Printed Information

ACET produced and distributed a wide range of printed information about HIV/AIDS and sexual health in both English and Portuguese.

• Information Campaigns

The theme of last year's World AIDS Day Campaign was **Time to Face Facts-HIV hasn't gone away. HIV is an issue for everyone.** ACET's activities included media briefings, briefing of student representatives, school assemblies, distribution of red ribbons, street collections and information stands. Students from Jersey College for Girls, De la Salle College, Hautlieu School and Le Rocquier School organised events in their schools and gave up their Saturday to help with the WAD Information Stand and give out red ribbons in St Helier.

In addition, Standard Chartered Bank hosted a media briefing at their offices and sponsored an advertisement in the Jersey Evening Post on World AIDS Day. Discussions are continuing with the bank with a view to piloting a new HIV/AIDS Awareness in the Workplace initiative in 2005.

• Health and Safety Training

ACET provides education and training about HIV/AIDS for people in the workplace. ACET is the HIV/AIDS training provider for the Jersey Child Care Trust. In 2004 ACET provided comprehensive training

in HIV/AIDS prevention and associated issues for 155 Children's Workers.

We believe everyone has the right to a bright future

Let's fight HIV together!

At Standard Chartered we believe that by acting together through education, training and counselling programmes, we can help combat HIV and AIDS. That is why we have taken on the task of educating our employees worldwide about the disease. In 2005, Standard Chartered Jersey will be working with ACET Jersey to share what we have learned with our island community. You can find out more about our campaigns at the Standard Chartered Group website at www.standardchartered.com

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Projected Outcomes

- A reduction in risky sexual and drug behaviour.
- Improved HIV/AIDS awareness and workplace practices.
- Increase in take-up of HIV testing amongst those who have put themselves at risk of infection.
- Early detection of HIV infection leading to minimisation of spread.
- A reduction in future treatment costs.

THE FACTS...

UK

50,000 people are living with HIV.

1 in 3 HIV positive people are unaware of their status.

The number of new diagnoses is increasing at the rate of 20% per year.

Jersey

Number of HIV positive people currently unknown.

Many people are ignorant of the facts and complacent about the risk of HIV infection in Jersey.

HIV is an issue for parents in Jersey

One of ACET's key objectives is to support and equip parents to play an effective part in prevention. Parents have a critical role to play in supporting the development of healthy self-esteem and ensuring that their children have the knowledge and skills they need to resist the many pressures upon them to become sexually active at an early age.

ACET's Parent's Toolkit project gives parents the confidence and skills they need to help them talk to their children at home about sex and relationships.



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Our Aims

- To provide resources, training and support for parents to help them talk appropriately to their children about sex and relationships.
- To help parents support the development of healthy self-esteem.
- To improve partnerships between parents and schools in the provision of sex and relationship education.

What we did in 2004

Parent's Toolkit Project

10,000 parents and carers of children under the age of 12 years received a personal copy of a unique user-friendly resource pack of clear information and practical tips to help them talk to their children about all the issues around sex and relationships including HIV/AIDS. The Toolkit has been developed by ACET Jersey and won the Chartered Institute of Marketing Award for Excellence in 2003. The Toolkit is also being translated for distribution in Slovakia as part of the ACET International prevention programme.

A second edition was commissioned in 2004 and a further 1,000 copies are being distributed in 2005. ACET plans to further develop the project by publishing a similar resource for parents of teenage children and providing training and workshops for parents to acquire the skills outlined in the toolkit.

Projected Outcomes

- Improved family relationships.
- Improved self-esteem amongst young people.
- Improved partnerships between parents and schools.
- A reduction in risky sexual behaviour.
- Improved sexual health of young people in Jersey.



'I think it is a tremendous achievement, and will have a big impact on schools. I shall certainly be asking them how they are using it—a resource like that is too good to waste.'

Dr. Pauline Buzing, OFSTED Inspector.

THE FACTS...

JERSEY

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Figures published by Jersey Brook show 1225 attendances for the Morning After Pill in 2004 indicating an increase in unprotected sex amongst children and young people.

Jersey Brook is reporting a huge increase in sexually transmitted infections including Chlamydia and Syphilis amongst young people.

