



ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT

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Highlighted Accomplishments

Indicator	1 quarter	2 quarter	3 quarter	4 quarter	Total
1. Reduced HIV transmission in former prisoners					
1-b. The Project strategy is approved on the national level	1	-	-	-	1
2. Reduced risky behavior practiced by former prisoners					
2-a. % of transitional prisoners reporting use of safe sex practices	3	7	-	2	100% (12 - 1m/11f -14 clients)
2-b. % of transitional prisoners reporting use of safe drug use practices	0	2	-	1	100% (3 -1m/2 f from 14 clients reported about experience of using drugs)
3. Strengthened prison-based HIV prevention, treatment, and care services for PWID, PLWH					
3-a. % of transitional prisoners reporting that prison-based HIV services had improved due to HIV REACT activities in the facility	5	7	-	2	100% (2m/12f -14 clients)
4. Improved knowledge, attitude, and behavior of prison staff, general prisoners and transitional prisoners toward HIV and PLWH					
4-a. % of prison staff of HIV services passing the post-training exam	120	-	-	-	100%
4-b. # of prisoners trained in HIV and HR	200 (100f/100m)	80 (40f/40m)	160 (60f/100m)	140 (60f/80m)	580 (260f/320m)
4-c % of transitional prisoners who	5	7	-	2	100%

are able to correctly identify HIV transmission routes and deny major myths about HIV transmission					(2m/12f from 14 clients)
5. High-quality transitional services established for PLWH and PWID					
5-a. % of transitional prisoners reporting satisfaction with the services provided by the project at prison facility	5	4	-	2	78,57% (2 m/9 f from 14 clients)
5-b. # of transitional prisoners reached by transitional client management services (New clients)	5	7	-	2	14 clients (2 m/ 12f)
5-c. # of transitional prisoners referred and tested for TB in the last 12 months	2	7	-	2	11 (2m/9f)
5-d. % of transitional prisoners referred and tested for HIV in the last 12 months	5	7	-	2	100 % (2m/12f)
5-e. # of transitional prisoners who received psycho-social counseling	5	7	-	2	14 (2m/12f)
6. Evidence-based and Human Rights-based HIV prevention, treatment and care services provided outside of prison facilities to transitional prisoners					
6-a. # trainings and mini-sessions conducted for providers of HIV services to transitional prisoners	8	4	1	-	13 (Plan was 12. Fact is 108%)
6-b. # of specialists trained in evidence-based and Human Rights-based service provision	166	40	10	-	216 (Plan was 200. Fact is 108%)
7. Strengthen evidence-based advocacy, policies, and strategic planning related to country ownership and expansion of HIV programs in prisons and coordination between narcology and AIDS centers					
7-a. % of recommendations made by the HIV REACT-established (Technical Working Group) TWG that have been successfully implemented	2 of 2	-	5 of 5	-	100% (7 of 7 decisions made)
Number of clients (PWID)	1	2	0	1	4
Number of clients (PLHIV)	31	6	10	14	61
Number of HIV cases detected among project clients	6	0	2	2	10
Number of TB cases detected among project clients	0	2	0	0	2

Activities Description

Впишите все активности, прошедшие за год, группируя их по видам деятельности (рабочие встречи, тренинги с врачами, сотрудниками колоний, акции и т.д.)

