

## The VIRAMUNE Donation Programme

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# Developing Countries and Emerging Economies HIV infected patients\*

#### Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV in 2007



Total: 33.2 (30.6 - 36.1) million

The Disease is not yet under control

25 million have died of AIDS since 1981

> 90% of the HIV infected patients in these countries

\*Source: UNAIDS, November 2007

## Core challenges



Inadequate national response in Developing Countries due to:

- Lack of political commitment
- Severe shortage of health care workers including pharmaceutical staff
- Inadequate health care infrastructure
- Inefficient health insurance schemes

#### **Resulting in:**

- High prevalence of HIV
- Limited access to drugs
- Treatment coverage in sub-Saharan Africa varies from <25% in Angola, Mozambique or DRC to > 80% in Botswana and Namibia

# **Boehringer Ingelheim Commitment**



- Research, development and production of antiretroviral drugs of highest quality
- Extending access to ARV products
- Continuous and reliable supply
- Supporting roll-out of treatment and health care services



Health Care Supporting Activities

# Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission



Perinatal transmission of HIV from mother to baby is the major cause of HIV infections in children worldwide.



# Boehringer Ingelheim **Current Status** • 170 Programmes in 60 Countries included in the VIRAMUNE® **Donation Programme\*** • 1.821.180 Mother-Child doses provided • Oral syringes and pouches for the baby dose are part of the donation

• Combination prophylaxis is mandatory



# **Geographic Distribution**





### **VDP - Challenges**



- Drug component is an essential part of resources required for a comprehensive MTCT prevention programme
- 34% of pregnant women covered by pmtct services Challenges:
  - Political commitment
  - Community Education and Awareness of HIV and MTCT
  - Human resources limitations and lack of training
  - Voluntary counseling and testing facilities
  - Inadequate utilization of pre-natal care
  - Health care infrastructure
  - Breastfeeding

Scaling up of pmtct in collaboration with UNICEF and other stakeholders www.pmtctdonations.org



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