











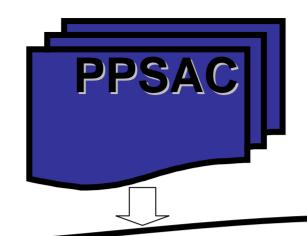


### PROGRAMME DE PREVENTION DU SIDA EN AFRIQUE CENTRALE

### (HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM IN CENTRAL AFRICA)

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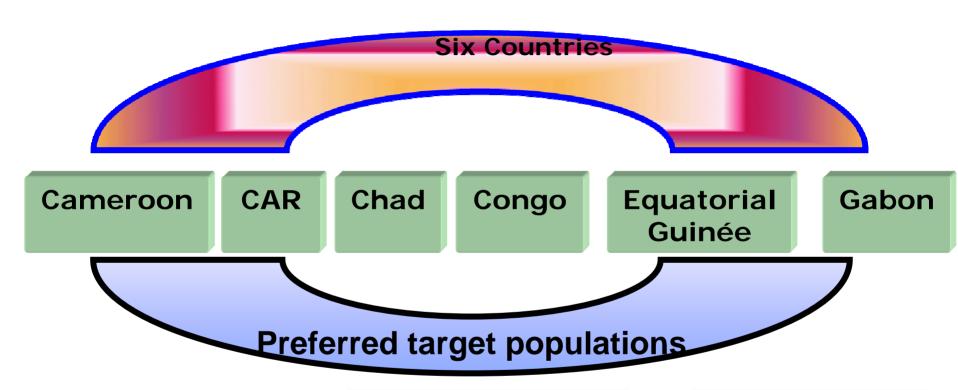
French acronym standing for "Programme de Prévention du SIDA en Afrique Centrale"

2000 – 2005: Bilateral approach of the TA from KFW to SMA (Social Marketing Associations) in Cameroon, Chad and the CAR Focus was particularly put on social marketing of condoms

Due to some technical limits, it became essential to move from the bilateral approach to the regional one

The regional approach started in three (3) countries, and now continues in six (6) countries

# Coverage areas and target populations



Sexually active populations

MARP (Most At Risk Populations) – Teenagers – CSWs - Truck drivers – Militaries – Traders -Seasonal workers - Vulnerable groups (women, children, refugees, poor and marginal populations) How can PPSAC impact on Fishery and HIV/AIDS in Central Africa?

#### Result 1:

The Social
Marketing of
Condoms (with
the promotion of a
regional brand of
condoms: "securié
plus")

#### Result 2:

FREJES (Regional

Youth Forum) as well

as CCSA (Cross

border, Common and Synergic Activities)

#### Result 3:

Fight against

Stigmatization

and

Discrimination

## THE SOCIAL MARKETING APPROACH

## Availability of condoms in fishing camps

☐ "Female fish traders" as part of the commercial network in condoms sales, along side the existing commercial network

### **CBS (Community Based Services)**

- ☐ Awareness on STI/HIV/AIDS.
- ☐ Availability of health products at the community level

Capacities
building of
"Female fish
traders" by
existing SMA

Availability of health products (male and female condoms, ORS, Mosquito bed nets...) through Health community agents

# FREJES (The Regional Youth Forum)

#### **GOALS**

Enable young people to make a specific contribution to the response to STI/HIV/AIDS

Develop a minimum package of activities for young people

by PPSAC with contribution of all partners through the establishment of a functional structure within the SMA

Hold an annual base exchange and enrichment session on the achievements and good practices in response to STI/HIV/AIDS within youth milieu

# FREJES (The Regional Youth Forum)

### Possible involvement of youth from fishing camps

- □ Peer education in and outside schools;
- ☐ Participation in the production and distribution of the newspaper "100% jeunes";
- ☐ Newspaper articles on the specific milieu of fishing;
- □ Involvement in interactive radio program "100% jeunes";
- ☐ Participation to the regional competition "Prix CEMAC de l'excellence"

# CROSS BORDER, COMMON AND SYNERGIC ACTIVITIES

Cross border, Common and Synergic Activities intend to Contribute to the significant reduction of the spread of STI, including HIV at the level of migratory routes within the six (6) member countries of the CEMAC region.

#### Main activities will include:

☐ Situational analysis; Mapping of mobility and vulnerability; KAP studies; Sensitization campaigns coupled with STI treatment as well as CT; Harmonized planning of activities between countries; Capacities reinforcement of health centers located along side common borders

# FIGHT AGAINST STIGMATIZATION AND DISCRIMINATION

- ☐ Setting up of associations of PLWHA within the fishing camps;
- ☐ Promotion of the rights of PLWHA;
- ☐ Promotion of the use of SPIRULINA (a micro algae rich in vegetable protein, minerals, iron, vitamin B and E) by PLWHA

### **LESSONS LEARNED**

<ul> <li>Well driven research activities have enabled us to improve on:</li> <li>□ Shift in strategy and orientations;</li> <li>□ Orientations related to the integration of new countries;</li> <li>□ Cost - effectiveness, usefulness and efficiency as regards activities;</li> <li>□ Standards Operating Procedures (SOP);</li> <li>□ Monitoring &amp; Evaluation guidelines.</li> </ul>
In that line, some of the major recommendations made by the mid-term evaluation of the PPSAC (phase I) were related to:  The importance of a comprehensive cross border integration, as far as vision and activities are concerned; The necessity to broaden partnership; PLWHA should constitute the cornerstone to combat stigma and discrimination; The CBS should be considered as an approach dealing with all the other components of the program;

#### **CHALLENGES**

- □ Economical implications of the regional brand of condoms ("securité plus") are yet to be mastered;
- ☐ Distribution of condoms free of charge is likely to destabilize the social marketing process, especially as it is now proven that there is no guarantee in the use of condoms acquired free of charge;
- ☐ For some specific groups, condoms accessibility is still a major issue (geographical and financial constraints);
- ☐ Mobile services for mobile groups (are stand alone services relevant enough for mobile populations?)

