



# **THE MITIGATING HIV/AIDS ON TRANSPORT CORRIDORS : THE ABIDJAN - LAGOS CORRIDOR PROJECT**

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# OUTLINE

**A.** BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**B.** THE ABIDJAN – LAGOS CORRIDOR:  
WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED

**C.** CONCLUSION



## **CORRELATION HIV/AIDS AND TRANSPORT : HIV/AIDS RATE IS HIGH ALONG THE CORRIDOR**

Long or short term migrations  
increase risky behaviors

Communities along migratory  
axes are exposed to even  
greater risks

**TRAVEL  
OBSTACLES**

Human needs

Contact with vulnerable people

Lack of health facilities

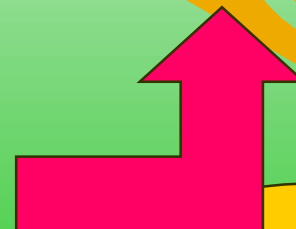
Lack of regional responses

Clearance procedures

Road checkpoints



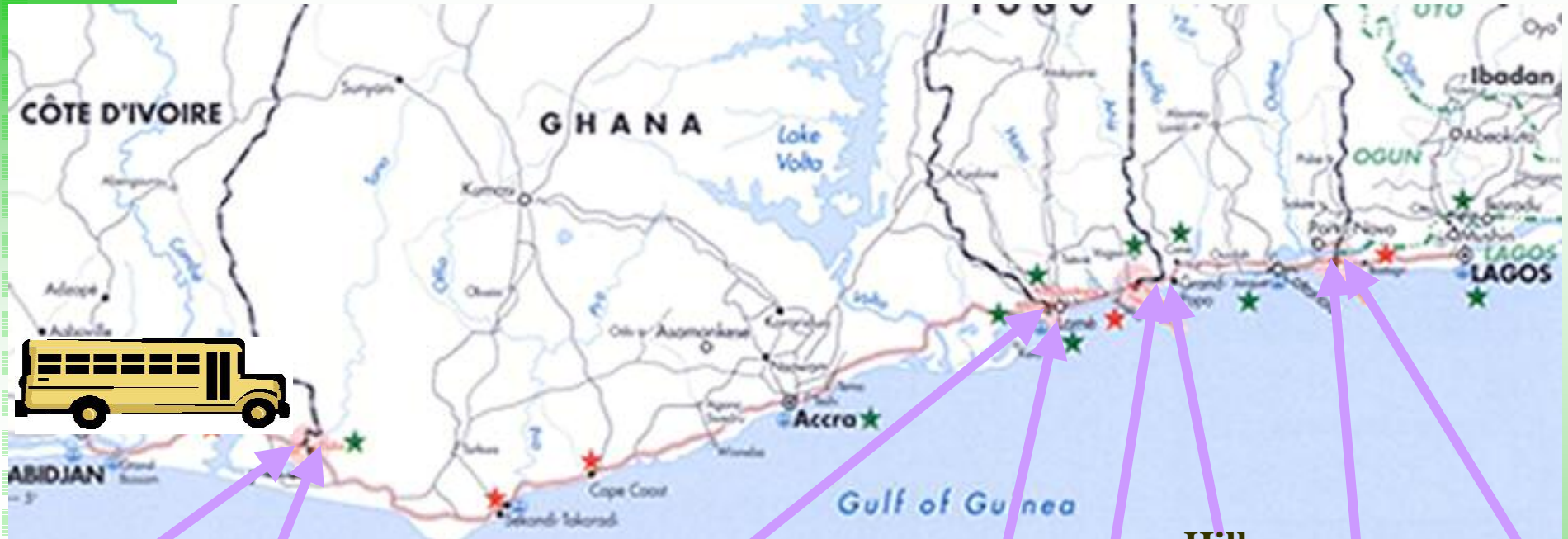
Long absences



## B. THE ABIDJAN – LAGOS CORRIDOR PROJECT

 The Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Initiative, the first project to develop a holistic sub-regional approach to HIV/AIDS and free movement of people & goods.

## INTRODUCTION : GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE



Noé  
4 486

Elubo  
11 935

Aflao  
44 553

Kodjoviakopé  
48 041

Sanvee  
Condji  
4 567

Hilla  
Condji  
4 107

Kraké  
Plage  
5 175

Sèmè  
17 051

**Total Project Cost : 17.9 million (IDA grant = 16.6 million)**

**Beneficiaries : Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria**

**Traffic : About 14 millions people/year along the corridor (1022 km)**

**Residents : 30 millions**

- **PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

To increase access to HIV/AIDS prevention, basic treatment, support and care services in favor of underserved vulnerable groups. Particular attention is given to : **transport sector workers, travelers along the corridor**, commercial sex workers and the local communities living at the border towns.

