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activities. The board recommended CST to strengthen its Membership Function with the aim to make more (face to face) connections possible between Constellation members and communities. In this context the Constellation Support Team will work on a remuneration scheme for members who contribute to the Constellation, using an own Constellation Currency. The costs for the connecting function and activities should be covered by donations from individuals, organizations and business.

The first face to face event for an update on CST's business plan is taking place in Amsterdam on 14 December 2010. The CST at that occasion will look in particular at its costs structure and revenue streams.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In all six countries support teams are now in place to coordinate the functioning of the national organisations. In PNG and in Indonesia the organisations have been formally registered. In five countries the funds from ADB support are managed through a host-organisation. All support teams facilitate their members to learn, share and transfer around the Community Life Competence Approach.

Learn: The facilitators who were trained during the 2 year process with NGOs are at the heart of each country organization. The country teams are building facilitator data-bases. In India, Indonesia and Thailand new coaches have been nominated to reinforce the international team of the Constellation. The core teams of facilitators are transferring the approach to new groups of facilitators during learning events.

Share: An important task of the country organizations is to develop materials for sharing with both interested partners (to support the transfer of the approach) and facilitators. Material to share that is being developed in the national languages ranges from websites, e-modules, logos to T-shirts and brochures. The new logos reflect both the independent organization and the link to the larger Constellation family.

Transfer: For a sustainable source of income and for scaling out their reach the country teams – when requested with support from CST – are building partnerships with national organizations. Some teams are starting to get income from those partnerships. The in-kind support of partners who have become host organizations and member organizations should not be underestimated. The organizations are often applying the process to themselves and in some cases to different issues from HIV/AIDS.

Conscious of the fact that funding for the Support Team will end after the 12 months; all teams are taking the opportunity to build their sustainability. They apply different and complementary strategies. They improve their facilitator base, strengthen the relationship with their members and organizations, apply the approach to different issues and build on their partnerships. All teams already have opportunities to work with national and sometimes international partners. This gives them additional opportunities to spread the approach, to learn, to grow the group of facilitators and sometimes get income for their organization.

III. OBJECTIVES AND OUTPUT

In February 2010 ADB and the Constellation agreed to continue their partnership in order to provide 'Start-up Support to Community Life Competence' in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, PNG and Thailand. The 12 months' support is intended to equip National Support

Teams in each of the six countries with the start up funds needed to apply their facilitation skills at larger scale and to other development challenges.

The **objectives** of the 12 months process are to:

1. Strengthen technical, managerial and administrative capacity of the six National Support Teams to become self-sustainable;
2. Implement national plans, adapt tools and enlarge partner and member base at national level;
3. Encourage regional learning by providing strategies and opportunities for connecting National Support Teams.

To achieve this objective, the following **outputs** need to be in place in each country, after 12 months:

- **Output 1:** A Support Team has the manpower, time, skills and infrastructure to respond to the invitations of interested, and partners for further learning and sharing.
- **Output 2:** Core facilitation team with competent facilitators who are able to respond to invitations to transfer the approach to new teams and organisations
- **Output 3:** Process adapted to country characteristics; Key tools and elements of the AIDS/ Community Life Competence Process available in local language
- **Output 4:** Mechanisms in place allowing for connections to share and learn in country and in the region.

This Midterm report describes the progress towards the objectives. The country reports available in the annexes give the detailed progress in the past six months.

IV. SUPPORT TEAMS IN PLACE

In all six countries support teams are now in place to coordinate the functioning of the national organisations. In PNG and in Indonesia the organisations have formally registered. This however is no one fits all solution. In five countries the funds from ADB support are managed through a host-organisation. The teams that registered did so to be able to have an own bank-account and to be able to sign partnerships with third parties. In other countries partnerships are deliberately managed through (circulating) host organisations or as networks.

