

Heal the World – The Fight Against HPV and Cervical Cancer A Case Study in Zambezia, Mozambique

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BACKGROUND

For Cervical Cancer and HPV

•Cervical cancer is a disease in which cancer cells are found in the tissues of the cervix (the opening of the uterus).

- •70% of cervical cancer is caused by two strands of HPV-16 & 18.
- Gardasil-the HPV vaccine created by Merck in June 2006-protects against HPV types 6, 11, 16 & 18



Mozambique's current situation

- •Current population: 20.5 Million •70% of the population lives in a rural setting
- •Only 3 physicians for every 100,000 people
- •54% of the population lives below poverty level
- •58% of women have cancer
- •Cervical cancer is the most prominent cancer
- •No National health care plan







Competition

- <u>Cervarix-</u> an HPV vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline
 <u>Moral Issues-</u>encourages premarital sex
- •<u>Price</u>- \$125/dose
- •<u>Negative Side effects</u>-led to 3 deaths and 18 miscarriages
- Does not prevent spread of STDs

Analysis

- Evaluations will be conducted after completion of our initial trip and each following booster distribution.
- •A success would allow us to implement the project throughout all of Mozambique and, eventually, Africa, in

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SOLUTION AND PLAN

for implementation in Zambezia

Clinics and physicians

- •We will use clinics set up in Zambezia as a base for traveling doctors
- •Medical School students and local volunteers will be traveling with members of Doctors Without Borders to help distribute the vaccine

Funds

- Grants and donations will cover the expens of travel, basic necessities, and other supplies
 - •Grants from PEPFAR are available fo use to support STD programs in Africa
 - •Donations from general public

Transportation

- Car Donations have been requested from
 - Toyota
 - •General Motors and
 - Ford Lincoln and Mercury;

These donations will be used by our doctors to deliver Gardasil throughout Zambezia

Education

PEPFAR community programs already in place will be used to educate the children in Mozambique on:

- The dangers of cervical cancer
- •The need for preventior of cervical cancer
- •The drug Gardasil and
- •The importance of compliance

Others

- •Merck will donate Gardasil for all females ages 9 to 26
- •The Family Care
 Foundation in
 Mozambique will
 provide sanitization
 supplies and syringes to
 our doctors

