

Capability Statement for HIV and AIDS, ADPP Guinea Bissau

Who you are and what you do

Our vision is to see a united generation taking on the challenges from the big issues of our time, and act accordingly and courageously. Our mission is to contribute to this, promoting solidary humanism through the establishment of the organisational framework, through which people play an active role in creating their future, and aligning our actions with the Sustainable Development Goals. ADPP-GB is a national non-for profit NGO, working in Guinea Bissau since 1981. ADPP-GB has carried out prevention and awareness project on HIV/AIDS and other epidemics since 2009 using the TCE (Total Control of the Epidemic) approach, reaching approximately 500.000 people, in partnership with, among others, Global Fund, UNFPA, UNICEF, US Department of Defence (DHAPP), WHO, IOM

National HIV and AIDS context and different approaches in fighting HIV and

The National HIV AIDS prevalent rate is around 3,3 %, and the prevalent rate specifically in the Guiné Bissau military is 2 to 5 times higher than the former. The national approach to curb the prevalence include a structure composed of national NGOs and the government systems that are guided by the Ministry of Health and National AIDS Council (SNLS). The government is responsible for the elaboration of the policy regarding HIV AIDS. In addition the government has a major task of procuring resources to fund the national AIDS programs. The government is also the custodian of the protocols regarding testing, treatment.

The NGOs complement the government's efforts in reaching out communities, including key population. ADPP's program leadership, together with the GBAF through the HIV AIDS nucleus meet once a week to address the challenges. In addition, there are periodic meetings organized by the National AIDS council where stakeholders involved in HIV AIDS fight meet to discuss the progress and address the challenges. Another platform where national NGOs meet to discuss challenges is the CCM (Country Coordination Mechanism). This is an organ recommended by the Global Fund in order to support the financial challenges of the country in the fight against HIV AIDS. ADPP is an member of this forum.

Our approach of managing to organize people in the communities and set them ready to fight HIV AIDS is our main strength and best tool towards achieving our goals. Everybody in the operation area is mobilized and left with a choice to make a decision of knowing his or her status. The mobilization work is done by experienced, and adequately trained field officers. Among others, the task of the Field Officer is to dispel fears, rumours and myths regarding HIV AIDS. He is at the centre, but reaching out every household with prevention messages .He receives immense support from the community leadership who crave to see the total control of the epidemic. The program craft allies from all walks of life in the communities. This involves roping in business people, politicians, churches etc. The Field Officer organizes support groups for the people living with HIV (PLHIV). The support group brings relief and emotional support to the people living with HIV.

Our extraordinary approach is to be able to work with the GBAF in the camps, and in the surrounding areas where the families of the militaries reside. Working with the families in the surrounding areas of the GBAF involves speaking with each family household, each individual about HIV AIDS issues in such a way that one makes informed decisions when it comes to testing. The program bridges the gap between the community and health centres. Prevention messages and other services are brought at the households through a Field Officer who works and lives with the community.

The program has constant contacts, share experiences and HIV AIDS information with other ADPP programs in other countries, thus bringing new strategies to the activities.

ADPP has the rampant experiences in linking key partners such as the government (policy makers) and other stakeholders through participating in various forums. It is from these platforms that we learn to develop practical tools for the 90 90 90 cascade. Our Field Officers identify risk burdened areas and organize events, testing activities in these specific areas. Evaluation tools are used to see whether a person is legible for testing or not. There is good collaboration between Field Officers and the health centres. This relationship facilitates Field Officers in making a follow-up of those who might abandon the treatment regime.

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Past Performance and accountability

(i) Global Fund, round 7, phase 1; 2009 – 2011; HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness in 575 villages in the whole country and vocational skills training of 650 vulnerable youth 14-18 years; 608.200 US\$; 375.000 people direct beneficiaries; (ii) Global Fund, round 7, phase 2; 2011 – 2012; HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness in Gabú region; 392.000 US\$; 117.000 people direct beneficiaries; 35 Field Officers and 534 volunteers made 117.090 door-to-door visits, 70.478 people registered, 1.152 volunteers tests; 8.213 people with follow up plans, 1.400 pregnant women mobilised in Mother-to-Child Transmission Programme; (iii) DHAPP (US Department of Defence HIV/AIDS Prevention Program); 2018 → 2022; Comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment program for the GB Armed Forces; 738.900 US\$; Target direct beneficiaries 19.500 military people and families; Capacity building of Ministry of Health and Armed Forces health workers, supply of and capacity building in laboratory equipment, prevention and awareness campaigns; (iv) UNICEF PIMI 1 (Empowerment of communities to lead the accelerated reduction of maternal mortality, neo-natal and child mortality rate); 2013 – 2016; 656.000 US\$; Direct beneficiaries 52.770 women and 40.777 under 5 children; Training and leading 517 Community Health Workers, make available medicine and medical support to reduce the maternal and infant mortality

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