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Prologue



This thesis will provide you with the results of studies on HPV and cervical cancer amongst the female population on Curaçao. The experiences gained, and the results obtained from the conducted studies, will contribute to the use of strategies in decision making regarding the implementation of HPV and cervical cancer prevention programmes on the island.

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Life is like a horse without reins that will take you to unknown destinations.

Elis Juliana

*(*August 8th, 1927 – †June 23rd, 2013)*

Quote from a radio programme presented by E. Juliana