ATLAS PROJECT: HIVST IN WEST-AFRICA

EXHIBITION HOT TALK
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Atlas Project: HIVST in West-Africa

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STAR HIV Self-Testing Stand
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Epidemiological context in WCA

A generalised epidemic at a relative low level (HIV prevalence: 0.4 to 3.8%)

Concentrated epidemics among key populations: MSM, FSW, DUs

In 2018, in the world
37.9 million people are living with HIV

- People living with HIV know their status: 79%
- People who know their positive status have access to treatment: 78%
- People on treatment have an undetectable viral load: 86%

Source: Unaids Data 2019

In West and Central Africa
5 million people are living with HIV

- People living with HIV know their status: 64%
- People who know their positive status have access to treatment: 79%
- People on treatment have an undetectable viral load: 76%

Source: Unaids Data 2019

Hard to reach/hidden population: priority for 1st 90 gap
ATLAS project in a nutshell

- **Outcome**: Increased access to HIV self-testing and linkage to confirmatory testing and treatment among target populations
- **Expected impact**: Reduction in morbidity and mortality due to HIV/AIDS

- Unitaid funded project
- Mid 2018 ➔ End of 2021
- More than half million HIVST kits to be distributed
- Solthis and IRD consortium with **27 implementing partners & 20 research and technical partners**

- **Côte d’Ivoire**: 6 regions, 12 health districts, 32 public / community health facilities
- **Mali**: 5 regions, 29 health districts, 30 public / community health facilities
- **Sénégal**: 3 regions, 15 health districts, 21 health facilities
Project outputs

1. Strengthen the system
   - Participate in the introduction and large-scale deployment of HIV self-testing.

2. Implement in an appropriate manner
   - Diversify distribution channels to reach the project’s target populations, encourage confirmatory testing and treatments.

3. Generate and share evidences
   - Generate evidences on the outcomes and impact of interventions through scientific studies and promote them.
5 research workpackages

Social contexts

WP1: Key populations qualitative survey

WP2: Partners of PLWHIV anthropological survey

Evaluation of ATLAS impacts

WP3: Coupons survey

WP4: Costing

WP5: Modeling
ATLAS delivery channels

Primary distribution

HIVST for personal use

20%

Secondary distribution

HIVST to be redistributed to social networks

80%

STI patients
MSMs
FSWs
Drug users

Partners of PLHIV - Partners of STI patients
MSM peers and sexual partners
FSW peers and sexual partners, clients
Drug users peers and sexual partners

Mixing facility and community-based, primary and secondary HIVST distribution
ATLAS HIVST distribution so far

HIVST distribution per target population
ATLAS July 2019 to May 2020

- **FSW, peers and partners/clients**: 63.67%
- **MSM, peers & partners**: 22.88%
- **PLwHIV partners**: 3.4%
- **STI patients & partners**: 4.66%
- **DU, peers & partners**: 5.39%
**Consortium**

- Côte d’Ivoire
  - Ministère de la Santé et de l’Hygiène Publique
  - PNLS

- Mali
  - Ministère de la Santé et des Affaires sociales
  - HCNLS

- Senegal
  - Ministère de la Santé et de l’Action Sociale
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**Research partners**

- Imperial College London
- INRSP

**Technical partner**

- World Health Organization

**Project partners**

- SHUGA

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- **Created in August 2000**
- **Areas of intervention:** sustainable improvement in the lives of vulnerable populations, promotion of equal rights, reduction of HIV transmission and AIDS impact.
- **Principles:** Empathy, confidentiality, neutrality and tolerance.
- **Activities:** in community-based and facility-based strategies, behaviour change communication, condom and lubricant supply, STI testing and care, HIV testing and guided referral to care centres.

**ATLAS Project:** integration of HIVST in community-based and facility-based activities for MSM and SW. Awareness raising by peer educators and HIVST distribution from August 2019 to May 2020: **11,438 HIVST distributed (out of a total country of 21,620 or 53%),** of which:
  - SW community-based strategy: 8,929 (78%)
  - SW facility-based strategy: 1,643 (14%)
  - MSM community-based strategy: 817 (7%)
  - MSM facility-based strategy: 49 (- de 1%)
Espace Confiance

- Created in October 2004
- **Areas of Intervention**: Prevention / Management of STIs and HIV/AIDS.
- Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene.
- **Principles**: Friendly/Non-judgmental centres - Free services – Discretion (Anonymity of the centres).
- **Activities**: in community-based and facility-based strategies: prevention, awareness-raising, medical and psycho-social care.

**ATLAS Project** : Awareness raising by peer educators and ADVIH distribution from Oct. 2019 to May 2020: **13,642 HIVST distributed (out of a country total of 33,898 or 40%)**, of which:
  - SW community-based strategy : 7 309 **(53%)**
  - SW facility-based strategy : 39 **(0,3%)**
  - MSM community-based strategy: 3 522 **(26%)**
  - MSM facility-based strategy: 106 **(0,7%)**
  - DU community-based strategy : 1 991 **(15%)**
  - DU facility-based strategy : 675 **(5%)**
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HIVST M&E FRAMEWORKS AND INDICATORS

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TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2020

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