

AIDS CONCERN

Project ARETE
Jan 2022 – Jun 2023



The Challenge

Delays in HIV services caused by COVID-19 have had a negative impact on aging PLHIV.

Conducting face-to-face HIV education had become challenging under COVID-19 restrictions.

Our Response

15 trained volunteers living with HIV have coached aging PLHIV on technology, such as how to use social media, the e-Health app, online consultation for better health record keeping and staying connected with the community.

Developed 5 videos with key opinion leaders (KOL) to promote the importance of quality of life for PLHIV and the U=U concept.

The Results

90%

of participants can use technology such as eHealth app, online consultation and instant drug consultation.

2000

people have been educated by volunteers on the concept of U=U to help eliminate HIV-related stigma.

200 Thousand

members of the general public have been reached through social media with HIV educational videos.

Our Story

“I’m grateful for the effort and patience of the young volunteers. It’s crucial for us elderly people living with HIV to seek support, especially during these challenging times with COVID-19.”

- An aging PLHIV who participated in the program



Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA)

Increasing Digitalized Access To HIV Prevention Education For Young Key Populations In Cambodia
Jan 2022 – Mar 2023



The Challenge

There is a lack of comprehensive HIV education for key populations, including the youth. Training to leverage virtual channels for prevention outreach to young key populations is also insufficient.

Our Response

The designed project aims to integrate the concept of digital solutions into HIV/AIDS prevention programming. KHANA trained Community Health Workers (CHWs) on 3-2-1 services through:

- Content development workshops for CSOs and community health workers;
- Promotion of the 3-2-1 services amongst young key populations;
- Development of 5 categories of messages and uploaded into 3-2-1 service; and
- Capacity building trainings on 3-2-1 service access and utilization amongst CSOs and community networks of young key populations.

The Results

145

participants took part in the training (115 in-person and 30 virtually).

1453

Young Key Populations (YKPs) called in using the 3-2-1 services.

1025

YKPs were engaged and actively listened to 3-2-1 services and received key HIV prevention information.

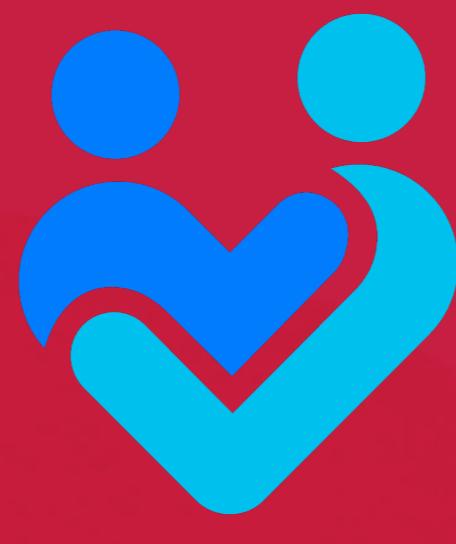
Our Story

This project has allowed us to engage with high government officials such as National AIDS Authorities, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD, Provincial Health Departments. We have also expanded partnership and cooperation with Mobile Network Operators to better target audiences.



LOVE FOUNDATION

Love2Test
Enjoy Life & Take Control
 Feb 2021 – Present



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 LOVE FOUNDATION

The Challenge

The HIV testing process can be challenging due to anxiety, stigma, or the inability to physically travel to a clinic. COVID-19 has worsened this problem.

Our Response

- Love2Test is an online platform that provides a user-friendly solution for key populations to schedule HIV testing appointments with local clinics. Our mobile application simplifies the appointment booking process, making it convenient and accessible.
- We believe that our platform's ease of use will encourage more people to get tested and pursue early treatment. With fast turnaround results and earlier treatment, users can stay proactive about their health and take steps to know their status, get prevented, and stay safe.

The Results

244
Thousand

organic visits of the website.

681
Thousand

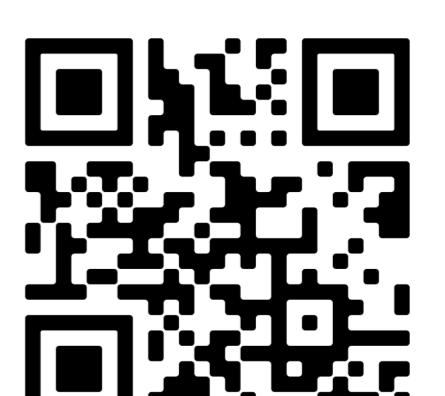
HIV testing appointments were made with local clinics across Thailand.

35

clinics partnered with Love2Test across the country in all region of Thailand.

Our Story

Adopting a mobile-first approach to HIV healthcare can provide services with a competitive advantage, as it improves accessibility, user experience, and reach.



LoveYourself

#SummerFunCollab
Mar – Dec 2021



The Challenge

Awareness of HIV prevention and access to preventive medicine is still insufficient among MSMs in the Philippines.

Our Response

- Engage MSMs through anonymous online community influencers using sex-positive messaging.
- Collaboration with the content creators to raise awareness on HIV prevention and access to the preventive medication.

The Results

13

content creators were successfully engaged to participate in this campaign; 84 tweets were created.

194%

increase in sign-up rates (2,673 enrollees documented) under the campaign.

239

Thousand

total media engagements.

Our Story

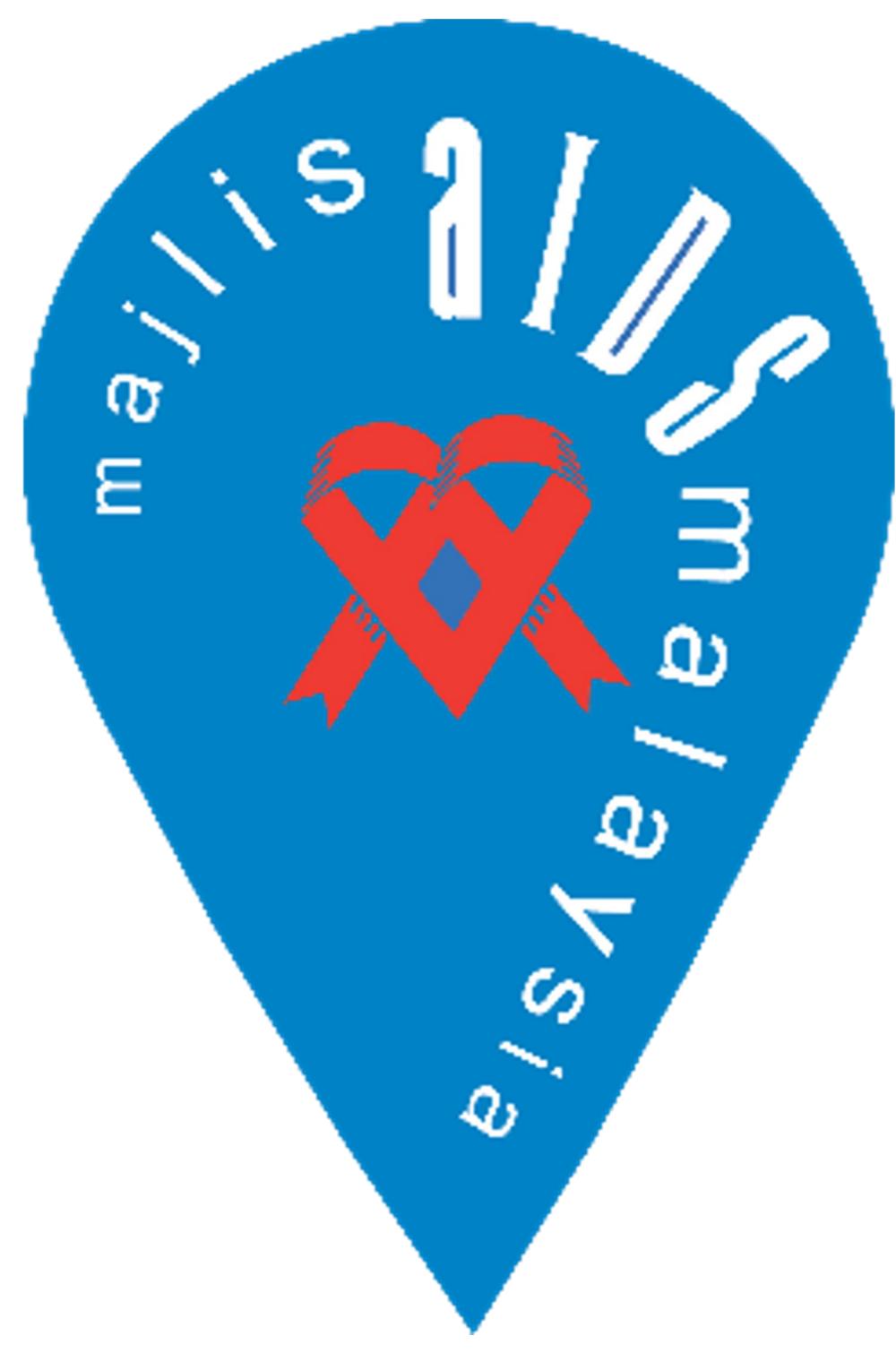
“I am more confident with HIV prevention because I can now satisfy my sexual needs without sacrificing the wellness of myself and my partner”



Malaysian AIDS Council

Jom Test: An Integrated HIV Self-testing (HIVST) Service Delivery In Malaysia
Fast . Accurate . Confidential
The First Self-testing Website In Malaysia

Nov 2020 – Dec 2022



The Challenge

- Perceived stigma and discrimination by HCPs were a major barrier to facility-based HIV testing among MSMs, TGs and sex workers in Malaysia.
- COVID-19 restrictions and movement control order by the government.

Our Response

- To determine whether the availability of an online HIVST dissemination service model among key populations is feasible and acceptable in Malaysia.
- To explore the feasibility and success of the recruitment strategies for engaging infrequent and non-testers MSM, TG, sex workers and their sex partners, PWID & PWUD.

The Results

4411

registered users recorded from November 2020 to December 2022.

4218

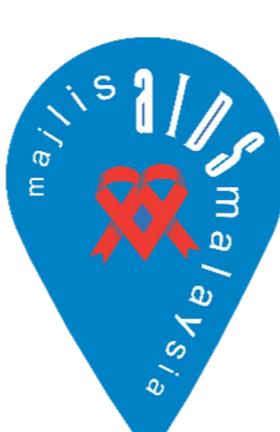
HIV Self-Test kits were sent out to participants of all key populations (including MSM, SW, TG, and PWID/PWUD).

70%

users aged 20-29 requested for test kits after learning about JOM TEST.

Our Story

New approaches such as JOM TEST are much needed to serve those who do not yet know their HIV status, and to deliver accessible testing, prevention and treatment services as part of the broader self-care movement.



Sinnaneun Center

PRIDE Film Project
2020 and 2021



The Challenge

- Stigma and Discrimination (S&D) is a barrier that prevents individuals from reaching out for HIV testing and speaking openly about HIV related issues in the workplace.
- Difficulty for LGBTQ+ individuals to acquire or maintain a loving relationship.

Our Response

We bring the voice of PLHIV to citizens in Korea through online and offline activities, such as the screening of movies or drama series. Our story not only focuses on HIV but also life as an PLHIV. Through storytelling, the PRIDE Film Project helps alleviate general public's S&D towards HIV.

The Results

50+

festivals screenings, including: San-Francisco LGBTQ+ Film Festival; HK Lesbian & Gay Film Festival 2021 (Opening Film); and Seoul Int'l PRIDE Film Festival 2020 (Closing Film).

10 Thousand

views offline through theatrical performances and community screenings with PLHIV.

20 Thousand

views through the online platform/channels: VOD, OTT.

Our Story

Delivering messages around U=U, HIV prevention/education, reduction of stigma and discrimination helps the country to get to zero.



Taiwan AIDS Foundation

Third Language Services
2022 – present



DisneyLAND
風城部屋

The Challenge

Hsinchu City has more overseas workers than any other cities in Taiwan. These workers are young, educated, well-paid, but lack easy access to accurate information about HIV prevention and testing.

Our Response

We provided online and in-person services to workers coming from the Philippines and Indonesia, the two largest foreign language speaking groups in Taiwan.

We created YouTube videos in these languages showing how to use HIV self-test kits, and where to access resources from local community groups.

The Results

4

outreaches per year at foreign worker dormitories to provide HIV prevention education and promote available services in the local community, reaching over 1000 people.

Over 2000

viewers recorded on YouTube since 2022, increasing community knowledge on how to use HIV self-test kits and reducing HIV stigma.

Over 300

HIV tests were distributed in DisneyLand Hsinchu Office. Four HIV infection cases were identified and successfully linked to medical treatment and support services.

Our Story

Even with English information provided by the government and NGOs, most clients still prefer receiving information in their mother tongue. DisneyLand aims to provide more diverse language services in the future.

“After being diagnosed with HIV, I found DisneyLand online. I messaged them and they have helped me in every step of my journey.”



HIV Story

RX: Still Life

Jan 2022 – Dec 2022

Rx: still life

The Challenge

Relating the story of PLHIV to the wider society is a challenge. Due to HIV stigma, there is an additional barrier to uplifting the voices for PLHIV, but it is essential to building self-esteem and reducing internalized stigma.

Our Response

We utilized various platforms (story website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Podcast) to publish HIV/AIDS-related stories, drug user-related life stories, videos, resources, and advocacy.

We also developed a theatre performance from stories and experiences that we have gathered from over the years. PLHIV were then invited to engage in a live discussion with the audience.

The Results

Over 139

HIV/AIDS stories were published, including articles, media, pictures, and auditory records.

247 Thousand

individuals were reached through 84 social posts, with more than 43,064 recorded interactions.

