OC&C due diligence report on Riders' operations in Africa

Report digest







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OC&C was asked by The Impetus Trust to conduct an external review of Riders for Health

Document Context & Objectives

Support The Impetus Trust's funding decision, and Riders' ongoing development by

- I. Providing a detailed assessment of
 - the market need / demand for Riders' services
 - Riders' impact
 - Riders' competitive positioning
 - Riders' sustainability
- II. Commenting on
 - Future plans in existing geographies
 - The potential expansion of Riders into new geographies
- III. Recommending ways to optimise Riders' operations and thereby increase its impact



Market: There is a substantial need for TRM in support of health worker outreach, but limited demand from consumers and donors

Executive Summary

- The incidence of disease in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is high, and life expectancy is low
 - The incidence of Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and Cholera in SSA is 30, 42, and 610 times the incidence found in the UK
 - Life expectancy is far lower: c.79 years in UK vs 49 years in SSA; Infant mortality is 6 per thousand in the UK vs 147 in SSA and maternal mortality is 13 per 100k vs. 940 per 100k
- The health of Sub-Saharan African people could be substantially improved with increased health worker mobility
 - Many deaths in SSA could be easily prevented with basic health education and equipment Malaria (900k deaths pa) with mosquito nets and insect repellent, maternal mortality (265k deaths pa) with access to trained health worker, cholera (2k deaths pa) with vaccination and clean water, diarrhoea with clean water, tuberculosis (900k deaths pa) with vaccination, HIV/AIDS (2.2m deaths pa) with condoms
 - But access to health care in SSA is poor: doctors per thousand rural people is 0.2 in SSA (vs. 12.4 in UK), births in rural areas attended by any kind of trained health worker or traditional carer is c.60% (vs. 99% in UK) and percent of rural population with access to health services ranges from 20-80%
 - Creating mobile health workers dramatically improves access: a health worker in Zimbabwe can cover 4 times the population by motorcycle than by foot, and can visit 'covered' communities 13 times more frequently
- Transport Resource Management can increase health worker mobility by extending the life of vehicles and reducing breakdowns
 - TRM is required because health workers do not have the incentive or the means to look after their vehicles themselves: not their vehicles, not their job
 - TRM extends the life of vehicles enabling more health workers to be kept mobile on a given budget modelling indicates that extending motorcycle life from 20k km to 70k km increases the number of health workers that can be kept mobile on a set budget by c.50%
- The number of vehicles currently used by mobile health workers in SSA is large c.200k government and NGO vehicles
 - Implies a potential market for TRM of more than £1bn
- However, despite the significant need for TRM, demand for TRM is limited because many potential customers are unaware of its benefits
- Many donors, meanwhile, recognise the link between health care delivery and transport
- However, as 'indirect capacity-building' charities, transport health charities will find it hard to raise funds because the concrete difference their activities make is not obvious (see facer)
 - The return on fundraising (£ raised per £ spent fundraising) among a sample of charities is £2.1 for indirect capacity building charities, £2.6 for indirect giving charities and £3.8 for both direct giving charities and direct capacity building charities



Impact: Riders' activities result in significant economic, health and social benefits