№	Name	Date	Place	Outputs / Outcomes
1.	<p>Preparatory activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFEW-Tajikistan registered its Representative office in Khatlon region. All needed organizational and program documentation has been introduced. Administrative and program staff was recruited and equipped by needed rules and regulations. Establishment of Representative office make possible to begin provision of project services to prisoners in two colonies placed in Khatlon region. • AFEW-Tajikistan Representative office in Khatlon region coordinated project work plans with administration of colonies 3/6 in Yovon and 3/8 in Norak. 	June-September 2014	Qurghontepa, Yovon, Norak and Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The set of Memorandums of Understanding between AFEW-Tajikistan Representative office in Khatlon region and 22 services providers including prisons administrations, health and social services providers, Khatlon regional police department, Drug Control Agency Division in Khatlon region and local NGOs working with prisoners and other key populations in Khatlon regions have been signed. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project services have introduced and provided to prisoners and ex-prisoners in Khatlon region. • Implementation plans assisted on timely implementation of prisons based HIV education in pilot colonies of Khatlon region and starting provision of transitional client management services for pre-release prisoners
2.	<p>Conduct 1 pre-project needs assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment tools and protocol approved by Ethic Committee of the Ministry of Health RT and Administration of Penitentiary System of the Ministry of Justice RT. • AFEW-Tajikistan conducted the needs assessment to revise and define available resources and existent gaps on HIV prevention and treatment, infections control, drugs treatment and post-release services, revise trainings topics and content of IEC materials with aims to develop targeted approaches to ensure proposed strategies and avoid duplications of services. • Needs assessment assisted to learn situation and make needed corrections in training topics and content of IEC materials most demanded by local specialists working on HIV prevention among prisoners. Provided needs assessments made possible to identify the real needs of beneficiaries and 	August		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 prisons workers, penal and civil health specialists and NGOs staff participated in pre-project needs assessment. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trainings and IECs designed according to needs assessments results showed good results and served in changing behavior, decreasing the HIV transmission and understanding the ways of HIV prevention.

	service provides on information which is necessary to be developed.			
3.	Delivering START Plus services for beneficiaries	October 2014-September 2015		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of 30 informational mini-trainings on HIV prevention have been conducted among 600 prisoners in two colonies of Khatlon region • Civilian doctors provided individual consultations on HCT to 49 prisoners • 14 released prisoners including 2 male and 12 females covered by START Plus services <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of prisoners' awareness on HIV prevention was increased by 42.65 percent. • 10 new cases of HIV have been detected among 66 prisoners participated at HIV prevention mini-trainings and received HCT services • 95 prisoners received consultation of medical specialists • 12 ex-prisoners have completed the START Plus program.
4.	<p>Conduct 4 half-day meetings of Country Penal TWG of 20 stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two TWG meetings (on September 2014 and February 2015) were conducted by participation of 34 representatives of Penitentiary System, Republican AIDS and TB services, and international partners and local CSO's working with prisoners. 	September 2014 – February 2015		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of organizations participated in coordination and planning activities of Penal TWG was increased by Republican Narcological Center of the Ministry of Health RT. • 100% or 7 recommendations to improve coordination, increase access and improve the quality of services for prisoners have been executed. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project recognized by local authorities and key partners working on health promotion in prisons • The Head of Penitentiary System of the Ministry of Justice of Tajikistan approved Joint Plan of implementation of HIV React Project activities for period June 11, 2014- June 10, 2016. Approval of joint activities ensures political support to Project and CSOs access to prisons in pilot sites.
5.	Conduct 2 annual awareness raising	November	Yovon	Output:

	<p>events among general prisoners devoted to WAD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Project Work plan for November 2014, AFEW-Tajikistan was planned to organize WAD events among prisoners. Initially, WAD events were included providing HIV counseling and testing, conducting quizzes and competitions among 100% of prisoners in two colonies of Khatlon region. • In the beginning of October, 2014 President of RT announced Law about Amnesty, dedicated to 20th anniversary of Constitution of Republic of Tajikistan. By requests of Penitentiary System of Republic of Tajikistan AFEW developed, coordinated and implemented General Plan of joint socio-medical activities within Amnesty of 2014 (Official Letters #№ 5-2081 from October 22, 2014 and #5-2171 from October 30, 2014). Taking into account this situation AFEW-Tajikistan in coordination with AFEW-Kazakhstan made appropriate modifications in Project Work plan. • 	2014	Norak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with the new Plan AFEW social workers and specialists of Khatlon regional AIDS center organized HIV counseling and testing among prisoners in two colonies of Khatlon region (3/6 and 3/8). • 100% of convicts released from targeted colonies in Yovon (3/6) and Norak (3/8) under the amnesty in 2014 covered with VCT, IEC, social and legal assistance • 500 convicts received the social and preventive kits • 358 convicts assisted to get transportation from prisons to the regional centers. In addition, 78 prisoners provided with transport to get home from Dushanbe to 9 districts of the country <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 831 were reached by VCT • 6 new HIV cases were detected • 27 cases of HIV early detected by medical services were confirmed • 6000 IEC were disseminated among released prisoners. • Amnesty activities allowed to learn situation with HIV among pre-released prisoners and proved needed social support to post-release prisoners including 33 PLHIV. • Improving prisoners awareness's about HIV will contribute on health promotion in penal system and decreasing possible cases of stigma and discrimination towards PLWH
6.	<p>Develop 2 IEC materials for pre and post release prisoners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following IEC materials approved by USAID were published: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brochure "HIV" -4500 copies 2. Brochure «STI's» - 4500 copies 3. Brochure "Myths about males and females" - 4500 copies 4. Leaflet «Information for pre-released prisoners» - 4121 copies 	October 24, 2014	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All IEC materials were disseminated among 100% prisoners in six colonies in Norak, Yavan, Dushanbe and Khudjand. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1350 prisoners informed and aware about HIV, STIs and TB prevention methods and ways • Significant changes (the average level of knowledge: before trainings 50,38% and after 93,03%) happened in knowledge, attitude and behavior of prisoners which contributes to decrease the

				transitions of HIV
7.	<p>Conduct two-day national ToT "Mini-trainings on prevention of social significant diseases» for 20 prison medical staff and NGO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “Basis of organization of mini-trainings on HIV prevention among prisoners” training was conducted in Dushanbe, Yovon, Norak and Khujand. The list of prisons workers participants was coordinated with Head Administration of Penitentiary System of Tajikistan. Initially, this training was planned in October and by the request of Penitentiary System moved to December, 2014. Informational sessions were organized by AFEW-Tajikistan and facilitated by educated specialists of AIDS Centers of Dushanbe, Khatlon and Sughd regions. 	November-December 2014	Dushanbe, Yovon, Norak, Khujand	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFEW-Tajikistan organized six information sessions for 144 non-medical workers in six colonies. 120 participants filled in the pre and post knowledge evaluation questionnaire. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the results of pre and post training evaluation demonstrated increasing the level of knowledge’s among training participants from 29,3% correct answers before education to 77,1% correct answers after training. which is 47,8 percent in average Educated team of specialists will be able to delivery HIV prevention education among prisoners and ex-prisoners
8.	<p>Conduct 1 three-day national "START Plus" training for 20 prison medical, non-medical staff and social workers of NGOs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On December 09-10, 2014 the “START Plus: transitional client management program” training was conducted in Dushanbe 	December 09-10, 2014	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 specialists working with pre and post-released prisoners took part at the training. The list of prisons workers participants was coordinated with Head Administration of Penitentiary System of Tajikistan. Initially, this training was planned in October and by the request of Penitentiary System moved to December, 2014. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the level of participants knowledge increased by 16. 7 percent (increased the level of knowledge’s among training participants from 24,5% correct answers before education to 41,5% correct answers after training. Educated team of CSOs social workers and prisons medical staff will develop business networks and interact on provision of continues client management services to pre and post-release prisoners Required program documentation and informational exchange system will be introduced in project regions. This strategy will impact on enhancing HIV reporting between penal and civil health institutions and CSOs,