In Thailand, the **Thai ACP Network** is a sustainable network of organisations that is strongly connected through a regional node-based system. The AIDS Network Development Foundation (AIDSNet) is hosting the network. The focal point, Mrs. Anchalee Jomtan (Jib) is bases at AIDSNet and is working half time to coordinate the network events and activities. The



member organizations play a strong role in the functioning of the country teams, by applying the approach in the own organisation and by taking turns in hosting learning events for the Network. Thai coaches contribute volunteer time and experience to the facilitation of the learning events. In each region one NGO is serving as a node or focal point for the facilitators in their region. Thai Competence decided not to register as a new organisation. The members see the advantage



of organising themselves as a network bringing together people from different organisations and networks and from various sectors. Being a network allows them to easily and quickly expand the idea of ACP throughout Thailand. Also they will not put themselves as a competitor to other organisations but rather as a partner and a technical supporter for capacity building activities. The **Thai ACP Network** is now starting to be acknowledged and known at a national level as a technical support team that is trying to promote and facilitate the community-strength-base approach with supporting ways of working and ways of thinking including methods and tools.



The **PNG** the National Facilitation Team has taken the opportunity of ADB support to take a step further in establishing the organisation. **PNG AIDS Competence** is now formally registered, the charter is developed and its governance is set up. The organisation has a five member board of directors, a secretariat with 4 members and five provincial coordinators. The organisation does not have an office, due to insufficient funds to meet the rentals.

The **Philippine** National Support Team is identified as **Pinoy Competence (PinoyC)**. PinoyC is represented by individuals and organisations that play a facilitating role in putting in place a national structure and a National Support Team that propagate the Community Life Competence Process at the national, regional, local and community levels. The Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development Foundation (CESD), one of the participating NGOs, serves as the host organisation for the national support team. The coordinating team is composed of two facilitators and a secretariat. The host organisation acts as programme manager, involved with basically administrative aspects of the project. The team is meeting on a monthly basis.



IndoCompetence, in **Indonesia**, was established in 2008 and registered formally in June 2010. It is a network of facilitators and coaches of the AIDS Competence process. The Indonesian Red Cross is kindly hosting the secretariat and providing the office for its coordinators. The core team has identified focal points for the learn, share and transfer function. The team meets every month and more often if events or activities have to be prepared.

India Competence is a network of organisations with a strong belief in community strengths and committed to the spread of the Community Life Competence Process. The network is characterized by a non-hierarchical structure with a yearly rotating host organisation starting with SIAAP. The ten team members, scattered over the country, consist of three coaches, heads of organisations and projects, facilitators and a coordinator. The team meets every first Friday of the month over Skype. All member organizations are taking the approach forward in their organisation and the communities they work with. Facilitators in the North/East established their own regional Northeast India Facilitation Team, with 23 members from 16 organisations.





In Cambodia the core group of facilitators are united in the **Cambodia AIDS Competence Team**. The Cambodian Health Education Development (CHED) is hosting the network and coordinating the team of 23 core team members and facilitators. The Cambodia AIDS Competence Team has no plan to register as a separate organisation. The team works with a number of NGOs interested in the approach. It ensures the coordination and collaboration between those groups.

V. COUNTRY TEAMS LEARN : CORE FACILITATION TEAMS IN PLACE

The facilitators who were trained during the 2 year ADB supported process with NGOs are at the heart of each country organization. The country teams are building facilitator data-bases. In India, Indonesia and Thailand new coaches have been nominated to reinforce the international team of the Constellation. The core teams of facilitators are transferring the approach to new groups of facilitators during learning events.

In Thailand there are now more than 1000 ACP facilitators applying the process in different parts of the country, with a bigger concentration in the Northern Provinces. These facilitators belong to different networks and have different degrees of ACP understanding, experience and skills. This year the networks have stronger connections with each other than before. The networks feel that the connection with others is an advantage by having various experiences to strengthen the learning and sharing. Thai ACP facilitated a learning event on ACP to transfer the knowledge and to build up new generations of national facilitators to help mainstream ACP in the country.

