



EEA's Africa Partnership



EEA is very pleased and proud to be a partner in the *BE - Beyond Epilepsy Program*, developed by our own Laura Jurasek, Nurse Practitioner at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton and a six-year veteran and Past President of the EEA Board of Directors.

In many countries in Africa more than 90% of the people who have epilepsy are untreated. Epilepsy is thought to be contagious, a psychiatric disorder, or a result of demons. Persons with epilepsy are shunned, institutionalized, or simply hidden away.

Beyond Epilepsy is a program supported by the International League Against Epilepsy in collaboration with the Tanzania National Nurses Association, Ministry of Health in Tanzania, Tanzania Training Centre for International Health, and the Edmonton Epilepsy Association. Through Education, Awareness and Advocacy, *Beyond Epilepsy* is striving to change misconceptions about epilepsy, increase awareness and ultimately help persons with epilepsy in Africa live productive and meaningful lives.

With your help, *Beyond Epilepsy* can implement an Epilepsy Educational and Management Program in the districts of Ulanga and Kilombero in rural Tanzania for 25 frontline health care providers in January of 2014. This program will give frontline health care workers the tools they need to diagnose and treat persons with epilepsy; it will give community leaders the information needed to help change the stigma attached to having epilepsy and the ability to spread the word among all community members.

One of the long-term goals of *Beyond Epilepsy* is to see firstly the incorporation of the Epilepsy Educational and Management Program into the nursing curriculum in Tanzania, and subsequently into other African countries.

This work cannot happen without generous financial support from people like you. **100% of your donation goes directly to the program implementation.** Help bring Epilepsy Out of the Shadows in Africa.

Please make donations payable to:

Edmonton Epilepsy Association/Beyond Epilepsy
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