Executive Summary

- Riders provides sustainable development benefits by creating self-sustaining, indigenised organisations to maintain health worker vehicles (see facer)
 - Economic benefits
 - Riders has created significant skilled employment in challenging economic conditions (i.e. high / hyper inflation, poor GDP growth), currently employing 41 people in Zimbabwe, 35 in Nigeria and 154 in The Gambia
 - Riders has dramatically reduced the fleet maintenance costs associated with health worker outreach in Zimbabwe and Gambia: 62% reduction in annual motorcycle fleet maintenance cost per thousand people reached by health workers in Zimbabwe, 24% reduction in annual vehicle maintenance cost per person treated per month by Nurses at outreach clinics in The Gambia
 - Increased health worker outreach
 - Riders keeps health workers from a variety of organisations 'on the road': the organisations Riders supports (Dpts of Health in Zimbabwe and The Gambia, WHO, and NGOs) all believe that their ability to deliver benefits depends directly on Riders
 - Riders dramatically increases the number of health workers that can be kept mobile on a given budget: c.90% more health workers using vehicles in Zimbabwe (c.70% in The Gambia), c.170% more health workers using motorcycles in Zimbabwe (c.110% in The Gambia)
 - Mobile health workers supported by Riders appear to reach more people, and to visit them more frequently: 100% increase in visit frequency in region supported by Riders vs. 8% increase in neighbouring region without motorcycles
 - Health benefits
 - The mobility afforded by Riders enables health workers to diagnose and treat more patients: for example, 261%, 75%, and 55% increase in diarrhoea, ARI and Malaria diagnoses, respectively, in 2001 (pre Riders) vs. 2002 (post Riders)
 - Riders appears to have enabled an increase in the proportion of fully immunised infants in The Gambia (62% pre Riders, 73% post Riders), and a
 decrease in Malaria deaths in Zimbabwe (21% decline in region served by motorcycles and supported by Riders, vs. 44% increase in neighbouring
 region)
 - Health workers and community leaders attest to both a reduction in illness and improved access to treatment as a result of Riders' activities
 - Social Benefits
 - Riders has empowered women in Zimbabwe: c.15% of health professionals trained to ride motorcycles by Riders have been women, 100% of Uhuru drivers are women, Uhuru committees are composed mainly of women



Robustness: Riders is generally well positioned competitively across its various revenue streams and exhibits a high degree of sustainability

Executive Summary

- Riders competes for TRM, training, interval servicing and donation revenue (see facer)
- Riders does not appear to have any significant competition in health TRM in general
 - 'Vehicle donation' and 'health delivery' segments heavily competed for, but Riders appears to be unique in 'vehicle maintenance'
- Several sources of competitive advantage limits threat from insourcing and new entrants
 - Including, not for profit status (low price, high customer trust around pricing / charging), culture (quality of service, low churn), integrated training programme (lower maintenance costs, cross-sell potential), knowledge (mechanical & TRM, best practice exchange across geographies)...
- Riders generally delivers on its value proposition
 - Riders appears to largely deliver on its zero-breakdown policy and to greatly extend vehicle life
 - The Riders training programme appears comprehensive and is highly rated by participants
 - Riders has a remarkably good value proposition in interval servicing vs the private sector (lower price, higher quality, faster turnaround, more trust), though it is somewhat weaker in Nigeria
- Riders competes more efficiently than its peers for donations (£ raised per £ spent fundraising c.40% higher than average for selection of indirect capacity building charities)
 - Donor interviews suggest, however, that Riders could compete more effectively by clearly articulating its business model and benefits
- Riders exhibits a high degree of sustainability overall, though there is some serious risk to operations in Nigeria from contract loss
 - Riders is organisationally sustainable (i.e. CEOs are not critical to operational sustainability, decision-making is devolved to country operations, employee commitment to Riders appears strong)
 - Riders appears to be on sound financial footing
 - c.1.6 months of expenditure in cash at hand, 1.7 months in free reserves (up from 0.7 months in 2002)
 - Reliance on donations is limited at 30% of revenues (18% net of costs of generating funds), c.85% of which is unrestricted funds, and donor relationships are strong
 - The African operations are virtually self-sufficient only Zimbabwe relies on UK funds due to a FOREX shortage (c.£86k sent to Zimbabwe during 9 months ending 31/12/04, 14% of Riders Zimbabwe revenues), though its margins are likely to remain robust throughout the shortage
 - Riders' risk from contract loss is high given its concentrated customer base, and the dissatisfaction of its key customer, the WHO in Nigeria (c.34% of Riders' total logistics revenue)

Growth: Riders for Health has enjoyed considerable growth

- Riders has undergone geographical expansion since inception in Lesotho, 1991
 - Zimbabwe 1997
 - Congo 2001 (discontinued 2003)
 - Nigeria 1999
 - The Gambia 2001
- Employee growth has increased at an annual rate of 41%
 - Driven by growth in The Gambia where Riders employs drivers as well as technical staff
- Revenues grew quickly until 2002 and have stagnated since then
 - No further geographic expansion
 - Exchange rate effects
- Riders currently manages 1,274 vehicles
 - 642 vehicles
 - 632 motorbikes
 - c.60% under TRM
- More than 700 Health workers have been trained since 2002 at the IAUM driving school in Zimbabwe



