

THE DIOCESE OF LONDON
Lent 2003 HIV/AIDS Appeal for ALMA
Report as at December 1st 2004

	£
Donations (including tax recovery)	132703
Interest	5143
	137846
Design and production of materials	(9816)
Amount available for grants	128030
Grant to Kubatsirana (Note 1)	(10000)
Amount available for our linked dioceses	118030

	Sent	Held	Total
Diocese of Angola (Note 2)	22978	16365	39343
Diocese of Niassa (Note 3)	25141	14202	39343
Diocese of Lebombo (Note 4)	0	39344	39344

1. **Kubatsirana** operates from Chimoio, a town in central Mozambique on the main road from Beira to Zimbabwe. It's an ecumenical Christian association created in June 1995 to work with local communities in the fight against HIV/AIDS by helping to reduce the spread of the virus (through education and awareness raising) and by helping to alleviate its consequences (through care and support). Although situated within the **Diocese of Lebombo** it is not actually connected with it. Concerning other schemes within this diocese, please see note 4 below.

2. **The Diocese of Angola**

The long civil war in Angola, for all its horrors, isolated communities from the high rates of infection in neighbouring countries. As borders and roads open and people move more freely, now is the time for huge emphasis on prevention. The Diocese of Angola's *Fight against HIV/AIDS and STDs Project* concentrates heavily on education for the most vulnerable groups, especially the young. It is being operated from Luanda and other centres near the borders - Cabinda and Uige in the north and Cunene in the south.

At Bishop Andre's request we are holding £16365 in London at the Church of England Board of Finance (CBF) until 2005, where it's earning interest for the eventual benefit of their scheme.

3. **The Diocese of Niassa**

Niassa is spending some of the money to train priests and catechists in the pastoral care of people living with HIV/AIDS and to raise the profile of the pandemic in the diocese - a workshop was held at diocesan synod in late October. A substantial sum (£18,000) has been allocated to educate young people on the causes and prevention of HIV/AIDS and, in so doing, will mobilise related projects in parishes throughout the diocese.

At Bishop Mark's request we are holding £14202 in London at the CBF until 2005 when they will decide how to spend this sum.

4. **The Diocese of Lebombo**

Two sound suggestions have been made to Bishop Dinis concerning the allocation for his diocese and his comments on these are awaited.

Hugh Watkins
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