



ROADS II Countries: Kenya

Introduction

The goal of ROADS II Kenya is to stem HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable people along the Northern Transport Corridor in the country. In FY 2012, with support from USAID/Kenya, the Project developed key HIV prevention messages for mobile workers and their sexual partners, for adoption by APHIAplus and other partners working along the country's key transport corridors.

ROADS II is working directly with truck drivers and other most-at-risk populations (MARPs) in Busia, Kikopey, Machakos Junction, Malaba, Mariakani, Maungu and Mlolongo, and to build capacity in HIV prevention.

ROADS II Kenya is strengthening local organizations in HIV prevention message development and dissemination; disseminating behavior change communication (BCC) messages targeting truck drivers, commercial sex workers, married youth, men and women, out-of-school youth, and older orphans; expanding services and referrals available at Resource Centers to include ART refills for truckers; and disseminating BCC messages for target audiences in an array of facilities in the seven sites.

ROADS II will bring to bear key lessons learned throughout East, Central and Southern Africa and strengthen linkages between the Kenya program and ROADS programming in the other countries along the Northern Corridor.

Target Audience

- Truck drivers and other mobile men
- Commercial Sex Workers
- Community men and women
- Out-of-school youth
- Married youth
- Older orphans

Partners

- MOH/NASCO
- NACC
- APHIAplus
- Kenya Long Distance Truck Drivers and Allied Workers Union (KLDTDWU)
- Other corridor actors (International Organization for Migration, North Star Alliance)

Activities

- Disseminate HIV prevention messages to targeted audiences
- Establish a nationally recognized identity for HIV prevention programming for MARPs along Kenyan transport corridors
- Manage SafeTStop Resource Centers in Busia, Malaba and Mariakani to strengthen and standardize capacity building, message development and dissemination
- Pilot ART refills in SafeTStop Resource Centers
- Establish alcohol counseling groups and GBV discussion forums at SafeTstop Resource Centers
- Link with local businesses (bars, lodges, private pharmacies/drug shops) to enhance HIV education and referral among employees interacting with truck drivers and their sexual partners
- Train members of local organizations to implement evidence-based HIV prevention programming focusing on routine interaction among trusted individuals for maximum impact
- Integrate gender including promotion of male involvement as a structural HIV prevention strategy

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