HIV is an issue for children and young people in Jersey

Throughout the UK and in Jersey there are growing numbers of children and young people becoming sexually active at a young age. They are particularly vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections and HIV infection. Jersey Brook is reporting an increase in young people infected with Chlamydia together with an increase in attendances at the clinic for the morning after pill. 1225 attendances for the morning after pill were recorded at the Brook clinic in 2004. All these young people are putting themselves at risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections and HIV.

Our Aims

- To work with schools to improve children's and young people's knowledge of HIV/AIDS.
- To support programmes that encourage the development of healthy self-esteem and positive relationships.
- To provide opportunities for personal development for children at risk of drug misuse and early sexual behaviour.
- To confront prejudice and help break down the stigma of AIDS in society.

What we did in 2004

HIV/AIDS education in schools

- ACET provided education about HIV/AIDS and related issues for more than 1,500 secondary school students in 2004.

Saturday Kids Clubs

- In 2004, ACET targeted children who are at risk of being pressurised into drug misuse and early sexual behaviour by providing play schemes run by qualified Play Workers on Saturday afternoons for 109 vulnerable and hard to reach children. The play schemes are run in partnership with the Centre Point Trust Children's Resource Centre and provide opportunities for personal development and the development of positive relationships. Sadly government funding for these projects has been cut for 2005.

HIV/AIDS training

- ACET trained 155 Teachers and Children's Workers in HIV/AIDS awareness in 2004.

Projected Outcomes

- Improved awareness of HIV amongst children and young people.
- An improvement in self-esteem and positive relationships.
- A reduction in risky sexual behaviour.
- A reduction in new infections and a reduction in treatment costs.
- A reduction in prejudice and discrimination.



THE FACTS...

15-24 year olds account for nearly half of all new HIV infections worldwide.

New infections are increasing throughout the 25 EU member States, particularly in the 15-25 age group.

Sexually transmitted infections including chlamydia and gonorrhoea are increasing among young adults in Western Europe showing a resurgence of unprotected behaviour among young people.

High levels of drug-related and unprotected sexual behaviour are the forerunners of emerging HIV/AIDS epidemics.

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HIV is an issue for economic migrants living in Jersey

More than 15% of people living in Jersey are economic migrants whose first language is not English. The majority are Portuguese but there are increasing numbers coming from Poland, Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, China and Thailand. They work in the hospitality, farming, construction and retail industries and also take up jobs as domestic and office cleaners, and care assistants in the island's nursing homes and hospitals.

Many economic migrants living in Jersey have a poor educational background and low levels of literacy in their own language. Many are marginalised and struggle not only to learn English, but also to understand important health messages and access health services. Many work long hours and live with their families in overcrowded and unregistered housing. They can suffer serious hardship, as economic migrants do not qualify for Jersey welfare benefits until they have lived in the island for more than 5 years.

The European Commission report, summarised elsewhere in this review, emphasises the importance of prioritising HIV prevention work with migrant and excluded communities, especially those from countries where HIV prevalence is high. ACET Jersey has been ensuring economic migrants understand the risk of HIV infection and know how to protect themselves for the past eight years. No other agency in Jersey has similar experience and reach into this significant sector of the Jersey community.

Our Aims

- To ensure economic migrants understand how to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- To provide education and training in the skills needed to put knowledge into practice.
- To reduce vulnerability by providing opportunities for personal and community development.

“ Last year ACET reached people from more than 15 countries with information and education about HIV/AIDS. ”

What we did in 2004

Outreach Work

ACET's Outreach Worker provided education and support about HIV and sexual health for people from 15 different countries in 2004. She made 1,656 contacts (an average of 36 people every week) in 2004.

Multicultural Community Development Project

This project operates on Saturday afternoons. It provides a Drop-in Centre; an assisted Open Learning Centre; Skills for Life/Skilled for Health programme of tutor led classes for people with low levels of literacy; and two children's play schemes. An average of 98 people attended the project every week in 2004. 16 places on the assisted Open Learning Centre project were provided each week. 109 children attended the Children's Clubs.

Skilled for Health Programme

89 adults with low levels of literacy enrolled on the Skilled for Health programme of tutor led classes, which provide English language teaching and embedded Health Literacy education including education about HIV prevention.

