

Alternative and traditional treatments for AIDS in the times of ART in resource-poor settings

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Network on the Anthropology of ART in Resource-Poor-Settings:

• **Directory of anthropological research** projects related to ART

– Last edition: www.mmsh.univ-aix.fr/crecss/naarps

• **Workshops** (Amsterdam, Aix-en-Provence):

– 2005: Adherence to ART: from theory to methodology

– 2006: Gender and ART (Transcriptases 130)

– 2006: Counselling and ART

July 1st Workshop

• Studies on ATT in:

- Senegal
- Bénin
- Burkina Faso
- Uganda
- China
- Indonesia

• Perspectives:

- Biographies, Patients', Healers, System, Research

July 1st Workshop

• Aims:

- Discussion on the relevance of a common transcultural « etic » categorization
- Understanding common and locally specific trends
- Exchanges about medicines that circulate between various cultural areas
- Exchanges on ethical and methodological concerns

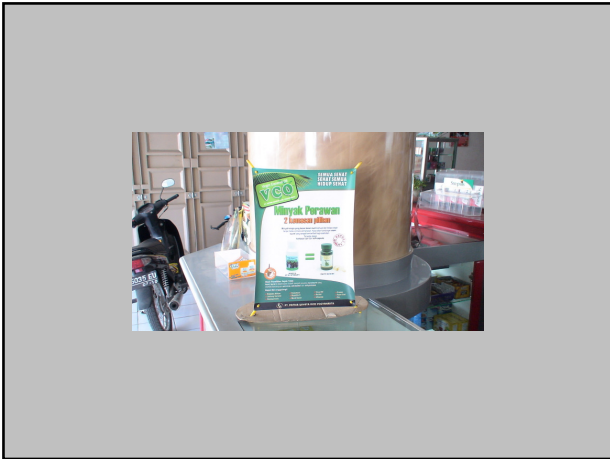
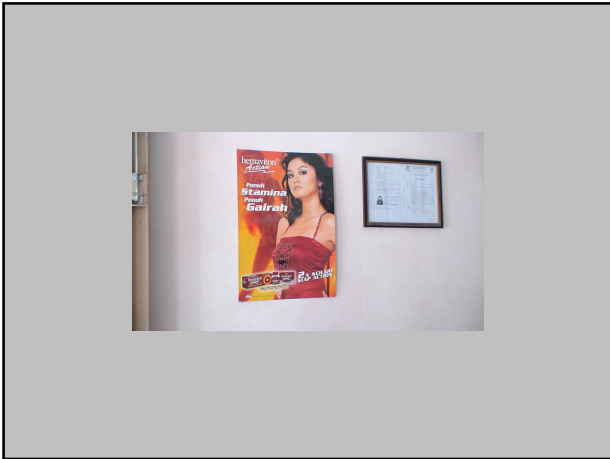
Alternative and traditional treatments

- Before ART: many hypes
- But not life-saving
- What role now increased accessibility of ART?

Workshop Highlights: Uses

Uses alternative and traditional medicine:

- delay need for ART
- Restore/enhance health while on ART
- Treat opportunistic infections
- Alleviate adverse effects
- Boost immune system
- Kill virus



Tobacoak's :

TOBACOAK'S
Anti retroviral à base de plantes médicinales

Posologie :
Adulte : 1 verre à madère 4 fois par jour dans ¼ de verre d'eau.
Enfant : 1 cuillerée à café 3 fois par jour dans ¼ de verre d'eau.

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Workshop Highlights

- Generated knowledge of (neo)tradmed products, uses, actors, practices involved
- Understanding logics underlying their legitimacy
- Understanding the role of globalization and cultural dynamics

Highlights: global trends

- Governments promote tradmed
- Limited national and global regulatory controls
- At the margin of biomedicine or pharmacy
- Biological efficacy claims
- North-South transfer of notions of efficacy
- Global diffusion of products
- Aggressive marketing
- Meets needs

Workshop Highlights: methodology

- « Sensitive » results, specially for governments in countries promoting traditional medicine and gaining from it economically
- Difficult publicization of results due to ambiguous attitudes of health responsables
- Difficult to be a 'neutral' researcher

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