- **3 COMPONENTS :**

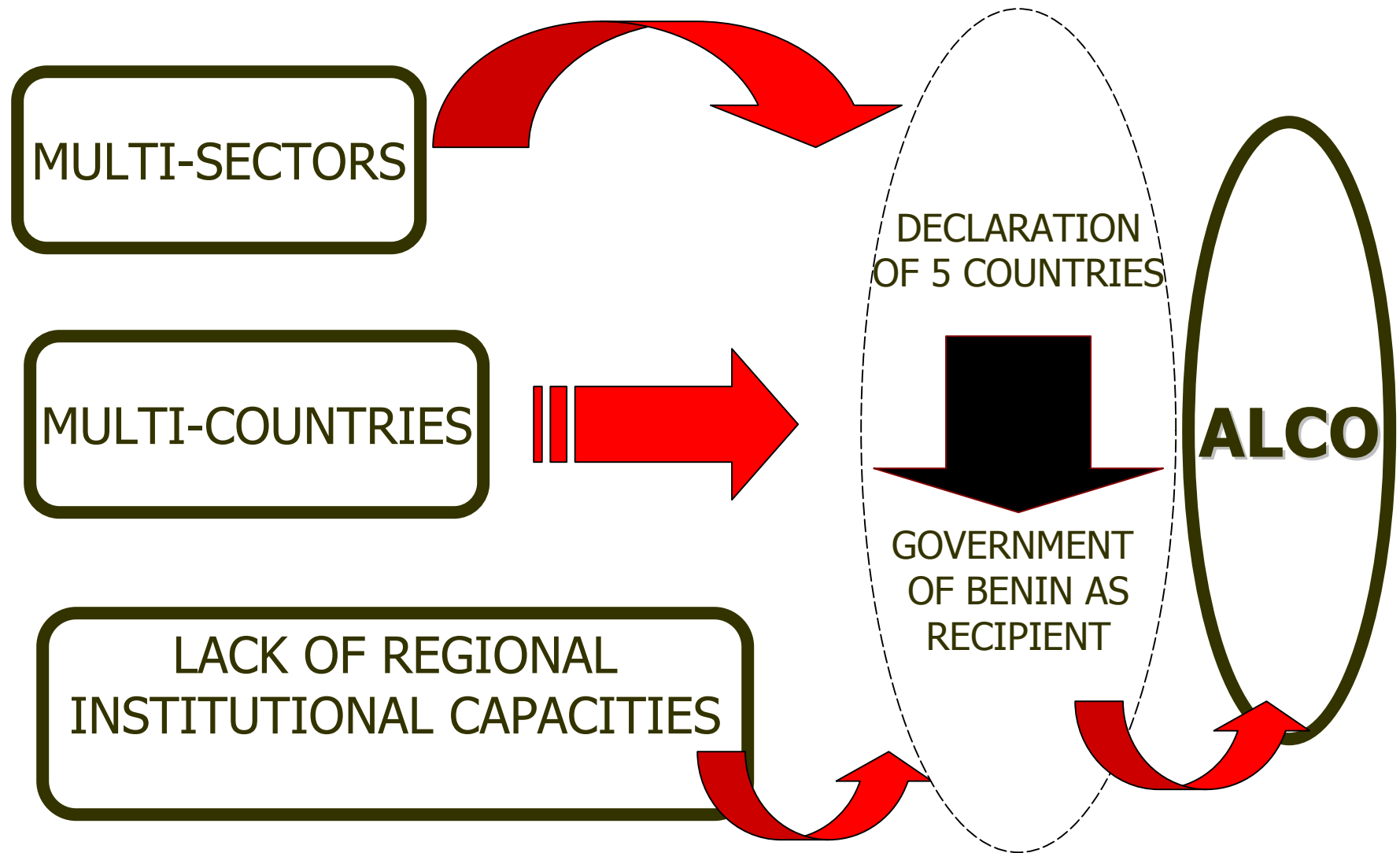
1. HIV/AIDS Prevention Services

2. HIV/AIDS treatment, care and services



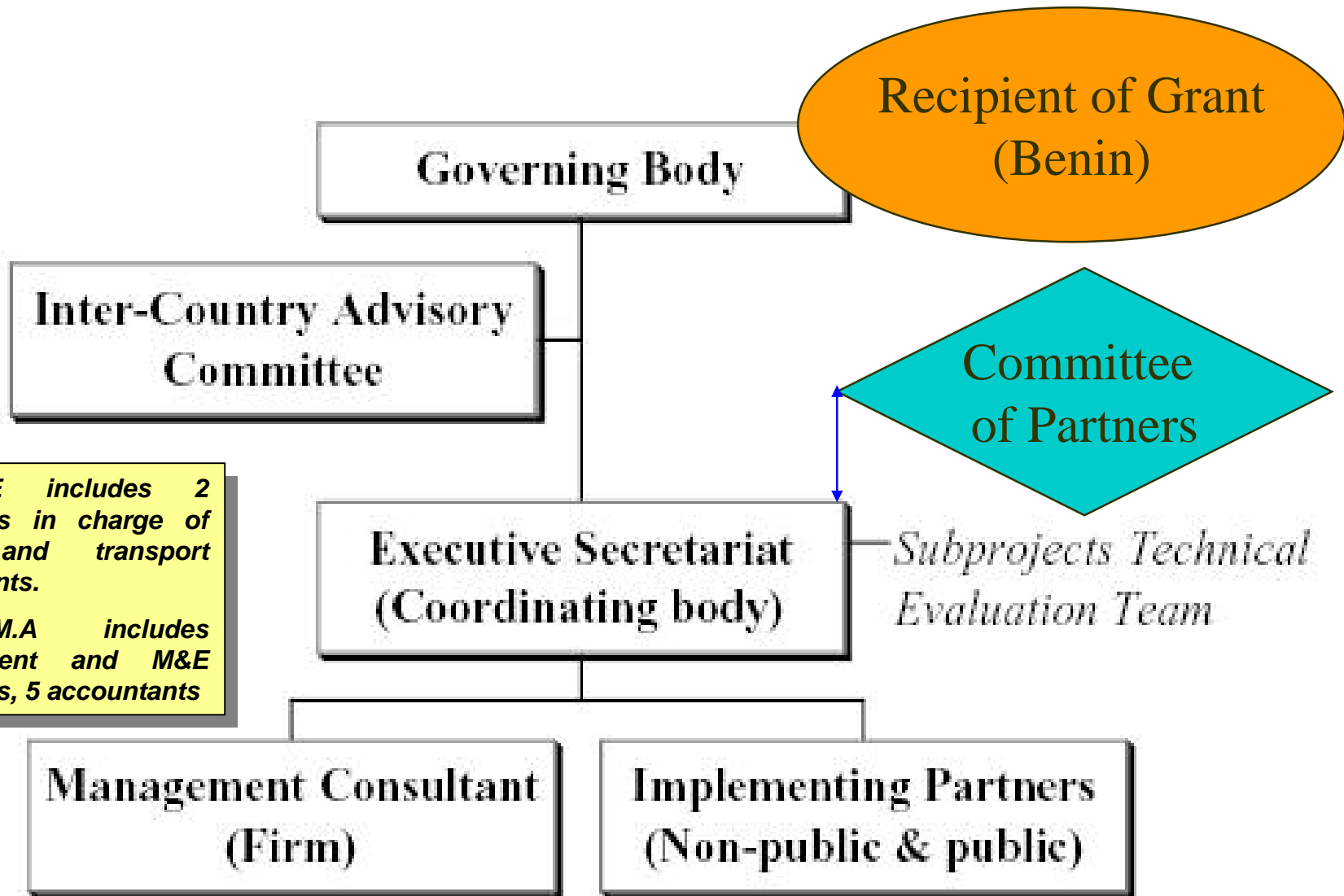
3. Project coordination, capacity building and policy development, particularly, *implementation of policies and programs for smooth movement of commercial traffic along the corridor.*

# THE CHALLENGES:





## Institutional arrangements for the project



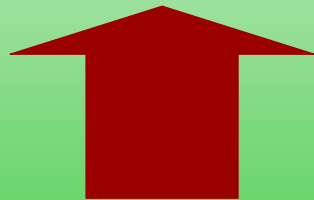
The SE includes 2 specialists in charge of health and transport components.

