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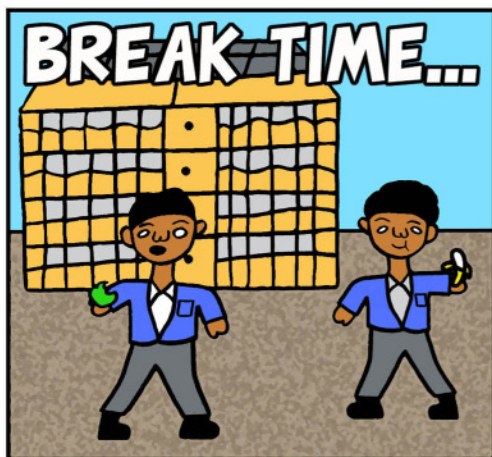
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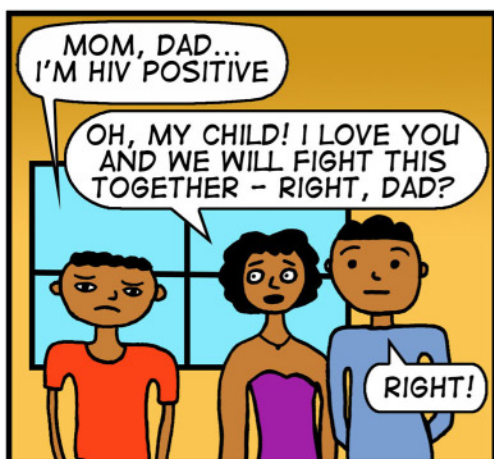
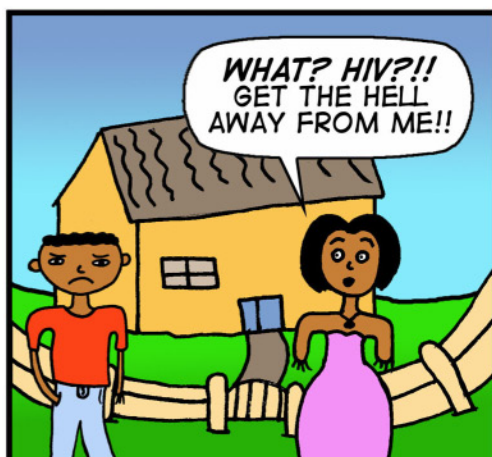
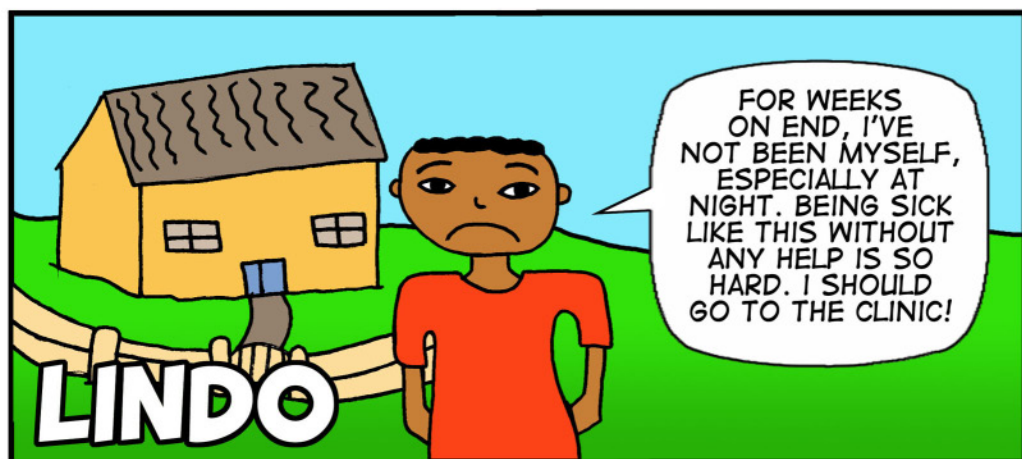
**BE
SMART!**