Over 706

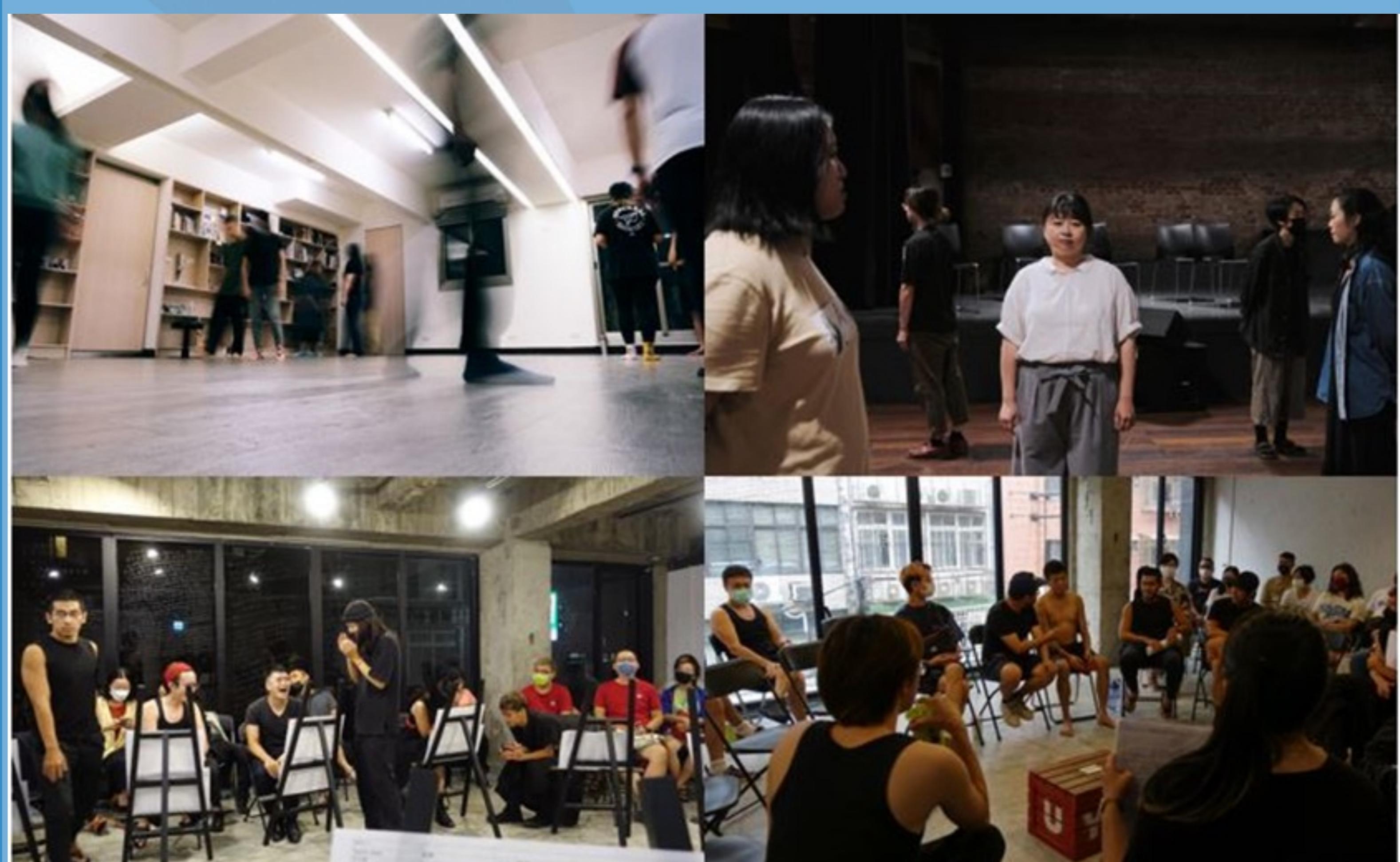
audience members attended the performance. Beyond the positive reception, the audience reported a better understanding of PLHIV.

Our Story

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou

“Our lives continue, but with many distractions. There will be some expected and some unexpected. But living with the distractions is our reality, (it is a reminder that) we are still living, still alive.”

- Extract from audiences and theater critic



Youth Association for Development (YAD)

Access To Quality Health And Life Programs For PLHIV, Youth, Vulnerable Populations, Transgender And High-risk Behaviors In Baluchistan, Pakistan

Jan 2020 to Jun 2021



The Challenge

Due to strong influence of religious, tribal, cultural & traditional beliefs, there is heavy stigma towards PLHIV due to how the virus is transmitted - sexual behavior or known as zinah. As zinah is strictly prohibited in Islam & our culture, at risk populations tend to avoid HIV testing, screening; receive treatment, prevention or disclosure of their HIV status.

Our Response

To improve access to quality health through an integrated approach by providing clients timely response, links, guidance, treatment, counseling and referral services. To support PLHIV, youth, vulnerable populations and those engaged in high-risk behaviors to get access to public and private qualified healthcare service providers with HIV testing, linkage to care and retention in care. In less than 15 months, this project generated a 40% increase in access, demand, and supply of quality healthcare through the engagement of HCP, communities, stakeholders, and the youth in the district of Quetta.

The Results

6400

people had direct engagement in the project through our Innovative Digital Geographical Access and Information Management System (DGAIMS).

40%

increase treatments and follow up in 15 months in the district of Quetta.

35%

increase of quality healthcare, treatment, testing & prevention for PLHIV, youth, vulnerable population and those engaged in high-risk behaviors.

Our Story

Digital innovation and AI plays a critical role in engaging and reaching out to key populations while maintaining client's privacy to improve testing, counseling, HIV treatment and prevention.



Alliance HIV/AIDS India



**Vihaan Care & Support Program:
Addressing Stigma and Discrimination**

Apr 2021 – Mar 2022

The Challenge

Communities affected and infected with HIV continue to face stigma and discrimination (S&D). The level of S&D becomes more severe when people in the at-risk populations are HIV-positive.

Our Response

Through 320 Care and Support Center (CSC) spread across 28 states and 4 union territories in India, we provided HIV care and support services to PLHIV across the country. To address S&D, a grievance redressal system was established at each CSC and all incidences of S&D were recorded/document. Victims were also linked to the national toll-free helpline 1097 and referred to the Ombudsman as required as per the HIV/AIDS Act 2017.

The Results

1221

PLHIV reported incidence of S&D.

1176

cases were addressed.

1.58 Million

PLHIV registered under the Care and Treatment Program.

Our Story

"Our programs foster wellbeing, realize equality, and affirm the dignity of communities most affected by HIV"



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Midnight Blue

LGBTQ Media Reference Guide
2019 – Present



The Challenge

The Hong Kong media is increasingly aware of LGBTQ, HIV and other gender issues. However, some news reporting could be misleading, perpetuating stereotypes and harm to the community.

Our Response

- We published the LGBTQ Media Reference Guide based on opinions collected from journalist and the community. The guideline provides basic knowledge regarding the LGBTQ and HIV issue, encouraging news reporting in a respectful and accurate manner.
- We also consistently organize workshops for reporters and journalism students as well as monitor news and lobby the media to ensure non-biased reporting.

The Results

ALL

major news outlets in Hong Kong have received our guideline.

Over
1000

of our audience members have been reached through our workshops and university lectures, including reporters and journalism students.



Many biased news article have been amended or removed through our lobbying efforts.

Our Story

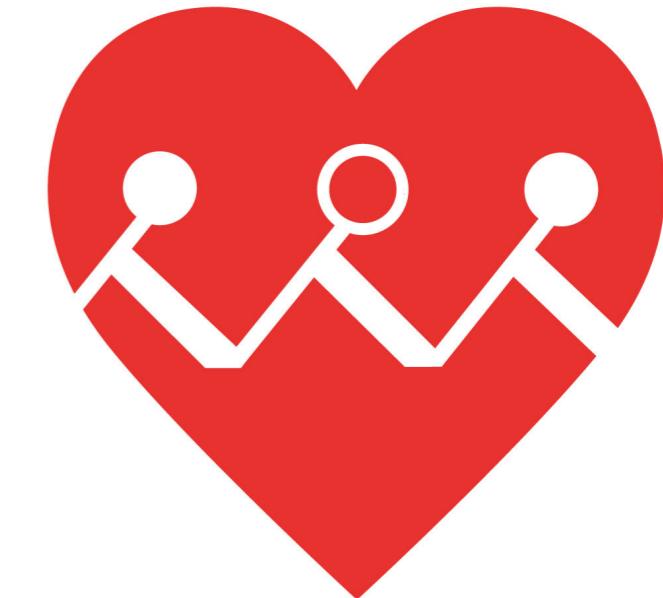
Media can be a double-edged sword. With better education and communication, NGOs and media can join hands to advocate for a LGBTQ friendly society.



Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association of Taiwan (PRAA)

Shades of HIV Law Article 21: HIV Criminalization in Taiwan

Jan – Dec 2020



愛滋感染者
權益促進會

PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS RIGHTS
ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION OF TAIWAN

The Challenge

Article 21, that criminalizes HIV, has been active since 1990 and several PLHIV have been trailed or exposed to threats due to HIV non-disclosure, exposure or transmission. There is an urgent need to decriminalize HIV.

Our Response

A summary and analysis of the criminalization of HIV non-disclosure, exposure and transmission in Taiwan was done until Dec 31, 2019. An abstract was submitted to AIDS 2020 to systematically present the harm of HIV criminalization.

A seminar was organized with law experts, advocates, physicians and HIV criminalization survivor to make concrete suggestions for decriminalization.

The Results

First

time a Taiwanese HIV criminalization survivor shared his experience with the audience in the seminar.

1

e-poster was presented at AIDS 2020. It was later cited by Taiwan CDC in a presentation for a regulatory amendment to include U=U, to prevent overly broad HIV criminalization.

Over
5000

views of the videos from the HIV decriminalization seminar, uploaded on PRAA's Facebook.

Our Story

“The counseling service and information shared via the HIV decriminalization seminar helped me face the threats I encountered due to my HIV status. My heartfelt gratitude to PRAA’s efforts and I root for the changes in the future.”

- A HIV+ seminar participant who suffered from HIV criminalization



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Singapore National Employers Federation

Guidelines On Managing HIV At The Workplace - A Three-Tier Approach

2012 – Present

SNEF

The Challenge

- 62% of newly diagnosed PLHIV were at a late-stage.
- 85% of those infected with HIV are of productive age (20 – 59 years old).
- 1% adoption of HIV guidelines by employers.

Our Response

The three-tier approach offers a framework for workplaces to be effective in implementing positive change and be more inclusive.

Tier 1: Workplace education

Tier 2: Supportive and inclusive workplace environment

Tier 3: Workplace policies

The Results

82

‘Workplace Talks’ sessions conducted.

44

‘Workplace Workshop’ sessions conducted.

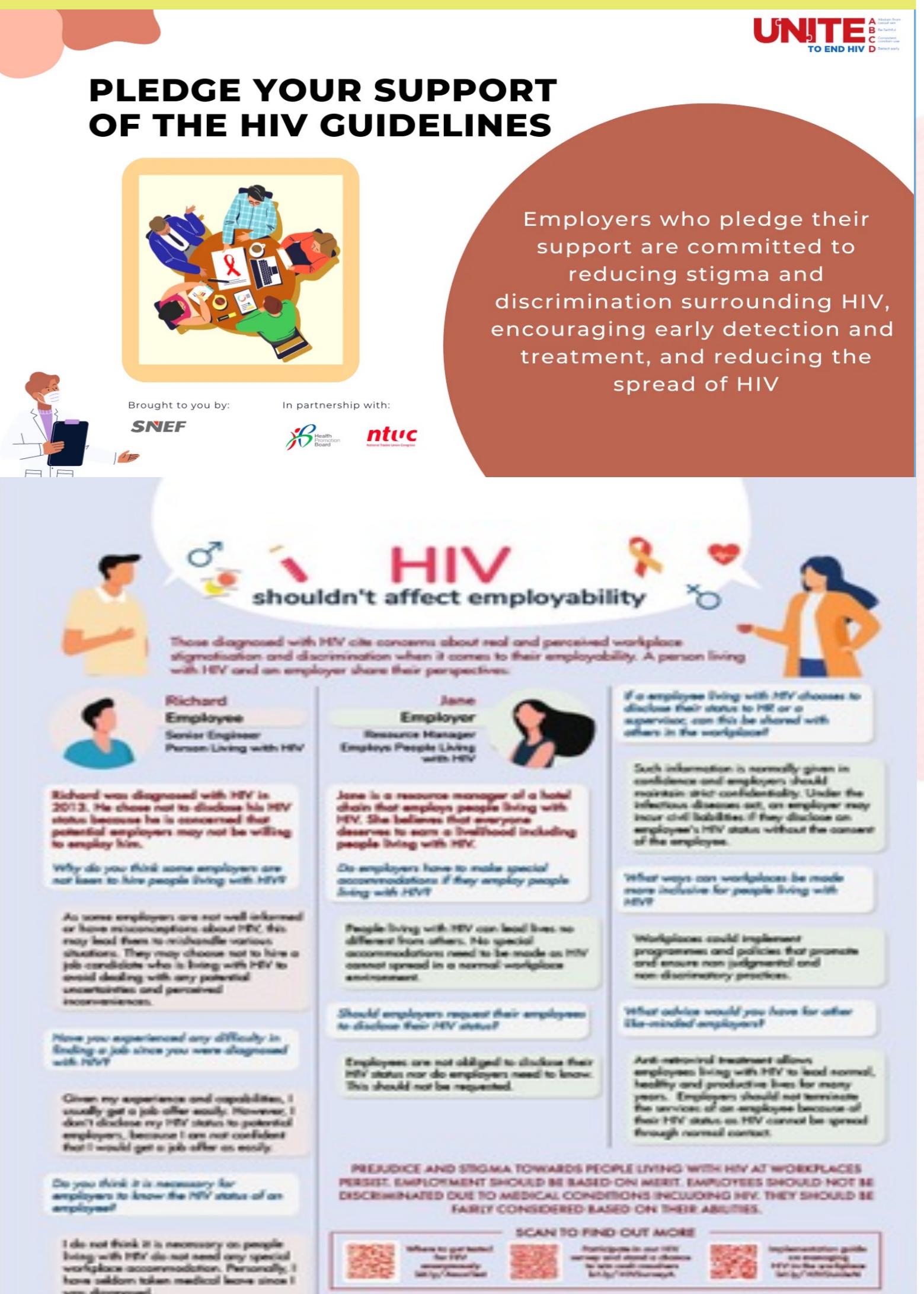
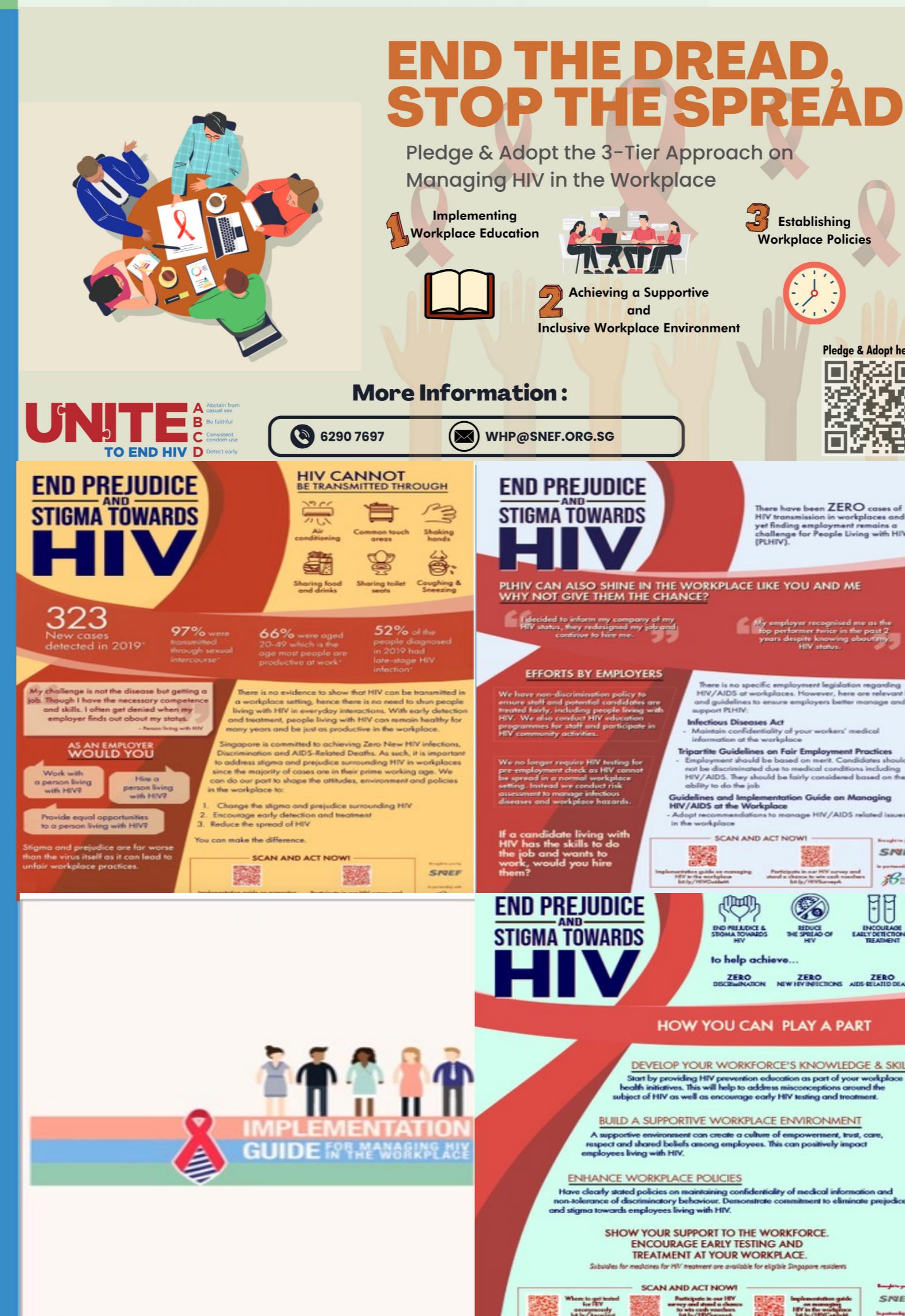
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ASEAN Red Ribbons for outstanding workplace awardees.