The M.A includes procurement and M&E specialists, 5 accountants

# **BORDER COMMITTEES TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES LOCALY**



**Installation ceremony by  
Ivorian Minister of HIV/AIDS  
at Noé**

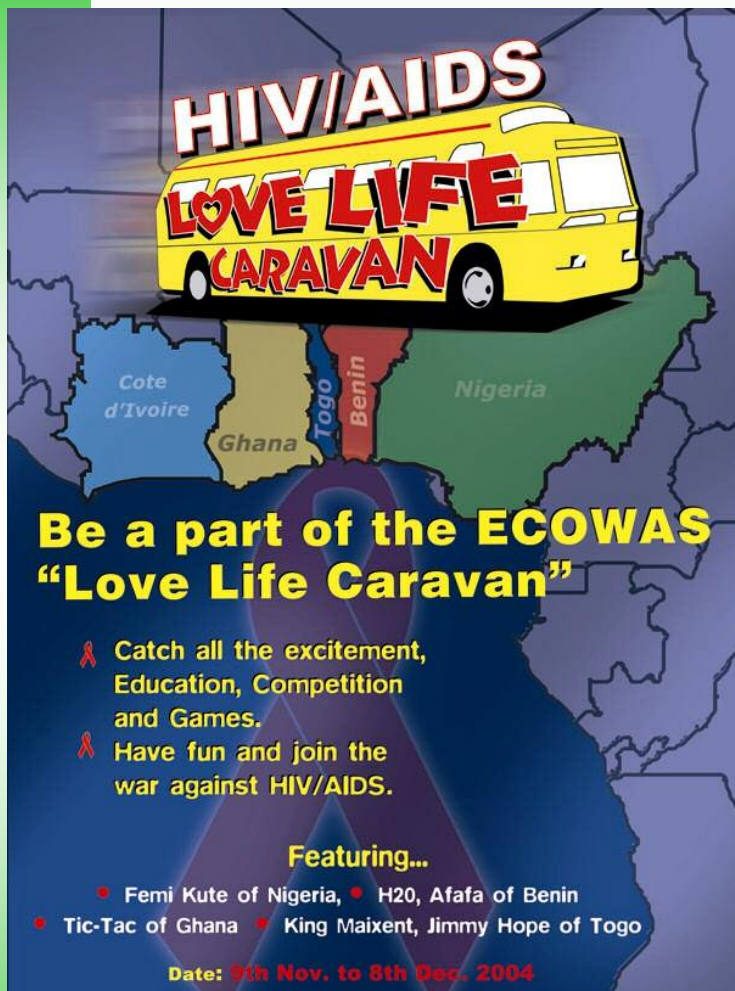


**Installation ceremony  
at Sanvee-Condji**



**WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ?**

# AWARENESS CAMPAIGN : CARAVAN



**HIV/AIDS**  
**LOVE LIFE**  
**CARAVAN**

Cote d'Ivoire  
Ghana  
Togo  
Benin  
Nigeria

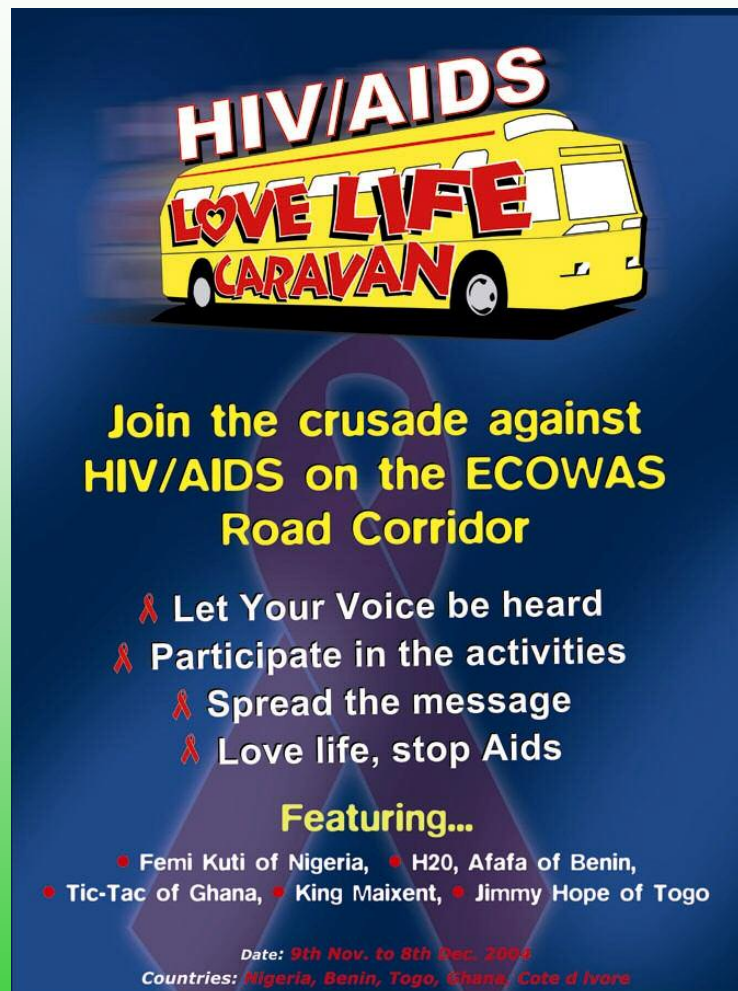

**Be a part of the ECOWAS  
"Love Life Caravan"**

- 🚫 Catch all the excitement, Education, Competition and Games.
- 🚫 Have fun and join the war against HIV/AIDS.

**Featuring...**

- Femi Kute of Nigeria, • H20, Afafa of Benin
- Tic-Tac of Ghana • King Maixent, Jimmy Hope of Togo

