

**“Maintaining Low Prevalence -- HIV Combination Prevention for Female Sex Workers”** is a two-year programme run by Action for REACH OUT (AFRO) and sponsored by the ATF. The objectives of the programme are:

- i) Through outreach visits, online outreach, and centre-based contact, to deliver condoms and lubricants and HIV education messages to the target FSWs.
- ii) To promote and provide free, anonymous, accessible and non-stigmatising voluntary counselling and testing for HIV and STIs for the target FSWs.
- iii) To engage FSWs and other interested individuals (non-FSWs), as “HIV/AIDS ambassadors”, in HIV/STIs prevention efforts.
- iv) To provide public education on HIV/AIDS and anti-stigmatisation to interested individuals from the general public.

The implementation of the programme was affected by both the social movement and the COVID-19 pandemic in the second programme year, and failed to meet some of the set targets. While face-to-face contact was not always feasible, the programme team made use of different mobile apps to approach FSWs and made extra efforts to identify and develop new contacts, in order to deliver important and correct HIV related information, clarify misunderstandings, and encourage regular testing and safe sex (at all times) among FSWs.

Within the programme period, via outreach, centre-based activities and online outreach, the programme team had made frequent contact with FSWs to deliver HIV education messages and VCT promotional messages (face-to-face contacts for 13,181 times and online contact for 117,080 times). During outreach visits and centre-based activities at AFRO, totally 4 sets of HIV educational materials (each set with 4000 copies), together with condoms, lubricants and VCT promotional items, were disseminated among FSWs. HIV education workshops and 2,065 VCT tests for HIV and syphilis were also performed for them.

The results of the two questionnaire surveys conducted among FSWs by the programme team are found satisfactory. FSWs' average HIV knowledge scores (based on post-HIV education workshop survey) are as high as 85.11% (correct) for the first programme year and 85.25% (correct) for the second programme year, while the condom use rates remains high -- condom use rates in the last sex with casual client

and regular client as 98.09% and 93.06% respectively for the first programme year and 98.09% and 93.39% for the second programme year.

9 individuals joined AFRO as “HIV/AIDS ambassadors” and received in-depth training for HIV combination prevention. They finished at a total of 293 hours of training and 444 hours of practicum. 26 individuals participated in a four-session public education workshop on HIV held in the first programme year and reached a high average HIV knowledge score (92.82%). It is unfortunate that the workshop for the second programme year had to be cancelled due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

「維持低感染 -- 女性性工作者愛滋病綜合預防」是一項為期兩年，由愛滋病信託基金資助、青鳥執行的項目，項目目標是：

- i) 通過外展探訪、網上外展及服務中心的接觸，向女性性工作者提供安全套、潤滑劑以及愛滋病預防教育信息。
- ii) 向女性性工作者推廣並提供針對愛滋病毒和性傳染病的免費、匿名，易達及免污名的自願諮詢和檢測。
- iii) 讓女性性工作者及其他有興趣的人作為「愛滋病大使」，參與愛滋病預防工作。
- iv) 向有興趣的公眾人士提供有關愛滋病和反污名化的公眾教育。

項目的實施在第二個年度受社會運動和新型冠狀病毒病影響，未能達到某些既定目標。然而，即使面對面的交流因此受到限制，項目團隊依然使用不同的流動應用程式與女性性工作者保持聯繫，並盡力識別和發展新的聯繫方式，為女性性工作者提供重要且正確的與愛滋病相關資訊、澄清誤解、並鼓勵他們進行定期測試和安全性行為。

團隊通過外展，服務中心活動和網上外展，與女性性工作者進行了頻繁的聯繫，以提供愛滋病教育資訊和自願諮詢和檢測的宣傳訊息（面對面接觸13,181次，網上接觸117,080次）。透過外展探訪和中心活動，團隊在女性性工者之間派發了四款套愛滋病教育物資（每款4,000份）以及安全套，潤滑劑和自願諮詢和檢測宣傳品。團隊並為女性性工作者舉行了愛滋病教育工作坊和提供愛滋病毒和梅毒自願諮詢和檢測共2,065次。

團隊在女性性工作者之間進行兩次問卷調查的結果亦令人滿意，平均愛滋病知識得分於首年度達85.11%（正確），而在次年度亦達85.2%（正確）。女性性工作者的安全套使用率維持於高水平，與生客和熟客的最後一次性交的安全套使用率於首年度分別為98.09%和93.06%，於次年度則為98.09%和93.39%。

9人成為青島「愛滋病大使」，接受了有關愛滋病預防的深入培訓，共進行了293小時的培訓和444小時的實習。另外，在項目首年度，26個人參加了為期四節的愛滋病公眾教育工作坊，取得達92.82%的平均愛滋病知識得分。遺憾的是，受2019冠狀病毒病的影響，次項目年度的公眾教育工作坊最後被迫取消。