Riders has piloted a community health transport programme using 'Uhurus'

Uhuru Program Overview

- The Uhuru program provides a reliable, community-based and controlled transport solution for
 - those needing to reach a health clinic
 - those wishing to take goods to market
- The Uhuru is a motorcycle with sidecar and trailer
 - Sidecar can carry one individual by stretcher or in motherhood chair
 - Wheel of motorcycle can be used to pump c.120 litres of water per minute
 - Trailer can carry goods to market
- To date, seven Uhurus have been provided to communities free of charge (funded by the Rotary Club) following c.3 months of program set up (at a cost of c.£8k per Uhuru deployed, excluding cost of motorcycle), including
 - Set up of Uhuru committee to draft constitution regarding Uhuru use
 - Training of drivers from the community
- Committee charges Uhuru out to individuals at a rate determined by the community
 - All proceeds reinvested in the community as the committee sees fit
 - Vehicle running costs are subsidised by Riders for the first c.6 months at least



The Uhuru





Key Data Sources

Key Data Sources Market Data World Resources Institute (WRI) World Bank OECD WHO Caritas UNICEF **Internal Data** Audited Accounts Management Accounts Flow of Funds Sheet **IAVM Student Records Riders Vehicle Data**

We have conducted 67 in-depth interviews in support of this work, and consulted a wide range of sources

The Gambia (15) **Donors & Experts (15)** Zimbabwe (28) **RfH Staff** RfH Staff Donors **Programme Director Programme Director** Ducati Assistant Programme Director (2) FIM Assistant Programme Director **Operations Director** Emap Uhuru Programme Director **Technical Manager** Lurie Investments (2) Marketing Manager Head Technician, Vehicles Nuffield Foundation **Operations Director** IAVM Principal Head Technician, Generators Dorma Head Technician, Motorcycles Schwab Foundation Data Manager Accountant Government Rotary Permanent Secretary, Dpt. of Health World Bank Government Permanent Secretary, Dpt. of Health **Director of Planning** The Big Lottery Director of Technical Support, Dpt. **Principal Planner** Experts of Health **Health Workers** John Snow International **Health Workers** Senior Nurse Transaid District EHT Head **Community Health Nurse UKOWLA** EHTs (3) Uhuru Action Aid Field Officers (2) Uhuru Committee Chair Uhuru Uhuru Rider Community Councillor UK (6) Uhuru Committee Chair Uhuru Committee Vice-chair Nigeria (3) RfH Staff Uhuru Rider (5) CEOs (2) **RfH Staff** NGOs **Operations Director** Acting Program Director Logistics Director, Christian Care **Fundraising Director** Director, FOST Customers **Communications Director**

Events Manager

- Logistics Officer, UN House
- Logistics Officer, WHO

Deputy Director, FCTZ

Director, HEAD

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Components of Health Delivery



The incidence of disease in Sub-Saharan Africa is dramatically higher than in the UK

Relative Prevalence of Disease / Cause of Death, Sub-Saharan Africa vs UK (2003) SSA Multiple of UK Incidence Rate



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Source: WRI, OC&C analysis

Incidence of Disease, Riders' Geographies



Life expectancy is far lower than in the UK, and infant mortality and maternal mortality rates are far higher

Mortality Metrics, UK vs SSA



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Many deaths could be easily prevented with basic health education and equipment

Cause of Death	Cure / Prevention	SSA Multiple of UK Incidences	SSA Deaths pa, ('000s)	Ease of Prevention
Malaria	 Mosquito nets Insect repellent Early diagnosis and prompt treatment House residual spraying 	NA	901	4
Maternal Mortality	 Access to trained health worker Access to emergency care in the case of complication 	72.3	265	4
Cholera	 Clean water Adequate sanitation Vaccination Oral rehydration solution 	609.7	2	4
Diarrhoea	 Clean water Oral rehydration solution Adequate sanitation 	NA	NA	4
HIV / AIDS	 Education about HIV / AIDS Distribution of condoms Distribution of clean needles 	41.5	2,200	3
Tuberculosis	 Vaccination (BCG) 	30.1	897	3

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Source: WHO, Interviews, WRI, UNAIDS, OC&C analysis