**Date: 9th Nov. to 8th Dec. 2004**



**HIV/AIDS**  
**LOVE LIFE**  
**CARAVAN**


**Join the crusade against  
HIV/AIDS on the ECOWAS  
Road Corridor**

- 🚫 Let Your Voice be heard
- 🚫 Participate in the activities
- 🚫 Spread the message
- 🚫 Love life, stop Aids

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## KIOSKS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CONDOMS AT THE BORDERS







First Lady of Ghana



Widely covered by press



Ivory Coast President

# **OTHER IEC ACTIVITIES**

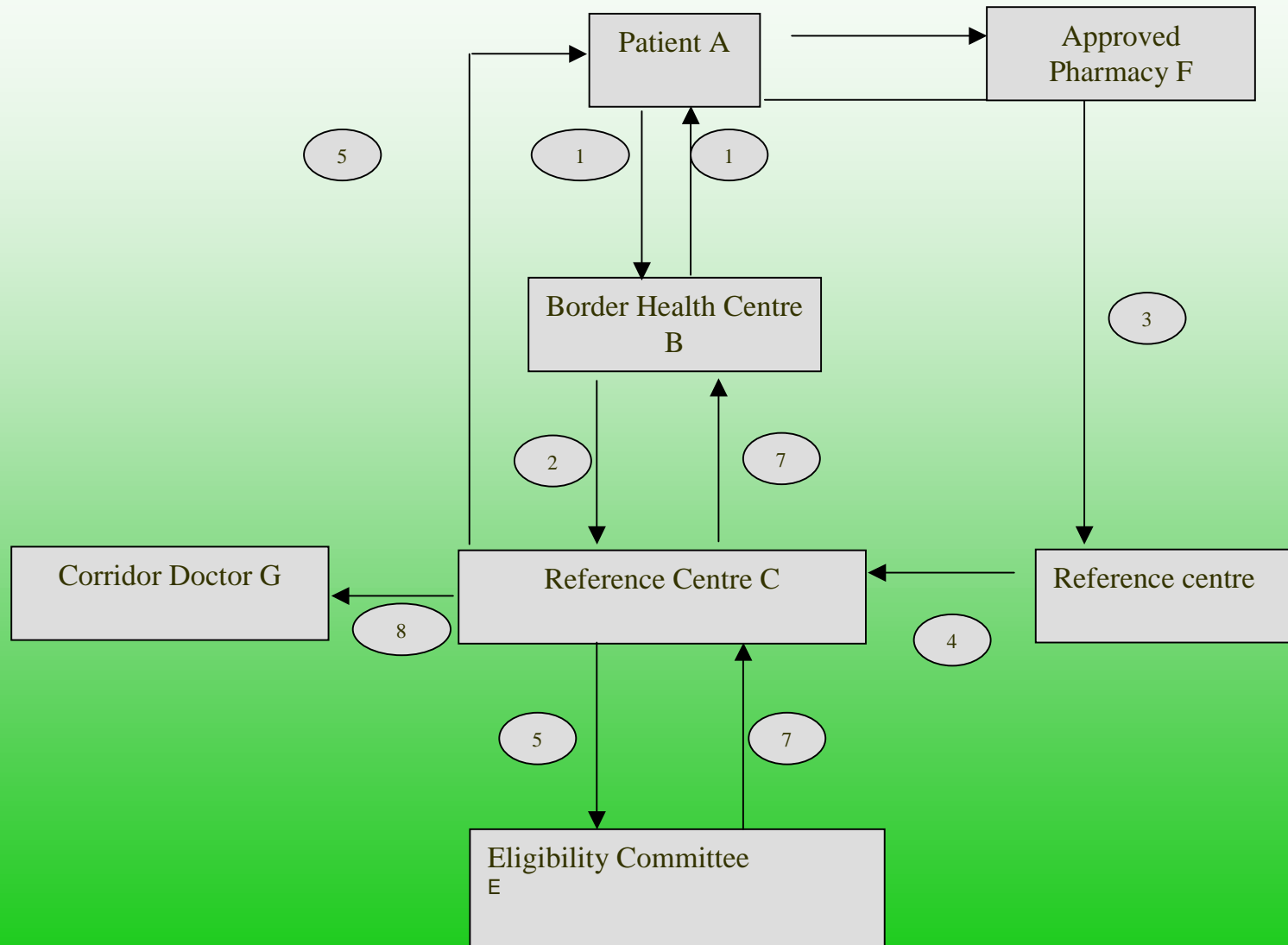
- **THREE FILMS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND WIDELY DIFFUSED IN THE FIVE COUNTRIES**
- **2 AWARENESS SYNCHRONIZED DAYS ORGANIZED**
- **INVOLVEMENT OF ALCO RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND TRADITIONAL CHIEFS (**BEST PRACTICES**)**