9.	<p>Conduct two-day national "Drug treatment, MAT and social rehabilitation" training for 20 prison medical staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 30-31 of March "Drug treatment, MAT and social rehabilitation" training was conducted in Dushanbe for 21 medical representatives from prisons, drug treatment center, AIDS center and public organizations. Training was organized in Dushanbe. Pre and post questionnaires were filled in by 18 participants. Training was facilitated by narcologists. It should be noted that the training was well-timed and it is important event for medical staff of prisons. The opioid replacement therapy is one of the most important components of a harm reduction strategy. The main aim and objective of ORT in Tajikistan is to decrease the spread of HIV, viral hepatitis and TB among IDUs. 	30-31 of March, 2015	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 medical personnel of correctional institutions and NGO staff familiar with the basics of medical treatment and OST in prison settings. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of knowledge before training were 37, 8% which were increased to 63, 9% after training. the level of knowledge of training participants increased by an average of 26.1 percent. Educated team of health services providers and medical workers of CSOs will be equipped be needed skills to provide adequate counseling and pre-treatment readiness's support to PWIDs.
10.	<p>Support to NGOs to conduct half-day meetings of Partner Referrals Network of 30 stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On October 16, 2014 Networking & coordination meeting of stakeholders working in pilot colonies of Tajikistan was conducted in Dushanbe. 11 representatives of Penitentiary System, AFEW-Tajikistan, Regional AIDS Center of Khatlon region, NGOs "Vita"(Dushanbe) and "Hayoti nav"(Khudjand) took part at the meeting. The General Plan of joint sanitary, awareness raising, HIV prevention and client management activities within Amnesty of 2014 was developed and passed for the Head of Penitentiary System Administration approval. Two Networking meetings of partner service provider's organizations working on health promotion and HIV prevention among prisoners have been conducted by AFEW-Tajikistan in partnership with its Representative Office in Khatlon Office in Qurgantube with participation of 27 stakeholders and NGO "Hayoti nav" with participation of 30 stakeholders in 	<p>October 2014</p> <p>February 17- 25, 2015</p>	<p>Dushanbe</p> <p>Gurghontepa Khujand</p>	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 meetings of Partner Referrals Network with participation of project stakeholders were conducted in Dushanbe, Khatlon and Sughd <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> service providers know and support each other the provision of services for project beneficiaries is improved 100% of the recommendations made during the meeting of the regional network service providers in the Khatlon and Sughd were performed. draft of plans of joint activities of penal and civil health organization on provision counseling, treatment, diagnostic and support services to PLHIV in prisons for Sughd and Khatlon regions are developed Project strategies and plans are recognized and supported by Penitentiary System and local authorities at places. Needs and interests of post-release prisoners will be advocate and

	<p>Khudjand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Networking meetings of partner service provider's organizations working on health promotion and HIV prevention among prisoners have been conducted by AFEW-Tajikistan in partnership with its Representative Office in Khalton Office in Qurgantube with participation of 21 stakeholders and NGO "Hayoti nav" with participation of 30 stakeholders in Khudjand. 	September 22-29, 2015	Khujand, Gurghontepa	issued by health and social services providers
11.	<p>Conduct two-day "Networking and Rules of Law" training for law enforcement officers, NGOs and service providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three two-days trainings on "Networking and Rules of Law" for 63 law enforcement officers NGOs and service providers have been conducted for law enforcement officers 	February, 2015	Dushanbe, Qurghontepa, Khujand	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63 law enforcement officers NGOs and service providers took part in the trainings <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the knowledge of training participants in average increased by 12.36% Educated police officers will developed business relationships with local CSOs working with post-release prisoners and be more tolerant toward PLWH and PWID including ex-prisoners
12.	<p>Conduct three-day field monitoring visits to project sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During December 23-27, 2014 AFEW conducted the administrative, financial and program monitoring of HIV React Project partners and informational points of web platform www.afew.tj . During monitoring partners were provided with needed assistance and recommendations. On April 20, 2015, USAID HIV React Project Specialist Mrs. Dilorom Kosimova visited two colonies in Yovon and Norak to familiarize with technology of organization and facilitation of HIV prevention mini-trainings among prisoners within HIV React Project. Joint monitoring visit to the project sites was conducted between April 22-23 and April 28, 2015. The monitoring team representing AFEW Tajikistan, specialists of Republican AIDS Center and Medical Department of Penitentiary System visited the colonies in Yovon and Norak, the branch of AFEW-Tajikistan h in Qurghoontepa city, NGO "Vita" in Dushanbe and 	<p>December 2014</p> <p>April 2015</p>		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 monitoring visits to the project sites and project partners were organized during the project realization period. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation were made and discussed with penal system Plan of realization of recommendations was made; 100 % of recommendation is fulfilled The quality and availability of services for prisoners and ex-prisoners will be improved. Partners will ensure timely and qualitative execution of project activities

