

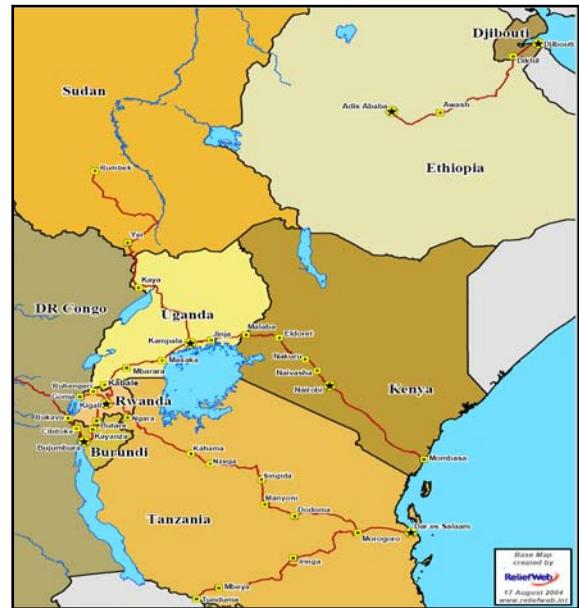
SafeTStop

HIV and AIDS Transport Corridor Initiative

The regional Transport Corridor Initiative, known as “SafeTStop,” is designed to reduce HIV transmission, improve care, and lessen the impact of HIV and AIDS along the Northern Transport Corridor by harnessing the resources, imagination and commitment of communities and the private and public sectors. This program was developed and is funded primarily by the U.S. Agency for International Development/East Africa (USAID) based in Nairobi and is implemented by Family Health International.

SafeTStop builds partnerships to improve the availability of HIV and AIDS services in communities along the major transport corridors of East Africa, and the transport workers and other mobile populations that move through them. The program seeks to strengthen community health and economic and social capital to provide the employment, education and essential social services that will reduce the risk of HIV and assist people who are infected and affected by it.

It will do this by building on and strengthening current efforts as well as providing opportunities for new partners to apply their expertise to the objective of creating “safe community stops” for truckers, travelers and the communities who host them.



In addition to supporting broad community-based programs in select sites along transport corridors, the program seeks to create supportive macro-environments through policy initiatives to address the impact of HIV and AIDS on key productive sectors and the potential contribution of those sectors to HIV prevention, AIDS care and support, and mitigation of the impact of AIDS.

The program is currently operating in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Southern Sudan and Djibouti and will launch efforts in Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the coming months.

SafeTStop welcomes active partnerships with national AIDS programs, other regional initiatives and the private sector.

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