## **WHAT ALCO IS DOING FOR CARE AND SUPPORT OF INFECTED PEOPLE ?**

- **8 CENTERS OF VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING AND TESTING HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE PROJECT AND ARE OPERATIONAL**
- **REHABILITATION AND EQUIPMENT OF 8 HEALTH CENTERS AT ALL THE BORDERS**
- **TRAINING OF HEALTH SPECIALISTS**
- **PROVISION OF CONDOMS AND DRUGS (INCLUDING ARV) AT 8 BORDER HEALTH CENTERS AND 5 REFERENCE HOPITALS**
- **M.O.U TO SUPPORT PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS ALONG THE CORRIDOR**



# GIVE DRUG ACCESS TO THE TRUCKERS ALONG THEIR TRIPS : Corridor patients treatment channel






# Voluntary Counselling/Testing Centre rehabilitated by the Project





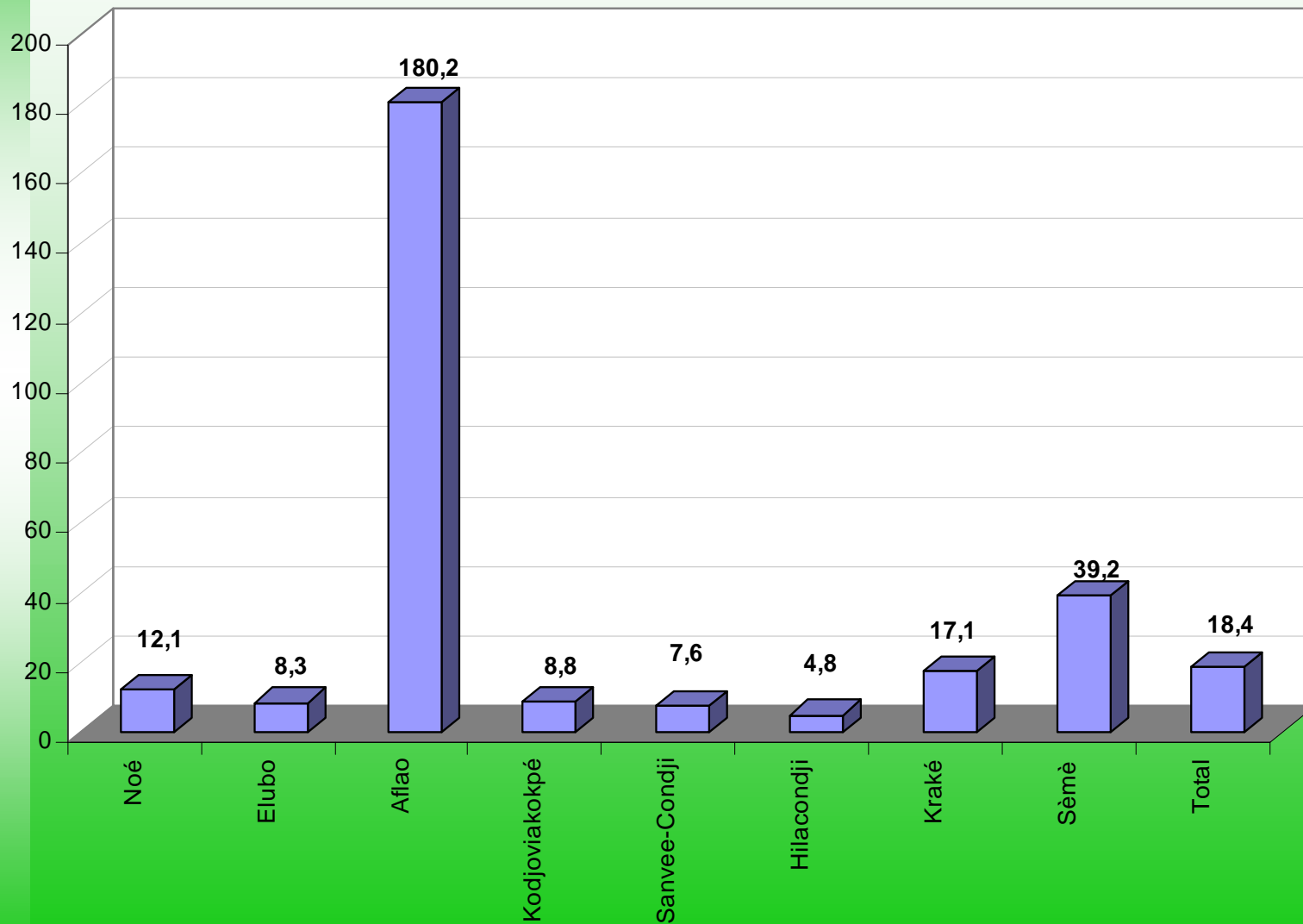
# **TRANSPORT FACILITATION ISSUES**

# LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT TRANSPORT FACILITATION DOCUMENTS AT THE BORDERS

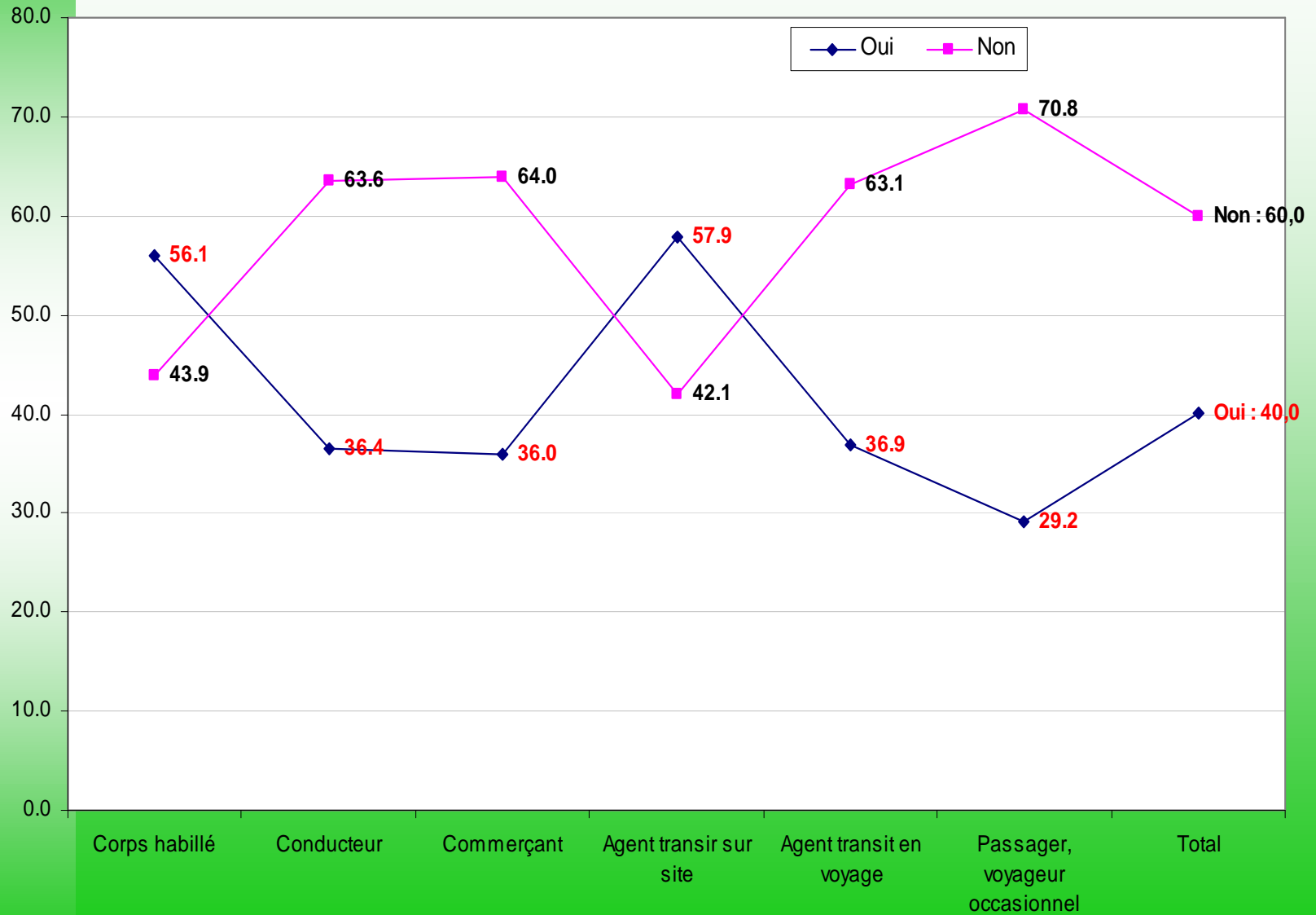
- **PASSENGERS DON'T HAVE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED**  **DELAYS**
- **LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF TRANSPORT FACILITATION DOCUMENTS**  **CORRUPTION**
- **ECOWAS DOCUMENTS ARE NOT APPLIED**  
  
