

## THANE Project Ramps Up Efforts to Train Tanzania's Nurses in HIV/AIDS Care

Twinning Center partners at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences School of Nursing and the University of California-San Francisco School of Nursing are ramping up their efforts to train 289 nurse tutors from Tanzania's 62 nursing schools on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.

With funding from PEPFAR and the CDC, partners trained a group of 18 nursing faculty as master trainers in May 2007. In August, these master trainers began training their nursing school colleagues on the Tanzania HIV/AIDS Nursing Education (THANE) curriculum, which was developed by partners in close cooperation with the Nurse Training Unit at the country's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

As of September 30, the master trainers had trained 25 nurse tutors representing 12 nursing schools in the Eastern Zone of Tanzania.



THANE master trainer Angasyege Kibona leads a training session during the August workshop in Dar es Salaam.

"For most of us nurse tutors, the THANE training is the first HIV/AIDS training we've ever had," says Angasyege Kibona, master trainer and nurse tutor at Muhimbili Diploma Nursing School.

"It's opened our eyes to the dramatic changes in HIV/AIDS services around the country. Nurses are on the frontlines in hospitals and health centers, so if nurse tutors are able to better prepare their students on HIV/AIDS, the quality of services will increase considerably," she stresses.