In PNG the core team is giving a continuum of support to provincial teams and partners in the country, both through distance support and face to face SALT visits organized and funded by partners. The provincial coordinators in the 5 provinces continue to meet and learn with the local facilitators in their provinces. New facilitators are also emerging from the processes with partners such as Red Cross. Currently PNG has one Constellation Coach.

In the **Philippines**, a 'core group' of facilitators works together as a National Facilitation Team (NFT) to spread AIDS Competence. They share the same vision and transferred the approach to second and third generation of facilitators. In September 2007 the Philippines Team began with 20 individuals representing 14 NGOs. The inventory includes 77 facilitators, from Manila to Eastern Samar and from Boracay to Iloilo who are able to facilitate the process in their own context. With the vision of having to eventually fund itself, PinoyC makes use of the start-up support to form its network of facilitators, strengthen their capacity and apply the approach within the growing group of organisations it works with.

In **Indonesia** facilitators and coaches are from diverse backgrounds: youth and HIV activists, health workers, decision and policy makers, PLWHA, community and religious leaders, community members, women, men, girls and boys. The facilitators are carrying out their own self assessments during team meetings, where opportunities for further learning and sharing are identified. From the facilitators pool four coaches have been nominated as Constellation Coaches. IndoCompetence, with support from the UNFPA focal point on CLCP is in process of translating the Modules of the Blended Learning Programme in Bahasa, which will enable them to scale out the facilitators pool at larger speed.

In India, under the ADB funded project 153 members from 10 NGOs have been trained in the past 2 years. They can apply the process with confidence in their programs and they are actively transferring the approach to nearby communities and organisations. India Competence has a data base in place of its facilitators. From this group three Indian coaches have recently joined the Constellation coaches team. Several support visits and learning events were carried out by India Competence member organisations.

In **Cambodia** the work of the team is focusing on increasing the pool of quality facilitators of the Community Life Competence Approach. The quality of facilitators is improved through Support SALT visits and learning and sharing events. The Constellation coach Dusit Duangsa helped to facilitate a learning event with 11 participants and 3 facilitators in August 2010. The challenge is reaching out to new facilitators at larger scale.

VI. COUNTRY TEAMS SHARE : PROCESSES AND TOOLS ADAPTED

An important task of the country organizations is to develop materials for sharing with both interested partners (to support the transfer of the approach) and facilitators. Material for sharing is being developed in the national languages, ranging from websites, e-modules, and logos to T-shirts and brochures. The new logos reflect both the independent organization and the link to the larger Constellation family.

In Thailand lessons learned from implementation are always shared on a facebook group page ([Thai ACP Network Group on Facebook](#)) that the network created, by email and during face to face occasions. This sharing can be improved to become more systematic. The group is working on a ACP manual (in Thai) for facilitators and a brochure for sharing with interested partners. The member organisations ensure the printing before the planned knowledge fair in November and they carry the costs that cannot be covered from the provided by ADB.

PNG AIDS Competence has developed its Common Seal and Stamp with logo.

PinoyC has a page on facebook that serves as a venue or repository of brief field updates or shoutouts. The core team, together with PinoyC members and communities, are currently putting together the PinoyC Facilitator's CLCP Training Manual. Pinoy Competence has been linking even outside the ADB support teams, through a tour in Africa of one of its facilitators who had face to face meetings with teams in Kenya and Tanzania. The learning was fed back into PinoyC.



The **IndoCompetence** Secretariat and members share information, stories, progress and plans through email, sms and facebook. The team has developed a wide set for internal and communication materials such as a website, logo, brochure, ACP manual (in Bahasa) and IndoCompetence own logo.

