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Stefan Germann has been involved in HIV/AIDS and development issues with the Salvation Army in Southern Africa for over 13 years. His focus has been on children affected by HIV/AIDS. In 1998 he started the pioneer Masiye Camp programme, which provides psychosocial support for orphans. This led to his involvement in starting the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) for sub-Saharan Africa in 2002, with the goal to scale up psychosocial support to children affected by HIV/AIDS in the SADC region. This initiative is mitigating the long-term negative impact of HIV/AIDS on human security in the region. Stefan is presently studying towards a D Litt & Phil on HIV/AIDS and Social Change.