Our Story

Employers have a vital role to play to remove the stigma and prejudice against PLHIV.

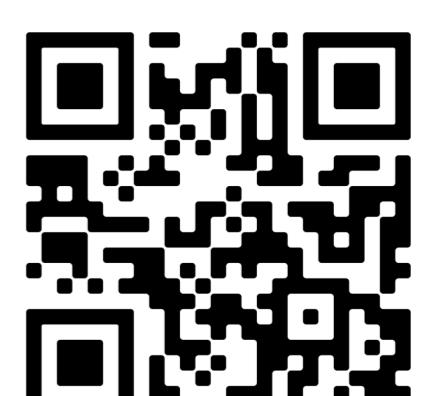
PLHIV are just as productive as their peers, with early detection and treatment; and the virus will not spread through day-to-day contact.



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Social Welfare Corporation HABATAKI Welfare Project

PLWH From Drug-induced AIDS - Improving Treatment Environment, Resolving Issues And Ending The HIV Epidemic

Since 1997



The Challenge

The current medical system does not facilitate for PLWH to provide input or take part in HIV/AIDS clinical trials and research.

Collaboration and cooperation with NGOs to further HIV prevention and expansion of HIV testing to end the HIV epidemic is insufficient.

Our Response

Improve the medical system in Japan:

- Held regular consultations with the government and medical institutions, including with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Justice;
- Participated in the “HIV test consultation room” commissioned by the local government and in the HIV/AIDS GAP6 consortium;
- Set up a research group and participated in shared research; and
- Contributed to the AIDS Prevention Guidelines.

The Results

4

months to gain access to new drugs in Japan after approval in the US and EU.

50%

of HIV testing in Sapporo city.

100%

of outreached PLWH are visiting medical institutions.

Our Story

Establishing the HIV medical system for all PLWH gave us confidence to achieve our belief that “medical care can change when patients change” and of “patient-centric healthcare”. This will guide us to resolve existing issues, collaborate with other NGOs, and lead Japan (GAP6) to end the HIV epidemic.



GILEAD

HIV



We As One Association Taiwan

Empowering People Living With HIV/AIDS With Knowledge Of Rights

Jan – Dec 2022



The Challenge

We have nearly 900 PLHIV in private communities on Facebook. Very often, they voice out difficulties in receiving medical services – from a simple teeth cleaning to invasive health check-ups such as endoscopies.

Our Response

We created and expanded a list of HIV+ friendly clinics, collected information from PLHIV volunteers, and educated and promoted friendly healthcare services via lodging appeals.

The Results



opportunities for exposure through our media reports, bringing public attention to the medical service needs of PLHIV and importance of health equity for everyone in Taiwan.

5

appeals were made to the government, out of 20 appeals in relation to the infringement of individual rights. Education was conducted to the dentists on medical rights.

33

HIV+ friendly dental clinics are included in our list as of today.

Our Story

Networking with everyone from directors to stakeholders.

Expanding awareness of the rights of PLHIVs to the general public and medical departments.

Identifying the proper channels to fight for PLHIV rights and reduce HIV discrimination.



Beijing Changier Education Foundation

Build A Beautiful Campus
With Love And Fighting AIDS
Jun 2021



北京青爱教育基金会

The Challenge

Many on the job teachers are busy and have little knowledge about the delivery of proper sexual health education, HIV testing, prevention and care.

Our Response

Provide interactive and engaging training on HIV prevention and sex education for more than 100 teachers. Allowing them to be the knowledge ambassador to pass on the right mindset and HIV knowledge to their students.

The Results

4

day training with diversified courses and interactive sessions.

100

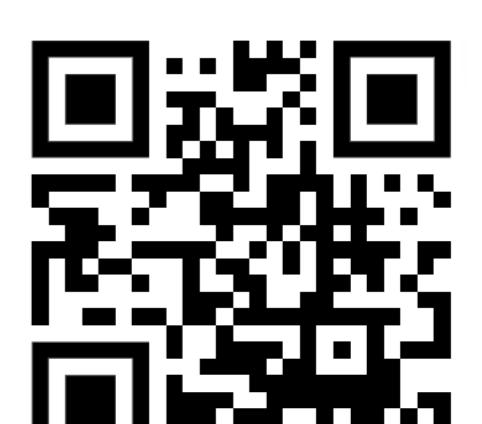
teachers from 14 provinces and cities participated in the training despite COVID-19 restrictions.

100%

of attendees had fruitful experience and thanked trainers for sharing cases from different age groups & profile.

Our Story

“We hope that through promotion and education, young people will want to proactively learn about HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Instilling the value that they are the “boss” of their health will build a solid line of defense against HIV/AIDS.”



CARMAH

Expanding Education And Information On HIV Prevention For At-risk MSM And TGW Populations In Vietnam

2019 – 2020

CARMAH

The Challenge

- Many individuals may not have access to adequate information about HIV preventative medication.
- MSM and TGWs in Vietnam are especially vulnerable.

Our Response

- This project seeks to increase awareness and the adoption of HIV prevention, targeting at-risk MSM and TGW populations in Vietnam to ultimately reduce the spread of HIV and improve the health outcomes of these communities.
- The main routes of communication were through online (Facebook Fan Page) sites and offline (in-person) events.

The Results

411
Thousand

combined engagements to the Project's Facebook page and campaign video clips in one year.

155

MSM and TGW were recruited to attend 4 offline events.

500

MSMs registered at our supported key population-led clinic in Ho Chi Minh City in 2020.

Our Story

“HIV prevention is possible while maintaining a balanced sexual and healthy life.”

- Huy Le, a user sharing his own lesson at the event



Guangzhou Zhitong LGBT Public Service Center

HIV Prevention Intervention Service & Innovative Training On HIV Prevention Among MSM & Transgender Population In Guangzhou
2022



The Challenge

There is a lack of awareness on HIV prevention among MSM and the transgender population.

Our Response

Raise willingness to test regularly among MSM and the transgender population by assembling online trainings, releasing popular scientific articles and a manual on sexual health for the transgender community. Deepen the target audience's disease knowledge and needs through peer education outreach activities at bars, parks and other venues. Explore innovative & user-friendly HIV testing services.

The Results

1 + 3

first manual on sexual health for transgender community was published in China; 3 transgender AIDS prevention interventions.

11 Thousand

people reached; among them 3,778 were reached via 124 offline peer education activities and 8,145 reached via online trainings.

2 + 8

2 user-friendly testing service locations were added; 8 online & offline trainings were conducted to volunteers.

Our Story

"The virus itself is not terrible. As long as we work together, we will definitely be able to defeat it."



Inti Muda Indonesia

Old Outreach Training For Healthcare Providers And Outreach Workers In Indonesia For Adolescents

23 – 25 Jan 2023

INTI MUDA INDONESIA

The Challenge

- HCPs and outreach workers are aware of the different needs of the young key populations. However, there is a lack of resources for Train-for-Trainers activities.
- Ageism was observed during the training as the trainers are far younger than the participants.

Our Response

Responding to the service gap, training activities were organized across Indonesia for those who provided outreach services to the young key population, with focus on how to provide HIV friendly services:

- Administrative barriers and stigma faced by the youth under 18 years old in accessing HIV test services were observed.
- Awareness around the new Ministry of Health regulation (Number, 23/2022, article 24), which allows youth under 18 years old to access HIV test services, was raised.

The Results

20

healthcare providers and outreach workers from 10 different districts were trained on how to reach and serve the youth under 18 years old in accessing HIV services.

More than
18

year old clients can now access HIV services thanks to the outreach workers who socialized the issue after their training and improve the outreach regulation of their institutions.

3
months

of online coordination meetings (once every 2 weeks) were held following the training to monitor its efficacy. Barriers in current outreach regulation, such as absence of Standard Operating Procedures, were identified.

Our Story

“Even though the new MoH regulation allows youth under 18 years old to access the HIV services, we still need a national standard of technical instructions from the MoH and an SOP from each District Health Office in Indonesia to support the implementation.”



National Centre for Infectious Disease



National Centre for Infectious Diseases

HIV Sensitivity Training Workshop

July 2022

The Challenge

Healthcare professionals (HCP) may lack training in communicating sensitively to marginalized communities. This can result in poor care quality, negative attitudes and behaviors from HCP, and a lack of confidentiality and privacy in service delivery.

Our Response

We developed an HIV sensitivity training workshop to provide HCP with the communication skills and sensitivity training required to provide high-quality, sensitive, and inclusive care to PLHIV at NCID. The workshop covered gender identity, sexuality, sex work, drug use, and HIV and was facilitated by community groups with experience and expertise in these fields. The workshop aimed for 30 participants from various family groups affiliated with the organisation. Small group work and learning was used, with each group including learners and facilitators representing key populations.

The Results

97%

of the participants agreed that the workshop had increased their understanding of the importance of sensitive communication towards PLHIV.

100%

of the participants felt more confident communicating with PLHIV after the workshop, citing the need for mindfulness as a key insight.

100%

of the participants said they would suggest this workshop to others in the future.

Our Story

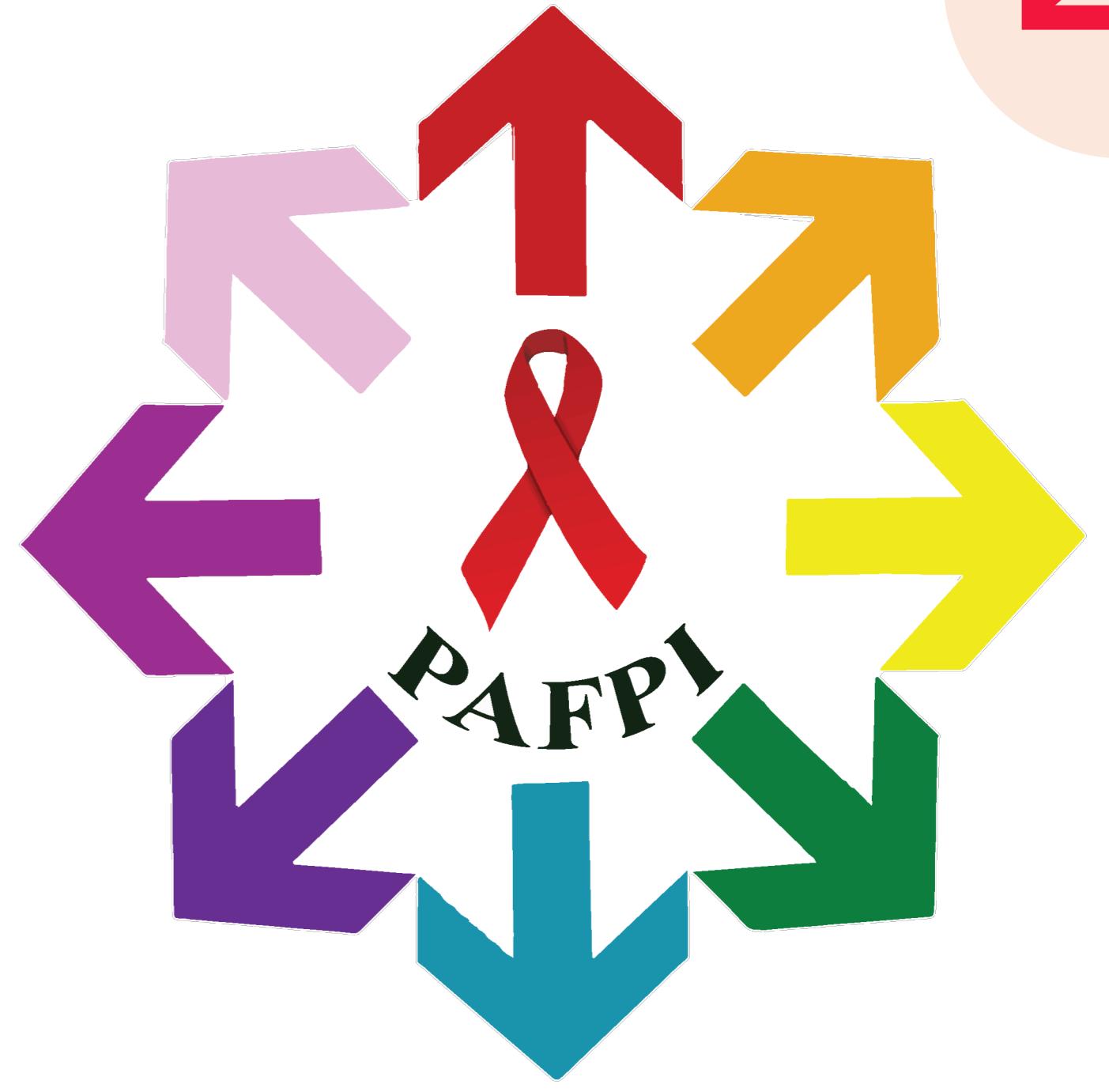
“The workshop made me realise that our actions/choice of words are important in caring for someone living with HIV.”
- HIV Sensitivity Training Workshop Participant



Positive Action Foundation Philippines Inc.

