The impact of public oath-taking ceremonies on SGBV reporting: results from two traditional leadership villages in South Africa

THE ZERO TOLERANCE VILLAGE ALLIANCE

Developed by the Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme
Vhembe District, Limpopo
TVEP: BRIEF OVERVIEW

“There’s No Excuse For Abuse”

To generate an attitude of ZERO TOLERANCE towards all forms of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and HIV and AIDS stigmatization in the Thulamela Municipality (Vhembe District)

HOLISTIC, INTEGRATED SERVICES
PARTNERSHIP BUILDING (POLICE, GOV’T, RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH
COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

HIV/AIDS Services
15 Community “Help Desks”
2 X 24/7 “One Stop” Trauma Centres
2 24/7 Short-Term Shelters
Access to Justice
Community Outreach
Research & Advocacy
Monitoring & Evaluation
Community Mobilisation

VHEMBE DISTRICT: CONTEXT

POPULATION: 618,462 (Census 2011)
HIV PREVALENCE: 21.5% (Vhembe District Department of Health, 2013)
UNEMPLOYMENT: 26.8% (Department of Labour, 2011)

56% OF POPULATION UNDER 18 YEARS OLD
MALE: FEMALE RATIO: 45.1% to 54.9%

LIMPOPO PROVINCE UNDER “CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION” DUE TO FUNDING MISMANTMENT

REGION OF TRADITIONAL, PATRIARCHAL LEADERSHIP: CHIEFS AND KINGS

1 REGIONAL & 2 DISTRICT HOSPITALS; 48 CLINICS; 3 HEALTH CENTRES
7 POLICE STATIONS
MOTIVATION FOR ZTVA DEVELOPMENT

1. To enable behavioural change on a community level
2. To increase reporting of SGBV in target villages
3. To revive the spirit of “ubuntu” (solidarity) by enabling communities to adopt a common goal that seeks to eradicate violence and stigma
4. To eliminate SGBV across the Vhembe District

ZTVA DELIVERY

1. Needs-based, tailored for target sites
2. Conditional delivery: pre-requisites for inclusion
3. Community-selected activists and liaisons
4. Delivery of thematic workshops
ZTVA OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES: 2011 - 2013

- 3732 participants directly reached by ZTVA workshops (2 sites)
- Increased knowledge across key thematic areas of focus (n = 1180 surveyed)
- Increases in SGBV and/or child abuse reporting during intervention period
- Even greater increases in SGBV reporting following oath-taking ceremony
- Ultimate decline in SGBV in pilot villages 12-months post (FGD supported)

EVIDENCE (CI 95%, p < 0.0001)

- Knows HIV status:
  - F: 25.2 - 27.6%
  - M: 24.6 - 32.8%
- Understanding of PEP importance:
  - F: 18.5 - 36.1%
  - M: 20.4 - 36.7%
- Knows how to access SGBV services:
  - F: 79.5 - 83.1%
  - M: 79.8 - 91.1%

“I know how to access SGBV services”

PERCENT OF COHORT
ZTVA INDUCTION AND OATH-TAKING CEREMONY
SGBV REPORTING DATA: REGIONAL NUMBERS

- TVEP database captured 17,765 unique cases of SGBV dating to 2001
- Cases over a three-year reporting period (2009 – 2011)
  - 5396 REPORTS (34,67% of 10 year data)
  - 488 VILLAGES (MEAN SIZE 1350 RESIDENTS)
  - 3,69 REPORTS PER YEAR/AVG
  - 0,31 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG

SGBV REPORTING DATA: ZTVA TARGET SITES

- Cases over a three-year reporting period (2009 – 2011)
- VILLAGE 1:
  - 40 REPORTS
  - 13,33 REPORTS PER YEAR/AVG
  - 1,11 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG
- VILLAGE 2:
  - 22 REPORTS
  - 7,33 REPORTS PER YEAR/AVG
  - 0,61 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG
DURING ZTVA INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES: VILLAGE 1

- 44 REPORTS TOTAL
  - 36 physical abuse
  - 8 sexual assault
- 3.67 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG

DURING ZTVA INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES: VILLAGE 2

- 27 REPORTS TOTAL
  - 24 physical abuse
  - 3 sexual assault
- 2.25 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG
3 MONTHS POST-OATH CEREMONY:

VILLAGE 1
- 12 REPORTS TOTAL
  - 9 physical abuse
  - 3 sexual assault
- 4 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG

VILLAGE 2
- 9 REPORTS TOTAL
  - 7 physical abuse
  - 2 sexual assault
- 3 REPORTS PER MONTH/AVG
IMPACT OF ZTVA & OATH-TAKING ON SGBV REPORTING

- MEASURED REPORTING INCREASES WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF OATH-TAKING CEREMONY:
  - VILLAGE 1:
    - 3.6 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO REPORT VERSUS PRE-ZTVA BASELINE
    - 13.02 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO REPORT VERSUS REGIONAL AVERAGES
  - VILLAGE 2:
    - 4.91 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO REPORT VERSUS PRE-ZTVA BASELINE
    - 9.77 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO REPORT VERSUS REGIONAL AVERAGES
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HUMAN RIGHTS KNOWLEDGE

CAPACITY TO EXERCISE RIGHTS

CREATION OF A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY

HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOUR & RELATED OUTCOMES
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