

**VCCT scene in HIV/AIDS Office in N'djamena.**



In collaboration with the medical section, the HIV/AIDS team has conducted voluntary confidential counselling and testing for more than 100 Minurcat staff in Abeche and N'djamena.

The mission personnel have the right to know his/her HIV status through voluntary confidential counseling and testing (VCCT) without fear of reprisals or discrimination. This is a critical component in influencing behavior, fighting stigma and discrimination and preventing further transmission.

## Meeting with Women's associations, Abeche.



HIV/AIDS Unit is supporting UNAIDS and others actors on/ through HIV/AIDS initiatives in the area of operation and Chadian national strategy through capacity building activities. However, the Unit is neither the lead nor a primary actor in supporting national HIV AIDS responses.

## Graduation Ceremony, Ecole Nationale de Police, N'djamena.

MINURCAT HIV/AIDS section attended the event.



## UNPOL Orientation Training in N'djamena



From April 2008 the HIV/AIDS in collaboration with other sections and partners has trained all new arrivals in the mission in N'Djamena: 436 civilians, 237 UNPOL, 43 MLO, 28 other UN staff.

In collaboration with Gender Unit the HIV/AIDS Unit has also trained 50 focal points including 14 female UNPOL on HIV/AIDS and SGVB related to sexually transmitted infections in post- conflict country.

## DIS awareness session, Ecole Nationale de Police, N'djamena.



The HIV/AIDS Section has developed induction training sessions for Chadian Police DIS (Détachement Intégré de Sécurité), more than 700 DIS.

### **UNPOL Peer Educator Training in N'djamena, November 2008**

33 UNPOL have been trained as Peer educators and will serve as additional focal points and trainers for their peer and DIS.



HIV peer education is a key strategy that plays on group dynamics and peer pressure, which is often exaggerated in mission settings and promotes more than awareness, behavioral changes.

### **Celebration of World Aids Day in Abeche**

In collaboration with UN Agencies, NGOs in Abeche more than 108 UN staff participated to the celebration. Two movies: “Living in a world with HIV and AIDS” and “Epidémie de l’ombre” were shown to the participants.

Radio broadcast with Inter-News on HIV related issues by a group of HIV/AIDS professionals and religious leaders. The representative of ministry of health in Abeche commented on the global epidemiologic situation of HIV/AIDS with emphasis on Africa where the epidemic is more intense. The HIV/AIDS regional coordinator spoke on the institutional framework and the national strategy put in place in the fight against HIV/AIDS. MINURCAT chief of HIV/AIDS Unit emphasized on HIV/AIDS Unit’s mandate within the mission to support UNAIDS initiatives and all relevant agencies, and develop strong partnership with NGOs. Activities such as VCCT that have not been fully developed in areas such as refugees/IDPs camps will be given the utmost support in the near future.

The representative of people living with HIV encouraged the population to get tested for HIV. Her testimony of being HIV positive and commitment to antiretroviral drugs was a positive sign of our fight against HIV/AIDS.

Under the auspices of the DSRSG and the representative of Chadian Government a meeting with religious leaders was held in Abeche because of their importance in the fight against HIV in their community. The representative of CNLS expressed his utmost satisfaction for the massive turnout of religious leaders and presented the HIV epidemiologic situation in Abeche and the surrounding area. The DSRSG highlighted the mandate of MINURCAT, the importance of religious leaders in decision making and their opinions, behavioral changes and attitude will positively impact the community and society as a whole. The DSRSG congratulated all religious leaders for their participation and commitment to fight the spread of HIV within the community.

### Educative discussion with women's associations, Abeche.

Educative discussion between women's associations and MINURCAT HIV/AIDS staff has been held in Abeche. The objective of this discussion was to sensitize them on HIV/AIDS: modes of contamination and prevention and importance of Voluntary Confidential Counseling and Testing (VCCT).



Fourth Medical Symposium of General Hospital of N'djamena



## Role Play by CRAC members, Abeche

MINURCAT HIV/AIDS section in collaboration with “Club de Reflexion et d’Action Culturelle (CRAC) of the University of Abeche organized a one day outreach activity. More than 247 students attended the event. The opening session focused on sensitization on HIV/AIDS (definition of HIV/AIDS, mode of transmission and prevention) Voluntary confidential counseling and testing. This session was followed by a role play performed by members of CRAC on risky behaviours, the impact of knowing ones HIV status and the necessity of treatment and care for people living with HIV. At the end of the session about 45 participants volunteered for VCCT.