Doctor per 000 Rural People, 2003



Births Attended¹, 2000

1. By Doctor, Other Health Professional Or Traditional Birth Attendant Source: Demographic and Health Surveys, OC&C analysis

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UK = 99%

But access to health care in Sub-Saharan Africa is poor

% of Population With Access To Health Services, 1990–95



	Verbatim
	<i>"If there is a problem in the village, they have to come to the clinic footing, sometimes 30-40km. Sometimes they pass messages from person to person and it reaches me in a couple of days."</i>
	– EHT Zimbabwe
-	"Normally, an Environmental Health Technician should cover an area of six thousand people, but now it is more like twenty-one thousand. We have 14 EHTs instead of 51."
	 EHT Regional Director, Zimbabwe
-	<i>"We have remote clinics in each region once a month.</i> <i>People can walk to them, usually 5km."</i>
	 Nurse, The Gambia
-	<i>"When we go to the clinics, usually there aren't any medicines."</i>
	 HEAD Director, Zimbabwe
-	<i>"Is the access to health getting worse? The answer here is a big yes."</i>
	 Uhuru Program Director, Zimbabwe

Source: Aids in Africa, Unicef- State of the World's Children 1997 – C. Bellamy, Social Science and Medicine, WHO Bullentin, interviews, OC&C analysis

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Creating 'mobile health workers' dramatically improves access

Impact of Mobility on Health Access

Population Covered by Health Worker in Zimbabwe by Mode of Transport 000 people



Frequency of Visit by Health Worker in Zimbabwe, by Mode of Transport

Visits per Month





Creating 'mobile health workers' dramatically improves access



Impact of Increasing Motorcycle Life on No. of Health Workers Govt. Can Afford to Keep Mobile¹ No. of Health Workers, 000 km

Illustrative



Transport resource management / interval servicing can increase health worker mobility by extending the life of vehicles and reducing breakdowns

TRM Increases Health Worker Mobility



Commentary / Verbatim

- TRM is required because health workers do not have the incentive or the means to look after the vehicles themselves
 - Not their vehicles
 - Not their job
- TRM extends life of vehicles...
 - "We have had vehicles that just stop working after one year.
 One year and that's it. Under TRM they keep working for three years or more." – Director of Planning, The Gambia
 - "Our vehicles last longer in TRM. This is the point of preventative maintenance." – Permanent Secretary, Dept. Of Health, Zimbabwe
- ...enabling more health workers to be mobile on a given budget
 - Longer vehicle life reduces annual vehicle replacement costs
- It also reduces breakdowns...
 - "There are no breakdowns if you maintain the vehicles on a regular basis. You fix the problems early." – RfH Mechanic, Zimbabwe
- ...thereby reducing downtime and improving effectiveness of mobile health delivery
 - "Before [we received a vehicle under RfH TRM system] we could not rely on the ambulance to get to remote areas. We would not go because we could be afraid that we could not get back. And the people would not meet us at the outreach clinic... they would not trust that we could be there."
 Nurse, The Gambia

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1. Excludes accidents, conservatively assumes equal cost per km for maintained vs. non-maintained vehicle (i.e. no major events)

Source: RfH 999 Document, Interviews, OC&C analysis

The number of vehicles used by mobile health workers in Sub-Saharan Africa is estimated at around 200k



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However, despite the significant need for TRM, demand for TRM is limited because many potential customers are unaware of its benefits

Demand for TRM / Interval Servicing

Customer Group	Evidence of Demand	Judgemental Level of Demand
Government	 Convincing government of merits of TRM system is very difficult "The stumbling block is making government realise the need to maintain vehicles. This can take years." – Ops Director (UK) "We have been changing our Minister of Health and Permanent Secretary like we change our dresses and suits. This can make it difficult to ensure merits of maintenance are known." – Planning Director (Dept. Of Health, The Gambia) Ability / willingness to pay for TRM is limited "We have trouble paying Riders, even the minimum running costs of the vehicles. We know we do not pay enough for the salaries." – Director of Planning (Dept. Of Health, The Gambia) 	2
WHO / UN Org	 Lack of awareness of TRM and its benefits "These people do not know anything about vehicle maintenance – they're doctors or engineers." – Riders CEO Constant contract reviews in search of other, cheaper solution "They are constantly looking at our contract and reviewing it. They want to do it cheaper but they can't." – Riders CEO Can be in and out of countries quickly, limiting perception of maintenance needs "Often, these aide workers are in-country for only two years, and a new vehicle can run just about that long without major maintenance." – Riders CEO 	2
NGOs	 Many local community based NGOs aware of maintenance needs and costs "Usually when the vehicles come, we get maintenance funding from our donors." – FCTZ Deputy Director (Zimbabwe) But for some NGOs, it can be easier to raise funds for CAPEX than for running costs "Large, international NGOs get their CAPEX from foundation funding, so it is easier for them to turn their vehicles over more quickly" – FOST Program Director (Zimbabwe) 	3

