

Final Agenda

Exchange and Learning Workshop for Field Workers in HIV Prevention Projects for Men having Sex with Men in the Greater Mekong Sub-region in Vientiane, Lao PDR on September 5-7, 2006

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Day 1 (September 5, 2006)

- 9:00 Opening remarks (Dr Sithat Insisiengmay, Deputy Director of Department of Hygiene and Prevention, Dr Sheldon Shaeffer (UNESCO), Martha Scherzer (CDC))
- 9:30 Introduction to the workshop (Jan W de Lind van Wijngaarden (UNESCO))
- 9:45 Introduction of participants – ice breaker game (Sod Khamsevoravong, Burnet Institute)
- 10:15 Coffee break
- 10:30 Introduction and test of the MSM field worker HIV/STI Test Tool (Jan W. de Lind van Wijngaarden (UNESCO)) (Answers will be discussed at the HIV/STI Clinic session later in the afternoon)
- 11:30 The male condom, the female condom and lubricant use: a technical update (Elona Toska , PSI in Vientiane)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Update on vaccines and ART treatment: a technical update (Dr Rutt Chuachoowong – male sexual health clinic)
- 14:45 Questions and answers
- 15:15 Coffee/ tea break
- 15:30 HIV/STI Clinic: Q&A about the Basics (Dr Rutt Chuachoowong and Dr Frits van Griensven)
- 17:00 End of day one

Day 2 (September 6, 2006)

- 9:00 Warm-up exercise (Srisuman (Kik) Sartsara (UNESCO))
- 9:30 Overview of HIV/AIDS and MSM in the Greater Mekong Subregion (Dr Frits van Griensven (CDC))
- 10:15 Discussion, questions and answers
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 3 20-minute presentations of field level responses (SWING in Pattaya, Burnett in Vientiane, Haiphong intervention in Vietnam), according to PPT formats already distributed
- 11:45 Comments, questions and answers (facilitator: Clif Cortez, USAID)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 3 20-minute presentations of field level responses (Rainbow Sky in Bangkok, MHC in Cambodia, one more in Cambodia)
- 14:30 Comments, questions and answers (facilitator: Clif Cortez, USAID)
- 15:00 Country group work: Main challenges in developing safe behaviors in MSM and ways to overcome these at the field level – lessons learned in our work (facilitators: Jan, Kik, Clif and Frits)
- 16:30 Tea break
- 16:45 Presentations (15 minutes each)
- 17:45 Concluding remarks by one of the participants
- 18:00 End of day two
- 19:30 Field visit (1) MSM Hotspots tour, (2) PSI Drop in Center and (3) MSM Movie at Lao Plaza (Optional)

Day 3 (September 7, 2006)

- 9:00 Warm-up exercise (Sod Kamsevoravong (Burnet))
- 9:30 Improving communication skills in the field (Ted Nierras, Lao Red Cross)
- 10:30 Role plays aimed at sharing 'tricks' of everyday work - how to approach and gain / keep interest of target audience; how to deal with indifference (Ted and Jan)
- 11:00 Group discussion of the role plays
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Afternoon: skills building session depending on suggestions during the first 2 days
- 15:30 Discussion: How can skills of field workers / outreach workers be strengthened? Is regional exchange a good way to do this?
- 16:45 Evaluation
- 17:00 Closure
- 19:00 Farewell Dinner