In India the team is actively sharing with other country teams, not only in the ADB supported countries but also in Belgium during a visit of the coordinator and in Kenya through a virtual exchange focusing on ACP with Truck Drivers. India Competence, through its partner organization Samraksha is receiving a group of 10 international guests in communities during a weeklong SALT visit. The CST and the coordinator of IndiaCompetence are supporting the organisation of the SALT visits. Nearly one fourth of the members of the Constellation's

international social network for exchange (www.aidscompetence.ning.com) are from India. India also has its own webpage on the Constellation's website: <http://www.communitylifecompetence.org/en/pages/165-india-competence>

VII. COUNTRY TEAMS TRANSFER : TO NEW PARTNERS AND ISSUES

For a sustainable source of income and for scaling out their reach the country teams – when requested with support from CST – are building partnerships with national organizations. Some teams are starting to get income from those partnerships. The in kind support of partners who have become host organizations and member organizations should not be underestimated. In Indonesia the host for example is providing office space to IndoCompetence, while UNFPA has appointed a focal person for CLCP who is translating the Blended Learning programme for facilitators of AIDS Competence. In Thailand member organizations are taking turns in organizing and hosting the learning events. The organizations are often applying the process to their own organization and in some cases to different issues from HIV/AIDS.

In Thailand, Most of the member organisations have applied ACP as a capacity development process for their staff and they applied the approach for the management of their organization. Some members are applying the process to other issues such as dental health. Some members started introducing ACP to organisations that work on different issues from AIDS. The team sees many opportunities ahead. The team identified interest in many sectors and at various levels, ranging from sub-district health funds, to provincial advisory boards and the national Health security office. The approach is included in 2 provinces by the Ministry of Public Health with support from UNAIDS. Organizations such as the national AIDS Foundation, PDF, and INNAT/NCA have already secured funding for large scale application of ACP in the coming years.

In PNG, partnerships have been strengthened with organizations such as PNG Red Cross and its branches throughout the country, WHO, department of health and hospitals, District Administration and Morobe Disaster Coordination Center. Conversations with Sustainable Development, National AIDS Council and Department of Health are ongoing to explore funding support in the near future.

In the **Philippines,** PinoyC works with the NGOs, local government and UN agencies (UNFPA). It is deepening its relations with existing partners. The team reaches out to their partners in 3 different ways. **(a) Through existing networks.** PinoyC maintains a sense of membership. Members came on board since the formation of the National Facilitation Team in 2007. New ones joined along the way, such as the Peer Educators Movement and the Eastern Samar Team. There are currently 17 members who are actively participating in the process. The new teams were introduced to CLCP through NGO networks and word of mouth. Currently, CLCP is being transferred by these members to their other networks. **(b) Through organizations that are directly affected by issues.** Those who actively adapt and apply CLCP are mostly community-based CSOs, or those organizations that are directly affected by certain issues. For example, the peer educators, who are directly affected by economic and health issues have found CLCP to be relevant in their response. The Pink Brigade, an MSM organization in Eastern Samar, is directly affected by discrimination and HIV issues. The RED HAT, a group of Christian practitioners, is interested to participate because they refuse to be part of the obstacle in the effective implementation of RH response in the country. **(c) Through networks of networks.** The 17 active members of PinoyC have its fair share of substantial number of partners and networks. For instance, Girlie Enrera (Coordinator for VISMIN) is transferring CLCP in her workplace, her network in the government and previous partner CSOs. UNFPA-Eastern Samar

is transferring CLCP through its ARH network in the entire Eastern Samar Province, which includes MSM organizations, Sangguniang Kabataan (government youth arm), and other civil society youth organizations. Myrna Maglahus (coordinator for Luzon and NCR) is applying CLCP in the issue of aid effectiveness. RED HAT is developing its own ways of working based on strength-based principle and influencing other Christian groups and partner schools in the entire province in Laguna. PE ME – PAMAC-Q is transferring CLCP ways of working to partner youth groups in four cities in Metro Manila.

In **Indonesia**, the team partners with UN organizations, government, UN Agencies, AIDS Commission, Health Service providers and NGOs. These partnerships provide the opportunity for practice and implementation of the approach throughout the peninsula. The community Life Competence Process is being applied for Aids Competence, Gender Competence and Reproductive Health competence.