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At a macro level, donors recognise the link between health care delivery and transport

Donor Context

Macro Context

Agenda 21 (1992)

- "Health service coverage should be achieved for population groups... in rural areas"
- "Governments should consider adopting enabling and facilitating strategies... [to] promote provisions for necessary logistics for outreach activities, particularly in rural areas"
- World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002)
 - "Health issues need to be tackled not only by health ministries and health sectors but, perhaps even more importantly, by sectors such as transportation"

■ UNICEF

 "The most impoverished – usually rural – areas have few or no healthcare facilities... finding appropriate distribution systems continue to be a concern"

Evidence from Donor Interviews

"Organisations such as the DFID have realised that provision of support is vital... there is a definite swing towards capacity building by government donors."

- Sarah Lock, Nuffield Foundation

"Riders have come up with a very simple solution to one of the most difficult problems in health and development."

- Pamela Hartigan, Schwab Foundation

"To those who have investigated, the link between transport infrastructure and health delivery is virtually self-evident."

- CEO, Ducati

"We identified the issues around transportation as the #1 impediment to the delivery of healthcare."

- Anne Lurie, Lurie Investments

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Overview of RfH

Services

Core proposition is to provide reliable transport for a predictable cost – TRM / driver training:

- Transport Resource Management (TRM)
 - Monthly vehicle / motorcycle maintenance with aim of zero-breakdowns
 - Fuel procurement
 - Payment calculated on cost per km basis, can include forecast cost of replacement vehicle

Interval Servicing

- Scheduled vehicle / motorcycle maintenance
- Payment calculated based on incidental servicing costs

Driver Training

- All TRM vehicle drivers required, but will also train interval servicing client / non-client drivers
- Defensive driving
- Vehicle / motorcycle maintenance

Field of Operation:

Transport

Customers

- Government Departments of Health
 - The Gambia
 - Zimbabwe
- World Health organisation polio immunization program
- Non-Governmental organisations engaged in health and development
- United Nations organisations

organisation

- Not for profit, fully 'indigenised', selfsustaining companies
- UK office coordinates and supports developing country operations
 - The Gambia
 - Zimbabwe
 - Nigeria
- Best practice transfer between countries



Sustainable Development

Riders provides sustainable development benefits by creating self-sustaining, indiginised organisations to maintain health worker vehicles



Riders' impact can be evaluated in terms of economic benefits, health worker outreach, health improvements and social benefits



Riders has created significant skilled employment in challenging economic conditions

Employment Performance



Performance

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Approximate Overall Health Vehicle Fleet Maintenance Savings, Managed vs. Unmanaged, Zimbabwe & Gambia

Indicative

Gambia, Dpt. of Health & World Bank Funded Vehicles, 2004

Zimbabwe, Dpt. of Health vehicles, 2004 £k



£k

Assumes that vehicles are re-purchased on rolling basis to maintain the fleet at its current size; Vehicles last 100k km, motorcycles last 20k km
 Riders billed only a portion of this, c.£290k as it was not saving for replacement vehicles; assumes vehicles last 250k km, motorcycles last 80k km
 Close to Riders billings – estimated at c.70% of logistics billings; assumes vehicles last 250k km, motorcycles last 80k km
 Source: RfH, OC&C analysis

Riders has dramatically reduced the fleet maintenance costs associated with health worker outreach in Zimbabwe and Gambia

