



# INTRODUCTION

- Population- 10.3 mn (CSO 2002)
- One of the poorest in the world, and one of the 7 most affected by HIV/AIDS
- 70% of Zambians live in abject poverty
- Unemployment rate- 50%
- Over 1 million children (incl girls) are on streets
- Many of them orphans

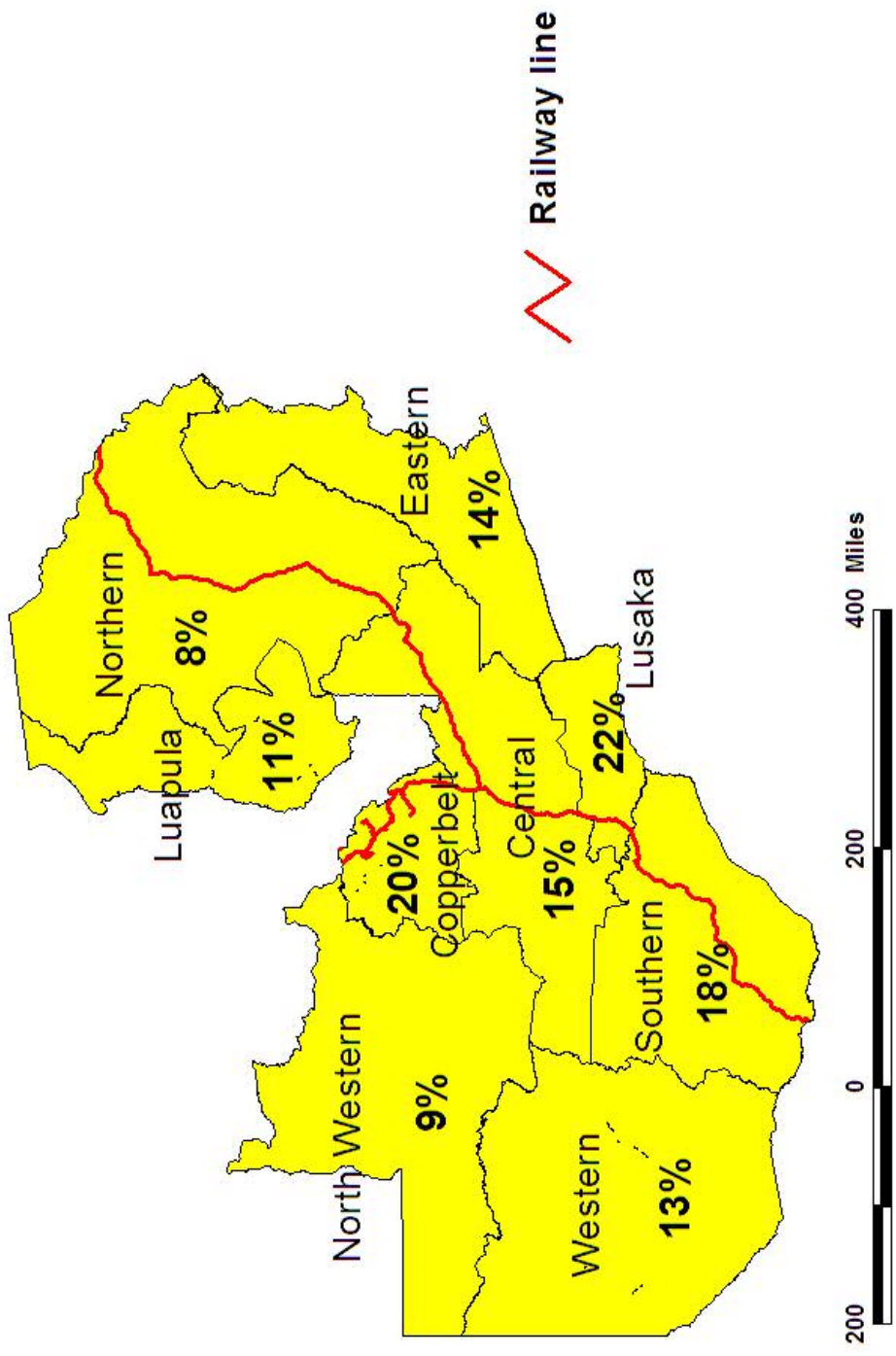
# GENERAL HIV/AIDS INFORMATION

- Adult prevalence rate- 16% (DHS 2002)
- Women more likely (1.4 times) to be infected with HIV than men
- Infection for women peaks btwn 24 &34 yrs
- Urban areas (23%) rural (11%)
- Disease burden highest along line of rail
- Running from southern part through to Copperbelt

