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Funafuti International Airport Terminal



HIV & AIDS Prevention Plan

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1. Purpose

The World Bank requires HIV education to be implemented in association with Bank-funded infrastructure projects (in excess of \$10 million). This requires the provision of HIV education (risks, transmission, and treatment) to construction workers and to communities that are impacted by these projects. Reeves-Envico will include in the program an IEC campaign for site staff and labour and their families in respect of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) including HIV/AIDS. This Plan will address behavioural change that will enhance Tuvaluan people's ability to take responsibility for making healthier choices, resist negative pressures and avoid risk behaviours.

2. Background

In June 2011, Tuvalu joined the international community to sign the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS; reconfirming its previous commitments made in 2001 and 2006. The Political Declaration motivates and compels countries to work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goal Six to halt and reverse the spread of HIV epidemic by 2015.

Despite its isolation and remoteness, Tuvalu has not been spared from the effects of HIV. In 1995 the islands recorded their first case of HIV, and since then a total of 10 cases to date, one of the highest rates of HIV per capita in the Pacific. Out of the 10 cases, 8 people are still alive and 2 people have died of HIV-related illnesses. There is a high rate of asymptomatic STI in particular chlamydia among seafarers and pregnant mothers.

3. Project description

This project involves the construction of a new Terminal Building at Funafuti Airport in Tuvalu. The scope of work is to demolish the existing Terminal Building structure, construct a new Terminal Building and undertake the necessary ground reinstatement works between the new structure and the aircraft apron. The Project will be employing local construction workers and specialist trades form overseas.

4. HIV Situation in Tuvalu:

Tuvalu has identified seafarers and MSM as it high risk group. Review and development of new STI and HIV plan for seafarers is underway. Whole – population approach is used for any health promotional programs. The reason for this is the cultural context, beliefs and practices associated with HIV/AIDS.

Baseline behavioural surveys of seafarers and young people in the past few years have highlighted risk behaviours among key groups and the need for ongoing and expanded behavioural surveillance. In Tuvalu, there are no known injecting drug users nor recognised commercial sex workers, however, there are anecdotal reports of informal transactional sex arrangements. Seafarers - who account for 70 per cent of Tuvalu's HIV cases - and their wives are particularly vulnerable to infection. Of the 209 seafarers covered by the Second Generation Surveillance survey, only 27.8% had correct knowledge of HIV prevention methods and 16.8% reported having both correct knowledge of HIV prevention and no incorrect beliefs about HIV transmission. These results suggested that the men surveyed either did not understand how STIs were transmitted or chose not to practice safe sex. It is reasonable to assume that sexually active men and women have a similar level of knowledge of HIV prevention methods. A recent rise in reported cases of STIs at the main hospital and, in particular, in the young population of 15-25 years could point to a further rise in HIV cases in the country in the near future.

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5. References / Documentation / Toolkits:

- *HIV/AIDS and other STIs in Tuvalu South Pacific*. Dr Stephen Mafoa Kaimoko Homasi (Aug 2007)
- *Tuvalu Global AIDS Response - Progress Report 2014*. Ministry of Health of Tuvalu
- *The Road to Good Health – Toolkit*. The World Bank (Revised Materials 2009)

6. Approvals

See below the proposal by Miliama Simeona, Executive Director at the Tuvalu Family Health Association for MCT approval.

Further discussion with the Ministry of Health is necessary to address whether condoms shall be provided and whether STI and HIV/AIDS screening, diagnosis, counselling and referral to a dedicated national STI and HIV/AIDS program is feasible.

7. Proposal for Conducting HIV Education & Awareness Training for Funafuti Airport Terminal Project Workers and Community Residents on Funafuti

Tuvalu Family Health Association (TUFHA) is a non-government organization delivering its services in accordance with its objective as a non for profit organization. It is a full member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation IPPF. Its mission is to improve family health in Tuvalu through the provision of information and services, advocacy for high quality of sexual and reproductive health services, and recognition of sexual and reproductive health rights. Reduction in HIV incidence is one of the main targets of TUFHA. In country, Tuvalu is working closely with the Ministry of Health, in delivering and supplementing its health services, especially to underserved areas in the communities.

7.1 HIV&AIDS Prevention:

While mobilized for work, the Contractor shall conduct an HIV-AIDS Information, Education and Consultation Communication (IEC) campaign via an approved service provider, and shall undertake such other measures as are specified in this Contract to reduce the risk of the transfer of the HIV virus between and among the Contractor’s Personnel and the local community, to promote early diagnosis and to assist affected individuals. The Contractor shall not discriminate against people found to have HIV-AIDS as part of the campaign.

The IEC campaign shall be conducted while the Contractor is mobilized in accordance with the approved approach. It shall be addressed to all target groups identified concerning the risks, dangers and impact, and appropriate avoidance behaviour with respect to, of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)—or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) in general and HIV/AIDS in particular.

The STI, STD and HIV/AIDS alleviation program shall indicate when, how and at what cost the Contractor plans to satisfy the requirements of this Sub-Clause and the related specification. For each component, the program shall detail the resources to be provided or utilized and any related sub-contracting proposed. The program shall also include provision of a detailed cost estimate with supporting documentation. Payment to the Contractor for preparation and implementation this program shall not exceed the Provisional Sum dedicated for this purpose.

Reeves / CCB personnel shall participate in all HIV & AIDS awareness training and we understand that condoms are readily available in Tuvalu, for free, for all. Reeves Envico will additionally ensure condoms are available for all staff involved in the project.

Our advice from the Tuvalu Family Health Association is that HIV clearances prior to visiting the islands is not a requirement in Tuvalu, and that there is no mandatory testing/clearance for visitors.

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7.2 Training Coverage:

Contractor's employees, all Sub-Contractors and Consultants' employees, and all truck drivers and crew making deliveries to Site for construction activities as well as immediate local communities.

The Tuvalu Family Health Association will keep an attendance list of participants who attend the course, and also provide a pre and post workshop questionnaire, so that we can measure the effectiveness of the training.

7.3 Training Sessions:

The HIV education & awareness training will be conducted by 4 of our staff. Training sessions will comprise of both oral/lecture presentations, and participants activities. The trainers are:

1. Dr Miliama Simeona: Medical Doctor, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist,
2. Taotao Homasi: Nurse educator, Midwife, HIV Counsellor
3. Mavaega Letasi: Nurse educator, midwife,
4. Lono Leneuoti: TUFHA Programme Officer, HIV Educator

Project Name:	HIV education & Awareness Training for Funafuti Airport Terminal project workers and neighbouring communities.
Period of Training:	June- December 2016
Responsible Organization	Tuvalu Family Health Association, Funafuti Island, Tuvalu

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