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AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DISSEMINATION OF HIV AND AIDS INFORMATION TO STUDENTS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS: A CASE OF THE MKOBA TEACHERS COLLEGE, MTC IN GWERU.

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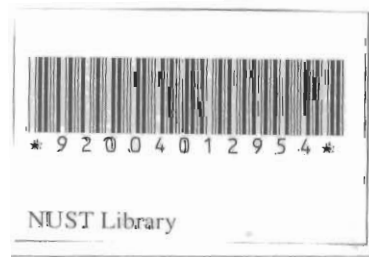
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## ABSTRACT

Given the issue of the high prevalence of HIV and AIDS among youths, the study sought to investigate how HIV and AIDS information is disseminated to students at MTC. The researcher concluded that the high HIV prevalence among the youths may be attributed to a lack of adequate information on HIV and AIDS. Given this background the researcher chose to target students in tertiary institutions, because most youths in Zimbabwe are absorbed in to tertiary institutions. According to the literature review, the response of most tertiary institutions across Southern Africa to HIV and AIDS is passive. The survey descriptive research method was employed to conduct the study, whereby questionnaires were administered to twenty randomly selected students at the institution. Interviews were also conducted with two administrators, who are responsible for the Health and Life Skills department. It appears that there are some HIV and AIDS programmes at MTC, mainly in the form of formal lectures and peer education programmes. It also seems that most students acknowledge the need for HIV and AIDS information. However, there are some challenges which both students and administrators encounter in acquiring and disseminating HIV and AIDS information respectively. These include limited formats of information dissemination as well lack of funding for information dissemination programmes. In order to counter these loopholes, it is recommended that MTC strengthen its partnerships with more NGOs. The project gave referrals to NGOs which could assist the institution boost its HIV and AIDS information dissemination programme.