

Namibia: Have wheels, will travel

Home-based caregiver Salome Vendura knows firsthand that in Namibia's far-flung rural areas, one of the biggest determinants of HIV/AIDS treatment adherence is access to affordable and reliable transportation.

In Vendura's community of Kehemu, in northern Namibia, the nearest hospital is 5 km away - too far for many of her weakest patients to walk.

"We used to take patients in private taxis, and would tell the drivers that we didn't have money," said Vendura, 27. "Often the drivers refused to take us because of stigma and discrimination against people with HIV."

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