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Enhancing Support for Infant Feeding and Post-Partum Follow-Up in Côte d'Ivoire

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Context



- **HIV Prevalence: 4.7%**
- **Infant feeding practices**
 - 87% of women initiate breastfeeding at birth
 - 4% exclusively breastfeed for 6 months*
- **Orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and HIV**
 - 54,000 exposed infants born each year
 - 540,000 OVC
 - 40,000 infected children (2007)

*MICS 2006

IYCN Goal in Côte d'Ivoire

Maximize HIV-free survival and improve health outcomes of HIV-exposed infants through promoting high quality, routine infant feeding support from birth to 2 years of age.



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IYCN's Approach: PMTCT

- Technical assistance to improve national policies and guidelines.
- Centralized training of key health workers.
- Site-based training for all PMTCT providers.
- Follow-up supportive supervision.
- Job aids and counseling tools.



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IYCN's Approach: OVC

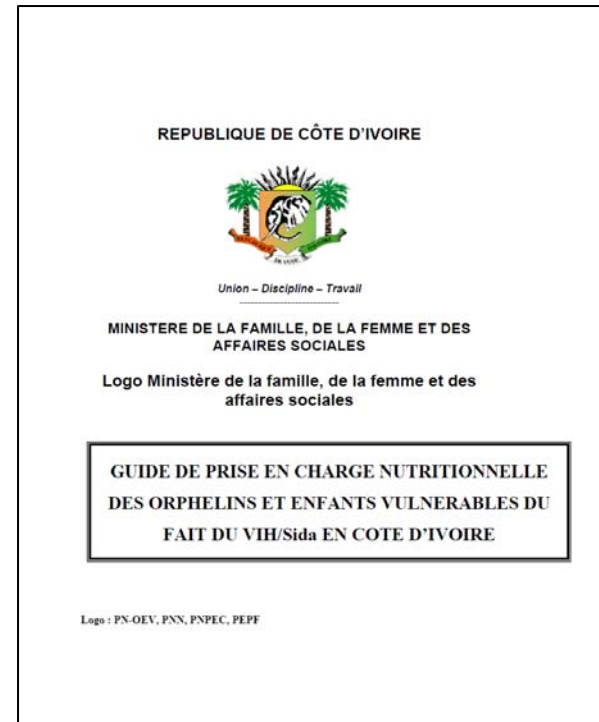
- Train national OVC program on IYCF issues.
- Train PEPFAR OVC partners on IYCF.
- Provide technical support to social centers and local NGOs.
- Build consensus around guidelines for nutritional care and support of OVC.



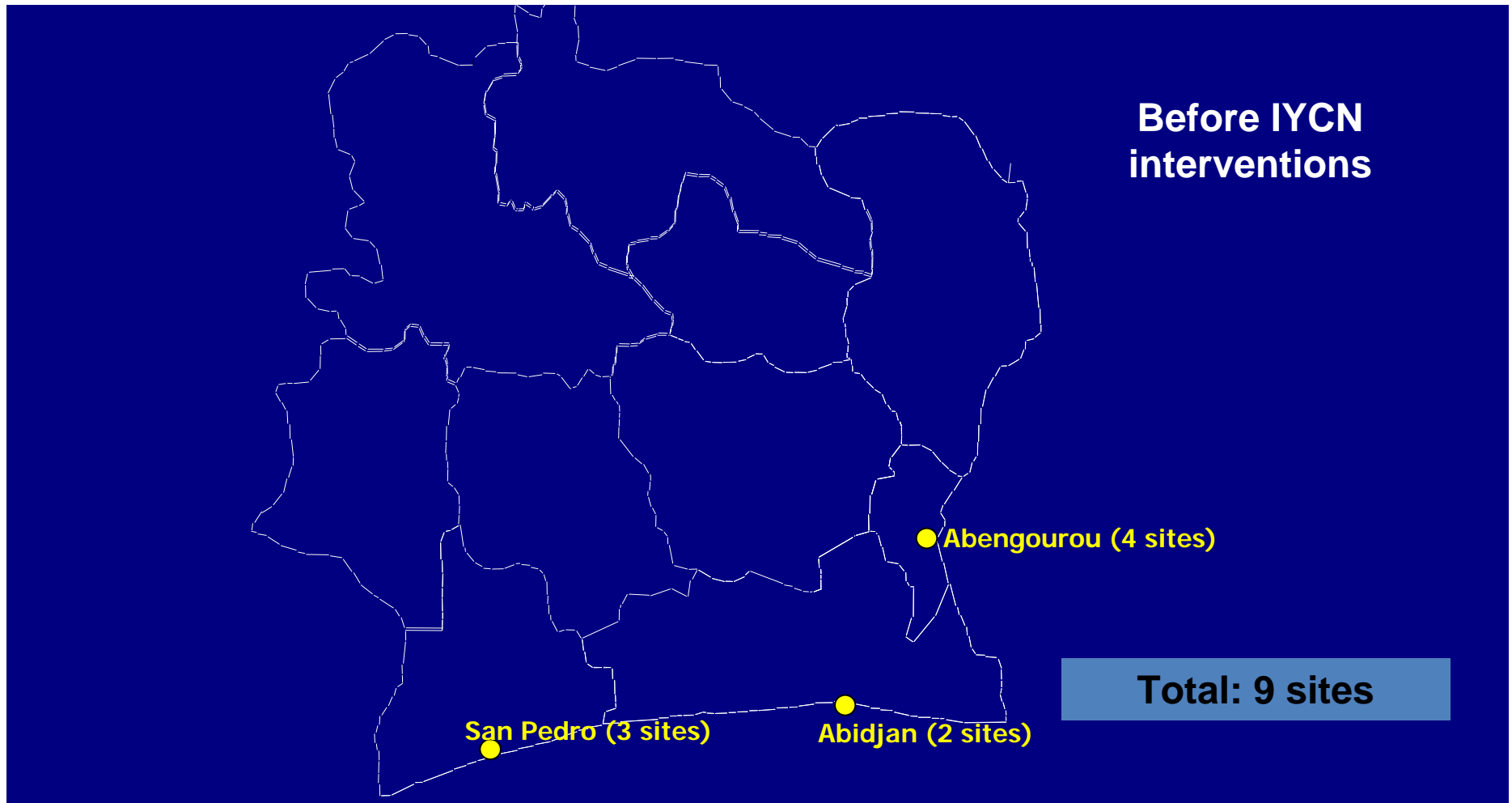
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Guidelines for Nutritional Care of OVC