Fleet Maintenance Savings, Unmanaged vs. Managed Under Riders

Indicative

Estimated Annual Motorcycle Fleet Maintenance Cost per Thousand Population Reached by EHT in Zimbabwe¹ \pounds pa

Estimated Annual Vehicle Fleet Maintenance Cost per Person Treated per Month by Nurses at Outreach Clinics in The Gambia² \pounds pa



- 1. Includes replacement costs; assumes motorcycles reach 20k people per month (interviews); motorcycles assumed to last 20k km unmanaged, 80k km managed (interviews)
- 2. Includes replacement costs; assumes nurses can treat 1,800 people per day at an outreach clinic (interviews); vehicles assumed to last 100k km unmanaged, 250k km managed (interviews)

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Source: RfH, Interviews, OC&C analysis



Riders keeps health workers from a variety of organisations 'on the road'

Key Organisations Supported by Riders

Organisation	Key Activities	Vehicles Services by Riders ¹		Verbatim: Impact of Riders	
		IS	TRM		
Dpt. Of Health, Zimbabwe	 General health provision / education Sanitation 	47	469	 "With Riders, we can deliver our emergency services, we can visit the communities, we can help people." – Permanent Secretary 	
Dpt. Of Health, The Gambia	 General health provision / education Sanitation 	162	43	 "Without Riders, nothing would move. Our health programs would stop" – Director of Info. & Planning 	
UN House, Nigeria	Broad range of Health and Development programmes	200	0	 "The vehicle maintenance provided by Riders is critical in servicing the health needs of the Nigerian people" – Manager UN House 	
WHO, Nigeria	Polio vaccination program	0	127	 "Currently, no-one else could maintain our vehicles if the vehicles can't run we can't go into the field" – Transport Manager, WHO 	
Farm Community Trust of Zimbabwe	 Child care program Extended immunisation program Basic education program HIV program 	1	77	"We understand that the benefits we deliver to the communit are as a direct result of Riders. It is very easy to watch a whi community of children be wiped out by Malaria just because you cannot access them." - Deputy Director	
FOST Zimbabwe	 Child nutrition program, reaches 24k children directly, 46k by training teachers Emotional and psychological support programs for orphans; supports 70 children-headed households 	6	16	 "Most of these [disadvantaged] children live off unbelievably bad roads. Riders enables us to get to these communities."- Director 	
Christian Care Zimbabwe	 Food distribution Sanitation activities Education 	37	0	"We are happy with Riders. They help us do what we have to do." - National Logistics Officer	

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Source: Interviews, OC&C analysis

Riders dramatically increases the number of health workers that can be kept mobile on a given budget

Estimated Number of Health Workers Each Country Could Afford to Keep Mobile Given its 2004 Budget, Unmanaged vs Managed Fleet¹ Indicative

No. of Workers



- 1. Assumes one health worker per vehicle; vehicles assumed to last 100k km unmanaged, 250k managed; motorcycles assumed to last 20k km unmanaged, 80k km managed
- 2. Some of the budget included here was paid for by the World Bank

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Source: RfH Vehicle Data, Interviews, OC&C analysis



Frequency of EHT Visits, Gokwe vs. Binga %



Verbatim

Mobile health workers can reach more people ...

- "The only time you see an EHT working is when they have the means to do so. And that's the motorcycle."
 - Permanent Secretary, Dpt. Of Health, Zimbabwe
- "Before EHTs got motorcycles, our lives were very much harder. Now we are always informed about disease before they happen."

- Community Leader, Zimbabwe

"If the EHT is not mobile, disease outbreaks will go unnoticed. No one will get help."

- District EHT Head, Zimbabwe

"We see 250-350 people a day in our remote clinics. We take the ambulance and go out to meet the people."

- Nurse, The Gambia

- ... and visit them more frequently
- "It was very difficult before the motorcycles. We had to walk 50km to reach some villages. A village could wait 3 months before receiving a visit."

– EHT, Zimbabwe

"Before I had a motorcycle, I had to walk and cycle. Now I can visit 4 or 5 times a month, before it was only sometimes once a month."