**DELAYS**

# TIME SPENT TO CROSS THE VARIOUS BORDERS IN MN BY COMMERCIAL CARS

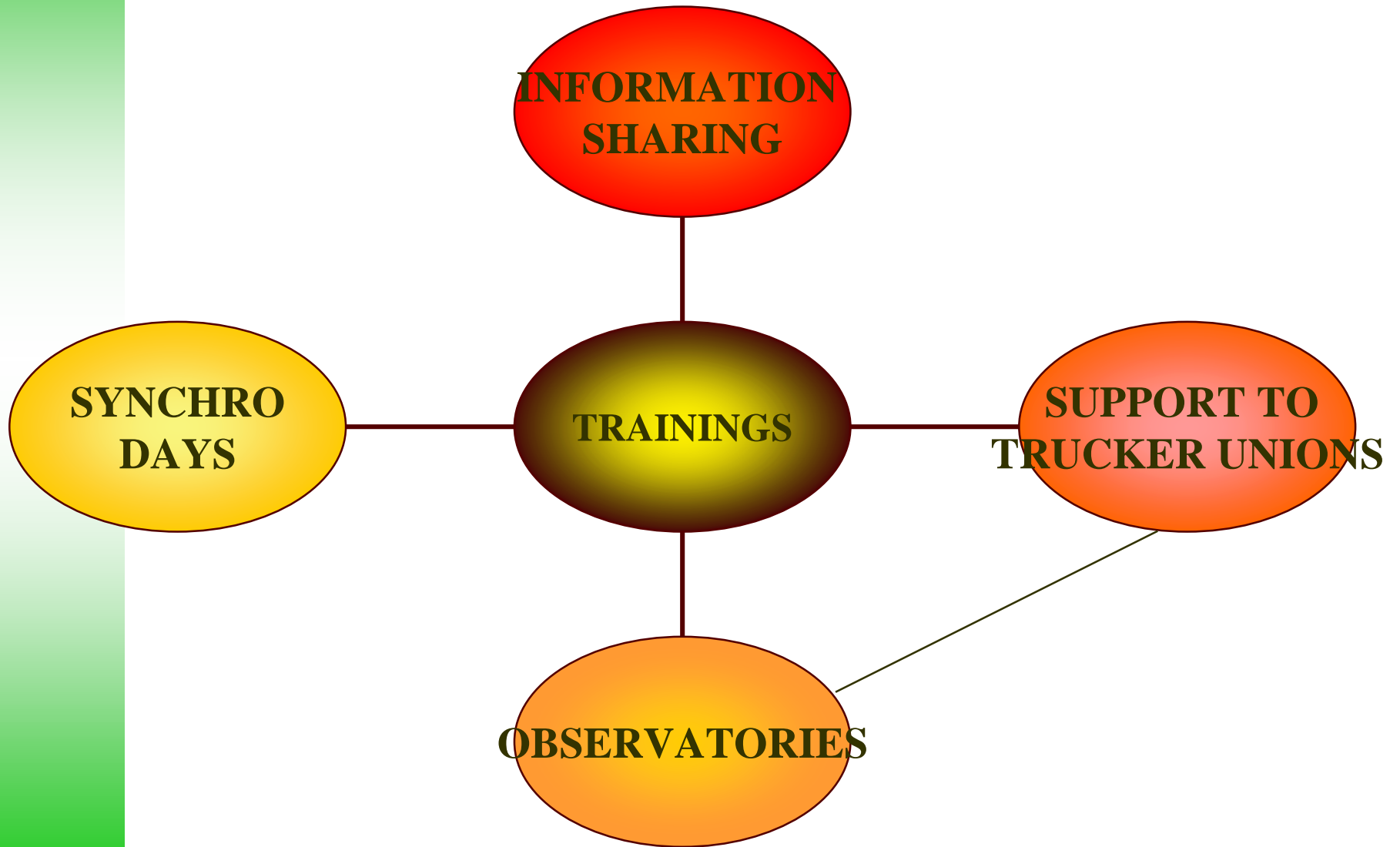
Véhicule commercial



# Knowledge of facilitation documents

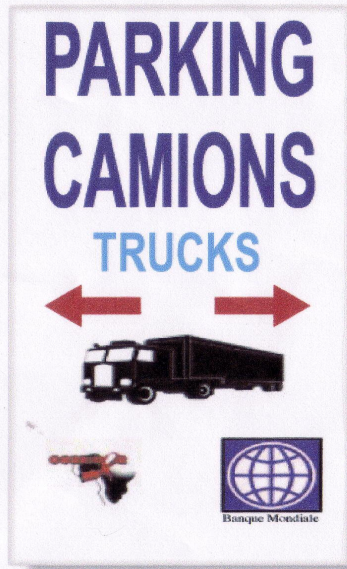


# HOW THE PROJECT ADRESSED THESE ISSUES ?

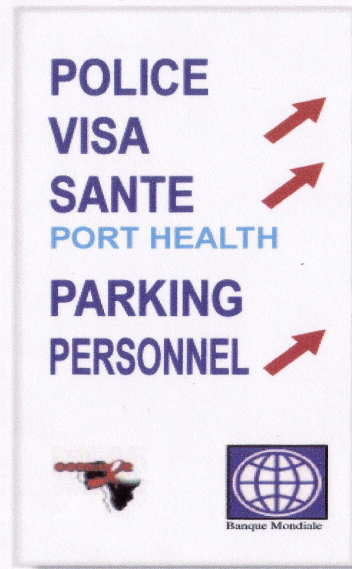




# SIGNALIZATION BILLBOARDS



N° 1



N° 2



N° 3



N° 7 bis



# BILLBOARDS WITH DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

 **WELCOME TO SEME, NIGERIA-BENIN BORDER**  
**BIENVENUE A SEME, FRONTIERE NIGERIA-BENIN** 

ALCO/OCAL

**OPEN**  
**OUVERTE**  
**24H/24H**

<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</b> <b>PIECES REQUISES</b>	
<b>ECOWAS CITIZEN</b> <b>RESSORTISSANT CEDEAO</b>	<b>VEHICLES / VEHICULES</b>
Passport or ECOWAS Travel Document Laissez-passer Passeport ou Carnet de voyage CEDEAO	* International Driving license / Permis de Conduire International
<b>NON ECOWAS CITIZEN</b> <b>RESSORTISSANT NON CEDEAO</b>	* International Matriculation Certificate / Carte grise Internationale
Passport + Visa Passeport + Visa	* ECOWAS Brown Insurance Card / Assurance CEDEAO
<b>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION</b> <b>CERTIFICAT DE VACCINATION</b>	* Roadworthy Certificate / Carnet de visite technique
Yellow Fever / Fièvre Jaune Cholera / Choléra Meningitis / Meningite	