In **India**, the transfer to other organisations is standing out. Major ones are CARE India Emphasis and the Transport Corporation of India Foundation. Also, the approach is permeating to other spheres (migrants, mental health, people with disabilities, counseling and suicide prevention). India is noticing furthermore how transfer from community to community is happening as a natural process, by word of mouth. Orienting conversations are ongoing with a large number of (national) potential partners.

In **Cambodia**, interested partners include UNAIDS, the Cambodian Red Cross, the Cambodian Network of HIV/AIDS organisations and its member organisations. The facilitators have assisted each other in transferring the ACP to other staff members in their own organization. The local dialogue is leading to application of the strength based approach to issues such as Gender Based violence. The team aims to raise awareness and motivation of decision makers, by inviting them to SALT visits and learning events. Constellation Chair Jean-Louis Lamboray and later Gaston Schmitz from the Constellation Support team visited Cambodia to support the team in its conversations with interested parties. UNAIDS especially has shown keen interest in supporting the approach.

VIII. SUSTAINABILITY OF COUNTRY TEAMS

Conscious of the fact that this funding for the Support Team will end after the 12 months, all teams are taking the opportunity to build their sustainability. They apply different and complementary strategies. They improve their facilitators' base, strengthen the relationship with their members and organizations, apply the approach to different issues and build on their partnerships. All teams already have opportunities to work with national and sometimes international partners. This gives them additional opportunities to spread the approach, to learn, to grow the group of facilitators and sometimes get income for their organization.

The sustainability of the **Thai ACP Network** is ensured through its nodes system. The regional nodes will coordinate with organizations and facilitators in their region, as well as with the national network to strengthen the capacity of the national facilitation team and to introduce the ACP to new organizations and issues. The **Thai ACP network** agreed that the most sustainable way to carry on the ACP and to expand the network of people who apply ACP is to merge and integrate ACP into their own organization's workplan. They convince policy makers by demonstrating the changes in communities.

In **PNG** partnerships are in the make for sustained ACP activities. The biggest take up is currently with the Red Cross that is rolling out ACP, with support from the PNG based coach

and facilitators in 13 provinces. Also WHO is continuing to support provincial teams but through funding and visits. PNG AIDS Competence is determined to continue to network with and build capacity of the partner organizations to own and sustain the process while the **PNG AIDS Competence** provides technical support. They will charge a minimum fee to sustain operations.

For sustainability, **PinoyCompetence** envisions strengthened skills among facilitators who can do the transfer and partnership with the Local Government Units. Another attribute for sustainability are established tools and systems. The CLCP manual for example will be translated into local dialects for the regions where new facilitators will be trained.

IndoCompetence through its close collaboration with a diversity of partners sees a big opportunity for spreading the CLCP approach and running its activities. The operational secretariat however is still depending on the ADB funding. Efforts for identifying additional support are ongoing.

The India Team says: CLCP is permeating NGOs and CBOs and some provincial government AIDS bodies like Nagaland, but is yet to make a mark with National AIDS Control organizations. For the coordination function the team is still depending on external funds, but we have good and a larger number of human resources. We have started to get paid partnerships, like the Nari Saksha project. Since all the members from NST draw their work from the core belief in community, the sustainability of India Competence seems to be high.

The team in Cambodia aims to reach sustainability through an investment in improving the quality of facilitators of the process. The team is also promoting self reliance of each CLCP teams, as well as community self-management.

IX. CST Support to the Country Teams and Regional Learning

The table below gives the agreed timeline for regional activities.

15 March 2010 is considered the starting date – end date is 15 March 2011.

CST Supports	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Set up MOU's with Host Organizations, make country budgets available	ok						x					x
Draft Toolbox available to all country coordinators	ok											
Peer Assist in Chiang Mai	ok											
Set up Subgroup Interactive Platform for each country		ok										
Country groups develop and implement their plans	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	x	x	x	x	x	x
CST support through visits and distance (Skype, email, Ning, telephone)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coaches support to key events in countries and distance			ok	ok	ok	ok	x	Cambodia	x	x	PNG	
Coordinate reporting to ADB		ok				ok						x

Set up of MOUs

The Constellation Support team has set up MOUs with host organizations for the country teams. These organizations, in all cases member organizations of the teams, are hosting the budget for the NSTs. In some cases the host also provides office space and administrative support to the team. We refer to the Inception report for a default version of the MOU. In PNG the MOU is directly with PNG AIDS Competence as the organization is formally registered and has its own bank account already.