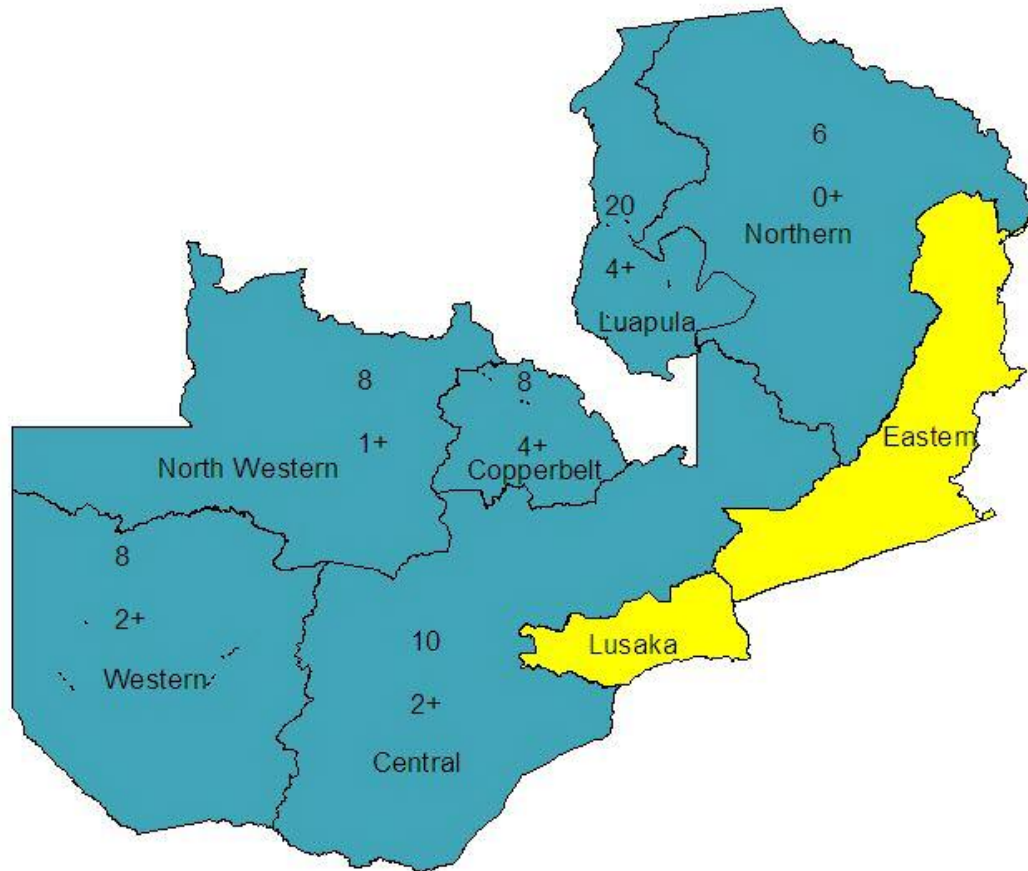
# FACTORS LEADING TO HIGH DISEASE BURDEN

- Populations concentrated along line of rail  
- easy access to facilities and services
- Economic activity heavier
- General development concentrated here
- Business unevenly distributed between rural and urban areas
- Better connectivity- more mobility
- Poverty (compounds) wealthy (suburbs)-  
easy to sell sex for money

