



# ARISE HIV Crisis Fund a source of fortitude

**'With the help of ARISE, I have been able to tackle life – and appreciate it a day at a time. This is more than just a ray of hope – it's a lifeline' ARISE service user**

With over 15 years experience of working with Black Communities and HIV, Black Health Agency (BHA) is one of the leading organisations providing health services to Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the UK.

For the past five years BHA has successfully delivered the Arise HIV support Project. ARISE works with individuals and families from BME communities affected by or living with HIV/AIDS. Many clients are of African people living in the region. Arise offers emotional support, befriending and advocacy as well as material support such as meals and where appropriate essential items such as furniture, bedding, and cookery equipment. This is especially the case if they have fled their country of origin, or cannot work due to their health, immigration status or responsibilities to care for those close to them. To access a source of support, it is vital that a person feels their need will be understood in a cultural and social context. Already working closely with clients around health and welfare, BHA is well placed to offer a service which provides holistic care and support to individuals living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

We have set up 'ARISE HIV Crisis Fund' to raise funds which will enable us to provide sustained practical support to clients.

If you would like to contribute or discuss ways in which you can help, please call BHA on 0161 232 5385/6.

## **What does your support mean?**

ARISE Project Workers offer high quality advice, support and welfare to all their clients. These workers are funded through local authority grants, and other mainstream funds.

Such grants do not fund all the personal and family essentials that many of us take for granted, but that many of those living with, or affected by, HIV/AIDS cannot afford. Sometimes it's a matter of paying for the ingredients for a traditional African meal, or providing children's bedding when a refugee family finds a home but have no belongings.

By making a donation to ARISE HIV Crisis Fund you can really make a difference to the life of families and individuals we work with.

## **Business support**

Donations don't have to be money. If you are a business which would like to help the Crisis Fund you may be able to provide an extra dimension of support.

In the past local firms have donated toys at Christmas, electrical goods, or even skilled labour when it was needed, such as electrical work or plumbing. In fact some of the really critical demand is for people to help when, say, a cooker has broken down and there's no money to fix it or the sink is leaking and a plumber costs too much.

Also, if you choose, your business can become a regular supporter. If you are interested in becoming a corporate partner to the ARISE HIV Crisis Fund please contact us for a sponsorship pack which explains the benefits to your organisation.

## Make a donation today

To donate to ARISE HIV Crisis Fund simply complete the donation form and send it with your cheque to the address below. Any amount you give to the ARISE HIV Crisis Fund is most appreciated and valuable to our work.

## Regular donations

Making a regular donation to our work is an excellent way to support ARISE.

By contributing regularly you can help us plan the support we can give and provide a measure of stability to those who need it most. That way they will know we will be here if they need us.

If you wish to make a regular donation to the Crisis Fund you can ask at your bank for a standing order form and fill it in. All you will need is Black Health Agency's account number and sort code:

**Account Number 10023728   Sort Code 16-25-14**

Regular donations can of course be stopped at any time, simple by informing your bank that you wish to do so.

You can also make a single donation at the bank by giving them a cheque or cash and asking for it to be paid into our account.

## Gift Aid *giftaid it*

Don't forget, if you Gift Aid your donation its worth an extra 28% at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer for every £1 you give we can claim 28p. If you pay by Trust or business cheque, or by charity voucher this will not apply. Note: you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year.

Registered Charity Number 1079727

## Donation form

I would like to donate towards the ARISE HIV Crisis Fund

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make your cheque payable to 'Black Health Agency')

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick here if you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf

Please return this form, with your cheque to: ARISE HIV Crisis Fund, Black Health Agency, 464 Chester Road, Manchester, M16 9HE

Thank you for your support, on behalf of all our clients



Black and Minority Ethnic men and women represent the fastest growing group of people affected by HIV in the UK today.

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aims to address this. Help us to make a difference to those individuals and families that are living with, or have been affected by HIV/AIDS. Your help is needed. Together we can make a positive future for our communities.

