Session 7: Leveraging External Resources

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LEVERAGING EXTERNAL RESOURCES

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INTRODUCTION

- African countries have benefited a great deal from external security assistance from multilateral and bilateral interventions.

- While there are a number of success stories across the continent, majority of African countries fail to leverage the process and thus do not successfully achieve national priorities.
ZAMBIAN SUCCESS STORIES

- ACOTA
  - Based on ACOTA initial trainings, Zambia developed a deliberate policy to establish a compulsory predeployment training system of peacekeeping forces.

- Benefits
  - A more professional conduct by troops in compliance with UN peacekeeping code of conduct
  - No further reports of GBV perpetrated by Zambian peacekeeping forces on deployment
US DOD

FOLLOWING THE USA DOD’s ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF HIV/AIDS INTERVENTION, ZAMBIA CREATED AN HIV/AIDS POLICY WHICH RESULTED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE HIV/AIDS MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY AT EVERY MILITARY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

BENEFITS

- 95% REDUCTION OF AIDS RELATED DEATHS AMONG THE MILITARY PERSONNEL
- INCREASE IN MAN HOURS
- NO MORE FLOOR BEDS IN HOSPITALS
- CIVILIAN POPULATIONS LEAVING PROXIMAL TO THE FACILITIES BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES
PEPFAR

HAVING RECEIVED FREE ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS FROM PEPFAR, ZAMBIA TRAINED PERSONEL ON MANAGEMENT OF RETROVIRAL THERAPY IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHO PROTOCOLS AND ALSO ESTABLISHED A CONCISE DISTRIBUTION CHAIN

BENEFITS

CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF ARVs
WELL MANAGED AND MONITORED PATIENTS
HOW TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS

- Proactively seek specific assistance based on their strategic plan.

- Lobby lawmakers for stronger policies that govern accountability and fight corruption.
AFRICA-SPECIFIC STRATEGIES

- STRENGTHERN AFRICAN BASED PARTNERSHIPS SUCH AS SADC TO REPRESENT A STRONG AND UNITED FRONT (e.g. rapid response for Congo DR by SADC Brigade)

- PROACTIVELY INVOLVE SENIOR SECURITY SECTOR LEADERS IN DRAFTING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS (not just politicians)
CONCLUSION

Agreements affecting acquisition of external resources for the African security sector must, by and large, involve adequately qualified and experienced senior security leaders with civilian oversight only.