- Nurse, The Gambia

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Mobile health workers supported by Riders appear to reach more people, and to visit them more frequently

Visit Frequency



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Source: RfH, OC&C analysis

The mobility afforded by Riders enables health workers to diagnose and treat more patients



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Number of Patients Treated at Field Clinics Set Up

Using a Single Ambulance, Kuntair Health Centre

Riders Impact on Patient Diagnoses and Treatment

Change in Cases Diagnosed Before and After Riders Operations Began in Gambia, 2001vs. 2002



Riders appears to have enabled an increase in the proportion of fully immunised infants in The Gambia, and a decrease in Malaria deaths in **Zimbabwe**



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Impact of Riders on Health



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Left: Health worker Manyo Gibba visits a community in the Gambia

Right: Health workers in Binga district, Zimbabwe





Health workers and community leaders attest to both a reduction in illness and improved access to treatment as a result of Riders' activities

Impact of Riders on Health

Reduction in Illness

- "We used to have annual cholera outbreaks. But since we got the motorcycles [in 1998], there have been only 3 outbreaks... We are having our first anthrax outbreak in five years. Before the motorcycles, we had them every year."
 - EHT Regional Director, Zimbabwe
- "People are quite happy with Riders because they are getting less sick. We are seeing diseases reducing."
 - Director HEAD Zimbabwe
- "Riders provides my motorcycle and my monthly fuel. Now I can visit my villages several times a month. Diarrhoea and malaria have reduced. The locals are providing better health care for themselves."
 - Nurse, The Gambia

Access to Treatment: Uhuru¹ Pilot Program

"The ambulance we have decreed can only go on tarred road. This is to maintain the vehicle. As a result, the Uhuru is making a big difference by taking people from the village to the clinic and from the clinic to the hospital."

- EHT Regional Director, Zimbabwe

"We have this bike, it has really helped by taking the sick to the clinics, produce to the markets and pumping water. People are having a better life now."

- Community Leader, Zimbabwe

"When I am on duty. I am up at 6am and home at 6pm. I ride all day taking the sick people to the hospital."

Uhuru Driver, Zimbabwe

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 Uhurus are motorcycles with sidecars primarily used for transporting people to clinics; Riders has deployed 8 to date (7 Zimbabwe, 1 The Gambia) with funding support from Rotary Club for the motorcycles (Riders pays for all fuel and maintenance in first 6 months, then asks community for contribution) Source: Interviews, OC&C analysis 8942_Moto_v12



Riders has empowered women in Zimbabwe

Female IAVM Students, 2002–05 % of Total



Riders appears to largely deliver on its zero-breakdown policy despite managing old, heavily driven vehicle fleets





"How long would you expect a well maintained motorcycle to last on bad roads like those you might find in Africa?" 000 km



Riders' TRM program greatly extends vehicle life

TRM Performance Exceeds Expectations

Anticipated Life of a Well Maintained Motorcycle, Riders vs Dealers '000 km



Percent of Motorcycles in Zimbabwe TRM that Exceed Dealers' Expected Useful Life of 54k km (see facer) %



Verbatim ■ "We thought we would retire bikes at 80k km and vehicles at 250k km, but many are still meeting the TRM zero-breakdown policy, so we keep running them. The maximum depends on the terrain, we have one that is over 400k km. I'd say that on average the vehicles are staying in TRM to about 350k km and motorcycles to 125k km." Data Manager, Zimbabwe "At 200k they were supposed to replace the vehicles, but they keep raising the km. But they don't breakdown." - Permanent Secretary, Dpt. Of Health, **Zimbabwe** ■ "Before Riders, we got motorcycles sometimes and they would be gone in a year or two. Some would not even be reaching 10k km. Riders has extended the life of our motorcycles five or six times." - EHT Regional Director, Zimbabwe

Riders' Garage in Harare





Riders' TRM integrated training program appears comprehensive, and is highly rated by participants

Driver Training

Training Programs

Motorcycle Riding and Basic Maintenance

- Ten day course focused on theory and practice of motorcycle riding and maintenance
- Teaches PLANS (Petrol, Lubrication, Adjustment, Nuts, Stop) driver motorcycle maintenance program
- Motor vehicle Driving and Basic Maintenance
 - Typically 3 day course on defensive, low-impact driving and preventative maintenance
 - Teaches FFLOWERS (Fuel, Fluid, Lubrication, Oils, Water, Equipment, Rubbers, Stop) vehicle driver maintenance program
- Other courses include
 - Uhuru Riding and Maintenance
 - Motorcycle Fleet Management
 - General Fleet Management

Commentary on Quality of Training

Participants Remark on Quality

- "The quality of the training and its atmosphere was friendly and done splendidly".
- "Knowledge and information regarding both practical and theory was passed to students well".
- "I just want to thank the staff for the job well done."
- "The training was an eye opener."