Draft Toolbox available

During the Peer Assist meeting in Chiang Mai the CST made the toolbox available to country teams. The toolbox consists of processes and tools developed and used by CST. It is available in English and French in electronic format on <http://constellation.helsekompetanse.no/atutor/6/>. CST is now developing an updated toolbox where experiences and tools from country organizations will be included. The toolbox is a resource for all country teams in the Constellation. It will help teams with managing their organizations. It also gives practical information on how to engage in the Constellations network for example. And teams will find default documents such as official letterhead, default budget. Teams are encouraged to pick from it what is useful and adapt it to better fit their own context. CST's provides support on demand; distance most of the time and face to face when possible. More-over CST is actively involving country team members in the global Learn, Share and Transfer function to ensure the regional learning on those elements.

Peer Assist in Chiang Mai

The support to the six country teams started off with a peer assist in Chiang Mai. The country teams exchanged experiences, build a common dream for success and developed a joint and individual action plan. For further details kindly refer to inception report.

Inter-Active Platform

The Constellation's social network on www.aidscompetence.ning.com has 104 members from the six countries. On the platform, now almost 850 global members share experiences and lessons from implementation of CLCP. For the exchange on specific country team matters, the subgroup <http://aidscompetence.ning.com/group/nftworkinggroup> brings together 33 members.

CST support to country teams

CST is facilitating monthly Skype meetings where team members from the 6 countries and CST exchange progress and plans. These meetings are seen as a moment of joy for connection and motivation.

Also, the full team is providing distance support (email, phone and Skype) to the teams upon request – such as with the establishment of Share material, the writing of proposals and the organization of events. CST missions in other partnerships to the six countries are always combined with a visit to the country team. Visits to UNAIDS in Cambodia and invitations from UNFPA Indonesia are examples. Also the Constellation's Chair will visit potential India Competence Partners together with the secretariat linked to the SALT visit in October.

Coaches support to key events

Constellation coaches are part of the country team in the country where they are located. This is the case in Thailand, PNG, India and Indonesia. They provide support to the team and the learning events on a voluntary basis. As such they are an invaluable asset to the team, able to bring in international experience. In Cambodia the Thai Constellation Coach Dusit Duangsa helped the facilitation of a learning event. In Indonesia international coaches joined learning events on the invitation of UNFPA. PNG is inviting a coach to support its official launch, linked to a learning event in the months to come. Also, CST is this year refreshing its Coaches Pool (a Constellation coach is able to facilitate the full Community Life Competence Process and is able to transfer these skills to a new group of facilitators). In this context India, Indonesia and Thailand have nominated new coaches which will enhance the possibilities for cross-country learning.

Coordination of Report Writing

CST is coordinating the reporting to ADB, while each team remains responsible for its own contribution.

And more!

CST is connecting the six country teams also for learning outside the direct scope of the ADB supported programme and geographic area. Examples are:

- The organisation of Community Action Day on December 1, 2010 where communities across the globe will self assess their competence and build their action plan. Members from India and Indonesia are actively involved in the organisation of the event and facilitators in all countries intend to participate.
- CST is joining forces with India Competence for this year's one week SALT visits where an international group of people and organizations interested in CLCP will learn on the approach together with Indian Communities.
- India Competence and Kenya competence are collaborating in a virtual exchange on experiences with Truck Drivers responses to HIV/AIDS.

