

## Programme Area Summary

**Country:** Mozambique

**Programme Area:** HIV & AIDS 2005-2009

### **What is the aim of the programme area?**

To improve the capacity of community based organisations (CBOs) to lead the fight against HIV & AIDS based on community priorities

### **Why is VSO working in that particular Programme Area and region?**

The current prevalence rate is 16.2%. HIV & AIDS is affecting every sector. Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in the world and HIV & AIDS is threatening recent economic advancements. The Government of Mozambique has made HIV & AIDS a national priority through the *Second National Strategic Plan (2005-2009)* with objectives focusing in prevention, advocacy, stigma and discrimination, treatment and mitigation. The current VSO Country Programme (and the Regional AIDS Initiative of Southern Africa (RAISA)) compliments these priorities while recognising that capacity building is essential for the response to the epidemic to be adequate. It focuses in Central and Southern Provinces on the transport corridors along which the epidemic is growing.

### **Key beneficiaries and partners**

- Mozambique Network of AIDS service Organisations (MONASO)- Sofala
- Provincial Directorate of Women and Social Action – (DMPAS) Maputo
- Kindlimuka – an association of People living with HIV & AIDS – Maputo
- The association of agricultural and livestock technicians (ATAP)
- Reencontro
- 12 other partners including government departments, Networks of People Living with HIV & AIDS, community based organisations (CBOs) and NGOs

### **Key objectives of the programme and the cross-cutting themes**

- To empower communities to respond to mitigate the impact of HIV & AIDS
- To support partner organisations to develop resources that encourage behaviour change to reduce infection rates.
- Support the development and implementation of HIV & AIDS workplace policies in and by partner organisations
- To promote community volunteering within partner organisations to reduce the burden of care on women and girls

The cross cutting issues are gender and food security

### **Current programme activities**

#### *Focus of international volunteer placements*

The plan is to have 24 volunteers working in the programme at any time. 30% will provide support to associations and networks of people living with HIV & AIDS, 20% will be placed in government institutions addressing HIV& AIDS, and 50% will work with civil society organisations working with and for those living with HIV & AIDS.

#### *Workshops, training & conferences*

HIV & AIDS Mainstreaming: held in March 2007 for VSO staff and volunteers in Southern Mozambique. A WHO representative gave a session on Post-Exposure-Prophylaxis (PEP); workshops on Mainstreaming are expected with partners and volunteers in the central region; psychosocial support workshop for partners supporting orphans and vulnerable children; monitoring and evaluation training for partners in the central

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provinces; livelihoods and HIV & AIDS workshop; workshop on prevention and behavioural change; training on home-based care for four partners and the RAISA Annual Conference

### *Support to national volunteering*

This will be done to support the RAISA Regional Advocacy on reducing the burden of care on women and girls. We will be working with various stakeholders to support community volunteers belonging to our partner organizations particularly those doing home-based care. VSO Mozambique is supporting national volunteering which is involved in providing support in volunteer management, the approval of a Law on National Voluntarism by Parliament, creating a national committee and developing a database. Where this compliments the HIV & AIDS Programme we will be working with the Programme Manager responsible for this area.

### *Advocacy*

VSO will be involved with MONASO and the National Network of Positive People (RENSIDA) on access to treatment for all. We will also be working with various stakeholders to implement the RAISA Regional Advocacy strategy to reduce the burden of care on women and girls.

### *Partner exchange visits/study tours*

There has been a regional study tour to Zambia for five partners from the livelihoods and HIV & AIDS Programmes. This will be follow up to the RAISA Regional Conference on Food Security in a World of HIV & AIDS. There has been a study tour to Zimbabwe on reducing the burden of care on women and girls. This is to implement the RAISA Regional Advocacy Strategy. There have been national exchanges between partners especially those in the HIV & AIDS and Livelihoods Programmes.

### *Providing grants and/or equipment for partners e.g. small grants fund:*

There are plans to provide small grants to 11 partner organizations targeting people living with HIV & AIDS particularly women, and orphans and vulnerable children. Most of the grants will be used for income generating activities and training workshops.

### *Development of publications or other materials for training or communication:*

Materials will be produced to support the advocacy strategy.

### *Other partnership activities:*

Quarterly network meeting for partners in the Southern Provinces who support orphans and vulnerable children.

### **What makes VSO's work in this programme area special?**

The HIV & AIDS Programme is Part of the Regional AIDS Initiative of Southern Africa. Volunteers and partners therefore benefit from best practices and learning from other countries in the Southern African region.