

**Project Title:****Program to Provide "Standing" Support for "Unconventional" Sex Workers  
(Project Code: PPE 626PM)****Executive Summary:****Aim and Objectives**

This program aims to provide rapid tests and OHS (occupational health and safety) education for cross-border sex workers and massage workers, and to understand their working conditions and self-protection awareness.

**Project design**

Outreach workers visit the cross-border sex workers and massage worker every week. Through intensive outreach, rapid tests and OHS education are provided for the cross-border sex workers and massage workers. Questionnaires are also distributed to the two target groups so as to understand their working conditions and self-protection awareness.

**Target population**

2500 cross-border sex workers and massage workers from 2600 outreach sites

**Main achievements**

During the project period, 2712 outreach sites were visited. 2836 women were approached and 1047 of them did the rapid tests on syphilis and HIV. 65 on-site OHS trainings were conducted for 535 cross-border sex workers, whereas 60 on-site trainings were conducted for 311 massage workers. None of them were found infected.

**Conclusions**

Through this project, we have several observations: 1, On-site medical service is an effective tool to pull the most cross-border sex workers and massage workers to medical check. They can also better develop a habit of doing STD tests. 2, The relationship between the outreach workers and the owners or other stakeholders substantially affects the impact and effectiveness of the project. 3, OHS education is necessary and effective in changing the two target groups' understandings in self-protection and safe sex. 4, Both target groups do show us their consciousness in protecting themselves. They do not necessarily neglect the risks of unprotected sex for the purpose of earning more money. 5, The two target groups are willing to contact the NGOs the most for medical support. This may imply that they if the authority wants to enhance the effectiveness of the STD/HIV prevention, it will become more helpful to have the support from the NGOs.