

# Overview of the SADC HIV and AIDS Programs and the EU Support

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# Structure of Presentation

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# Background

- SADC is the worst affected region
- The region carries 37% of the world cases of HIV and AIDS while its population is about 3.5%
- Several MS have adult prevalence rate of over 20% with others exceeding 35%

# Background Cont--

- The impact of the epidemic is enormous.
- There is reversal of developmental gains
- Major threat to sustainable development
- Decline in productivity
- Diversion of resources from production to care and treatment
- Increase in orphans
- Increase in poverty

# Policy & Program Response

- RISDP
- Maseru Declaration on HIV and AIDS
- Strategic Framework and Program for 2003 – 2007
- Business Plan

# RISDP

- Tool to operationalize restructuring
- Provides clear strategic direction for SADC policies and programs.
- Provides MS with a consistent and comprehensive program for long term economic and social policies
- Prioritizes HIV and AIDS

# Maseru Declaration

- Highest level policy document
- Triggered by the worsening situation of the epidemic
- Adopted in 2003 in Lesotho at a special Summit on HIV and AIDS
- Prioritizes areas of action
- Reaffirms commitment to HIV and AIDS

# Priority Areas of Action - MD

- Social Mobilization for the Prevention of the Spread of HIV infection
- Improving access to care, treatment and support services
- Accelerating development and mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS
- Intensifying Resource Mobilization
- Strengthening M&E

# Strategic Frame Work

- Goal
- Objectives
- Principles
- Strategic Focus

# SADC Goal

- To decrease the numbers of individuals and families infected and affected by HIV and AIDS in the region, so as to ensure that HIV and AIDS is no longer a threat to public health and to sustained socio-economic development of MS.

# Objectives

- Reduce Incidence of new infections
- Mitigate the Socio-Economic Impact
- Review, develop and harmonize policies
- Mobilize and Coordinate Resources
- Monitor implementation of the SADC Framework and other commitments.

# Principles

- Multi-sectorality
- Subsidiarity
- Prioritization
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Comparative Advantage
- Complementary
- HR

# Strategic Areas of Focus

- Policy Development and harmonization
- Mainstreaming
- Capacity Building
- Facilitating Technical Response
- Facilitating Resources Networks
- Monitoring

# Business Plan

- Policy Development and Harmonization
- Capacity Building and Mainstreaming
- Facilitation of Technical resources, Networks, Coordination and Collaboration
- Resource Mobilization
- Monitoring and Evaluation

# Key elements of the BP

- Key Tasks ( Interventions)
- Key Performance Indicators
- Responsibilities
  - SADC Secretariat
  - MS
  - ICP

Time Frame

# SADC/EU Project on HIV

- 5 year project
- Designed to support a multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS at a regional level
- The project supports the implementation of the SADC strategic Plan.

# EU Project cont---

- Supports Capacity building of the SADC Secretariat
- Evidence based policy and program development through studies and piloting of innovative regional ideas.
- Currently supporting 10 regional organizations on various thematic issues including water, transport, food security, health, education, mobile population, M&E etc

# Life after the pilots

- Pilots are expected to generate significant information to strengthen the response to HIV and AIDS policies and programs both at regional and national levels.
- Studies like FANRPAN are expected to guide our Directorate on FANR on how best to respond to HIV in the context of their mandate
- Other program initiatives will inform the scaling up of projects to have desired impact.
- Resources are being mobilized to implement the outcome of these pilots among other things.

# Conclusions

- SADC has prioritized HIV and AIDS in its core business.
- Mainstreaming has been adopted as a strategy to ensure that all sectors respond effectively and in accordance with their mandate to the epidemic.
- There is high expectation of findings of the FANRPAN study.
- We trust that the study will make a difference to our people.