

## Zambian Military Partnership Expands VCT Services Thanks to Mobile Medical Unit

Twinning Center partners at the Zambian Defense Force (ZDF) Medical Services based in Lusaka now operate a mobile unit that provides voluntary counseling and testing services to soldiers and other people living in remote locations.

The mobile medical unit was developed in collaboration with the San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, which continues to provide training and technical support. Additional support is provided by Project Concern International.

During an exchange held last October and November, 18 ZDF personnel completed a four-day workshop designed to prepare them for field work on the mobile unit. Topics covered at the training ranged from basic HIV education and risk assessment to national testing protocols and client-centered counseling.

Participants got the chance to put what they had learned into practice on deployment to Chipata and Lundazi where they provided counseling, testing, and educational services to nearly 1,400 individuals.

Based on its early success, plans are being made to continue deployment of the mobile medical unit throughout Zambia.

Partners hope to scale up counseling and testing services by expanding both the number of mobile units and of trained personnel.



Thanks to the mobile VCT unit, partners provided counseling and testing for nearly 1,400 people in Chipata and Lundazi last October-November.