Customers Believe Training Extends Life of Vehicles

- "The training is excellent. Now we even have training for management. They develop vehicle sympathy' and then vehicles last longer."
 - Deputy Director, Farm Community Trust Zimbabwe
- "The training is really helping us maintain our vehicles."
 - Permanent Secretary, Dept. Of Health Zimbabwe
- "I was trained by Riders and if you look at the vehicle I am driving after two years compared to someone using a vehicle for only 6 months you see a very major difference – my vehicle is like new and theirs is like old."
 - National Logistics Officer, Christian Care

The International Academy of Vehicle Management (IAVM)







Zimbabwe organisational Relationships / Information Flows

Riders exhibits a high degree of organisational sustainability

Organisational Sustainability

Reliance on CEOs

- "Andrea and Barry are the big picture people. They give us direction and it is our job to execute."
 - Operations Director (UK)
- "Andrea has final approval on outgoing material; Barry has similar approval on internal comms and comms to governments. Increasingly, they only really look at final copy."
 - Communications Director (UK)
- "Barry comes down once or twice a year. He comes and moves around to see what is here compared to before."
 - Program Director (Zimbabwe)
- "Barry did all the negotiations. He comes down once year."
 - Assistant Program Director (The Gambia)
- "We do the negotiations ourselves now"
 - Program Director (The Gambia)

Independence of Country Ops.

"The country programs are autonomous, I just co-ordinate them so that they are all moving in the same direction. I also try to get them things that they need to keep going, like computer equipment."

Operations Director (UK)

"The programs run themselves and simply send the figures through."

- Finance Director (UK)

- "We do a lot of our decisions here. We report monthly to the UK on our activities. In a week, we will communicate by phone. They are coming down from the UK once every three months, and we have a management meeting once a year."
 - Program Director (Zimbabwe)
- "The UK is supporting us. They are making sure that when there is advancement in one country, it is in all countries."
 - Assistant Program Director (The Gambia)

HR & Career Progression

"I started with Riders in 1996 as a mechanic and worked my way up to program director here in Zimbabwe."

- Program Director (Zimbabwe)

"I was working for Save the Children and came to Riders as a receptionist. One job led to another and now I am assistant program director."

- Assistant Program Director (Zimbabwe)

- "Mohale, our UK based Operations Director, was trained on the motorcycles in 1991."
 - Program Director (Zimbabwe)
- "I was Director of Planning and our Program Director – Therese – was Permanent Secretary of Dpt. Of Health"

 Assistant Program Director (The Gambia)

"I have been doing the [drivers'] training with Riders since 1999. I am now the Principal of the IAVM."

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CEOs are not critical to operational sustainability

Decision-making is devolved to Country Ops Employees are unlikely to churn en masse

OC&C Strategy Consultants Source: Interviews, OC&C analysis

The Riders model could be replicated in other geographies, with some adaptation to the local environment

Replicability of Model

Market Similarities

- Many Sub-Saharan African countries appear to share Zimbabwe's attributes
 - Large markets
 - Large NGO communities
 - Large numbers of government managed vehicles
 - Low competitive intensity
 - Riders appears to be only TRM solutions provider in SSA
 - Potential for high impact
 - Lack of accessible health care in rural areas
 - Substantial rural populations



General Applicability of Riders Solution

- Riders hub and spoke model likely to be appropriate for most countries
- Riders solution proven to work in multiple geographies
 - Zimbabwe
 - The Gambia
 - Nigeria
 - Riders has managed to successfully replicate itself in the past
 - Replication teams are in place and experienced: "In 1999 we helped set up the program in Nigeria. Then we were involved in the formation of the Gambia operation in 2002. Giving them support and also having their technicians coming here for training."
 - Program Director, Zimbabwe

END OF PRESENTATION