

Support for International Change, Engen partner to fight HIV/AIDS

Support for International Change (SIC), a Tanzania-based organisation and petroleum company, Engen, have partnered together to help drive its awareness campaign to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS and also to empower rural communities.



Engen is donating up to 2 000 litres of diesel per month to the organisation as a contribution to the much-needed impetus of SIC's community services, which include mobile voluntary counselling and testing, running awareness campaigns, treatment and community-based training and supervision.

"The partnership between Engen and SIC has been under way since 2010, and is one of a number of CSI initiatives that Engen Tanzania is involved in," says Mubita Akapelwa, MD of Engen Tanzania. He notes that Engen and SIC share the common goal of working towards building sustainable communities.



"Engen's involvement is greatly appreciated by the Tanzanian people, and by our field staff, volunteers and counsellors, who are now able to travel longer distances to reach the most disadvantaged communities of Tanzania," says Kati Regan, SIC Tanzanian managing director.

On World AIDS Day 2011, Engen's assistance enabled SIC staff to reach Nduruma, Tanzania where over 200 people were tested for HIV and SIC extended its range of services

to include the assessment of HIV support groups.

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