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**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HIV/AIDS  
INFORMATION DISSEMINATION SERVICE (SAFAIDS) RESOURCE  
CENTRE IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO ORPHANS AND  
VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVCS) IN MBARE.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of the study was to assess the role of SAFAIDS resource centre in the provision of HIV/AIDS information to OVCs in Mbare. The researcher used the descriptive survey research design and data was gathered using questionnaire, interviews and document analysis. The study sample was drawn from OVCs residing and are within one kilometer radius from Mbare Musika. OVCs aged between 12 to 24 years were targeted as there the age groups which need parental care and guidance most as they approach adulthood, are emotionally, economically unstable and are sexually active. It is this age groups which is more vulnerable to HIV infection and need information to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The study highlighted some of the problems affecting OVCs and described the role of SAFAIDS resource centre in providing information services. For many OVCs libraries continues to be viewed as a place for books and used primarily for study and not for accessing health care information especially HIV/AIDS information..