1. BACKGROUND

The transport sector plays an essential role in development in West Africa (it generates 6% of GDP in the region). ECOWAS and WAEMU Member States have agreed to improve the competitiveness of major transportation corridors of West Africa, which are considered solidarity tools to landlocked member countries and factors of development of intra-regional trade.

The Abidjan-Lagos Corridor embodies this vision. With a length of 1022 km, it crosses the five countries namely: Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin, and Nigeria. Each year, about 27 million passengers including many traders and 140 000 truckers use this road with ports, agro-industries, bus stations, major regional markets, places for transit of goods, border areas, and parks for sale of used vehicles. It handles 65% of economic activity in the region. With the advent of the HIV pandemic, the Heads of State of Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria agreed to create the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Organization (ALCO) on 30th April 2002. Its mandate is to conduct a regional cross border HIV prevention and management program and facilitate the free movement of people and goods to complement national efforts.

2. KEY FUNDING

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<td>Global Fund (BFM)</td>
<td>ALCO’s application and acceptance to the New Funding Mechanism of the Global Fund</td>
<td>Jan 2016 to Dec 2018</td>
<td>€ 8,692,120</td>
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<td>CARANA CORPORATION (West Africa Trade Hub)</td>
<td>Support to the Observatory of Bad Practices in the area of free movement of people and goods along the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor</td>
<td>Jun 2010 to Sept 2010</td>
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<td>U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)</td>
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<td>WAEMU/AfDD</td>
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3. MISSIONS
- Coordinate STI / HIV / AIDS strategies and national policies along the said corridor into an effective and coherent system and boost these policies as well;
- Control the specific phenomenon of the spread of HIV/AIDS and STIs along the Abidjan-Lagos corridor;
- Strengthen, create or help in creating health institutions and services to combat HIV/AIDS;
- Facilitate access to preventive measures and care centers for migrants and local populations in contact with them;
- Build the capacity of national public and private institutions involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS and facilitate cooperation among them;
- Negotiate with development partners interested with the objective of this agreement on behalf of member states;
- Cooperate with all regional and sub-regional organizations especially ECOWAS;
- Promote identical legislation in the five member countries in relation to national policies where necessary.

4. TARGET POPULATIONS
- Truckers and other mobile populations
- Local population
- Uniformed service personnel
- Sex Workers (SW)
- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- People Living with HIV (PLHIV)
- Injecting Drug Users (IDUs)
- Young girls and women

5. PARTNER MEMBER STATES
- CÔTE D'IVOIRE
- GHANA
- TOGO
- BENIN
- NIGERIA

6. TECHNICAL AND OTHERS PARTNERS
- West African Health Organization (WAHO)
- Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- North Star Alliance
- Expertise France - Initiative 5% (FEI5%)
- Future Group
- FHI 360
7. INTERVENTION AREAS

- Specific and well-designed interventions targeting mobile populations and key populations at very high risk of infection;

- Condom marketing among target populations;

- HIV counseling and testing;

- STI management;

- Care and support for PLHIV and OVC;

- Environmental and medical waste management;

- Behavior Change Communication (BCC);

- Capacity building for community based and civil society organizations;

- Facilitation and free movement of goods and people across borders;

- Program planning and coordination;

- Monitoring and evaluation.