



ESTHER – Ensemble pour une Solidarité Thérapeutique Hospitalière En Réseau

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The German Contribution to ESTHER

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Foundation of ESTHER - Background and history

- After UN's Special General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, June 2001 → French government took the initiative of setting up **ESTHER** (Network for Therapeutic Solidarity in Hospitals) programme with the **objective to facilitate access to care for people living with HIV/AIDS in developing countries**
- Programme reinforced by other European countries (Spain, Italy, Luxembourg), supported by Kofi Annan, joined by the WHO and UNAIDS
- **March 2002**: creation of a **Public Interest Group (PIG)**, by the French ministries of Health and Cooperation (Bernard Kouchner's initiative) for managing the ESTHER Initiative



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ESTHER strategy and activities

- **Four major work axis** guiding the activities:
 - Improving conditions of care by enhancing technical platforms and supply of hospital equipment
 - Supporting national care strategies for people living with HIV/AIDS by encouraging national solidarity mechanisms
 - Promoting and supporting implementation of a continuous care strategy
 - Taking part in developing joint actions with int. & European organisations for coherent interventions and increased access to care and treatment



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Germany

- **Political Commitment:** Agreement signed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ (State Secretary) two years ago
- **Budget:** 1 - 1,5 Mio. € for a period of 1.1.2007 – 31.12.2009
- **Organisational Setting:** ESTHER will be implemented by GTZ and a consultant in close cooperation with BMZ



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- A **Focal Person** in place from July 1st, 2007 to set up the German ESTHER contribution: facilitating the cooperation between the institutions in Germany and the partner countries and assuring the coordination and communication within the ESTHER network
- **Financing of activities regarding capacity development in the area of *treatment and prevention*:**
 - Seminars and trainings on site
 - travel and staff exchange, networking
 - Local subsidies
 - Equipment (on a limited scope)



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Next steps (September 2007)

- Definition of **criteria** for twining of hospitals, universities and other organisations:
 - Success/impact
 - Content
 - Financing level
 - M&E
 - Sustainability
 - Knowledge management
 - Research
 - Harmonisation & coordination with other efforts in the partner country
 - Agreement/contract with partner country and/or hospital



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Next steps II

- Creation of a “**steering committee**” (e.g. BMZ, CIM, GTZ, expert from partner countries, German university/hospital, ESTHER France) to approve our concept and contribution to ESTHER and also the project proposals
- **First identification of project proposals and institutions, universities and organisations** interested in ESTHER partnerships by September 2007 through:
 - Universities/hospitals in Germany and in partner countries
 - German development projects in different countries
 - Tender



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Perspectives

- Additional support through **long-term-experts** – if necessary and appropriate

CIM – Centre for International Migration and Development

- Human resources recruitment & placement organisation for German Development cooperation
- Placing technical experts & managers in positions in Asia, Africa, Latin America



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CIM – Centre for International Migration and Development (II)

- Partners: employers in civil service, private sector or civil society in partner countries
- On behalf of these employers recruiting professionals from EU countries
- Supporting the work of the experts with variety of services and by topping up their local salaries
- Local employment contract and commonly agreed goals → for full integration into local structures



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Perspectives II

- Development of “entry points” for **research** and also university partnerships (through DAAD, BMBF, EDCTP)
- Identification and development of other additional financial resources (BMZ, BMG, Global Fund, others)
- Direct contacts & working relationships to countries, hospitals and people!
- Publicity locally



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Thank you very much for your attention!

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