Road To HIV, Sexual And Reproductive Health Prevention And Education In Selected Geographically Isolated And Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) In The Philippines

Jan – Dec 2019



The Challenge

There is a lack of local response in adolescence sexual reproductive health in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) in the Philippines.

Our Response

Three areas were selected as project sites for collaboration with local officials, regional, city, and municipality level health offices to establish and institutionalize the Local AIDS Council and Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health ordinances in the selected three project sites.

There is also training for selected Peer Educators for HIV related education.

The Results

3

local AIDS Councils, 3 Sexual Reproductive Health Ordinances, in Virac Catanduanes, Baybay City, Leyte, Alabel, Sarangani Province were involved in this project.

4501

adolescents aged 13 to 17 were provided with information on HIV, teenage pregnancy, sexual reproductive health and rights.

79

peer educators were trained on sexual reproductive health and rights, HIV, teenage pregnancy & related education.

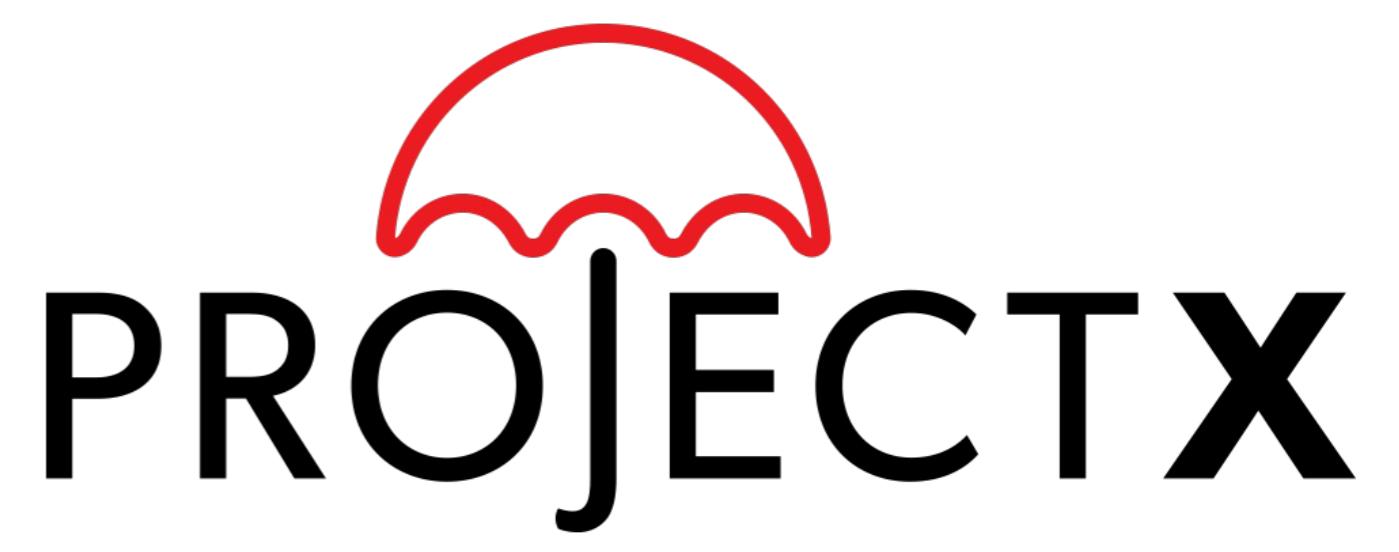
Our Story

The project was an eye opener to the organization in the need to intensify the community engagement in the delivery of information and the importance of coordination with local government units to embrace and sustain the project.



Project X

Raising HIV/AIDS Awareness Through Social Media
Mar 2022 – Mar 2023



The Challenge

There is a lack of information about HIV/AIDS that is specific to the experiences of cisgender and transgender sex workers.

Our Response

To maximise the reach and relevance of HIV prevention, testing and treatment education to the Key Affected Populations by leveraging on the social media platforms with community partners.

The Results

17904

views registered.

4964

clicks reported.

25

sign-ups for Complimentary PreP Screening.

Our Story

Too straight-forward health information may not gain traction on social media. Our advocacy posts “Sex Work is Work: Know Your Rights, Protect Yourself” gained much better traction online.



Shanghai Xin Sheng SCMC

**AIDS Prevention Education, Support And Care
For PLHIV In Shanghai**
Nov 2021 – Feb 2022



上海心生

The Challenge

Low awareness of U=U, PrEP and PEP within the PLHIV community. Building a medical and health system that is friendly to PLHIV.

Our Response

Organized 8 community-based partner trainings to train 284 people. Optimized the communication mechanism between medical institutions and PLHIV.

The Results

284

people trained through 8 trainings focused on U=U, PrEP and PEP. Over 1/3 of attendees reported a positive change in attitude towards PLHIV and were willing to befriend them.

3000

people received HIV and syphilis testing through outreach, reagent delivery, onsite testing and other formats.



by establishing a dialogue between PLHIVs, disease control centers and medical institutions, the barrier for more PLHIV to receive free medication has been lifted, making it easier for non-infected individuals in this city to obtain treatment medication.

Our Story

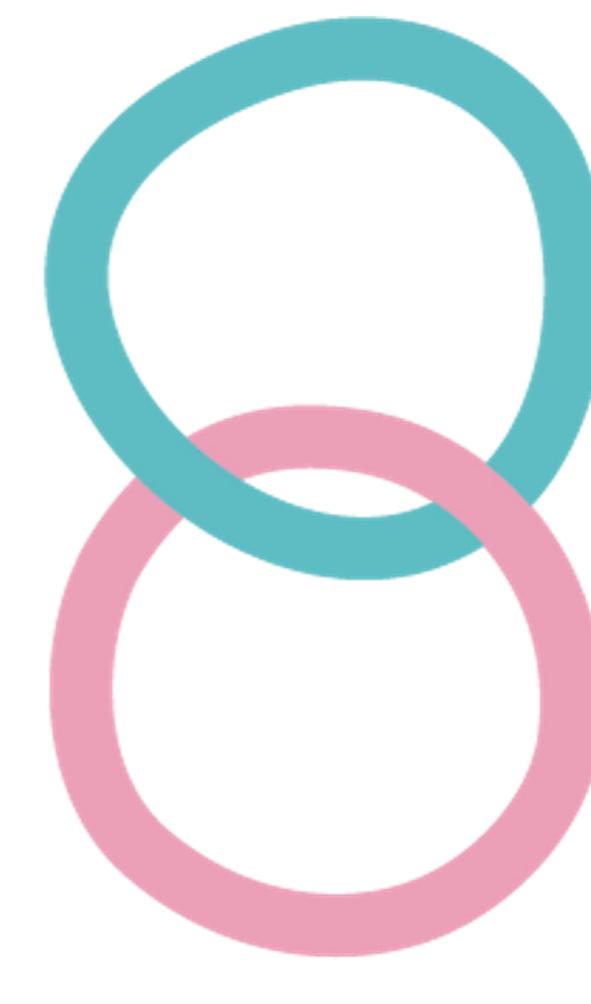
While we work to eliminate discrimination and the fear of HIV, we should not ignore those that still fear of people with HIV, as they also need us to change them.



Sticky Rice Love

Let's Get Sticky: Navigating Sexual Health And Relationships With Confidence Through Comprehensive Sexuality Education

2014 – Present



STICKY
RICE
LOVE
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The Challenge

“Sex” remains taboo in Hong Kong and local youths are exposed to an alarming increase of sexual harassment and risky online sexual behaviors. Sexuality Education in HK is insufficient, and most programs adopted a “deficit-based” approach.

Our Response

Comprehensive Sexuality Education

- We tailor-made our sexuality education group/class-based programs to meet the needs of students in different school grades. We also utilized different online platforms to offer evidence-based, positive and youth-centered sexual education.
- Other than sexual health promotion, we create safe and inclusive spaces for everyone to talk about sexuality openly and empower young people to reconnect with their sexuality and make informed decisions.

The Results

8000

participants attended our comprehensive sexuality education workshops through 321 sessions conducted in over 50 schools/institutions in 2022.

130

posts created on our online forum every month about sexual health, HIV/STIs, relationships and sexual orientations.

18.7

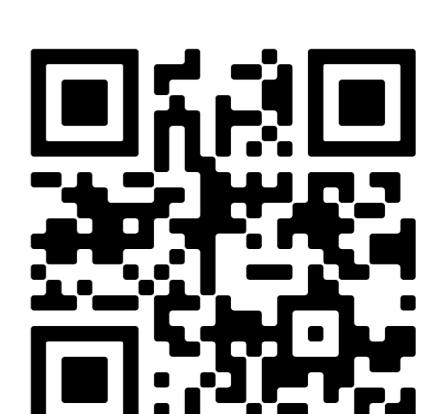
Thousand

followers on social media platforms across Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, and Signal.

Our Story

“They offer inclusive and avant-garde workshops to address non-conventional topics.” - *Mr. Yuen, local schoolteacher*

“They’re well connected to young audience through strong messaging, design, and are accessible through social media and various channels.” - *EQ, local youth*



YOUTH LINK

Global Fund Project
MSM Intervention & Support
 Oct 2021 – Sep 2022



KẾT NỐI TRẺ
 SÁNG TẠO VÀ PHÁT TRIỂN

The Challenge

There has been a significant surge in the incidence of new HIV and STI infections specifically among young local MSMs.

Our Response

Youth Link is committed to optimizing resources, comprehending the unique needs of the community, and wholeheartedly supporting its endeavors to address challenges and find solutions. In 2022, our 14 community support staff have approached 850 young MSM who are students, and migrant workers.

The Results

89%

of individuals were provided with comprehensive information on reducing HIV/STI stigma and discrimination, HIV testing and harm reduction.

60

clients have been effectively linked to ART treatment, ensuring their access to necessary medical care and support.

311

individuals were screened and treated for sexually transmitted diseases and viral hepatitis B and C.

Our Story

“Dealing with my HIV-positive status was marked by stigma, job loss, and uncertainty. Thanks to the support of Youth Link, I received life-saving ART treatment and now work as a community and outpatient clinic support worker, helping others facing similar challenges”

- *Danny, Binh Duong, Viet Nam*



AKTA

Providing Testing Opportunities For MSM Using Digital Dispenser In Tokyo

Mar 2022 – Mar 2023



The Challenge

Due to COVID-19, HIV/ STD testing in Japan decreased significantly. The expansion of testing is an urgent issue, particularly among MSMs in Japan, who have a higher rate of late diagnosis compared to other countries and where infections are concentrated.

Our Response

HIV test kits have been successfully distributed to MSM in the UK using digital dispensers. Research studies have shown that this approach is also highly acceptable in Japan.

Thus, AKTA introduced a UK dispenser in 2020, and developed a Japanese version in 2022, to distribute HIV and syphilis postal screening/testing kits to MSM who come to Gay Town in Shinjuku 2-chome.

The Results

PHASE 1

- 72 test kits distributed.
- 1 HIV+ case (2.0%).
- 9 syphilis positive cases (18%).
- Trial distribution in Shinjuku 2-chome Community Center akta using UK dispenser.

PHASE 2

- 323 kits distributed.
- 6 HIV+ cases (1.6%).
- 65 syphilis positive cases (17.3%).
- Full distribution at the Community Centre akta. 64.6% out of all kits were received using this dispenser.

PHASE 3

- 40 kits distributed.
- 1 HIV+ case (3.7%).
- 5 syphilis positive cases (18.5%).
- Development of a Japanese dispenser and trial distribution of test kits at a Shinjuku 2-chome gay club event.

Our Story

"During COVID-19, it was hard for me to take HIV tests, so I was grateful to be able to receive them at short notice, at my convenience."

"I hope dispensers will be installed not only in Shinjuku but also in many other cities!"



Beijing Home of Red Ribbon

Application Of The Trinity Healthcare Mode In People Living With HIV
2020 – 2021



The Challenge

Beyond medical care, PLHIV have little opportunity to receive differentiated health services to support their quality of life.

Our Response

1,000 newly diagnosed PLHIV received case management services at least twice. 110 aged PLHIV took part in community outreach, online and in-hospital accompanying treatment services. 60 women of childbearing age received free screening for breast & cervical cancers. A WeChat platform named “WHO看WHO健康” with over 12,000 subscribers was successfully launched.

The Results

10 Thousand

PLHIV received care services from hospital-based community organizations, with a 90% satisfaction rate.

13 Thousand

PLHIV reached; 8,000 received online health education while 5,000 PLHIV received online group services.

5.5 Thousand

at-risk individuals received online and offline rapid HIV testing through “Health Rainbow Point”.

Our Story

“PLHIV need more than just medical care and support. It is important that we help them to join hands to support each other.”



Harmony Home Taiwan

Serving The Aging PIHIV
Jan – Dec 2022



The Challenge

In Taiwan, more than 33% of PLHIV are above 50-years-old, but there is insufficient support to scale up care for aging PLHIV who could become frail and develop comorbidities.

