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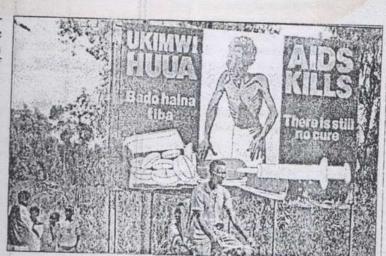
GTZ/IDF Launch AIDS Prevention campaign In Furu-Awa

Bamenda (Mezam)- A laudable campaign to sensitive the population of Furu-Awa subdivision on the perils of STDs/AIDS was launched last Monday by a Bamendabased NGO (Integrated Development Foundation-IDF) with the logistical and financial support of the GTZ (German Technical Cooperation). A team of four took off from Barneada aboard a chartered helicopter for the exercise that will last till September 2001. This is the first experience in Cameroon where a whole division (Menchum) will be sensitized, village after village and with HIV carriers giving testimonies. Lessons learnt from this programme will help to extend prevention reas of the country and also ped activities to wait for the ket "and "country sunday":

to decentralize the fight dry season around November special days where people

there are no roads but footpaths, and transportation is on foot It takes just 35 minutes to fiy by helicopter from Bamenda to Furu-Awa! But it takes three days (for a serious dy conducted by the IDF trekker) to go from Wum to Furn-Awa. Because the area is seriously enclaved, the people of Furu-Awa lack the basic information on HIV/AIDS.

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Such a poster is imperative in Furu-Awa (culled from AR)

the North West province, the at the border with Nigeria.. a way emphasis on Furu-Awa? not know bad roads...every- the other. It's an enclaved subdivision (day Cameroonians are infec- Young people have several Furu-Awa."

shows that Furu-Awa is a sensitization campaign is cerfertile subdivision for the pro- tainly a stitch in time that pagation of AIDS. Prior to saves nine! this initiative, little or nothing had been done to sensitize Cognizant of deplorable wea- the people on what AIDS is

campaign was almost called lot of traders pass by require off because of the rainy sea- places to sleep and this evenson. According to Mrs. Ousse- tually leads to prostitution . matou Dameni (coordinator There exist local risky pracother remote IDF), the NGO "almost stop- tices like the "Njumba mar-AIDS to local comor December before going to have the 'liberty' to frolic
Furu-Awa. But STDs/AIDS do from, one sexual partner to

Meachan division) where ted. Luckily, the GTZ has pro- sexual partners and hardly vided transport facility by protect themselves. Worse still, helicopter to the team of IDF some underestimate or doubt to sensitize the population of that AIDS exist. Others believe it exists, but think it's Without mincing words, a stu-transmitted by dogs, monkeys or mosquitoes. The current

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