

## **Executive Summary**

**Project: Young female sex workers peer education through internet media project (PPE 635 PM)**

**Organization: Teen's Key**

### - Aim and Objectives

The ultimate aim of the project is to enhance the awareness of safer sex practice and promote the culture of condom use within the young female sex workers community by peer education.

### - Project design

PPE635PM approach young women under 25 years old who work in sex industry and difficult to approach, including night clubs and mostly internet. It is because young women who are selling sex through internet are in less accessible establishments, less experience in sex industry and lack of safer sex knowledge and most vulnerable in HIV/AIDS prevention.

This project use Peer education as tactic to enhance the impact of HIV prevention. Peer educators who are or were sex worker had been trained for HIV prevention and basic counseling skills. As the peer educators and young female sex workers shared similar experiences, background, they are the people who understand themselves most, so they are very convincing to our target population. Also, new technology was used including smart phones and messaging applications to keep track on the community and provide HIV prevention education with non-judgmental approach.

### - Target population

This project target young women who are selling sex under 25 years old, especially who work through internet. The mobility of this target group is high, but less experience in sex industry and lack of safer sex knowledge.

### - Main achievements

This project was successfully provide HIV prevention to young female sex workers who are selling sex on Internet. 30 peer educators were trained during the project period; approached 2251 young female sex workers under 25 years old; 8996 times, and more than 841 of them took the HIV test. According to the

statistics, the rate of young female sex worker we approached are agreed to use condoms increased by 30% and the rate of taking voluntary HIV test increased by 28%. This result shown that the project was impactful for the target community.

#### - Conclusions

Young female sex workers selling sex online was being concern in the recent years. They are young and vulnerable to HIV prevention as they are lack of experience, bargaining power and safer sex knowledge. This project shed the light on the importance of HIV prevention education of this community. By using peer education tactic, the project gain trust within the community and promoted HIV prevention and accurate safe sex knowledge to young female sex workers.