



ROADS II Countries: Djibouti

Introduction

ROADS II Djibouti began operations in 2006 along the Addis Ababa-Djibouti corridor, with a focus on the PK 12 stop-over community and Damerjog. The country hosts significant mobile populations from neighbouring Ethiopia and Somalia. Mobile men and women are at elevated risk of HIV and other health challenges while away from their families and support structures.

With funding from USAID and UNICEF, the Project is extending HIV services in six zones in PK 12 with plans to extend to Dikhil on the frontier with Ethiopia.

Target Audiences

- Truck drivers and their assistants
- Individuals engaged in transactional and commercial sex
- Low-income women
- Youth out of school
- Community men
- Bar and restaurant employees

Partners

- Ministry of Health
- Executive Secretariat for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- UNICEF, UNAIDS, WFP, UNFPA
- Local CBOs
- Muslim leaders

Activities

- Community-based HIV prevention (peer-based approaches, interactive drama, film screening, health messaging in religious services)
- HIV testing and counseling
- Messaging on stigma reduction, substance abuse and gender-based violence
- Capacity building of local CBOs and health facilities

Spotlight: Public-Private Partnership with Dubai Ports (DP) World



HIV education session in a SafeTStop Resource Center

The Port of Djibouti, managed by Dubai Ports (DP) World, is one of the busiest in Africa, attracting workers from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia and beyond. Up to 1,000 Ethiopian trucks visit Djibouti each day ferrying goods to and from the port.

In a first-of-its-kind alliance to protect the health of Djiboutian port workers and their families, mobile population and vulnerable community members, FHI 360/ROADS II joined with the Government of Djibouti, USAID and DP World to establish a SafeTStop Community Center at PK 12.

Per the Global Development Alliance (GDA) signed by the parties at Djibouti's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on July 12, 2010, DP World is funding construction of the 1,600-square-foot center, to be operated jointly by the Djiboutian government and ROADS II. The branded SafeTstop center will also offer a range of health services including first aid, malaria, STI, HIV education, testing and counseling and referral for community- and facility-based services. As a further draw, the center will offer internet services for e-learning and to help mobile workers stay in touch with their families, as well as literacy classes and vocational training.

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