



VIOLETHOME
PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT
MSM HEALTH



Background

HIV transmission is still a major problem today in our society and is especially hard to control amongst certain groups. Violet home was established to help overcome the spread of HIV in our community and provide education to gay people and their families about HIV and its transmission.

The spread of HIV has not diminished as much as hoped and continue to be a problem with adolescence and men who have sex with men (MSM)

The MSM group is reluctant to discuss and disclosed sexual behavior and this creates a problem not only in HIV prevention and also in providing assistance and service to this group.



Goal/objectives

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- : MSM : MSM Positive.

- : MSM Patients : TG

- Objectives

- : To promote understanding to MSM on HIV and STD

- : To support MSM Positive (MSM+ve)

- : To support MSM Patients



Timeline

- The project is started on September 2006 and will end by September 2007



Donor (s) and Budget

- The project is sponsored by AIDS Network Development Foundation and Public Health Ministry
- The yearly budget is around **xxx,xxx** USD



Activities

1. Drop-in Center
 - 1.1 Group Activities (prevention)
 - 1.2 Counseling (Hotline and Individual)
 - 1.3 VCT and Referral System
2. Outreach Activities
 - 2.1 Outreach for HIV Positive MSM in park, public place
 - 2.1 Home visit
3. Campaigns
 - 3.1 Develop BCC materials (Leaflets, posters, website, etc.)
 - 3.2 Awareness Campaigns (Edutainment, parades)
 - 3.3 Contribute to public to dispel myths and reduce MSM's stigma



Partner organizations / collaborators

- : AIDS Network Development Foundation
- : Provincial Public Health
- : Northern NGO AIDS
- : Provincial and local Hospital



Outcomes/ results

- : The Violet home can form a stable team worker
- : Form an efficient Counselor team
- : ALL MSM+ve in working area can access to OI/ARV
- : MSM+ve gain better health and live in the society happily
- : concrete MSM alliances to support MSM and MSM+ve



Obstacles encountered

- : Difficulty to access the target group
- : MSM's self acceptance is limited due to the social context
- : There are no proper office and fund, all staff are volunteers
- : inaccessible to OI/ARV for those who emigrate to work outside area, they have to return home in case they need OI/ARV for free



Lessons Learned/ Recommendations

(From previous Projects)

- : Many MSM+ve hesitate to consult a doctor till they fall sick
- : There are not a few well-educated MSM+ve who can assist MSM community
- : A MSM's community is needed to encourage MSM to live longer and happily
- : Awareness of MSM+ve not transmit and/or re-contact HIV should steady be inculcated
- : MSM community has a narrow circle, thus HIV transmission can spread quickly