Publications

The Outreach Worker distributed 1,000 copies of ACET's bi-lingual Guide to Sexual Health in Jersey to newly arrived workers.

Improved opportunities for learning

ACET actively campaigned for improved educational opportunities for economic migrants and specialised training and resources for language tutors to improve the provision of ESOL and Skills for Life education in Jersey.

Projected Outcomes

- Improved awareness of HIV amongst economic migrants.
- Improved self-esteem, independence and integration.
- A reduction in risky sexual behaviour, new infections and treatment costs.
- Improved parental involvement in their children's education.
- Improved employability.

THE FACTS...

A large number of economic migrants in Jersey have low levels of literacy and struggle to understand important health messages.

Last year ACET reached people from more than 15 countries with information and education about HIV/AIDS.

Over the past 10 years ACET Jersey has earned a reputation for reaching marginalised sectors of the Jersey community which other agencies struggle to reach.

Personal stories of a few of the people ACET helped in 2004



Everyone who joins ACET's Community Development Project receives information and education about sexual health and HIV prevention together with confidential advice and support if they need it.

Maria

Maria, her husband, brother and sister-in-law are all in their 20's. They work together on a farm. They have two children aged 4 years. The family came from Portugal when the children were 2 years old. Although they had lived in Jersey for 2 years the children spoke no English and had never attended a nursery or playgroup. Maria came to ACET for help because she could not read the term dates or fill in the forms for the children to start school. The four adults joined Skilled for Health classes and the children attended the crèche. The children had great difficulty in interacting with other children and did not appear to know how to play. ACET staff worked with both the children and the parents showing them how to play and helping the children to integrate with other children. ACET contacted the Jersey Child Care Trust who offered free nursery places for the children prior to their starting school in September. Unfortunately the parents were unable to take the children to the nursery as they began work early in the morning. The two women continue to attend classes on the Community Project and rely heavily on ACET for help in communicating with their children's school



Workers from Portugal and Poland are recruited to work on Jersey farms.

Dalia

Dalia came to Jersey in 2004 to work in a hotel leaving her husband and 2-year-old son in Poland. She joined ACET's Open Learning Centre to learn English. Four months later her husband and son joined her and she accidentally became pregnant. She confided in ACET's Community Development Officer who gave her information about sexual health services in Jersey.



Many economic migrants work in the construction industry in Jersey.

She was directed to the sexual health clinic, as she did not qualify for subsidised medical fees because she had not been resident for more than 6 months. At the clinic she misunderstood the information she was given and became very distressed when one of the options offered to her was termination of pregnancy. She returned to ACET in shock and with a desperate plea for help. ACET arranged an appointment with a Polish-speaking doctor who arranged her antenatal care. Meanwhile her husband, a construction worker, joined ACET's Skilled for Health classes to improve his English and their young son attended the children's crèche. The little boy was in very poor health and often very distressed but the parents were reluctant to seek medical advice because of the cost. ACET's Children's Project Manager was able to advise the parents about the importance of seeking medical treatment and as a result the child was diagnosed and received surgery for an ear infection and treatment for conjunctivitis. He is now much happier and beginning to play and integrate with other children.

THE FACTS...

Portugal has the highest rate of new HIV infections in Western Europe.

Most new infections in Central Europe are being recorded in Poland.

80% of the 1.3 million infections in Eastern Europe and Central Asia are among people aged 30 and under.

140,000 people are living with HIV in Italy.



THE FACTS...

1 in 60 people are infected with HIV in Thailand.

1.6 million people are living with HIV in Latin America.

7.4 million people are living with HIV in Asia.

5.1 million people are living with HIV in India.



An increasing number of local men are bringing home wives from Thailand.

“ The cost of living is high in Jersey and migrant workers often have to work long hours to make a living and support their families. ”

Oi

Oi moved to Jersey when she was just 19 from a small village in the north east of Thailand to marry a local resident. They now have a daughter who attends a local primary school. Oi left school when she was 13 years old; she had only received 6 years of primary education in Thailand. She joined ACET's Skilled for Health classes in September 2003, after being on the waiting list for three months, in order to learn English to deal with the household correspondence. She had great difficulty understanding letters from the income tax department, her child's school, the General Hospital and her bank. Oi is now able to pay the bills and reply to most of the mail she receives. She is keen to continue studying with ACET because she would like to help her daughter with her school homework.

