



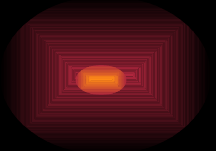
**TB/HIV COLLABORATIVE
POLICY ADVOCACY
PROJECT IN SIERRA
LEONE - 2005**

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BACKGROUND OF SIERRA LEONE



- **West African State**
- **Total population (2006): 6,005,250**
- **Life expectancy : 34.3 YRS**
- **PER CAPITAL INCOME PER YR: \$150**
- **Official Language: English**
- **Just Recovering from 12 years civil war**
- **Least developed by UNDP REPORT 2003 174 out of 174**
- **57% LIVES ON LESS THAN \$1 a day**

TB AND HIV EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA FOR SIERRA LEONE



- **TB prevalence, all forms (2004):
45,215**
- **TB incidence, all forms (2004):
23,652**
- **Adult HIV prevalence (2005):
1.5%**
- **HIV prevalence in adult incident
TB cases (2004): 9.9%**

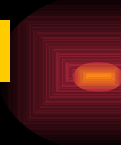
HOSPICE MOVEMENT

- **The Shepherds Hospice in Sierra Leone**
- **Promotes palliative care that relieves pain and distressing symptoms of chronic diseases such as cancer and HIV/AIDS**
- **Service is holistic involving loved ones of patients**
- **Care is non-discriminatory including cost constraints**
- **And could be provided at home or inpatient**
- **Aims at quality care through multidisciplinary team , medical, social , spiritual**



WHY TB/HIV ADVOCACY IN SIERRA LEONE



- **Vertical implementation of TB and HIV programs at national and community levels**
 - **TB as leading cause of death in HIV / AIDS Patients**
 - **Duplication of TB and HIV resources leaving gaps to exist**
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TB/ HIV ADVOCACY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN S. LEONE



- **SITUATION ANALYSIS ,**
- **STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP**
- **RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRINT MEDIA DISCUSSION**
- **FORMATION OF TASKFORCE**
- **SUPPORTING DISTRICT COUNCILS TO PROVIDE FREE TREATMENT FOR TB and HIV**

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



- **Research should be an integral part of advocacy for TB and HIV**
 - **Sustainability should be promoted in the design of an advocacy project**
 - **Promote Greater involvement of PLWHIV/TB**
 - **TB/HIV advocacy must be seen strengthening the national Health system**
 - **Project must be right based empowering and holding state and non-state actors to account**
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KEY RESULTS

- **TB/HIV COLLABORATIVE POLICY TASKFORCE**
- **FIDELIS PROJECT TO SCALE UP DOTS COUNTRYWIDE**
- **TB TREATMENT AGREED TO BE FREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES**
- **INCREASED MEDIA FOCUS ON TB/HIV COLLABORATION**



END OF PRESENTATION



- **THANKYOU**

- *The struggle continues until the prize is won, we will win, people are the greatest resource, and we have it*
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- **Gabriel Madiye, DPH,WAHEB**