Our Response

Training Activity: Identifying existing and potential resources to be utilized, while recognizing existing obstacles and opportunities.

Navigating the service: Rethinking the process of our care service and analyzing different contexts of our service users.

The Results

168

PLHIV and long-term care service providers (CSPs) were reached through 4 training workshops in 2022.

Experienced CSPs and managers shared know-how with participants.

4

multi-disciplinary service providers in HIV, long-term care, social work, and (ex-)government came together to advance the well-being of aging PLHIV.

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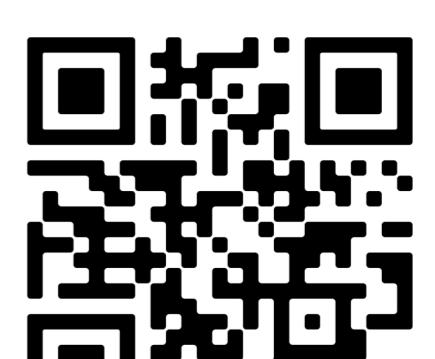
strengthen the service provided by combining client placement with a community-based approach.

Our Story

“Poor housing security and mental health are key factors impacting the well-being of aging PLHIV; and are rooted in HIV stigma.”

“Even with external help, care service and support may fail if clients have nowhere to hide or stay.”

- Training activity participants



Korea Federation for HIV/AIDS Prevention (iSHAP)

Promoting HIV Test For MSM

Jan – Aug 2022



The Challenge

In Korea, MSM represent 43.7% of PLHIV from 1985 to 2021. However, it is expected that the actual number of PLHIV among MSM is higher. Test rates are particularly low in regional cities where access to HIV testing is lower.

Our Response

- iSHAP traveled to five regional cities to provide HIV/STI tests for MSM and MTF through events in gay bars and hospitality staff from the MSM community.
- iSHAP traveled to 10 regional cities to educate people about HIV prevention and test, what to do after testing positive for HIV, and the rights of PLHIV. Education was conducted by MSM trainers.
- iSHAP traveled to five regional cities with low accessibility to HIV tests to distribute free oral HIV test and increase self-testing rates.

The Results

391

individuals were tested in six events held across five regions. The 8 HIV+ and 27 Syphilis+ detected have been connected to treatment.

681

individuals were educated with accurate HIV knowledge and information through 11 sessions in 10 regions.

290

oral HIV testing kits were distributed in five regions.

Our Story

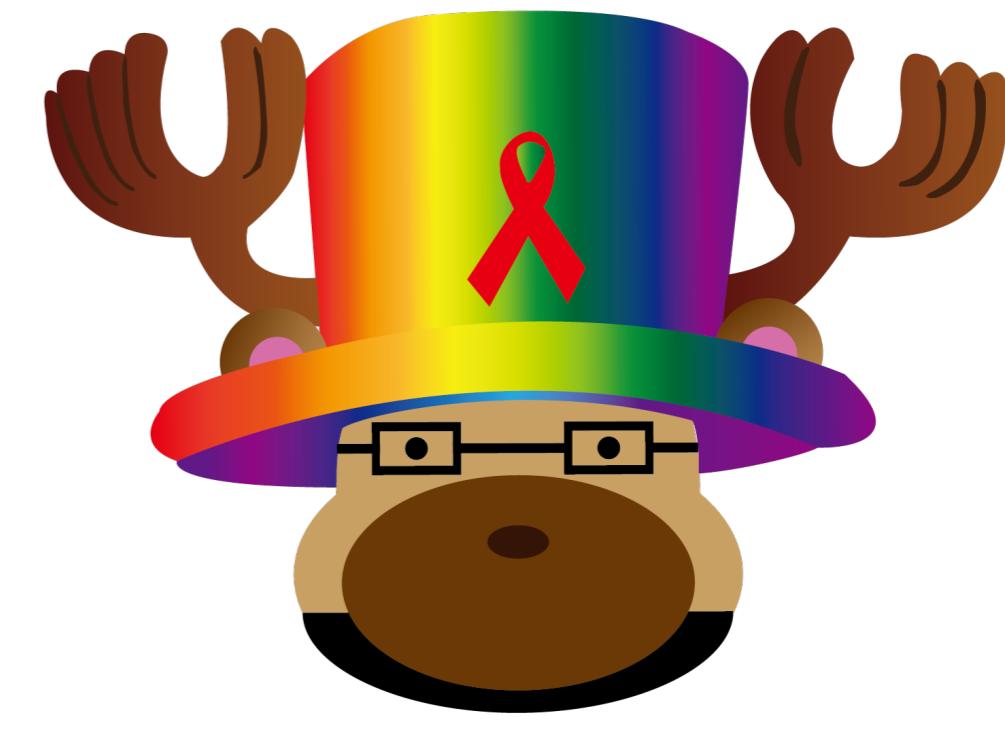
It is crucial that health equity should be taken into consideration in HIV testing— especially to diverse regions with low accessibility to medical information and resources.



Mental G House

90-Day Ideal Lifestyle Challenge

Aug – Nov 2022



Chinese Health Promotion and Research Association
中華身心健康促進暨研究協會

The Challenge

There is a misunderstanding among PLHIV that taking HIV medication will lead to weight gain, resulting in inconsistent uptake to maintain one's "figure".

Some PLHIV are isolated and have little interaction with the community.

Our Response

We created a 90-day program to promote the ideal lifestyle with 6 HIV case managers from Taoyuan General Hospital. They led 6 teams (60 PLHIV) to compete in 3 categories:

- Diet – eat smart with a metabolism physician
- Sports – exercise with a professional coach
- Mental – meet more people through activities at MentalGHouse

A full body check-up and mental health survey were conducted before and after program intervention to track the changes.

The Results

Over 60%

of participants demonstrated significant weight loss (-6.5kg) and waistline reduction (-12cm) after adopting a healthier lifestyle.

Over 60

PLHIV were educated on how to achieve their ideal lifestyle, becoming advocates for a HIV stigma-free society.

Over 1M

of the general public reached through social media, news articles, and press release (featured interview in GQ magazine).

Our Story

"Thanks to the 90-day challenge organized by the HIV care team at Taoyuan Hospital, I felt engaged and empowered. I never thought I could do it. Now I can proudly say, I did it. I like myself more and I deserve an ideal life."

- Contestant, Mark



National University Hospital



National University Hospital

Same-Day ART Initiation

Jan 2021 – Dec 2022

The Challenge

With the current standard treatment initiation procedure, patients may wait up to eight weeks before medications are started. Anxiously waiting patients are concerned over costs, side effects and psychosocial impacts, which can deter a person from seeking treatment.

Our Response

SameDayART@NUH aims to start Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) on the day of the first visit to Multidisciplinary Infectious Diseases Clinic (MIDC) for patients whose reactive screening test was done earlier than 96 hours prior to the first visit. This included patients who may have been diagnosed much earlier but were never successfully linked to care.

The Results

46%

or 43 out of the 94 newly diagnosed HIV patients were eligible for Same-Day ART.

90%

of patients achieved virologic suppression within 2 months after starting treatment.

94%

of the patients know the concept of U=U after the 1st visit.

Our Story

“I wish I had this program when I was first diagnosed.”
– An MIDC patient



PATH/STEPS

Prevention4U

26 Mar 2022 – 9 Jan 2023



The Challenge

Young people in Vietnam are at an increased risk of STIs such as syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and HIV but have limited access to clear and engaging sexual health information and services.

Co-designed by USAID/PATH STEPS, Vietnam Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and youth leaders, Prevention4U (where “U” stands for both “you” and “university”) is a national education campaign targeting high school and university students.

The Results

14500

students participated in 50 in-person events (including events associated with the separate but related “Break the shame, Come together” campaign).

Our Response

Prevention4U targets educational settings through talk shows with clinical experts, interactive edutainment games focused on safe sex and sexual health, integration with sex-ed programs at schools, booth exhibitions, and other activities where students can interact with community influencers and staff from community-based clinics and receive HIV testing, HIV prevention counseling, and on-site referral for other services. The campaign also runs across online platforms and leverages a network of ambassadors and a dynamic Facebook page blending informative and humorous content derived by youth to motivate viewers to seek HIV prevention information and services.

1.1 Million

views garnered online through cross-platform posts.

725

students enrolled in HIV/STI prevention services and

1361

HIV self-test kits distributed.

Our Story

“In the past, I was not aware of my HIV risk,” said one student reached and immediately enrolled into HIV prevention services.

“Once my friend invited me to an event organized by Glink, I was advised by doctors and experts to use HIV preventive medication. I am happy with my decision. I feel safe and confident now.”



Rainbow Sky Association of Thailand

Chemsex Interventions For Key Populations
In Thailand
Oct 2021 – Sep 2022

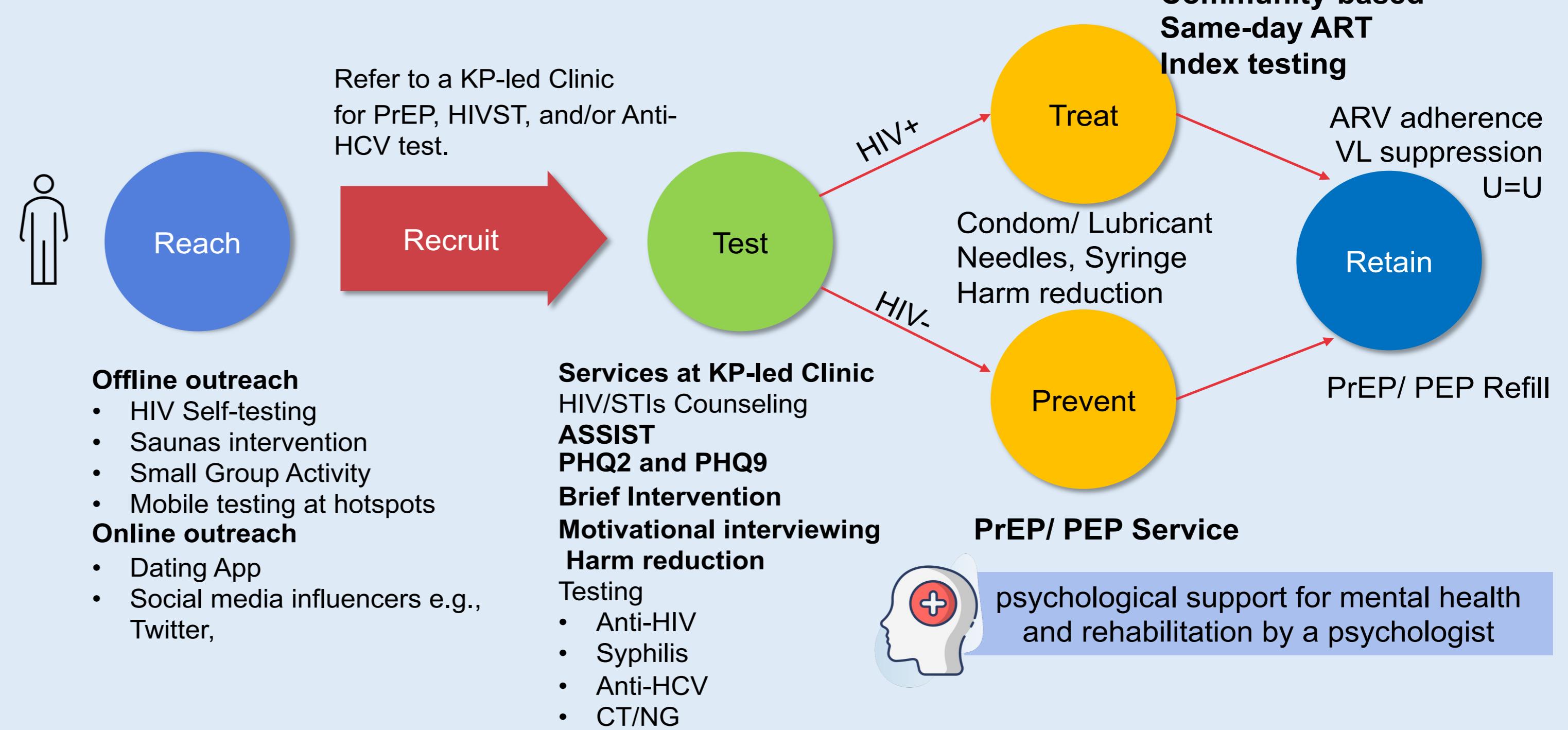


The Challenge

The use of chemsex has increased in Bangkok and is associated with new HIV infections, sex work, group sex and the widespread use of dating apps, mostly among MSM and TG.

Our Response

Service package for substance users



The Results

7 Thousand
MSM/TG screened; among them 200 MSM reported engaging in chemsex.

25%

of chemsex users that have adopted HIV preventive medication recorded negative confirmation, proving the importance of effective HIV prevention strategies.

54%

are youths who participate in chemsex are aged 15-24. Those aged 35-39 recorded the highest case finding rate (27.8%).

Our Story

There is an urgent need for universal access to HIV preventive medication among chemsex users. A more inclusive policy framework is needed to destigmatize KP and facilitate KP-led programming to reach this underserved population.



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Sahodaran

Targeted Intervention
Jan – Dec 2022



The Challenge

- Partner testing for HIV is a challenge as individuals may deny or be unwilling to come out.
- Contact testing is a challenge as individuals may deny performing HIV tests.

Our Response

With ceaseless effort of the outreach worker, partners and contacts of a HIV-positive person were convinced to get counselling and testing.

The Results

60%

of healthcare providers demonstrated less bias (stigma and discrimination) after receiving information.

30%

of MSM and transgender people received information online.

ALL

MSM and transgender people more likely to get screened after receiving information from our program.

Our Story

One of the beneficiaries of Sahodaran, who is a PLHIV, has a partner who didn't want to get tested. As a result of the continuous effort by the outreach worker, he finally agreed to get tested and was diagnosed as HIV-positive. We are supporting him to go through the treatment.



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Taiwan Lourdes Association

Empowerment Program For Women Living With HIV

Jan – Dec 2022



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COMMUNITY CARE FOR PLWHAD

The Challenge

Most PLWHs are male. Women living with HIV may feel unsafe in activities where men are the majority and tend to have a negative outlook on life. There is a lack of resources supporting women living with HIV.

Our Response

Peer support group: A monthly HIV peer-led, 6-person group meeting, encouraged participants to express challenges in their lives and find solutions together.

PLWHA-Women Empower camp: A 20-participant annual event to increase participants' health knowledge and impart methods to overcome their trauma.