'I took my daughter to the doctor last week, it was the first time I had taken her by myself.'

Fon

Fon is in her late 40's. She works in a laundrette. She has lived in Jersey since 1992 and is married to a Jersey man. She only went to primary school for 4 years in Thailand and was keen to learn English.

As all ACET's classes were full, she joined the waiting list and attended the Open Learning Centre with her husband to support her. Later she joined a class and now continues to use the Open Learning Centre with her husband who is also keen to help other students. Fon feels very much part of the Project and is keen to integrate and help out wherever she can.

Antonio

Antonio is 34 years old. He came from Caracas in Venezuela where he had only completed two years of secondary schooling. He works full-time in a local laundry and part-time as a glass collector at a local nightclub. He works very long hours in order to support his wife and children back home. He joined ACET's Community Development Project in 2001 knowing virtually no English. He has made excellent progress and is now graded an Entry Level 2 learner. Antonio is very involved in the project, helping to distribute newsletters and arrange social activities.

'It is very important to learn English, everyone who lives in Jersey needs to understand English!'



Isabel

Isabel is from Maderia. She is unable to read or write in Portuguese. She works as a Care Assistant in a local nursing home and was sent to ACET to learn English by her employer so that she can work towards obtaining her NVQ level 1 qualification, which is a requirement for her job. Isabel's standard of literacy was too low for her to join a Skilled for Health class. Isabel attends the project with her 8-year-old daughter for 3 hours every Saturday, during which time ACET

provides one-to-one tuition for her and a play scheme for her daughter. Isabel is making steady progress and her self-confidence is improving week by week.



Jersey has an ageing population and an increasing demand for Care Workers.

Yao

Yao has been working as a chef at a Chinese takeaway for over 9 years. He joined ACET's Community Development Project in September 2002 with three colleagues who all come from Macao. They all came to Jersey on Portuguese passports but they speak no Portuguese and do not share any cultural traits with Portuguese people. Yao finds learning English very difficult and has great problems with pronunciation. However, he is very motivated to improve his English especially since he was mugged in St Helier and had problems understanding letters from the Police and Magistrates Court. During this time, he relied heavily on ACET staff to help him read and reply to letters. More recently, Yao has had difficulty completing his income tax form and needed further help. Yao is no longer able to attend lessons because his hours at work have changed and he is now required to work on Saturdays. He hopes in future that he will be able to attend a lesson mid-week, but unfortunately there are currently no other classes available on the island that cater for his low level of English.



Many migrants find work in the retail, catering and hospitality industries.

Conceição

Conceição is 36 years old and came to Jersey 15 years ago from Madeira. She attended classes at ACET's Community Development Project for three years and left last year on the successful completion of the Cambridge Preliminary English Test (Entry Level 3 standard), which she passed with merit. Conceição was funded by Headway to attend classes after she was run over by a car in St Helier. The accident left her in a coma for a number of months and meant that she lost her job at a local restaurant. Conceição decided to take this opportunity to improve her reading and writing skills, which were very poor, a reflection of her low level of literacy in her first language. She still attends the drop-in each Saturday to socialise, discuss problems with the Community Development Officer and to use the Open Learning Centre. She has also started to do some voluntary work for Headway at the General Hospital where she meets people with head injuries and provides support.

“ Isabel attends the project with her 8-year-old daughter for 3 hours every Saturday, during which time ACET provides one-to-one tuition for her and a play scheme for her daughter. ”

THE FACTS...

120,000 people are living with HIV in France.

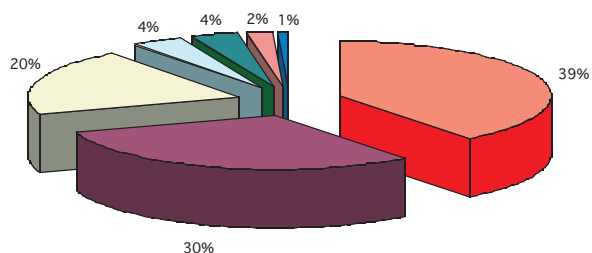
50,000 people are living with HIV in Portugal.

