THOHOYANDOU VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME
LIMPOPO, SOUTH AFRICA
ZERO TOLERANCE VILLAGE ALLIANCE: 2010-2012

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“THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE”
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To enable behavioural change by building empowered and supportive environments in which victims of sexual, domestic and child-based violence, and PLWHA, feel secure enough to speak out and exercise their rights

- To revive the spirit of “ubuntu,” community pride and solidarity by enabling and encouraging targeted communities to adopt the eradication of sexual, domestic and child-based violence, and stigmatisation, as a common goal

PROCESSES FOR ALLIANCE PARTICIPATION

- Site Selection
- Mapping
- Memorandum of Agreement
- Community Activist Recruitment
- ZTVA
- Training
- Stakeholder Forum
BASELINE AND ENDLINE EVALUATION

BASELINE (n=1134) and ENDLINE (n=1180) DATA COLLECTION:

- SOCIO DEMOGRAPHICS & CONSENSUAL POVERTY DATA
- KNOWLEDGE RE: HIV STATUS, ACCESS TO SERVICES, PEP
- ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS RE: PLWHA, STIGMA, GENDER, HUMAN RIGHTS
- BEHAVIOURS RE: SGBV & GENDER

ONE YEAR POST-INTERVENTION, ZTVA VILLAGERS HAD SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN:

- VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND TESTING (FEMALE ↑25.2 - 27.6%, MALE ↑24.6 - 32.8%)
- KNOWLEDGE OF PEP (FEMALE ↑18.5 – 36.1%, MALE ↑20.4 – 36.7%)
- KNOWLEDGE OF ACCESS TO SGBV SERVICES (FEMALE ↑79.5 – 83.1%, MALE ↑79.8 – 91.1%)
- INCREASED SELF-REPORTING OF SGBV & DV (FEMALE ↑4.9 – 5.5%)

Table 1: Population Statistics, Baseline & Endline Survey Participation

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<th>Rural settlement name</th>
<th>Population: December 2011</th>
<th>Total number of households</th>
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<th>Total of population surveyed: Baseline</th>
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<td>268</td>
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NEXT STEPS

- Integration of both quantitative and qualitative findings into the ZTVA workshops to ensure best practices based upon the gathered evidence
- Conduct further mapping in the region to support scale-up of ZTVA programming
- Integrate novel data collection tools into existing programmes to inform government and NGO priorities
- Monitor and sustain existing ZTVA villages through provision of support services
- Promote and market ZTVA to government departments and stakeholders
- Seek additional funding for ongoing support
MAIN CHALLENGES

- FUNDING CONTINUITY
- HUMAN RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS
- TECHNOLOGY LIMITATIONS
- GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS TO MARGINALISED REGIONS
- DISSONANT IDEOLOGIES BETWEEN VILLAGE LEADERSHIP
- SUSTAINED PARTICIPATION OF CHIEFS
OPPORTUNITIES & FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY

✓ RECENT GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
✓ PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED WITH LEADING SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS
✓ APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING CAN BE SUBMITTED WITH EVIDENCE BASE FOR SUPPORT
✓ MEDIA ATTENTION GATHERED FROM ZTVA INDUCTION CEREMONIES
✓ MARKETING PROGRAMMES IN DEVELOPMENT
✓ ONGOING ASSEMBLY OF EXPERT TEAM TO ENHANCE EXISTING MODEL TO SUPPORT FUTURE RESEARCH AND FUNDING
✓ PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED WITH INNOVATIVE TECH NGOs TO ENHANCE REPORTING AND REAL-TIME STATISTICS GENERATION
TVEP: BIG IMPACT AND BRIGHT FUTURE

• DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR ROLL-OUT OF THE ZERO TOLERANCE VILLAGE ALLIANCE PROVIDED FOR MINIMUM OF 5 SITES

• “NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE: A HISTORY OF THE THOHOYANDOU VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME” PUBLICATION AVAILABLE AS OPEN SOURCE RESOURCE FOR SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS THAT WORK WITH SGBV

• LIMPOPO DIVISION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE SERVING AS COMMUNITY LIAISONS AND SENSITIVE TO SURVIVOR NEEDS

• TVEP IS NOW FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION RE: POLICY/PROGRAMMING THAT ADDRESSES THE SGBV, GENDER, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE AGENDAS IN NORTHERN LIMPOPO
CONCLUSIONS

- The key to success for ZTVA lies in the hands of stakeholders on the ground
- TVEP and ZTVA teams have made significant progress in assimilating contextually-appropriate interventions and services into existing population groups
- TVEP and ZTVA partnerships with police, government and like-minded CBOs has resulted in swift adoption by those who are engaged
- The ZTVA model is adaptable for use in other regions where traditional leadership is at odds with government mandates
- Gender equity and human rights must be addressed as one in the same
- Education is vital to the indoctrination of ZTVA ideologies into patriarchal societies
- IT CAN BE DONE!
THANK YOU
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