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

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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

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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.
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
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