The epidemic is expanding rapidly in Asia, home to 60% of the world's population. 1.1 million people were newly infected in the region in 2003.

25 million people are living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa.

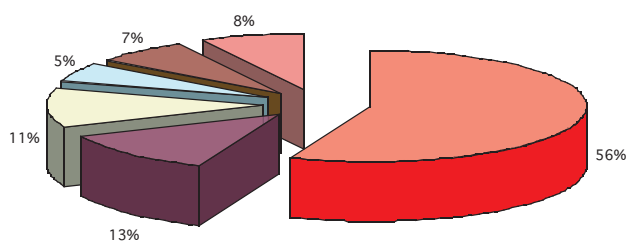
Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2004

Income £139,126



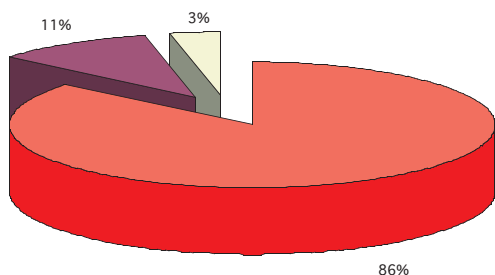
- Health and Social Services Committee £55,000
- Companies and Trusts £41,989
- Education Sport and Culture Committee £27,700
- Churches £5,520
- Tax recovered, bank interest and course £4,945
- Private donations £2,772
- Home Affairs Committee £1,200

Expenditure £175,768



- Economic migrants £98,547
- Children and Schools £22,081
- Parents £19,639
- HIV training £8,904
- Central administration £12,870
- Fundraising £13,727

Expenditure £175,768



- Staff costs £151,444
- Overheads £18,501
- Printing £5,823

As a voluntary organisation with exceptionally low overhead costs ACET provides outstanding value for money.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2004

ASSETS	£
FIXED ASSETS	
Equipment	4,895
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash at bank in hand	15,986
Net current assets/(liabilities)	701
TOTAL	21,582
FUNDS	
RESERVE FUNDS	
brought forward	58,565
DEFICIT for the year	(36,983)
TOTAL	21,582

SPONSORS

We would like to thank all those who have supported ACET Jersey's work in 2004 with gifts and sponsorship, especially those who have given regularly to our work.

CHURCHES

Methodist Church Multi-Racial Projects Fund
Parish Church of St Ouen
St George's Church
St Paul's Church

COMPANIES and TRUSTS

BBC Children in Need
BBC Radio Jersey
Elizabeth V A Rouse Settlement
I.T Consult Limited
James Roberts Memorial Trust
Lloyds TSB Foundation for the Channel Islands
Moriarty Charitable Trust
Rhein Main Charitable Trust
Robert Hall Foundation
Sir James Knott Trust
The Globe Charitable Trust

STATES OF JERSEY

Health and Social Services Committee
Education Sport and Culture Committee
Home Affairs Committee

The ACET Team

ACET STAFF

(in post at 1 January 2004)

Core staff

Rosemary Ruddy, Executive Director
Ana de Oliveira, Multicultural Community
Development Officer
Alexandra Blake, Executive Officer
Julie Tabier, Office Administrator

Part-time contract staff

Marco Caries, Kid's Club Manager
Jayne Hill, Children's Crèche Manager
Francesca Plater, Children's Worker
Terry Garcia-Coles, Children's Worker
Sizaltina Robertson, Children's Worker
Conceição Ribeiro, Children's Worker,
Joanna Stayte, Skills for Life Tutor
Martin Postlethwaite, Skills for Life Tutor
Anne-Marie Pinto, Skills for Life Tutor
Andrew Rouillard, Skills for Life Tutor
Angela Wilson, Skills for Life Tutor
Ross Mantle, Skills for Life Tutor
Ana Cochrane, ITC Assistant
Alex Hopkin, ITC Assistant

