

# AIDS Awareness Swaziland

**SWAZILAND** is a small country about the size of Wales in Southern Africa. It has a population of just over a million people. Swaziland has one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS infection in the World.



*One of the major problems that Swaziland is facing*

*is the number of children orphaned by AIDS. The AIDS awareness project has set up several schemes to help orphaned and vulnerable families support themselves.*



*Providing a hot meal for children orphaned by AIDS*

The incidence of HIV/AIDS is very high in the rural areas of Swaziland. The reason for this is the lack of access to AIDS counsellors and health care facilities in rural parts of the Country.

Sr Benedicta organises workshops and seminars with trainers from SHAPE, FLASK and other NGOs on AIDS related issues. These include learning how AIDS is spread, as well as how to look after a person who is ill with AIDS. The project provides transport for people to go to seminars or will arrange for seminars to be held in rural areas.



The project has started a poultry scheme to help vulnerable children. The aim is to see that the children will look after the poultry and use the proceeds to support themselves. They have also started a vegetable garden for the orphans.



*Orphans learning to make and sell hand-crafted goods*

As well as schemes to help orphaned and vulnerable children support themselves, the project also tries to pay school fees for the children. Education in Swaziland is not free, so they try to find money to pay fees for as many children as can be managed. All the money for this has to be raised by voluntary donations.



Sr Benedicta would value any help that you could give the project. You can contact her

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If you would like to make a financial contribution please send donations to the Bursar OHP at the above address.

*Cheques payable to:* The Order of Holy Paraclete, specifying that it is for AIDS Awareness Swaziland.

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**Thank-you!**