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I am interested in disability-inclusive development and public health pharmacy. Currently, my work is focussed on sexuality/HIV and disability. I obtained a PhD in Behavioural Medicine from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2011. As a public health practitioner and researcher, I like to contribute to making our society 'fit for all'—irrespective of disability status. This I do, through research and development works on accessibility of basic services to people with disabilities. I am a role model of what societies stand to gain by giving individuals with disabilities a chance.

Topic

Breaking the silence and closing the gap: accommodating young people with disabilities in sexuality education through sensitising educators in Southern Africa: training implementation and evaluation

CURRENT RESEARCH

Methodology

- Capacity development of teachers of learners with disabilities to discuss sexuality and HIV education in accessible formats
- Technical supports during classroom implementation of HEARD's sexuality education guidelines
- Process evaluation of the intervention (training sessions) and classroom implementation

Application

As first of its kind in Africa, it brings evidence of what is practicable in terms of teachers' delivery of school-based sexuality education to learners with disabilities in an African context

UKZN main Publications

- Aderemi, T. J. (2013). Teachers' perspectives on sexuality and sexuality education of learners with intellectual disabilities in Nigeria. Sexuality and Disability. http://link.springer.com/journal/11195/onlineFirst/page/1 doi:10.1007/s11195-013-9307-7
- 2. Aderemi, T. J., & Pillay, B. J. (In press). Sexual abstinence and HIV knowledge in school-going adolescents with intellectual disabilities and non-disabled adolescents in Nigeria. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Mental Health*.

Past Researches

- 1. Aderemi, T. J., Pillay, B. J., & Esterhuizen, T. M. (2013). Differences in HIV knowledge and sexual practices of learners with intellectual disabilities and non-disabled learners in Nigeria. *Journal of the International AIDS Society, 16, 17331. http://www.jiasociety.org/index.php/jias/article/view/17331 doi:10.7448/IAS.16.1.17331*
- Aderemi, T. J., Mac-Seing, M., Woreta, S. A., & Mati, K. A. (under review). Predictors of utilization of voluntary HIV counseling and testing services by people with disabilities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. AIDS Care

Future Interests

- 1. Sexual and reproductive health services for women and girls with disabilities in Africa
- Operations research in disability-inclusive development works
- 3. Experiences of patients on modified-release dosage forms in Africa

Extra Interests

Travelling, fundraising for disability causes, swimming