Podcast: Three podcast episodes were curated to share the stories of women living with HIV to increase the public understanding of the population.

The Results

92%

of participants felt supported and understood; indicating support for the program to be continued.

84%

of participants reported reduced fear/worry and were more willing to share their thoughts with others.

4.5 Thousand

individuals reached through social media and the Podcast.

Our Story

"This is the first time I participated in this program. I saw that my peers can live a very good life. This is great and encourages me to work harder to live a good life. It is a very fruitful trip as I can meet good friends here and chat freely". - An aging woman living with HIV who participated in this program



Taiwan Love & Hope Association

Chemsex Recovery Strategies
2017 - 2023



The Challenge

There is hostility and discrimination against people who practice chemsex. As PLHIV age, funding and support for the chemsex sub-community should be consistent.

Our Response

Established the "HERO" (Healing, Empowerment, Recovery Of chemsex) Community in 2017 and transformed it into "Héros - the future space and clinic" in 2022 for the community. "Héros" provides holistic and long-term care resources, including HIV support for the chemsex community. This clinic is proof of concept for the government to invest in sustainable funding and secure commercial cooperation to support the community.

The Results

300

participants supported through chemsex groups.

1800

professionals trained on chemsex-related education.

100 Thousand

individuals were educated within the LGBT community.

Our Story

Chemsex is a challenging public health issue. We accompany individuals to move forward for a better life through their recovery journey.



The Greenhouse Community Services

Empowering Communities At-risk Of HIV And Those Who Serve Them To Build Back Better: Serving The Needs Of Men Who Have Sex With Men Who Use Drugs And Are At Risk Of Acquiring Or Living With HIV In Singapore

Jan 2022 – Jun 2023



The Challenge

There is a lack of services in Singapore targeted at men who have sex with men who use drugs, and who are at risk of acquiring, or living with HIV.

Our Response

This project aims to empower social workers and those at risk or are living with HIV on the latest HIV science, as well as best professional and peer support practices for treating such vulnerable communities to reduce HIV incidence, and to empower communities.

The Results

84

external social workers, counsellors, nurses and other healthcare professionals trained to provide competent and compassionate care under The Greenhouse SSTC (sexuality, substance use, trauma and co-occurring disorders) model.

18

internal volunteer peer supporters and counsellors received professional training in sensitivity and the latest HIV science to grow them into sexual health ambassadors who can serve at-risk populations across the nation.

74

clients at our center assessed for risk of HIV infection and referred for testing and treatment as needed, with around a third attending sexual health awareness workshop.

Our Story

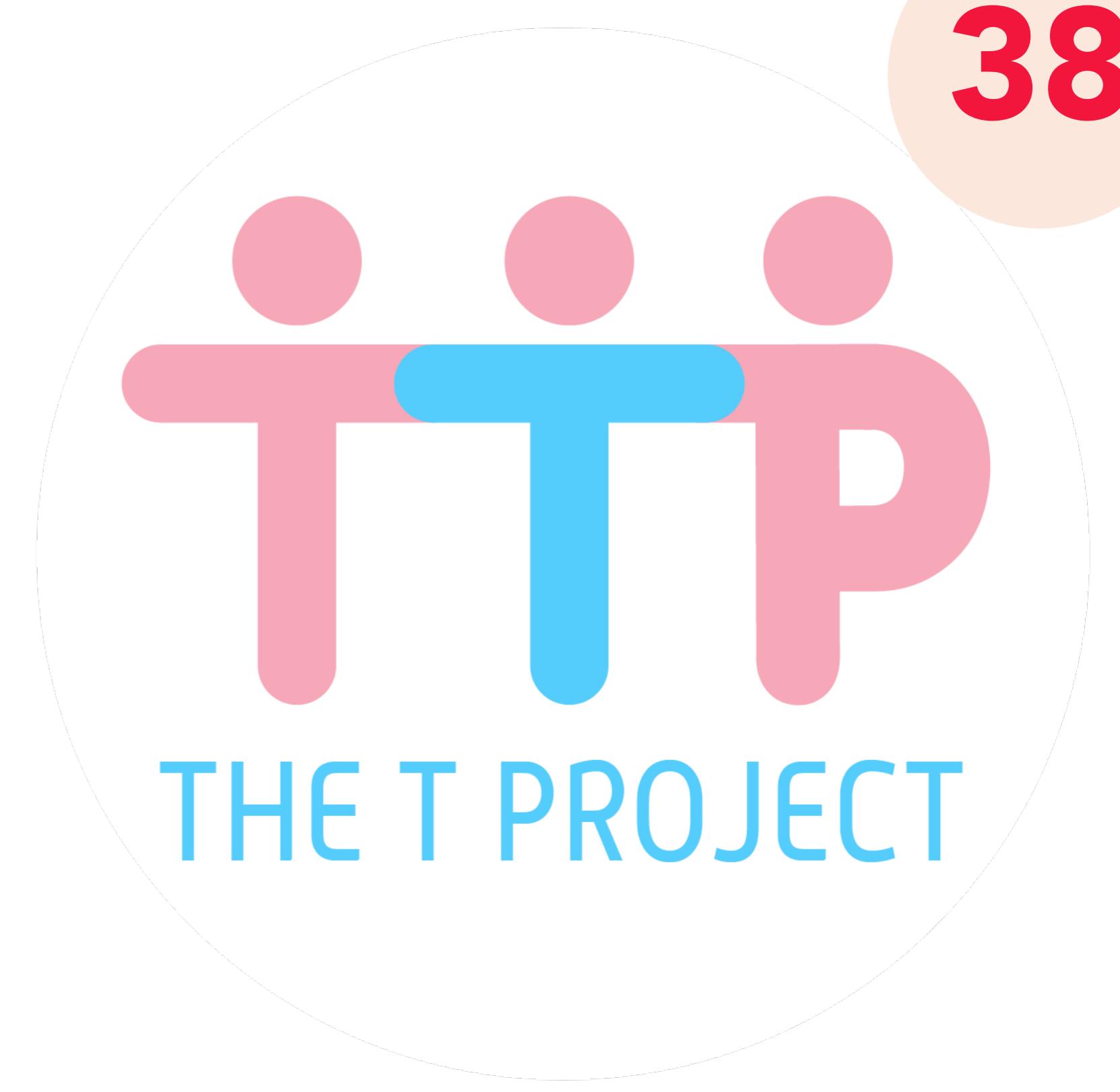
“It has been a deeply meaningful experience for me to help other people living with HIV heal from trauma and outgrow addiction, by sharing my lived experience.”

- Peer supporter



The T Project

Community Testing
Jan 2023



The Challenge

Our clients are largely from the transgender community. The lack of targeted outreach to this community means insufficient sexual health knowledge, feeling unsafe or even fear of greater stigmatization when asked to be tested for HIV.

Our Response

We collaborated with Action for AIDS Singapore to conduct HIV testing for our clients. We received positive response from the community, particularly from those who are younger, as they appreciate the initiative to create a safe and non-judgmental space for testing.

The Results

22

interviewed clients demonstrated less bias after receiving information, reducing stigma of HIV testing.

168

clients receiving HIV education through online channel.

264

clients are likely to participate in HIV testing after receiving information from our program.

Our Story

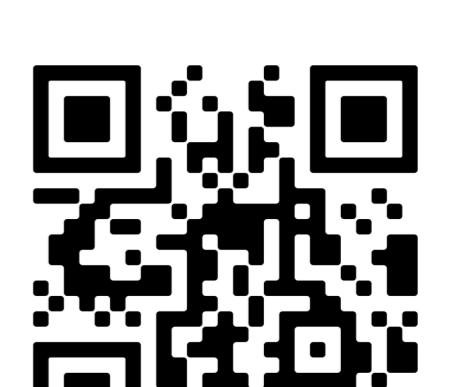
Young transgender individuals who are first-time testers felt more receptive and comfortable when the test is conducted by an organization they are familiar with.

Additionally, our clients shared that they would encourage their partners and queer friends to come forward for testing.



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Thailand Leave No One Behind Analysis For the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2022–2026 (UNAIDS, UNDP Thailand)]

October 2020 - Ongoing



The Challenge

There is a lack of perspectives and evidence from most marginalized populations in the HIV response.

Our Response

- Consultations with LGBTQI+/MSM/TGP, PWID, sex workers and people living with HIV.
- Online survey (n=510).
- Focus group discussion via Zoom (n=51).
- Workshop (n=30).

The Results

More than 40%

of LGBTQI+ reported being told they are not normal.

58%

of transgenders are told they are not normal.

20 to 25%

reported being denied access to healthcare and other services.

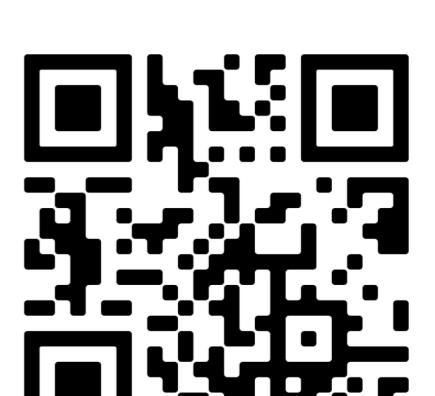
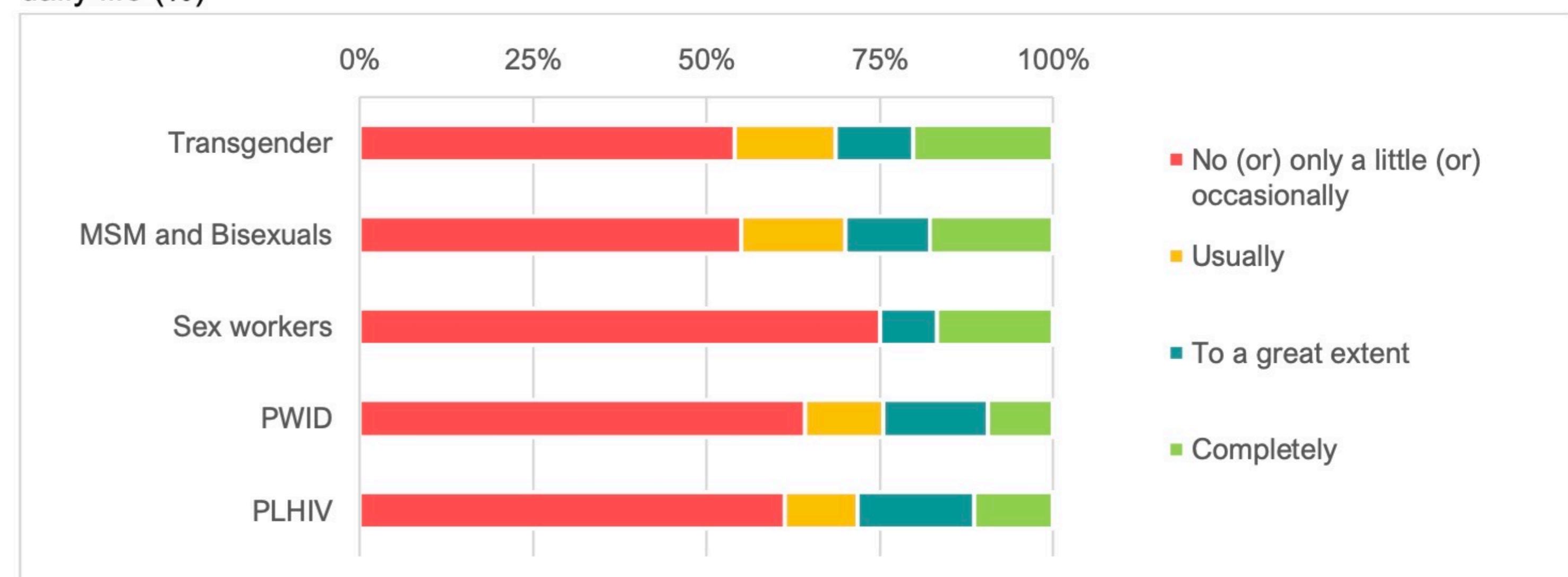
Our Story

Key populations are not homogeneous:

Some reported that they are completely included in decisions that affect their daily lives.

The majority reported that they are not included or only partially included.

Key populations' opinion on the extent to which they are included/implicated in decisions that affect their daily life (%)



Empact

**Program Evaluation And Impact Measurement
For Social And Healthcare Sector In Singapore**
2019 – Present



The Challenge

Program evaluation and impact measurement help social organizations (SOs) to understand and communicate the impact of their work. However, many SOs in Singapore and the region lack the capacity and capability to carry these works.

Our Response

Since 2019, Empact has designed and implemented a series of capacity building activities to:

- Train social organizations and build their capacity in program evaluation and impact measurement;
- Carry out commissioned work to evaluate social programs; and
- Develop ease-to-read and use frameworks and tools for SOs' own implementation.

The Results

12

SOs, Government Entities, and Philanthropic Foundations in Singapore benefitted from Empact's Program Evaluation and Impact Measurement services since 2019.

140

youths keen to design and implement their own social programs are equipped with knowledge and skills to measure impact of their projects in 2022.

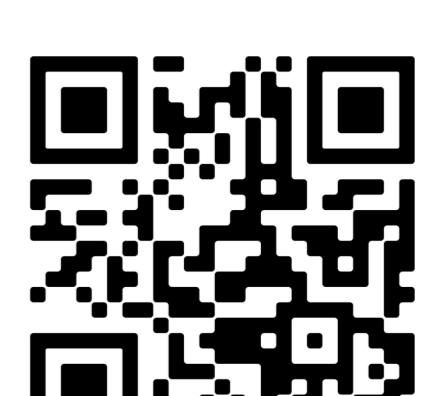
100+

staff in government ministries and agencies in Singapore are trained in 2022 to 2023 in impact measurement and program evaluation.

Our Story

Many social organizations are passionate in achieving their social missions. However, it is critical that they are also monitoring and evaluating their outcomes and impact as they carry out their work.

Organizations involved in AIDS/HIV can co-create a common set of impact measurement, outcome indicators, tools and processes to make M&E work more efficient and have common language to guide their collaboration and partnership.



Myanmar Youth Stars

**Social Media Campaign For HIV Education,
Including Approaches For Harm Prevention**
Jan – Dec 2022



The Challenge

- Post-COVID and post-Coup increase in substance abuse-related mental health issues such as stress, isolation, and anxiety.
- Social and economic problems among Myanmar youths.
- Upward trend in drug use and harm caused by drug-involved sex.

