

Sustainable Drug Seller Initiative Partner Presentations



Establishing Collaborations between ADS and Community-Based Health Initiatives (CBHIs) in Uganda

Group 6

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1. Recognize the existence of ADS, Engage and support activities related to improvement of community access to medicines and information by the MoH, DHT, NDA and professional associations.
2. Advocate for revision and expansion of the extended medicines list for drug shops to support proposed collaborations
3. The DHT (DHO, DADI etc) should work together with project based implementing partners to train , support and supervise drug shops and other CBHIs.
4. Regularly update the functional Skills for ADS to effectively undertake the proposed roles of mentoring , treatment , patient referrals, dispensing & health promotion in the community.
5. Undertake community sensitization about roles and responsibilities of the ADS , health Units and other CBHIs.

Option (3): Information hub, community mobilization, FP and drug supply

Activities by the ADS	Cost implications	Threats	Risks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor VHTs • Provide first Aid services • Distribute some drugs such as ACTs ,and other health commodities for free to the community including those of FP • Act as hubs for information for education & health promotion • Mobilization and support community activities i.e. Immunisation • Active referral of patients 	<p>Relatively expensive option</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition, it may- be limited by poor storage facilities. • Community misconception about sale of public drugs • The ADS might sell the freely acquired drugs. 	<p>Relatively high risk</p>

Conclusion

- Key CBHIs that have a potential to collaborate with the ADS include the HUs, VHTs, HUMCs and the herbalists
- The definition and operations of the drug shops in the four districts are distorted
- Currently, there are limited collaborations between shops and VHTs and HUs
- CBHIs are willing to collaborate with the drug shops on delivery of various health services
- Drug shop attendants are also willing to collaborate with the VHTs and the HUs, and over 50% observed that it will be easy to integrate this into their businesses.

THE END

Thank you for listening