Rituu B Nanda, coordinator, India Competence facilitated an e-discussion on AIDS competence online community between India and Kenya on Truckers and HIV (Sep 2009- Oct 2010). The Kenya team had been applying the AIDS competence approach with truckers whereas the India team had not applied the approach with truck drivers. The mutual discussion brought forth powerful experiences from Kenya on application of this approach. Read more at:

<http://aidscompetence.ning.com/group/indiakenyalearningtogether>

Truckers project in Northeast India

In India 10 NGOs were trained on ACP under the ADB project (2007-2009). One such NGO was People in Need Foundation in Nagaland in Northeast India. PNF staff was applying it with general communities and IDUs. PNF was able to procure some funds from UNAIDS India for scale up of this approach (Sep 2009-March 2010).

PNF also had a project funded by State AIDS Control Society (SACS) for long distance truck drivers but was struggling with meeting targets of getting fixed number of truck drivers for testing. Truck drivers did not consider themselves at risk and were not interested when PNF staff went for HIV awareness sessions. PNF staff decided to apply AIDS Competence approach in their project and the results were remarkable. The truck drivers recognised that they were at risk, the number of truck drivers testing for HIV soared, and the allied population like the transport manager, mechanics, people working in the eateries etc got engaged in reflection and HIV response. The PNF team also facilitated Participatory Action research with truck drivers' community in February 2010. The work with truck drivers was done within the SACS project and no extra funds were used for application of AIDS competence approach.

Read the full story on

<http://aidscompetence.ning.com/profiles/blogs/how-acp-strengthened-truckers>

Collaboration with Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)

TCIF, the social arm of Transport Corporation of India Ltd has been selected by NACO as a Technical Support Group (TSG) for the national trucker program. TCIF provides management and technical support to the national trucker program. India Competence team met TCIF head Shekhar Setu in January 2009 and discussed the approach. TCIF was interested and they joined the e-discussion with Kenya. Two SALT visits were done by India team to transport site of TCIF. A video conference between India and Kenya is being planned which will be facilitated by TCIF. TCIF has agreed to provide complimentary video conference facilities in India and with its partner in Kenya. This project is funded by a Dutch NGO.

- A team of CST and other Constellation members is collecting new knowledge coming from local experiences in a [global knowledge asset](#) (See the website at: <http://aidscompetence.ning.com/page/global-knowledge-assets>). The experiences from the six countries, captured on blogs or videos that are posted on <http://aidscompetence.ning.com> are a valuable aspect of this work.
- The Thai team learned with a group of facilitators from the Netherlands during exchange visits to Chiang Mai and Amsterdam, supported by Oxfam Novib.
- The Indian host organization SIAAP is involved in a Constellation Partnership with HIVOS that brings together NGOs from India, Eastern and Southern Africa.

X. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

The total budget available **125'000 USD** for the 12 months ADB support to the Constellation is divided between the 6 country teams and CST. The host organisations in each country, on behalf of the country teams, receive their parts of the budget in same installments as ADB is disbursing them to the Constellation: 40% at the start, 30% midterm and 30% at the end of the 12 months, always after receipt of the ADB payment in the Constellation's account.

Each country report gives the budget versus spent for the total amount per activity to date. Annex 7 gives the budget versus spent for CST support to the process.

All teams foresee a hurdle in the fact that 30% of the budget for implementation during the 12 months will only be made available at the end of the 12 months. As big events such as national knowledge fairs and support visits by coaches are on the agenda in the coming months we strongly recommend that installments from ADB to the Constellation and then from the Constellation to country teams can be made available in different tranches: 40 % at the start, 50% mid-term, 10% at the end.

XI. CONTRIBUTION TO HIV EPIDEMIC LINK TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

During the last months of this start-up year the CST and country teams will give specific attention to collecting data on the support of the country teams to service providers, and on the impact of the AIDS Competence approach on the epidemic.

We already see in Thailand for example how the network demonstrates close collaboration with service organisations, by including service organisations as members of the network. The L from SALT stands for Learning and Linking: the ACP facilitator's work as connectors for and between the communities they work with. Facilitators link and refer people and communities who need specific services to the relevant service organisations and service units such as NGOs, health centers and hospitals which often lead to a higher uptake of those services. The end report (March 2011) will provide more detailed examples from the six countries.

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