# HIV/AIDS PREVALENCE BY PROVINCE (DHS 2002 REPORT)



# IN RELATION TO TRANSPORT



# ZAMBIAN RESPONSE

- National Strategic Plan promotes continuum of care: prevention, mitigation, care and treatment
- Multi-sectoral approach adopted to address:
  - Sexual behaviours
  - Mother To Child Transmission
  - Blood products
  - Quality of PLWHAs
  - Care, support and treatment (TB, STIs, OIs)
  - Care and support for OVC

# SECTORAL RESPONSE

- In line with multi-sectoral response
- Public-Private partnership in transport sector-started 2003
- HIV/AIDS Task Force formed to over see management
- **Objectives:**
  - Reduce further spread of HIV and,
  - Reduce social and economic impacts of the pandemic in the sector
- Sectoral Objectives fit in overall Zambian framework



# PROGRESS TODATE

- Project commenced July 2004
- Govt: Min of Comm and Transport; Road Devt Agency
- Private sector:
  - National Drivers' Association of Zambia (NDAZ).
  - Truck Drivers' Association of Zambia (TDAZ)
  - Tanzania-Zambia Railways (TAZARA)
  - Zambia Railways
  - Federation of Hauliers
  - Freight and Passengers

# SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES

## **National Drivers' Association of Zambia (NDAZ):**

- Initial and follow-up sensitization of staff of member companies
- Advocacy for workplace policy development
- Condoms distribution
- Distribution of IEC materials- pamphlets, posters
- Training of peer educators at company level- so far 40 more PE were trained in September 2005

# NDAZ

- Include staff from cross border luxury coaches companies, mini-buses and taxi ranks
- Started a radio programme of 45/15 minutes long on HIV/AIDS in the transport sector
- **RESULT:** demand for sensitization at bus stops and mobile VCT services

# NDAZ

- Radio prog. incorporates other stakeholders including civil society
- On-site VCT in collaboration with VCT NGOs
- So far 594 workers reached
- 147 workers accessed VCT out of which 34 tested positive

# TDAZ

- PE conduct one to one sensitization among truck drivers at truck stops
- PE visit homes of current/former truck drivers
- 20 families (old and current truck drivers) mobilized for weekly talks
- Being utilized by other community groups in sensitization
- 3,600 people incl expectant mothers reached btwn August & Sept- 1200 accessed VCT