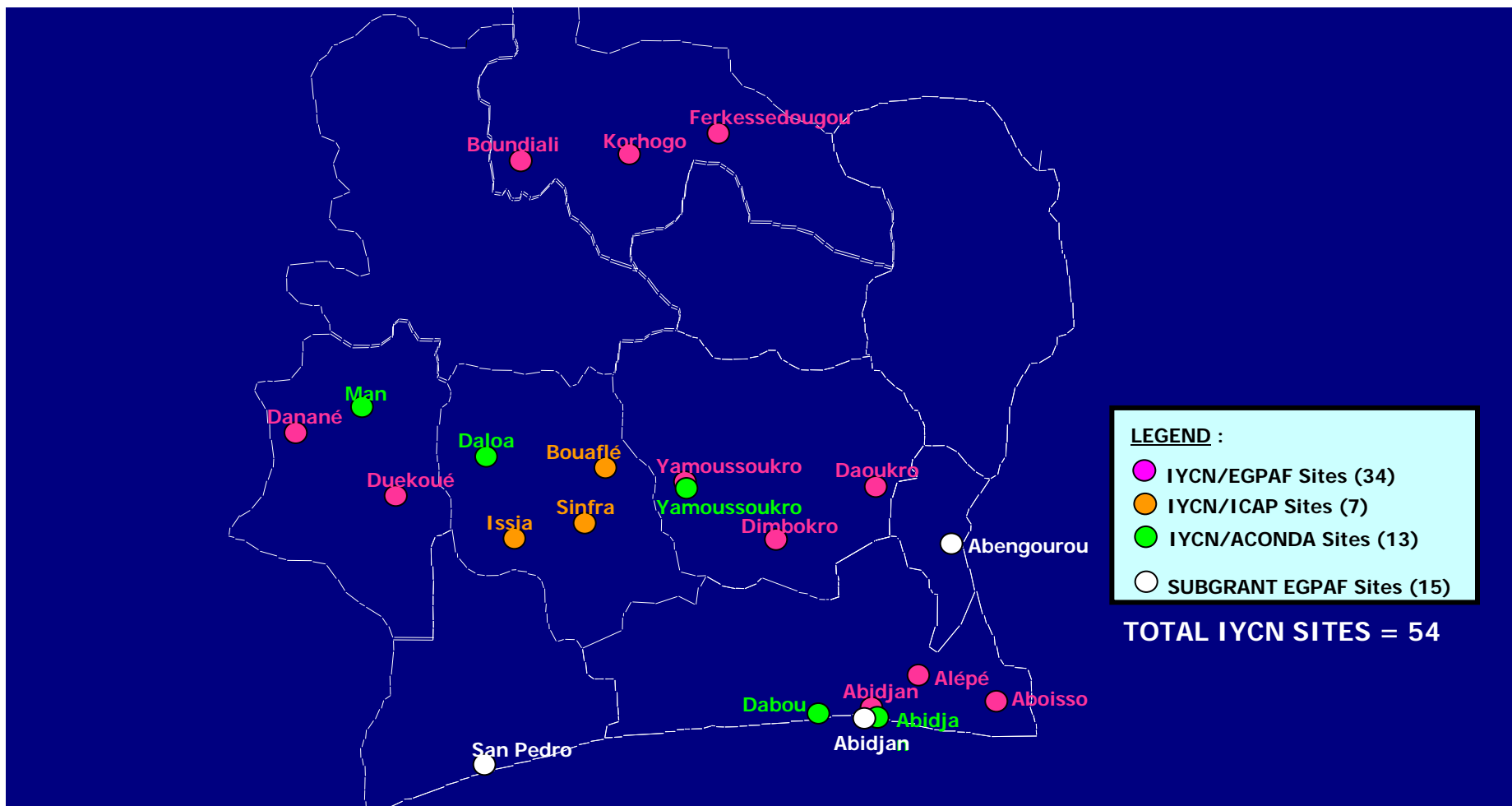
- A pocket guide with detailed recommendations on nutrition services for OVC.
- Guidance for health providers, social workers, and community health workers.
- IYCN and partners will use the guide to develop training tools and conduct workshops.



Results: Coverage of Infant Feeding Activities at PMTCT Sites in 2007



Results: Coverage of IYCN Activities at PMTCT Sites, March 2009



Results

- 601 infants receiving improved post-partum nutrition support and follow-up at IYCN-supported sites.
- 6 national health programs with improved capacity to implement and supervise infant feeding activities.
- National consensus on standards of nutritional care and support for OVC achieved.
- 547 health workers from 54 PMTCT sites trained on infant feeding.
- 21 PEPFAR PMTCT and OVC partners trained.

Lessons Learned

- Scaling-up of nutrition and HIV activities is feasible.
- Successful implementation requires consensus and input from national policymakers, health workers, communities, people living with HIV/AIDS, and donors.
- It is essential to leverage existing systems (health, community, social service) and create linkages.

Thank you



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