**Aids Cross borders, let's prevent it ! / Le Sida n'a pas de frontière, protège-toi !**

 >> **Cotonou : 30 km** >> **Lomé : 185 km** >> 

**Panneau 18M2**  
**NIGERIA / BENIN (Recto)**

11 Fev. 2005

Venant de Lagos

# OBSERVATORY TEAM AT BENIN-NIGERIA BORDER



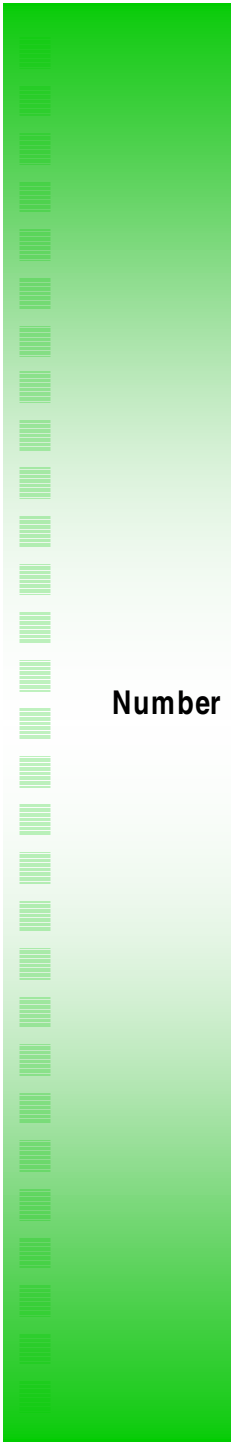


## Construction works of Information Unit (Togo)

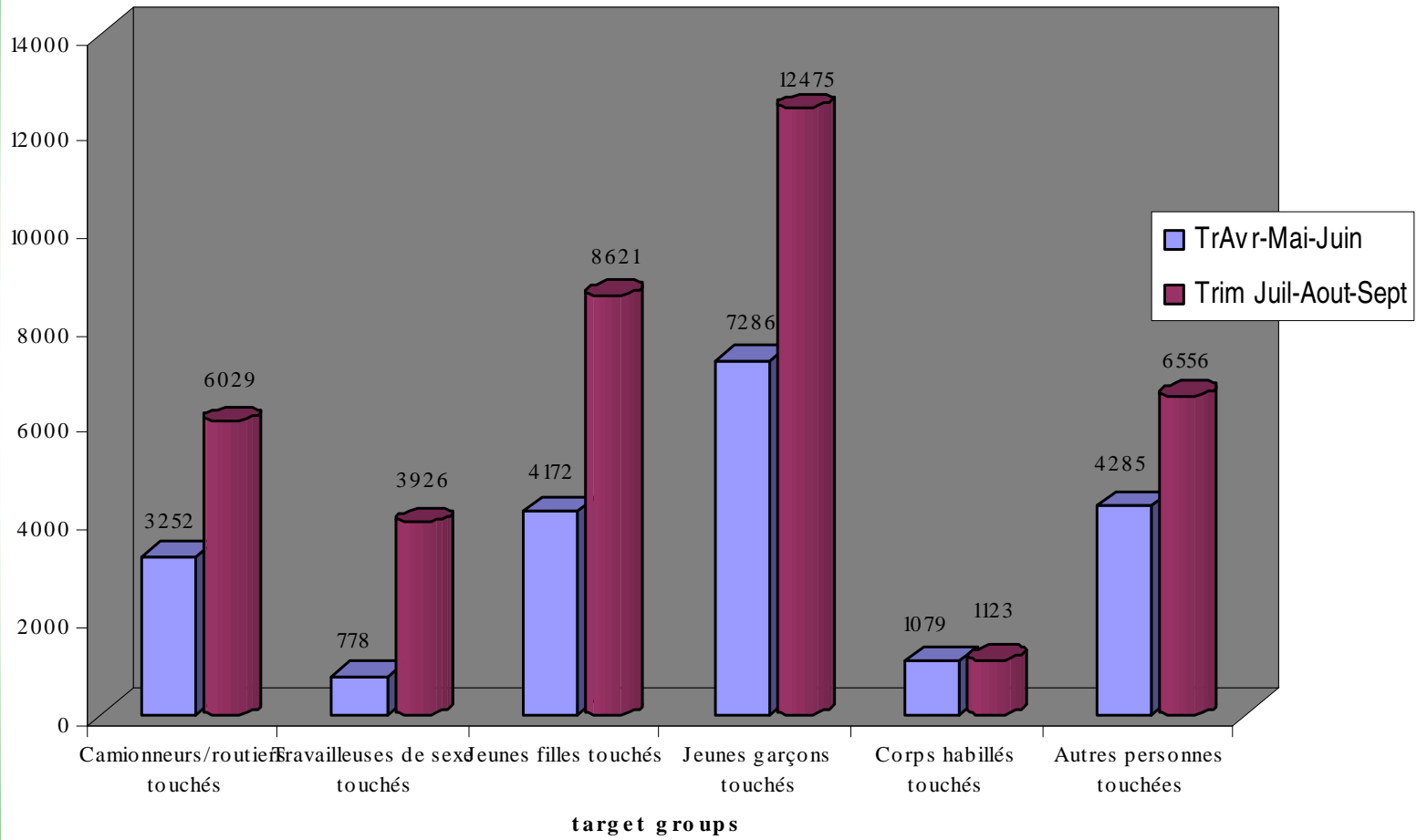




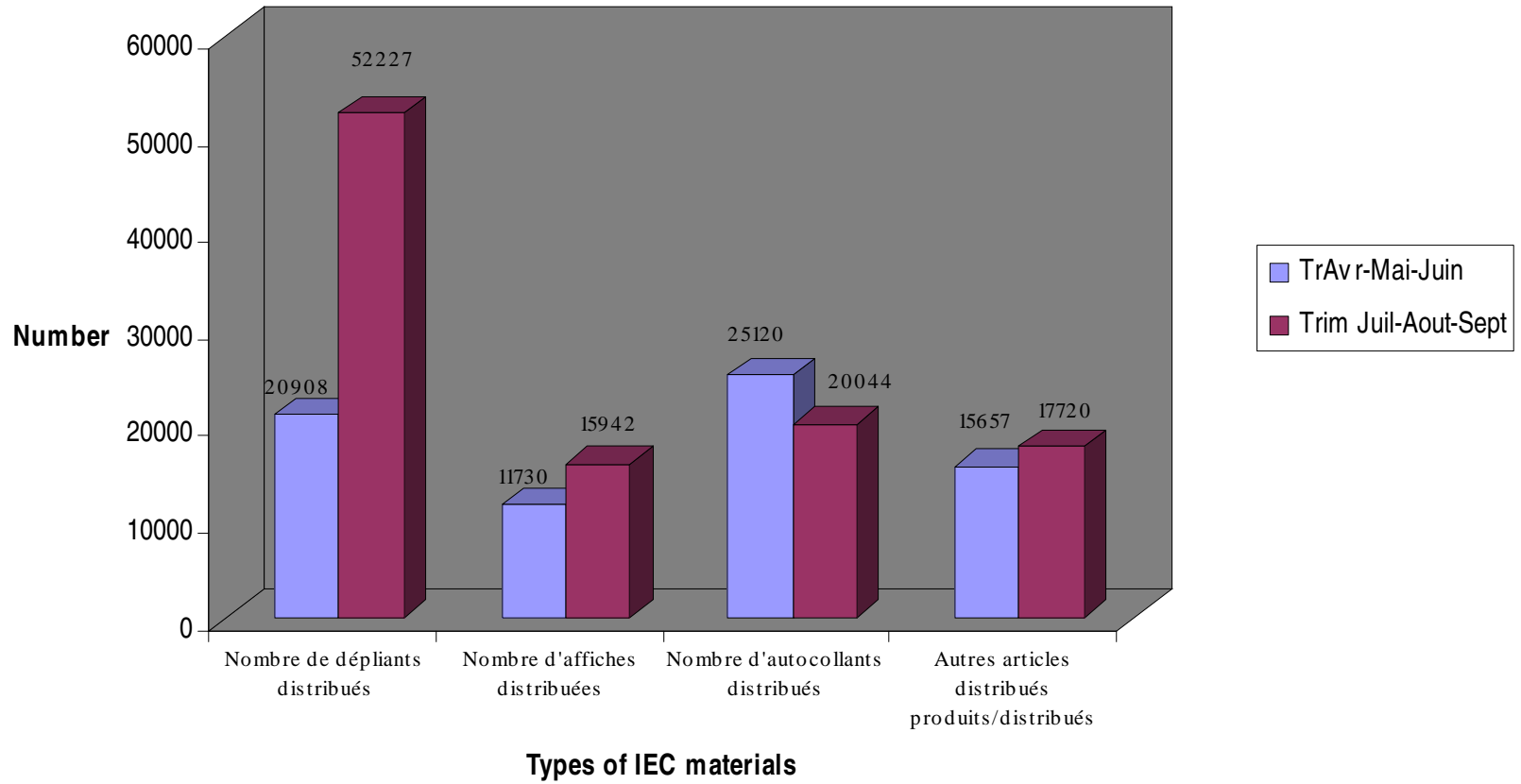
**MONITORING AND EVALUATION:  
SOME RESULTS**



