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It was on 13th of June, 2006 when I went to start VCT counseling in Dyedyeleke Village. When I reached in the village before I started working, rumours were heard that to people we are starmise [?]. We want to take blood from [the villagers] to sell. Because of that, some people tried to run away from the village.

On the same day, I visited one respondent who has 28 yrs and a female. She was ready to be tested because client has a desire to know her status because before she has married, client said that she had only slept with one partner, but now she is married and another threatening thing to her she suggested that she can have HIV positive because she don't know the status to the partner. Due to VCT session, client informed me that she will try to tell her partner the importance of going to VCT.

In the same village, three women were crossing opposite to me and saying why are this project continuing to [go to] the same respondents from 2004? It seems that they are going to those who are HIV positive so that people refuses to be counseled and tested due to that.

16th June, 2006

I entered in village of Nsomba, where I was chosen to work through counseling. Before I started working, we tried to communicate with the chief in the village in order to allow us to work without any fears.

I went to a respondent with fifty-five years and he is a man. Before I reached him, the children on the way near to a respondent suspected with eight years cursed at us (kutukwana <Chichewa: swearing, obscenity>) with eyes.

When I reached a respondent, the joining was good, but respondent said that your friend was here yesterday and I told them that I don't want to be counseled and tested.

So I asked him why are you refusing?

Respondent said someone told me that the main aim of your research to find blood P.T.O. [?] for us. He has bad reactions. In my addition as counselor to that respondent he is old enough as I saw him.

Other expectations of the people in the village of Nsomba, they suggested that the project will enlist [hire] a scout [employee of MDICP that locates respondents] in the same village in order [for the village] to develop from this project.

The children cursing the counselors when reached in the village before, came out in the vehicle <kutukwanidwa>.

Note: counselor drew a picture next to this last statement of a child.