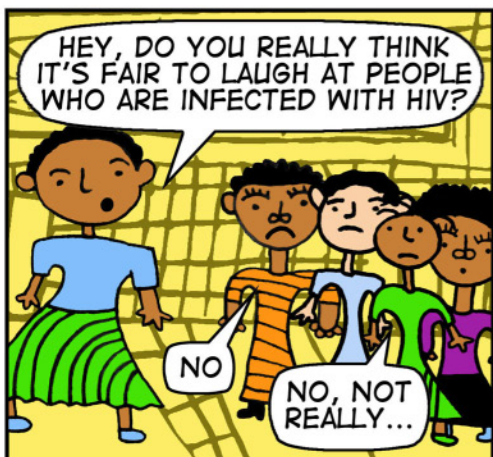
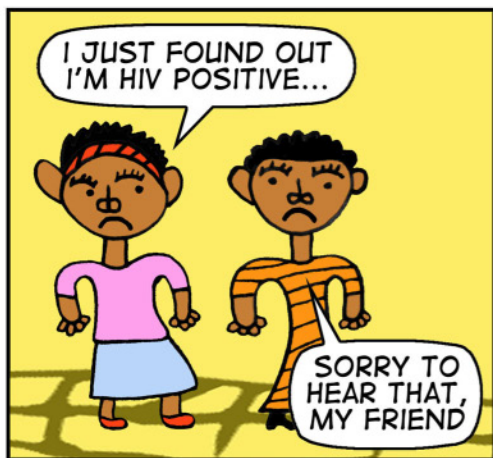
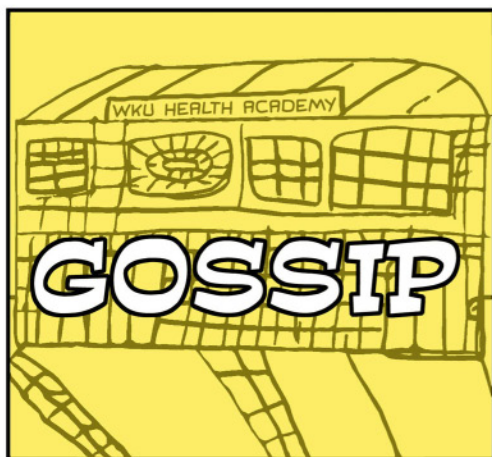
**BE
SAFE!**



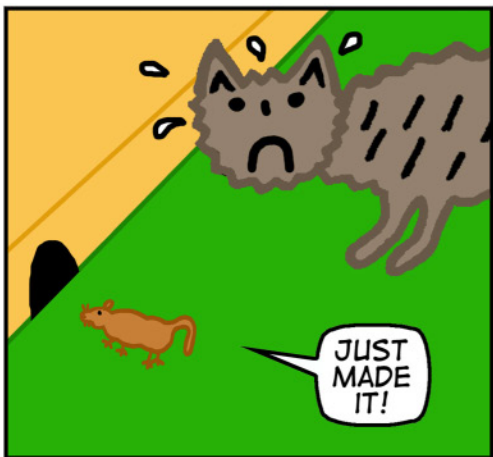
READ ALL ABOUT HOW
WKU IS TACKLING **HIV**
THROUGH FOOTBALL AND
COMICS WORKSHOPS!







CAT AND MOUSE IN THE HOUSE





Young people are the major casualties of HIV infection across Africa. **WhizzKids United (WKU)**, founded in 2005 by **Africaid**, has revolutionised the way youth HIV prevention information is delivered. Instead of the formal education approach based on the ABC message (Abstain, Be faithful, Condomise), WKU has 'broken out' onto the football pitch to use football as an analogy to teach the life skills that young people need to stay safe and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.



Football for Life:

Key messages from WKU



Set **goals** in life and plan the right **tactics** to achieve them



Know your **team** (friends, family, WKU staff) - they can help you overcome challenges



Know how to **tackle** HIV & AIDS with the help of staff at the **WKU Health Academy**

WKU HEALTH ACADEMY

WhizzKids United's Health Academy was launched in 2010 to provide a complete football-led package of prevention, care, treatment and support services. To date, 35000 young people have benefited from WKU's programmes.

Since 2012, WKU has also been running a series of comics-drawing workshops. The workshops are a safe environment for the young people to share with counsellors their feelings about HIV, opening the way for more effective support and healthcare provision. They also learn how to create stories relevant to others in their community.

