HIV/AIDS Response in Egypt

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Roadmap

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• Gaps identified
• UNAIDS Proposal
• Challenges
Egypt Background

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<td>Population</td>
<td>67 millions</td>
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<td>Per capita GDP, 2001</td>
<td>3,901 US$ ppp</td>
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<td>The life expectancy</td>
<td>67 years</td>
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<td>2000 WHO Health Report ranked</td>
<td>63 (of 110)</td>
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<td>Total health expenditure on health, 2001</td>
<td>3.9 % of GDP</td>
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<td>People living in rural areas</td>
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<td>People living with HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>12,000 (&lt;0.1%)</td>
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Current Initiatives

Public Agencies

- MOPH
- NCCHA
- NACP
- 27 Sub programmes

Initiatives

- Screening of transfusion blood.
- Free treatment.
- Central reporting and surveillance.
- Information.
Gaps identified by UNAIDS

- Low number of people tested.
- Low number of centres testing, counselling and offering information.
- Follow up on treatment.
- No psychosocial support for PLWHA.
- Low public acceptance of people suffering from HIV/AIDS.
- No infrastructure of NACP, NGOs and service providers.

UNAIDS - Geneva
- Revision
- Approval and funding in a competitive process.

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Proposal

US$ 75,000

Competing projects

UNAIDS Project

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<td>Support Infrastructure</td>
<td>Creating a data bank of information.</td>
<td>US$ 21,204</td>
<td>Fair in Cairo and Alexandria (41%), Creating information materials (12%), Consultants (38%).</td>
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<td>Increase awareness</td>
<td>Educating and training the members of the NGOs</td>
<td>US$ 35,533</td>
<td>Internal workshops (32%), External workshops (40%), Create information material (6%), Monitoring (12%).</td>
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<td>Produce materials to be used for increasing the awareness of HIV/AIDS at community level.</td>
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<td>Increase the involvement of PLWHA</td>
<td>Produce a film about PLWHA in Egypt.</td>
<td>US$ 17,980</td>
<td>Workshops and materials (26%), Producing film (25%), Radio show (7%), Talk shows (22%), Consultants (9%).</td>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
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Activities and sub-activities include:
-Creating a data bank of information.
-Creating brochures describing the general activities of ENNAA.
-A yearly fundraising fair in Cairo and Alexandria and a program for corporate sponsorship.
-Educating and training the members of the NGOs.
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-Fair in Cairo and Alexandria.
-Creating information materials.
-Consultants.
Issues still not addressed

- The number of people tested.
  - 25% of intravenous drug users reported positive in study in Iran. Only 1% reported in Egypt.
- Increasing the testing capacity.
  - The yearly budget for HIV/AIDS (and TB) testing is US$ 2.5 mio.

Challenges of the implementation

- Political
  - Involvement of established power base (MOHP) critical.
- Cultural
  - Involvement of religious leaders.
- Demographical Challenges
  - Reaching rural areas.