

# THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (ANGLICAN)

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## ISISEKO SOKOMELEZA

In April 2003, the Anglican Church in Southern Africa launched its first provincial campaign in response to the HIV & AIDS pandemic sweeping through our region. **Isiseko Sokomeleza – “Building a Foundation”** - is a partnership between the Church of the Province of Southern Africa (Anglican) and Christian Aid, funded by the British Government’s Department for International Development (DFID).

The programme’s primary aim is to mobilize the church at all levels to join the struggle against HIV & AIDS. Each of the 23 Dioceses which constitute the Church of the Province of Southern Africa was asked to appoint a Diocesan HIV & AIDS Coordinator who would help to build capacity on a parish level to plan, implement and sustain projects which would address the effects of HIV & AIDS on their congregations and communities.

By encouraging education of all, and Christ-like compassion and care for those affected, the Programme aims to shatter the stigma, denial and discrimination surrounding the disease, and to bring its vision to fruition: a vision of a generation free from AIDS.

Isiseko Sokomeleza provides monthly funding to each of the dioceses, as well as providing additional funding for the following types of projects:

- Home-based care projects
- Projects for orphaned and vulnerable children
- Voluntary counselling & testing projects
- Wellness management projects
- Counselling projects
- Youth projects
- Projects promoting prevention of the spread of HIV