WKU is keen to extend its work with young people with or at risk of HIV, but needs funding to do so. To find out more or to make a donation, please visit our website:

www.whizzkidsunited.org or find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WhizzKidsUnited



WKU Health Academy

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Edendale
Pietermaritzburg 3216
South Africa
(in front of Edendale
Hospital)

Tel: 033 395 4683

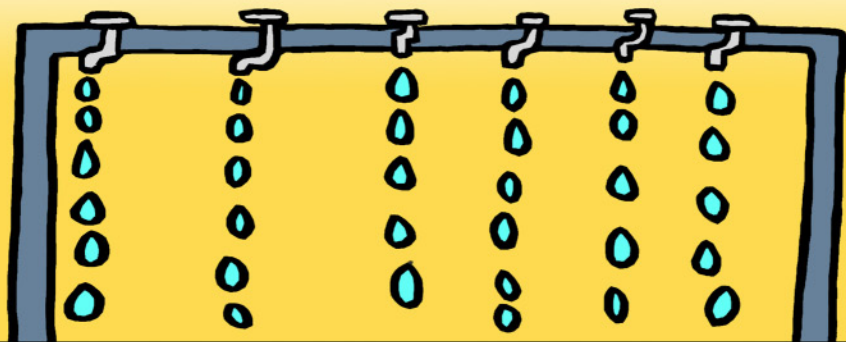
Open Mon-Fri 7am-6pm
(in winter 5pm) plus some
Saturdays, please enquire



The friendly staff at the Health Academy

**Everyone welcome,
no appointment needed!**

THE WASTED WATER



OH NO!
THERE ISN'T
ANY WATER
AGAIN! HOW
WILL MY
FAMILY WASH
OR DRINK?



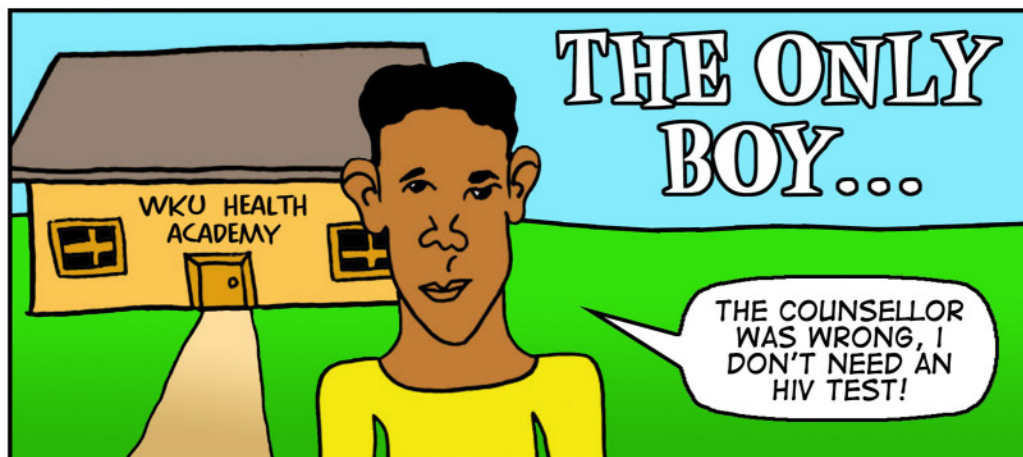
WHAT CAN WE DO?



NOW THERE'S PLENTY FOR
EVERYONE!



MAKE IT
HAPPEN WITH
TEAMWORK!



WHAT IS HIV LIKE?



The stories in this booklet were written and drawn by 15-20 year-olds at a WKU Youth Development Workshop at the WKU Academy, Edendale, Pietermaritzburg. The workshop was part of a research collaboration between WhizzKids United, RSA and Cardiff University, UK. The pages of artwork were digitally coloured and lettered by an award-winning British cartoonist so that the comic-strips can be read clearly and look their best.



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LOLA'S STORY

WHEN I WAS DIAGNOSED HIV POSITIVE, I CRIED FOR DAYS



SO I WENT TO GET SOME COUNSELLING



MY PARENTS ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE



NOW I VISIT SCHOOLS TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT HIV



THEY NEED TO LEARN ABOUT HIV AND HOW TO STAY HEALTHY



I'VE GOT HIV, BUT MY LIFE ISN'T OVER, IT'S JUST BEGUN...

