

Executive Summary

PPE 649 PJ - "JJJ Rapid-Test Services and research in the setting up of Rapid-Test Team by Sex Workers"

I. Aim:

- i. To provide regular, convenient, considerate and anonymous rapid test checking service for the one woman brothel sex workers, so as to prevent the spread of STD and to encourage experience exchange between female sex workers and promote the importance of safe sex.
- ii. To investigate the feasibility of establishing rapid-test team by sex workers and to teach them the importance of safe sex to the high-risk group (client) and encourage STD prevention as female sex workers are able to take an active role in promoting AIDS prevention

II. Objectives:

- i. To provide 275 times of hepatitis B, syphilis and HIV rapid-test service to female sex workers within the project period
- ii. To publish healthcare, occupational safety and related information in the bi-monthly newsletter to sex workers
- iii. To establish an experimental unit in the working place of a sex worker, in order to provide rapid test service of syphilis and HIV to sex service clients
- iv. To complete 135 and 99 questionnaires of sex workers and clients respectively, as to study the willingness of general sex workers in participating rapid-test team and to evaluate the response from clients

III. Project design

- i. Provide free and door-to-door VCT service for FSW:
 - Promoting VCT service through outreaching service and making VCT appointment with the FSW beforehand
- ii. Bi-monthly newsletter publication:
 - Delivering healthcare, occupational safety and related information to the FSW
- iii. Distributing condom and lubricant to the FSW
- iv. Conducting a research about the feasibility of organizing FSW rapid test team in the working place
 - Conducting two questionnaire surveys in respect of FSW and their clients' willingness about the acceptability and feasibility of VCT service provided by FSW
 - Setting up a clients' VCT service experimental unit in the working place of a FSW

- Setting up a clients' VCT service experimental unit in the office of JJJ Association

IV. Target population

- i. One woman brothel female sex workers
- ii. Male clients of FSW

V. Main achievements

- i. Provided 278 times of VCT services for the FSW. 39.6% of them are the first time to receive VCT service and 40.3% of them haven't received VCT service for one or more than one year.
- ii. Provided 98 times of VCT services for the male clients of FSW, there are 88 times VCT services were done by FSW's experimental unit
- iii. Distributed 30,000 pcs condom and 500 pcs lubricant to the FSW
- iv. Completed a research and collected useful referenceto support the further planning of FSWs' rapid test team and the establishment of VCT testing site in FSWs' workplace

VI. Conclusions

- i. There is a need to provide consistent and easily accessible VCT service for the FSW as the high liquidity of the industry.
- ii. There is a need in providing VCT service for the male clients of FSW, while the FSW's workplace VCT checking experimental unit achieved a great success in promoting clients' VCT checking rate.
- iii. The research report shows a positive result of FSW rapid test team, the FSW rapid test team is worth implementing.