

MONITORING AND ADVOCACY FOR EFFICIENT HIV/AIDS INTERVENTIONS ALONG CORRIDORS IN EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA



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OBJECTIVES

- ✦ Decrease prevalence and fatality rates of drivers
- ✦ Design and disseminate appropriate M&E tools in association with ALCO
- ✦ Obtain support from the NRTAs
- ✦ Improve support from corporate sector
- ✦ Disseminate useful tools and leaflets

OUTCOMES

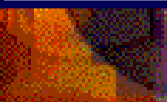
- ★ There are three significant HIV/AIDS projects in the road transport sector in West, East and Southern Africa:
 - ALCO in West Africa
 - North Star Alliance in sub-Saharan Africa
 - Trucking Wellness in South Africa

OUTCOMES

- ★ Over the past three years the percentage of persons tested positive for HIV/AIDS increased 4% then decreased 58% (from 14% to 15% to 6%)
- ★ An incredible decrease from 2009 to 2010
- ★ The stats were not regular, as can be seen from the table

TRENDS IN STIS AND HIV/AIDS IN WELLNESS CENTRES

	STIs						HIV/AIDS					
YEAR	PERCENTAGES STIs to BPH			TRENDS			PERCENTAGES Positive to VCT			TRENDS		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
2008	0	0	32						14			
2009	11	15	21			-33	13	7	15			4
2010	18	19	18	68	25	-18			6			-58



OUTCOMES

- ★ Low prevalence in 2010 due to the North Star Centres mainly on the Northern Corridor (Esp. Mombasa)
- ★ High figures mainly in Southern Africa

OUTCOMES

CENTRE	CORRIDOR	2009	2010
KOMATIPOORT	MAPUTO	32	27
BEITBRIDGE	NORTH-SOUTH	16	24
PORT ELIZABETH	N/A	14	23
TUNDUMA	DAR ES SALAAM	N/A	20
EAST LONDON	N/A	27	16
ZEERUST	NORTH-SOUTH	31	14
MARIANHILL	NORTH-SOUTH	20	11
HARRISMITH	NORTH-SOUTH	21	10

OUTCOMES

- ✦ Nearly 260000 persons have received Information, Education and Communication (IEC) in the Wellness Centres over three years
- ✦ 104000 have received medical attention
- ✦ Difficult to estimate the total number of condoms that have been distributed, but it must exceed 3 million in the same time period

ACTIVITIES

- ✦ There were a total of 38 Wellness Centres and Information Units in East, West and Southern Africa
- ✦ These results have come from the North Star Alliance and Trucking Wellness systems
- ✦ Mobile Centres were introduced into Southern Africa in 2010

OUTCOMES

- ✦ It was not easy to make a correlation between persons with STIs and those testing positive for HIV/AIDS. It was not possible use those persons with STIs to estimate HIV/AIDS prevalence

OUTCOMES

- ★ The key performance indicators (KPIs) differed between North Star and Trucking Wellness
- ★ For North Star, figures were only available for 2009 and 2010
- ★ For Trucking Wellness, figures were used for only 2008, 2009 and 2010
- ★ ALCO did not have useful statistics

ACTIVITIES

- ★ Valuable interaction between ALCO and FESARTA through site visits
- ★ North Star and FESARTA have a working agreement to extend Wellness Centres system from SA into Africa
- ★ Trucking Wellness has expanded well in South Africa but has limited cooperation with North Star and FESARTA

ACTIVITIES

- ★ ALCO has been having constraints and has only been providing information to road users. No clinical output
- ★ North Star has been expanding rapidly from 1 Centre in 2007 to 13 in 2010. Four more planned for this year
- ★ Trucking Wellness now has 20 Centres and 5 Mobile Centres in South Africa

ACTIVITIES

- ✦ Trucking Wellness has funding from a 1% levy on salaries and wages for National Bargaining Council for the Road Freight Industry employees
- ✦ Gives workers health insurance and helps support the Centres
- ✦ No other country has introduced such a levy yet

ACTIVITIES

- ★ Whilst Centres have been in operation in SA for 9 years, only recently have useful statistics become available
- ★ Trucking Wellness uses manual collecting system and is working on a computerised system
- ★ North Star has linked with Ortec in the Netherlands to run the Corridor Medical Transfer System (COMETS)

CHALLENGES (FUNDING)

- ★ North Star sources funding from international and national donors to set up Centres
- ★ Difficult to sustain them with this funding
- ★ Large road transport companies in SA have “adopted” some Centres
- ★ Not working so well in other countries

CHALLENGES (NRTAs)

- ✦ Malawi (RTOA) putting funds into North Star fund
- ✦ Botswana (BHA), Mozambique (FEMATRO) and Swaziland (STA) committed to SADC project
- ✦ Zambia (Fedhaul) showing support
- ✦ Zimbabwe concerned with Centre value to transporters

CHALLENGES (CONNECTIVITY)

- ✦ Both projects are challenged by connectivity problems, as Centres are normally away from cities where communications are difficult
- ✦ Both plan to use the cellphone networks



INFORMATION UNITS ON THE ABIDJAN-LAGOS CORRIDOR (ALCO) IN WEST AFRICA





MOMBASA WELLNESS CENTRE



CLINIC AND IEC SECTIONS OF WELLNESS CENTRES



MOOI RIVER WELLNESS CENTRE

SADC GLOBAL FUND PROJECT

- ★ US\$43 million (since cut) project awarded to SADC
- ★ For 32 mobile wellness centres at 16 border sites
- ★ Consortium set up by North Star Alliance has major portion. Walvis Bay Corridor Group has small portion

SADC GLOBAL FUND PROJECT

- ✦ Project delayed due to cuts in funding and administrative problems
- ✦ Mobile centres being built
- ✦ Assessment study about to be done on border sites

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✦ Support North Star and ALCO to establish a working agreement
- ✦ Pursue the process to improve the working relationship between North Star and Trucking Wellness
- ✦ Continue the Monitoring and Evaluation process with both projects; especially COMETS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✦ Continue the lobbying with National Road Transport Associations (NRTAs) to source funding