Our Response

- Develop 45 content/illustrations and 5 videos to raise awareness about the harm caused by drug-involved sex and prevention among young key populations.
- Treatment programs to mitigate the negative consequences of drug use.
- Survey to understand the factors influencing drug-use, for recreation and use during sex, among YMSM and TGW.

The Results

16

YMSM and YTGW involved in the focus-group discussion to understand their opinion, attitude, behavior and HIV knowledge level.

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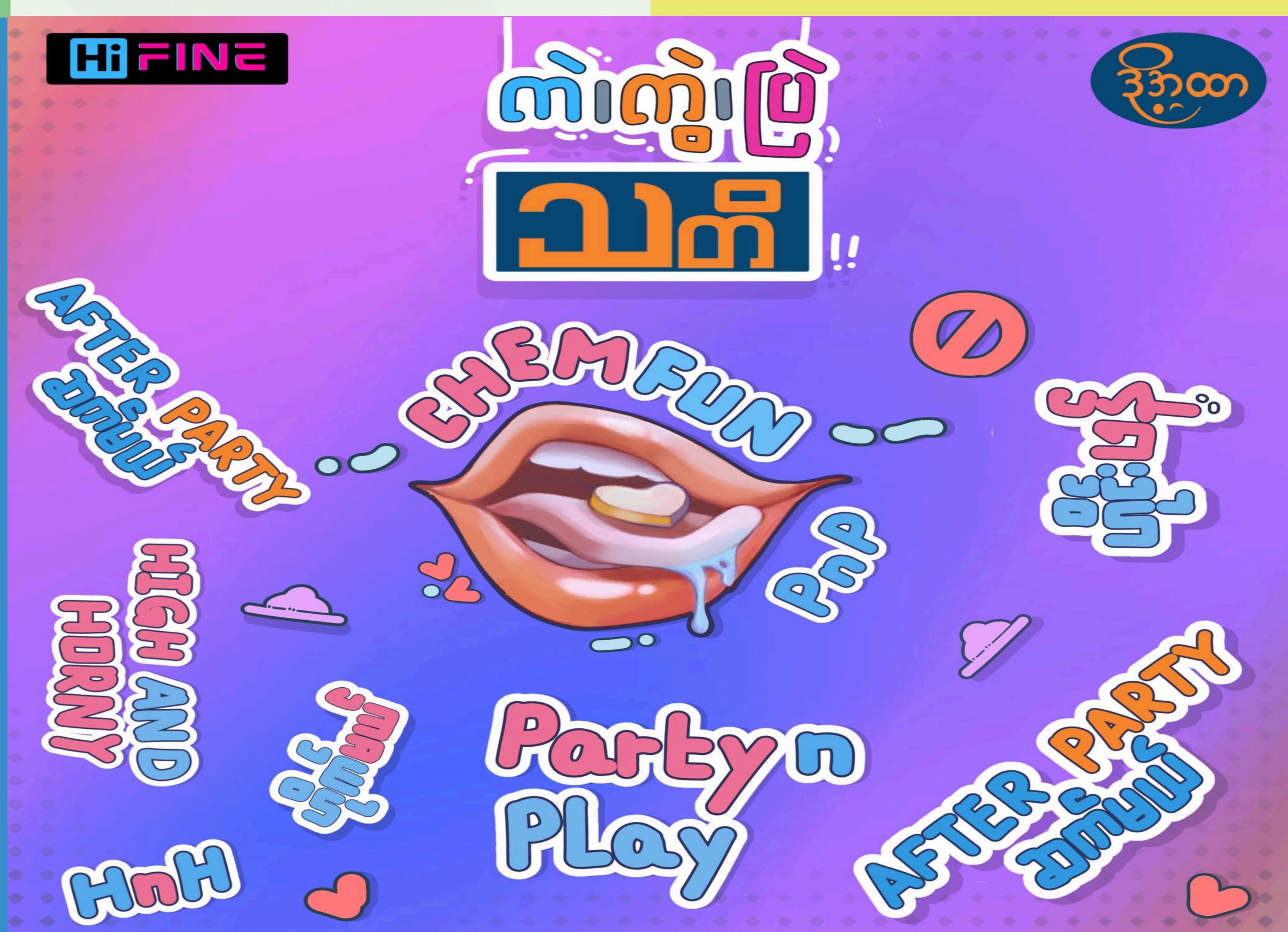
YMSM interviewed to understand the practice and prevalence of harm caused by drug-involved sex.

2

key informant interviews conducted, and a qualitative finding has been published.

Our Story

“Continual awareness about drug-involved sex must be provided to the community as more people are coming of age and need to receive such health education.”
- Community member



Peduli Hati Bangsa

**Digital Platform Of Community-led Monitoring
For HIV, HBV And HCV Services**

April 2023 - Present



YAYASAN PEDULI HATI BANGSA

The Challenge

Individuals in underserved communities may face barriers accessing care services due to conditions such as poor quality of service, stigma surrounding HIV or hepatitis, or a shortage of healthcare providers or medicines needed to manage these conditions.

Our Response

Community-led monitoring (CLM) is a process that involves community members living with HIV and viral hepatitis in monitoring the quality of health services provided to them. The result of this process is collected and visualized in the CLM dashboard which provides an at-a-glance view of the service provider's performance in various areas. It can help address the need for quality improvement by providing real-time data and insights into key indicators and trends, which can be used to identify improvement areas and foster a culture of data-driven decisions by healthcare providers.

The Results

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disease Areas (HIV, HBV, HCV) are being monitored for acceptability, affordability, availability, accessibility and service quality.

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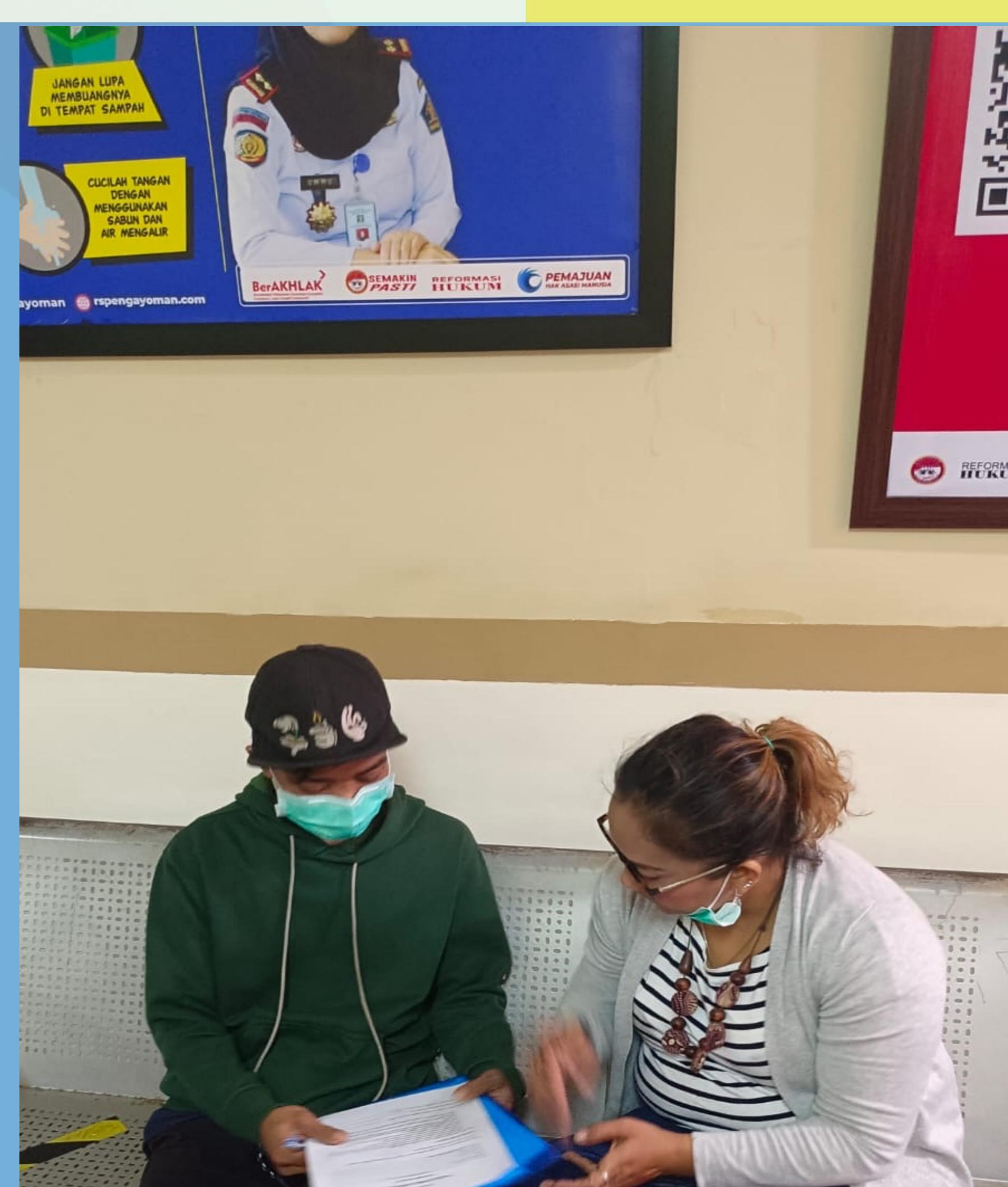
facilities (and counting), with 6 community enumerators trained to collect data in the facilities.

185

service users provided insight to improve the services that they receive. Real-time data dashboard can be accessed through CLM-Asia.org.

Our Story

“It is important for the community to lead a bottom-up approach in developing an instrument, identifying key indicators, and use of data to inform decision-makers in improving the quality of service. In the end, CLM is fostering a platform for dialogue between communities and stakeholders.”

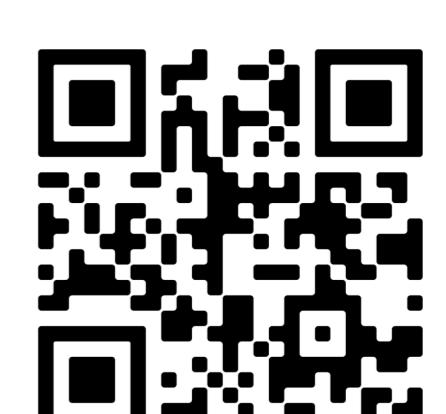


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Sustained Health Initiatives of the Philippines

QSID In HIV Care: Reducing Stigma And Discrimination Through Quality Improvement In SAIL Clinics

Jan – Apr 2023



The Challenge

No established performance measurement to determine the stigma and discrimination experience in healthcare settings.

Our Response

SHIP employs the Quality Improvement model to enhance client satisfaction and experiences within the context of HIV service delivery. By continuously evaluating the satisfaction and experiences of clients across three SAIL Clinics, SHIP has developed a comprehensive monitoring tool that provides valuable insights. These insights have played a pivotal role in optimizing HIV service delivery, leading to targeted improvements such as reduced waiting times, immediate and clear responses to client inquiries, and the establishment of a welcoming and friendly environment. Through this research-driven approach, SHIP actively incorporates client perspectives to reduce stigma and ensure the highest standard of care.

The Results

Sail Clinic Makati

- Clients experienced long waiting times due to a high volume of visitors.
- The percentage of clients reporting stigma and discrimination from HCPs varied across months: 15.83% in January, 36.26% in February, 0% in March, and 1.49% in April.
- SAIL Makati continues their progress in addressing waiting time concerns and maintain their focus on creating a welcoming environment that puts clients at ease.

Sail Clinic Cavite

- Clients reported a non-welcoming and unfriendly experience during their visits.
- The percentage of clients experiencing stigma and discrimination from HCPs was high: 94.90% in January and 95.83% in February. This decreased to 0.88% in March.
- SAIL Cavite has taken steps to address stigma and discrimination concerns, including through continuous staff training, awareness campaigns, and regular monitoring of client experiences.

Sail Clinic Calamba

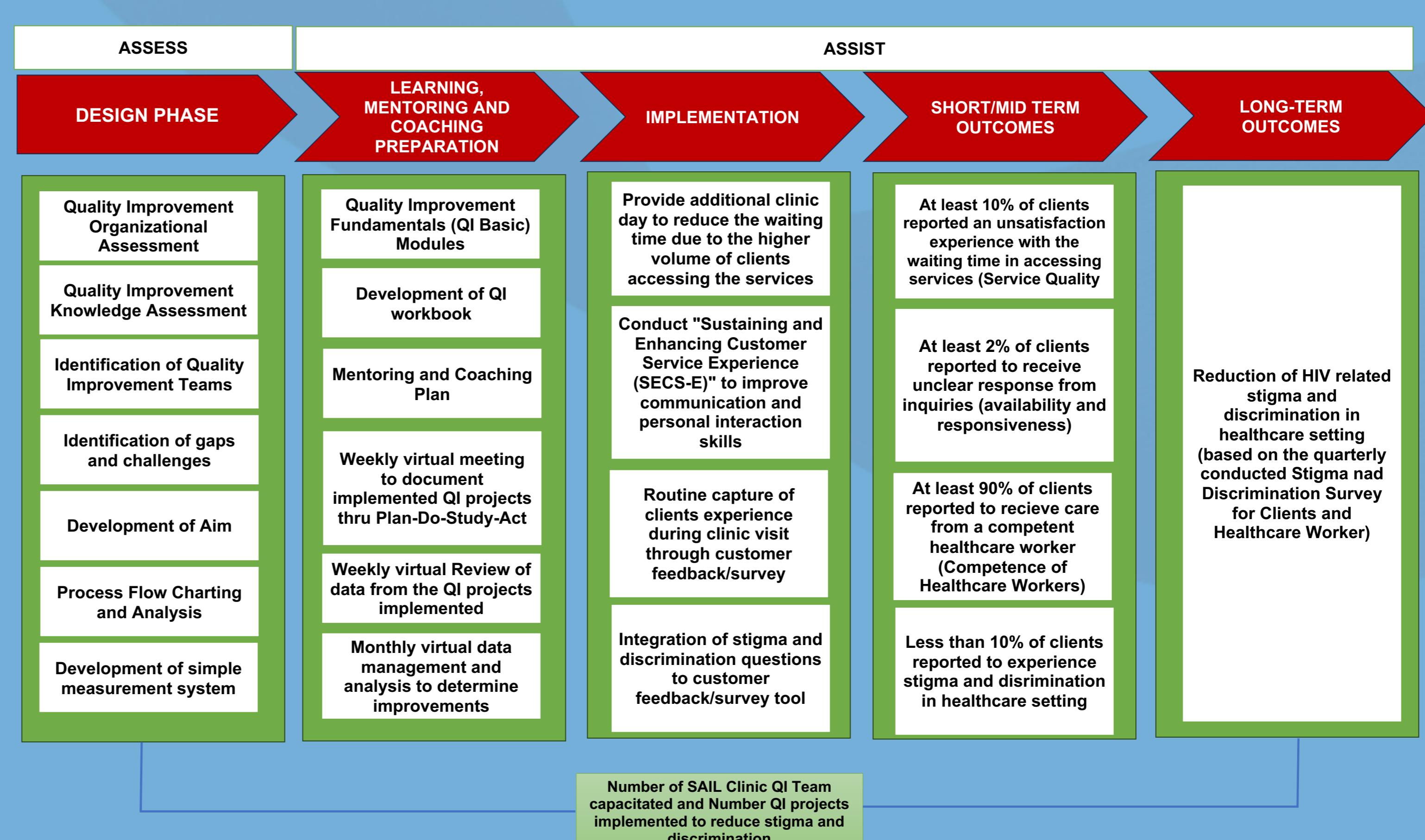
- Clients faced delays and unclear responses to inquiries made through the clinic's official website, social media, and during interviews.
- The percentage of clients reporting stigma and discrimination from healthcare workers varied: 39.26% in January, 31.15% in February, and 2.70% in March.
- SAIL Calamba has made significant progress in improving communication with clients and providing timely and clear responses to inquiries.