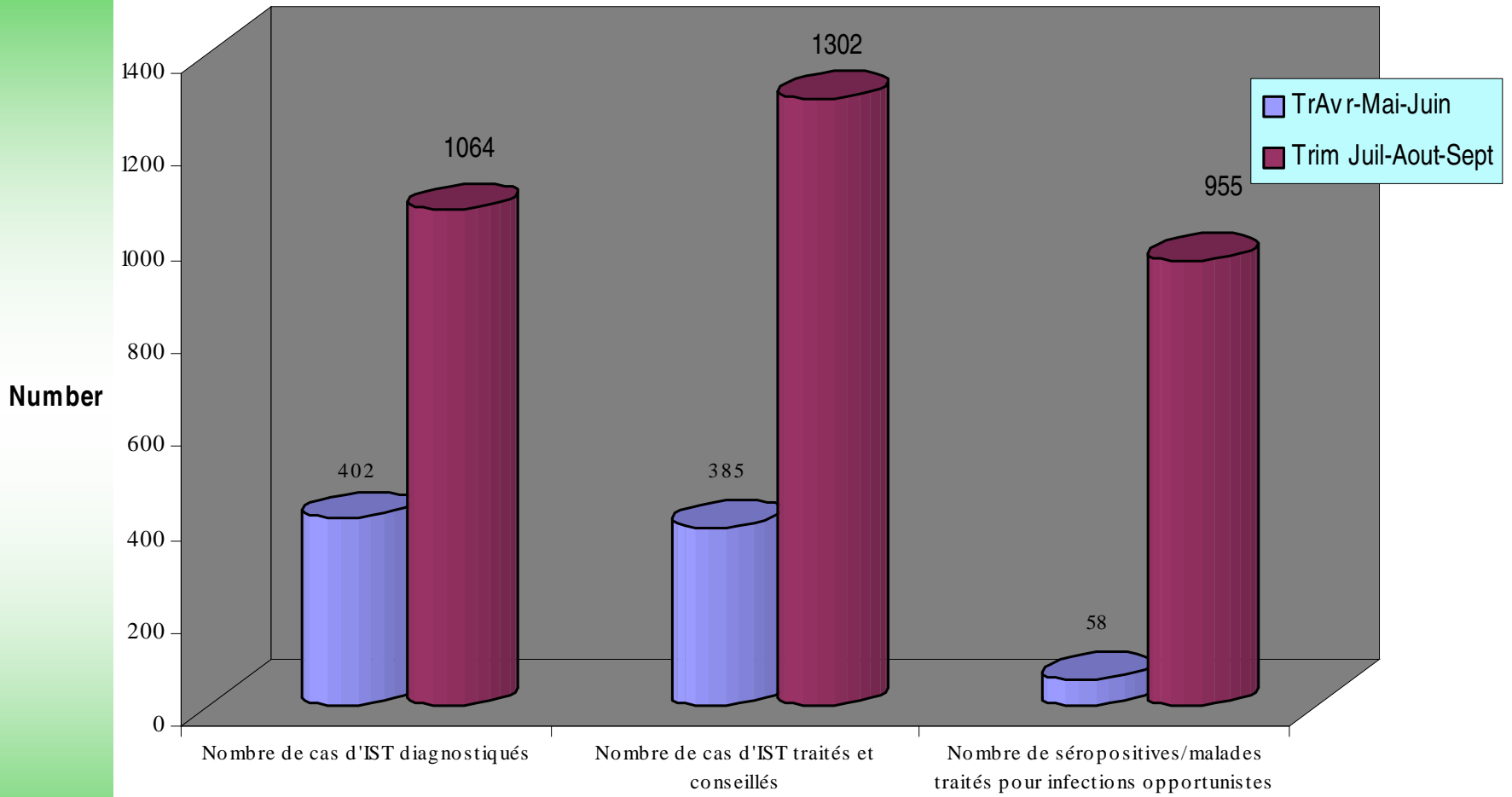
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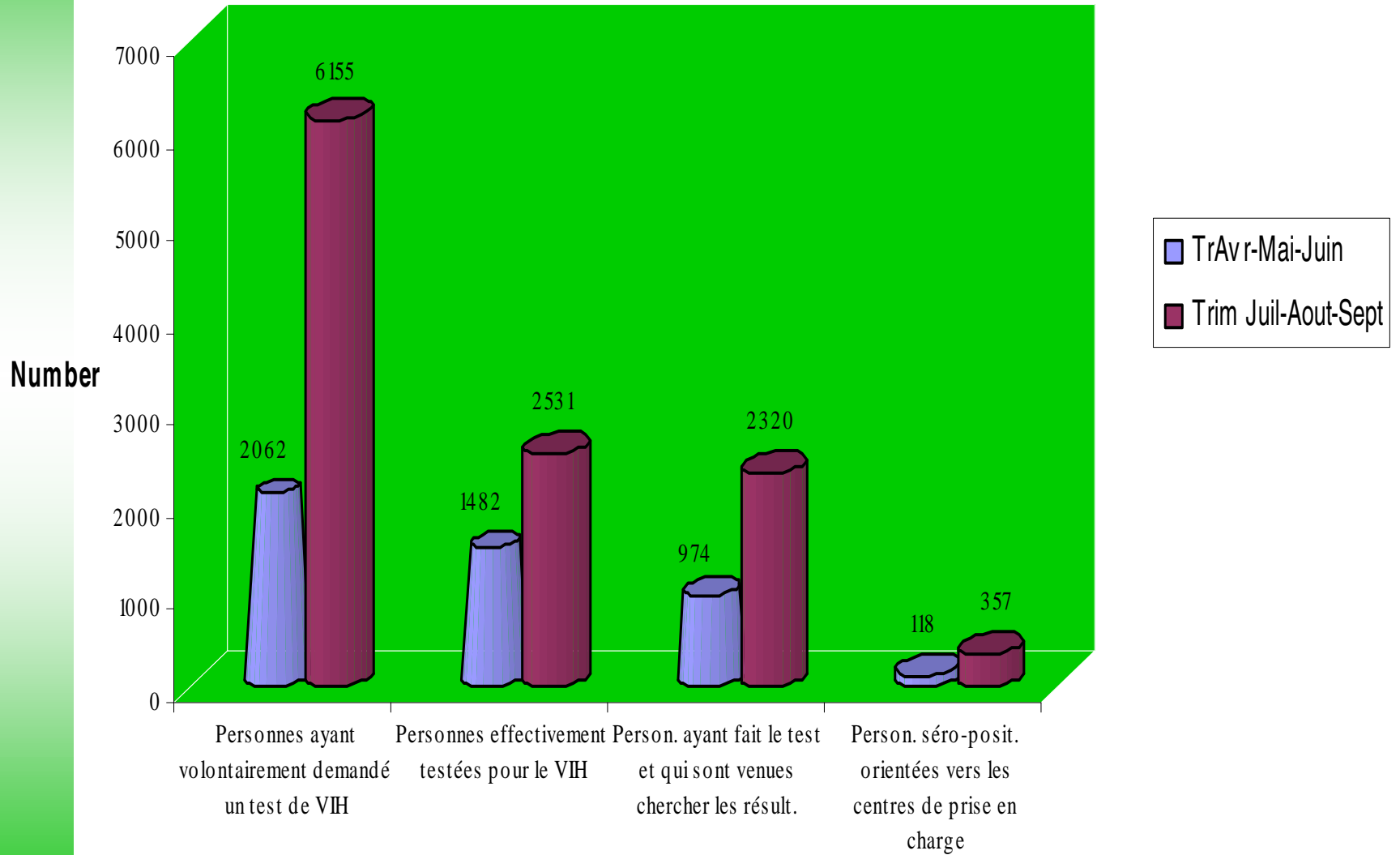
### Distribution of IEC materials and ECOWAS Agreement documents



### STI syndromic management along the corridor on 2nd and 3rd quarter 2005



## Result of Counselling for the Voluntary Tests in the 2nd and 3rd quarter 2005







## C. CONCLUSIONS

- ④ ALCO IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CROSS-SECTOR WORK
- ④ SOME GOOD RESULTS IN I.E.C : TRUCKERS ARE MORE AWARE OF THE RISK OF HIV/AIDS
- ④ PROFESSIONAL HAULERS AND DRIVERS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ETC. HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
- ④ BUT WE NEED MORE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE DRUGS AND SUPPORTS.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**WEBSITE : [WWW.CORRIDOR-AIDS.ORG](http://WWW.CORRIDOR-AIDS.ORG)**

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