



Moyia O'Brien is an Occupational Therapist who, together with her twin sister Dorothy, worked for almost 60 years in the field of disability. In the early seventies they realised there was a great need to provide a place for people who were not catered for by another organisation as they were deemed unsuitable because of their complex problems. So they decided to set up a place where these people could come on a daily basis to experience more fulfilment in their lives by providing programmes that would help them to grow and achieve their full potential in an atmosphere of love and security. This presented many problems, but with dedication, enthusiasm, divine help and the care and co-operation of many people it was achieved, and S.W.A.R.A has continued to grow and develop into the wonderful organisation it is today, admired and respected not only in Australia but throughout the world. They believed that "If your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it, you will achieve it." Moyia has received many awards from the government and other organisations in recognition of her work. She is happy to still be personally involved with S.W.A.R.A's activities and is President of the S.W.A.R.A committee. She is invited to many countries each year to give talks on love and service and endeavours to make life better, not only for people with disabilities, but for everyone with whom she comes in contact.



Rev Dr Sebastian Ouseppampil is Director of The Catholic Health Association of India. He is assigned to Kohima, Nagaland, India. He has a doctorate from the Pune University on 'Integrated Medicine', a Post Graduate-Diploma in Social Development, St F.X. University, N.S., Canada and a Masters in Public Health from New York Medical College, New York. In the last two decades, he has held several administrative positions that include administrator St Johns Medical College and Administrative Resident for Vincent de Paul Hospital in New York.



Nduka Ozor holds mass communication qualifications from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Nduka coordinates the Mgbala Agwa Youths Forum, a HIV/AIDS community based service organisation that came into being in response to the growing incidence of "unexplained" deaths in the community of Mgbala Agwa, (a community of about 100,000 people). Nduka leapt into community education on HIV through the collaboration of United Nation Volunteer services, which helped him source resources with which he began his community enlightenment campaign programme. That idea paid-off when from over 450,000 miles away in Istanbul Turkey, Miss Gunay assisted the organisation to source over 20,000 books on HIV/AIDS in prints and CD, which today accounts for over 40 percent of the resources in the community library and its extended services in Lagos, Nigeria. Nduka and his friends founded an NGO called the Centre for HIV/Aids and STD Research, (CHISTRE). Today CHRISTE fills the gap crated by other polity mass media organisations in the dissemination of HIV/AIDS information in Nigeria. CHRISTE also came up with a magazine called 'Positive Nation'. Positive Nation today is Nigeria's first and only HIV and sexual health magazine distributed free of charge to over 5000, nationwide.



Apurva Pandya is a clinical Psychologist working as a counsellor with Lakshya Trust, Vadodara the first and only community-based organization working on the issues of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention among the homosexual and bisexual male population in Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot. Apurva is also a Resource person for HIV/AIDS counselling to Project Support Unit and Gujarat State AIDS Control Society, Ahmedabad. He has recently begun working as a Research Assistant at the Population & Health Innovative Programme, Population Council of India, New Delhi. Apurva has been awarded sponsorship from the Resource Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS, New Delhi to facilitate participation in "International training institute on HIV/AIDS Counselling and Psychosocial Intervention" organized by Cell for AIDS Research Action and Training, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.



John Pettit is currently a Team Leader of the Basic Education Development Project an AusAID funded development project supporting the Papua New Guinea Education sector. He previously was Deputy Team Leader of the Curriculum Reform Education Project in PNG, a project he had helped design. John has also worked on World Bank projects in the Solomon Islands. Prior to this, John had extensive experience in the NSW, Australia school education sector, with a focus on teacher professional development, faculty and school leadership development and parental and community engagement. John's interests lie in collaborative and collegial approaches to development strategies, with a strong focus on evidence-based decision making and participatory approaches to monitoring and evaluation.



Dr. Prasanna Poornachandra holds a doctorate in Criminology from the University of Madras, Chennai. She is the founder trustee and presently the Chief Executive Officer of the International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care (PCVC). PCVC is a registered non profit trust working for victims of violence, especially interpersonal violence. The organisation was started in 2001 and has since grown to provide multiple support services to women victims of violence at home. Prasanna has travelled widely and presented papers at national and international conferences. She gives guest lectures at various colleges and also the Police Training College, Chennai.