Our Story

By prioritizing client satisfaction and incorporating evidence-based strategies, SHIP is committed to advancing the field of healthcare.

With a focus on client perspectives, SHIP strives to provide individuals accessing HIV services with the highest quality of care.

By leveraging the power of the Quality Improvement model, SHIP transforms client experiences and contributes to the overall effectiveness and excellence of HIV service delivery.



Assess-Assist Framework of SHIP-SAIL Clinics in Reducing Stigma and Discrimination through Quality Improvement



Chengdu Tongle Social Work Service Center

Positive Treatment, Colorful Life
Nov 2021 – Jan 2023



The Challenge

Negative emotions can result in a PLHIV treating their diagnosis passively. This not only affects treatment effectiveness but could result in a decreased quality of life should negative emotions persist overtime.

Our Response

Recruited 18 PLHIV volunteers to lead peer support groups and group activities, such as learning treatment knowledge and skills, sharing experiences in maintaining family members and partnerships, and discussing current and future life topics. Collected and amplified stories of PLHIV through social media and speaking opportunities to radiate the positive energy of "positive treatment, colorful life".

The Results

1485

98%

86%

PLHIV and 78 of their family members in Chengdu participated in the campaign.

of newly diagnosed PLHIV started treatment within a month, with 97.7% achieving viral load suppression.

of participations reported a "very positive" or "more positive" outlook compared to when they were first diagnosed.

Our Story

"When I felt most helpless, I was fortunate enough to meet this optimistic group of volunteers. They gave me the strength to step out of the darkness and fought for me to accept myself. With the support and encouragement of my peers, I am no longer alone in my struggle with the illness and destiny. It gave me a way forward, dignity and helped me to understand the value of love and life."

– Participant



LOVE4ONE

Exploring U=U Awareness, Internalized Homophobia And Depression In Korean HIV Community

Feb 2022 - Jan 2023

loveQone

The Challenge

In Korea, the awareness of U=U among the Korean public is less than 3%. Stigma against PLHIV has led to a high incidence of depression and suicide attempts among PLHIV.

Our Response

This project aims to investigate the relationship between U=U awareness, internalized homophobia, and depression among 199 South Korean PLHIV.

The Results

199

PLHIVs were recruited for this survey, 81.4% being MSM.

72%

of respondents had extensive knowledge about U=U.

50%

of PLHIV learned about U=U from an online HIV community bulletin board, rather than from medical experts.

Our Story

PLHIV that are well-aware of U=U reported better mental health, were less likely to have suicidal ideations or attempts. However, internalized homophobia was prevalent regardless of U=U awareness.



Shanghai Qing'ai Health Promotion Center

Live, Let Live — PLHIV Caring Plan

Mar – Dec 2022



The Challenge

Improving the physical and mental health/well-being of PLHIV from a wholistic perspective to and minimize the negative impact HIV. Reducing discrimination against PLHIV, and let the society better understand the disease.

Our Response

The project is committed to changing the lives of PLHIV by responding to their needs in medical care, identity, social support, social adaptation, self fulfillment, etc. The project also supports PLHIV to reduce their psychological pressure and have the courage to rebuild their life and relationships.

The Results

5000

people reported reduced discrimination against infected individuals after receiving project services and related information.

1000

people received HIV-related knowledge through online channels.

4000

people were tested for HIV after receiving knowledge from the campaign.

Our Story

One attendee wrote on the feedback form, "It was like atonement." This piece of feedback was a testimony of our gains, and showed that efforts paid off and difficulties can be overcome.



Society of Behavioral Health Singapore

Scientific Advocacy To Strengthen Behavioral Health And Community-Based Approaches In Singapore

2018 - 2023



Society of Behavioural Health
Singapore

The Challenge

There is a lack of focus on the social determinants of health, patient-centered care, and patient-reported outcomes in the Singapore health system.

Our Response

We organized two scientific meetings (2018 and 2020), webinars, and a series of talks promoting community-based participatory research, social determinants of health, and other topics on behavioral health and patient-centered care. We hope that promoting conversations and interdisciplinary collaborations on behavioral health can spur approaches to center patients in the Singapore HIV response.

The Results

211

participants attended our interdisciplinary scientific meetings in 2018 (in-person) and 2020 (virtual).

864

attendees recorded for our scientific meetings and webinars organized from October 2018 to May 2023, involving researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and trainees in behavioral health.

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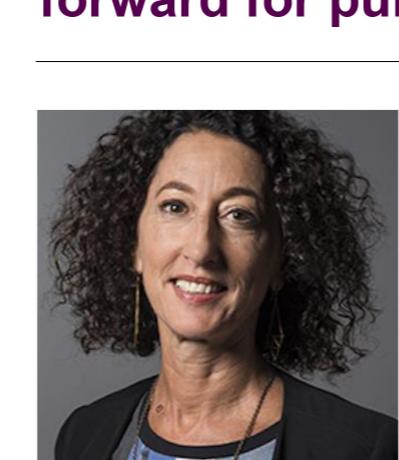
scientific events held on HIV. These workshops focused on Community Based Participatory Approaches (featuring Prof. Judith Auerbach), HIV behavioral science, and Singapore's SOCRATES cohort.

Our Story

The “Nothing About Us Without Us”: Community Engagement in HIV Research workshop saw a range of behavioral health practitioners and researchers learn from the experiences and innovations in HIV behavioral sciences.

LKCMedicine Research Guest Lecture
Community-based participatory research – The way forward for public health





Prof Judith Auerbach
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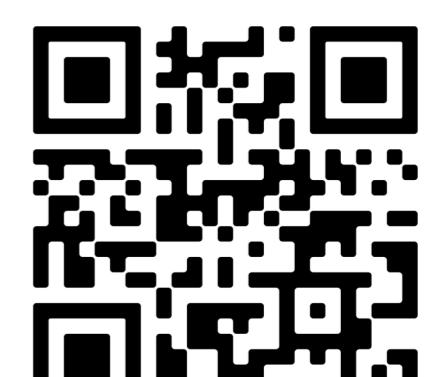
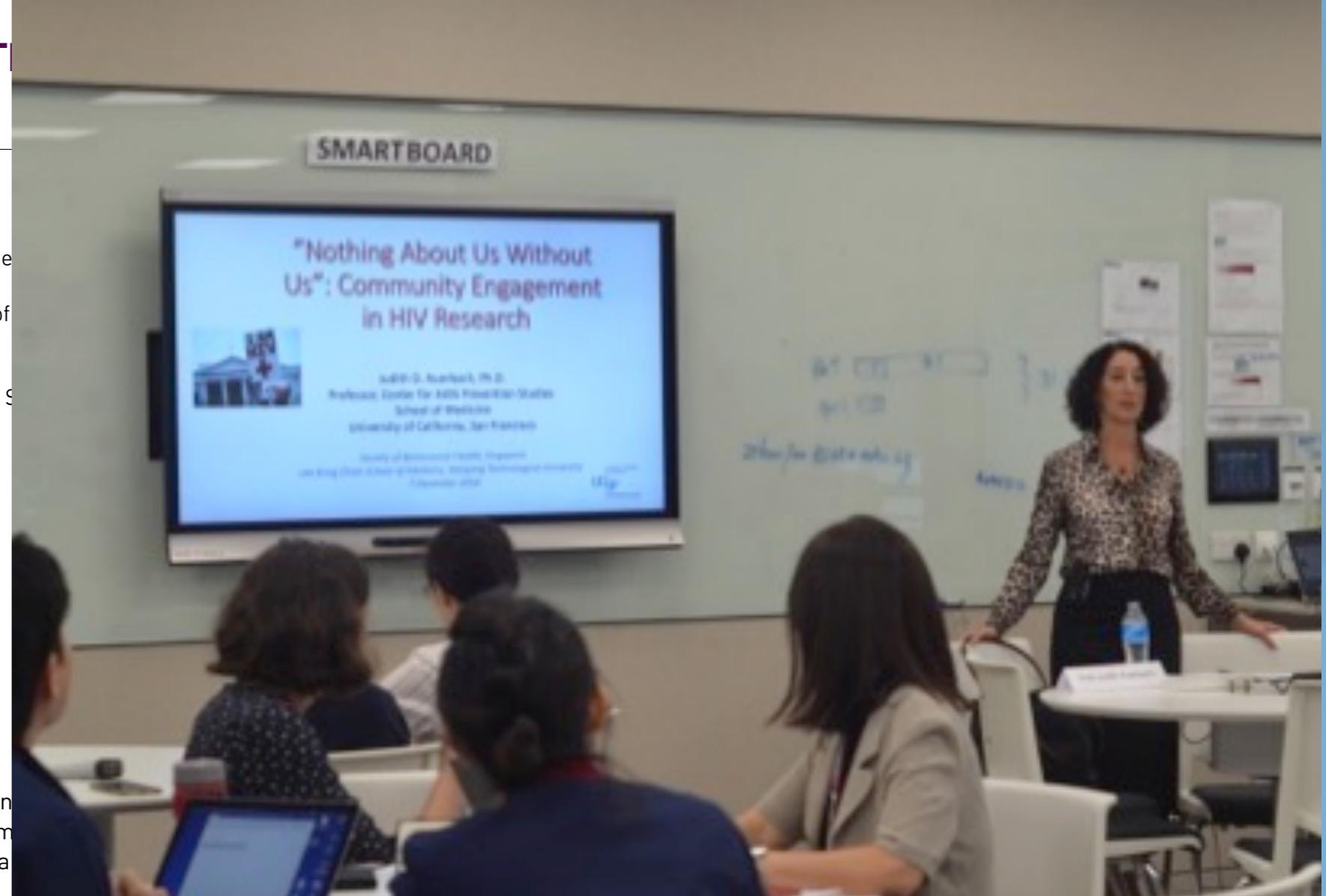
Hosted by Assoc Prof Konstantina Griva, Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Date: 7 December 2018, Friday
Time: 10.30am – 12pm
Venue: Seminar Room 5-1, Level 5
Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine
Clinical Sciences Building
11 Mandai Road, Singapore 308232

Synopsis
Prof Auerbach will be discussing the different aspects of community engagement in HIV research, with a focus on HIV. In this lecture, Prof Auerbach will provide examples of the dynamics of power, social and ethical issues in community engagement that relates to clinical research, the translation of scientific findings, and community-based participatory research.

The lecture will be followed by a panel discussion chaired by Dr Wong Chen Seong, Head, National Centre for Infectious Diseases HIV Clinical programme. The panel discussants are Mr Rayner Tan, PhD candidate, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, and Dr Huso Yi, Assistant Professor, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health.

This lecture is supported by Society of Behavioural Health, Singapore.



SWING

Agile And Adaptive Community-based Emergency Response To COVID-19 Among Transgender, Male And Female Sex Workers In Thailand
2020 – 2022



The Challenge

Around 200,000 sex workers are estimated to be working in Thailand. The shock from the COVID-19 lockdown and reduction in tourism left many without income. Furthermore, there were no interventions from the government to provide welfare support.

Our Response

Situation analysis – 91% of sex workers lost their job/income and 75% did not have sufficient funds to cover their daily living expenses.

- A foodbank program.
- Employment training and psychosocial support.
- Support for writing proposals to seek additional grants.
- Community-led COVID-19 screening.
- Masks and hygiene/sanitation education.
- Set-up a COVID-19 fund for sex workers, supported by public donations and the sale of T-shirts.

The Results

62

Thousand

dollars raised in three weeks.

60

Thousand

food rations distributed.

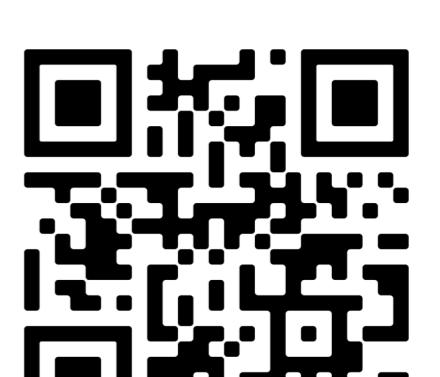
51

Thousand

audience members reached through social media.

Our Story

Agile community-based organizations have a comparative advantage in delivering emergency programming to the populations they serve. It was possible to combine HIV interventions with the COVID-19 response once emergency needs were met.



Yayasan Gaya Dewata

**Support Program For The Community Affected
By COVID-19 In Bali**
July 2020 – Dec 2020



The Challenge

PLHIV in the MSM & Transgender community were heavily impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 800 in the community, 75% do not come from Bali; loss of jobs even forced some to return to their home villages.

Our Response

- Provided basic food assistance and housing rental subsidies to PLHIV for the first 3 months;
- Provided training on how to manage and run an independent business;
- Provided venture capital assistance; and
- Supported the development of economic activity to keep them productive.

The Results

500

community members had their basic needs covered for the first three months.

100

selected community members were trained to increase their capacity and sustain their business.

50

selected community members received training and free venture capital to start new businesses.

Our Story

“I am grateful for this program and assistance because I was able to survive and earn a small income during the bad COVID-19 period. My business is still running till now.”

- A senior transgender living with HIV who participated in the program

