Costab presentation

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WHAT IS COSTAB

o DATA BASE COSTING TOOL

• USED TO ANALYSE, SUMMARISE AND PRESENT PROJECT FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS

• A ROBUST MODEL WHICH CAN BE READILY ALTERED TO SUIT OPERATORS NEEDS

WHAT DOES COSTAB DO?

INTRODUCES A NEW LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION INTO HIV COSTING AND ANALYSIS

HOW DOES IT DO THIS?

ACCUMULATES DATA ACCORDING TO

INVESTMENT & OPERATIONAL COSTS
COMPONENTS- EG PREVENTION
SUB COMPONENTS- EG MSM
UNITS- EG- CONDOMS, PEER EDUCATORS

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS- EG DRUGS, TRAINING, ADMINISTRATION
FINANCIERS- EG GLOBAL FUND, GOVT
PROCUREMENT METHODS- EG UN

• ALL THESE GROUPINGS ARE DETERMINED BY THE OPERATOR AT FILE OR PROJECT SET UP

• DEFAULTS ARE ESTABLISHED BUT THESE MAY BE ALTERED FOR ANY ITEM

IT ALSO INTRODUCES ANALYSIS OF

PHYSICAL CONTINGENCIES
 PRICE CONTINGENCIES

 LOCAL INFLATION
 INTERNATIONAL INFLATION

 IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS AND FX
 IDENTIFICATION OF TAXES ON ALL INPUTS
 ECONOMIC COSTS V FINANCIAL COSTS

WHAT IS REQUIRED

• DEVELOP MODEL STRUCTURE-COMPONENTS, SUB-COMPONENTS, EXPENDITURE AND PROCUREMENT ACCOUNTS

• UNIT COSTS AND PROGRAM TARGETS

• OPERATOR TRAINING

WHAT ARE ITS WEAKNESSES

DIFFICULT TO SET UP

• NOT PARTICULARLY USER FRIENDLY- BUT OK

• NOT SUPPORTED - DIFFICULTIES WITH LATEST SOFTWARE

• WEAK MANUAL

STRENGTHS

- NOT EXCEL BASED
- WHEN YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT- IS EASY
- VERY ADAPTABLE- STRUCTURE EASY TO ALTER
- FAST
- SIGNIFICANT RANGE OF REPORTS WHICH ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO HIV COSTING
- DEFAULT INPUTS
- PRINTS TO EXCEL

WHAT TO DO TO MAKE EASIER

• DEVELOP AN HIV/AIDS TEMPLATE STRUCTURE WHICH CAN BE READILY ADAPTED BY OPERATOR

o INSTITUTION TO MAINTAIN SOFTWARE

• PREPARE A USER FRIENDLY MANUAL

• TRAIN PEOPLE HOW TO USE