ACET TRUSTEES

Michael Wavell (*Chair until October 2004*)
Jennifer McDonald (*until July 2004*)
Jonathan Crowther (*until September 2004*)
Reginald R Jeune CBE (*until September 2004*)
George MacRae (*until October 2004*)
Deputy David Crespel (*until November 2004*)
Iris Le Feuvre MBE (*until December 2004*)
Rosemarie Hill
Brigadier Bruce Willing CBE (*Chair from October 2004*)
Malcolm S Lewis (*from September 2004*)
Rev Ray Speck (*from September 2004*)
Norris Syvret (*from September 2004*)
Philip Slater (*from November 2004*)

ACET PATRONS

Jersey

Sir Philip Bailhache, Bailiff of Jersey
The Very Rev. John Seaford, Dean of Jersey
The Very Rev. Canon Nicholas France
RC Dean of Jersey
Rev. Ian White, Superintendent Methodist
Church Jersey
Clive Barton FCA FIM, Moore Stephens

UK

Gerald Coates, Team Leader,
Pioneer Churches
Sir Cliff Richard OBE

“ Each HIV infection prevented can save between £500,000 and £1 million in treatment and lost productivity and can also save the significant social costs placed upon those who have become infected. ”

Red ribbon image courtesy of National AIDS Trust.

Please pass this Annual Review on to friends or colleagues.

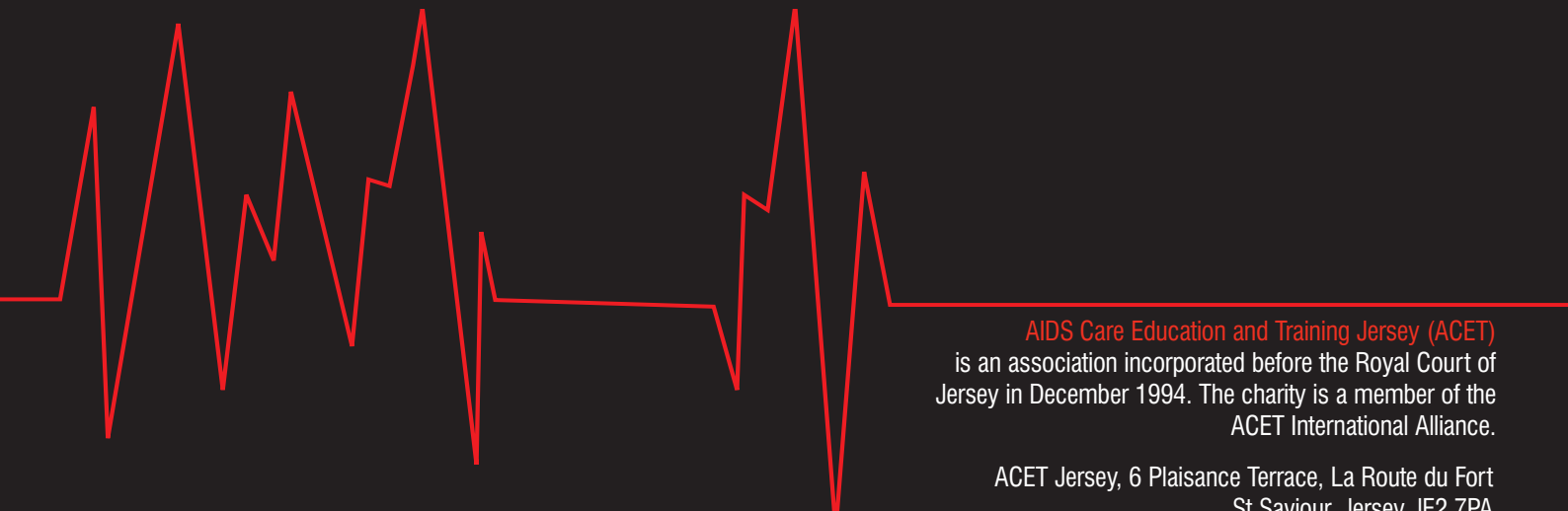
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ACET has a reputation for delivering innovative and effective HIV prevention programmes to a high standard.

Our reputation is based on the quality of our staff and trustees and on a set of core competencies and institutional strengths that stem from our achievements..



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AIDS Care Education and Training Jersey (ACET)
is an association incorporated before the Royal Court of
Jersey in December 1994. The charity is a member of the
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