# TAZARA:

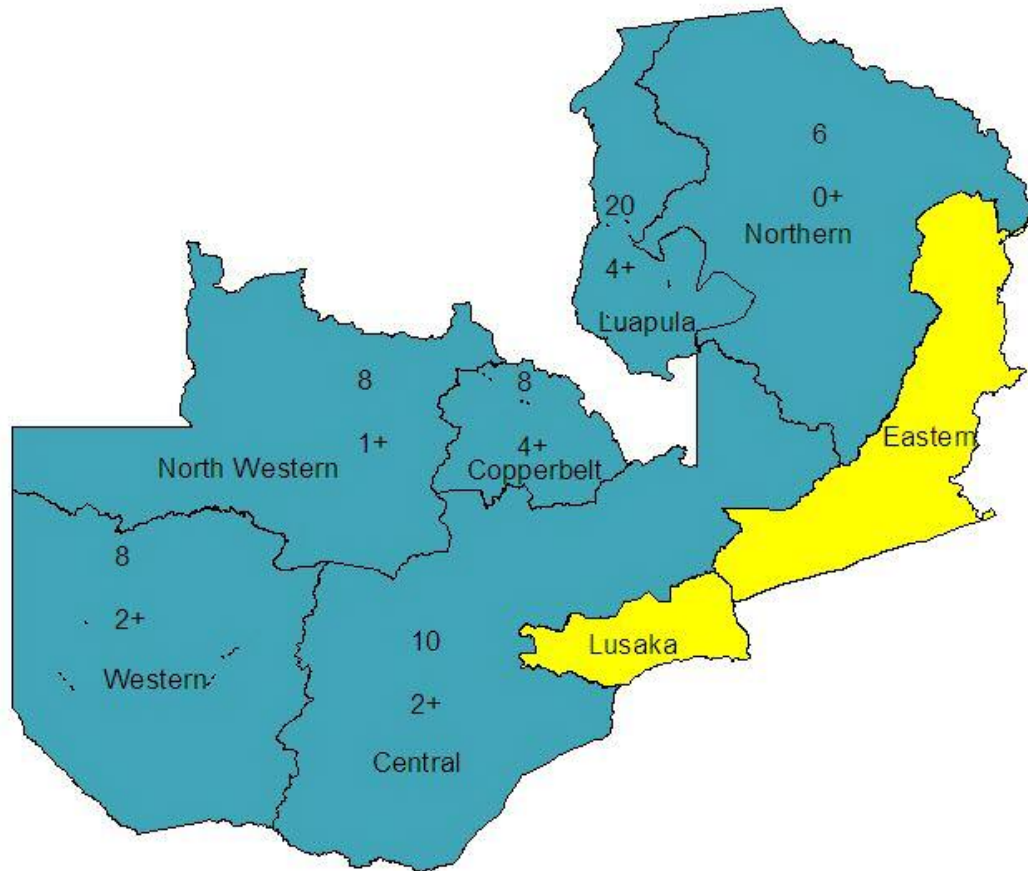
Has 8 PE trained- 50 more to be trained

- Sensitization (900 people reached by PE)
- Sensitization covers staff and communities along line of rail
- Condoms distribution
- Company has rehabilitated an old building for VCT
- 17 accessed VCT
- Currently drafting IEC materials

# MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT

- Workplace policy in place
- 8 peer educators conduct weekly talks on HIV/AIDS
- Video shows are used in some session
- Positive living campaign through sports
- Condoms distribution
- Distribution of IEC materials
- On-going sensitization for staff
- On-going VCT (60 so far tested with 13+ive)
- Gives 21% (national is 16%)

# Number Tested





# ROAD DEVT AGENCY

- Clause built in contracts for road constructors
- Activities include sensitization, condoms distribution and provision of IEC materials
- Some companies (PHOENIX) had included sports as a mechanism of keeping their workers busy to avoid 'after 6 activities'

# CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSE

- World Vision Zambia targeting CSW
- However, truck drivers believed to be clients for CSW- esp. in border areas
- Interventions include treatment of STIs for CSW and truck drivers
- Edutainment at Blue Houses introduced
- Condom distribution through PE
- General awareness for CSW in pubs
- Also helping road contractors with sensitization

# CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSE

- Zambia Health Education Communication Trust (ZHECT) –policy development process; awareness raising; promotion of VCT and training of trainers
- ZHECT currently working on an advocacy programme aimed at motivating trucking companies to implement prevention and care programmes

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Establishment of Truck-stop Wellness Centers
- Undertaking of a baseline study
- Private sector organizing country-wide mobilization and sensitization for truck and other long distance drivers
- Organizing training for more peer educators and counselors

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Encouraging demand for condom use particularly among the private sector institutions
- Enthusiasm shown by partners particularly in the private sector provides sufficient motivation to do more
- Work by TAZARA is good ground for extension to include sensitization for passengers while in transit

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Although, programme still in its infancy, steady progress has been made
- Training of PE helped accelerate implementation
- On-site VCT combined with sensitization working very well
- Workers beginning to demand for VCT and more sensitization
- Continued sensitization helping people seek treatment
- Staff slowly opening up
- Programmes are visible

# CHALLENGES

- Slow response by Chief Executives
- Lack of mutual confidence on part of govt and private sector
- Weak governance structures contribute to suspicions
- Lack of capacity to plan and implement
- Lack of access to resources
- Long procedures

# CONCLUSION

- Transport sector is both vulnerable to and a serious agent for HIV infections
- Sufficient enthusiasm for deepened participation of all stakeholders
- The establishment of Truck-stop Wellness Centres will provide key opportunities to reach truck drivers in their own environment



# CONCLUSION

- Conclusion of baseline study will enhance programme as there will be specific information on HIV/AIDS and transport sector
- In the next few months- work towards strengthening collaboration with civil society for synergy
- Promotion of VCT/ART will act as an incentive for more involvement as benefits are evident