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Regional Programme Southern Africa RPSA

Youth focused HIV Prevention programme and Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme

Duration: 3 years,
(2011-March 2014)

Budget: CHF 4'200'000.-

Implementing Agencies:
Southern African Aids Trust
(SAT) and Alliance Zambia

Partners: Regional governmental bodies, Education and Health Ministries, District Health Offices, Traditional Authorities, community based organisations

Project location:
Southern Africa

Project countries :
Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi,
Swaziland, Tanzania

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Current Situation

SDC supports HIV and AIDS prevention initiatives by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, through its local Africa Office, Alliance Zambia and the Southern African AIDS Trust (SAT) targeting young people 10-24 in the southern African region. In 2010 young people aged 15-24 accounted for 42% of new HIV infections in the southern African region. Among young people living with HIV, nearly 80% live in the region. Young women 15-24 have high infection rates twice as high as in young men and account for 31% of all new HIV infections. Young boys and girls make up a segment of the population that is particularly vulnerable to HIV.

Swiss Objectives

Through its support Switzerland will contribute to efforts aimed at decreasing the incidence of HIV infections among adolescents and youths, 10-24 and improve the quality of life among adolescents and youth living with HIV and AIDS.

The interventions work on all four levels (individual, community, service and policy) in a coordinated way to as this will address the different causes of vulnerability and build the resilience of young people. It targets young people 10-14 and 15-14, community leaders, governments of the respective countries.

What will change?

- Increased knowledge and skills amongst youth, adults and community leaders on how to prevent HIV/STIs infection
- Improved policies and legal environment for addressing young people's sexual health and rights.
- Increased availability of comprehensive SRHR and HIV prevention services targeting young people.
- Increased utilisation by youth of sexual and reproductive health and information services including prevention.
- Young people are empowered to participate as change agents in community HIV & AIDS initiatives