	<p>NGO “Hayoti nav” in Khujand. After monitoring the invited specialists provided needful professional consultations to prisons medical staff, NGOs social workers to ensure the project progress. Monitoring report with essential recommendations which were coordinated with Director of Republican AIDS Center and the Deputy of Head of Penitentiary System submitted to AFEW-Tajikistan and its partners.</p>			
13.	<p>Develop 1 system of exchanging information (web platform and team of experts).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The www.afew.tj informational medical web platform provides its services to local health care specialists and NGO staff through web platform experts and IP coordinators. • During December 25-27, 2014 supplied three sets of equipment and furniture for prisons-based Informational Points. First Informational point was established on the basis of Medical unit of colony 3/6 in Yavan of Khatlon region. Two other IP’s were established on the basis of NGO “Vita” in Dushanbe and NGO “Hayoti nav” in Khujand city of Sughd region. 	January-September 2015	Khujand and Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three informational Points was established on the base of PO “Vita” in Dushanbe, PO “Hayoti nav” in Khujand and colony 3/6 in Yovon <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 298 answers on 403 questions were provided through web Platform during October – December 2014. • 344 answers to 369 questions of site visitors including questions related to HIV and OST provided by Information Points of NGOs “Vita” and “Hayoti nav” for the whole period of project realization.
14.	<p>Intersectorial Policies and Guidelines for specialists: Introducing START Plus Program</p>	February-July 2015	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated version of AFEW-Tajikistan Guideline “Organization of START Plus: transitional client management services in the Republic of Tajikistan” was approved by the Head Administration of Penitentiary System of the Ministry of Justice RT. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project strategies on provision evidence-based BBC Community Outreach on HIV prevention among prisoners and PSE Community Support to post release prisoners is recognized by local authorities and sustained by Penitentiary System. Now, local CSOs may continue cooperation with prisons administrations by using this guide.
15.	<p>Conduct national seminar-training for narcologists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The course for 10 narcologists was 	June 15-July 16, 2015	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 narcologists participated in one month course on HIV prevention

	<p>started on 16th of June. The duration of course is 156 hours which is one month. At course launch, AFEW-Tajikistan introduced participants with the aims and objectives of HIV React Project, the aims and objectives of course, teaching staff and requirements related with participation of courses. Also, AFEW-Tajikistan provides per diems including accommodation for two narcologists from other regions of Tajikistan, developed timesheet of course participants and monitors the process of their education.</p>			<p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% or 10 participants completed the course and received certificates of the established sample • Narcologists are able to use the knowledge gained at the thematic cycle "HIV infection and opportunistic infections" in professional communication with health professionals for prevention of HIV and co-infections
16.	<p>Promote Project local, national and international levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFEW-Tajikistan is developed the models of T-Shirts, caps, briefcase, shirtfronts, folder and notebook and sent them to AFEW-Kazakhstan for consideration with USAID 	October-December 2014		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following promotion materials were developed during project realization period: 540 T-shirt; caps and folders and 60 items of diaries, shirtfronts and notebooks were developed , produced and disseminated among project staff and key stakeholders. <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed visibility materials promoting USAID contribution on HIV prevention in Penal System of the Republic Tajikistan
START plus implementation				
Mini-trainings in prisons				
Achievements				
<p>1 Quarter</p> <p>According to the planned activities AFEW Tajikistan obligated to conduct series of informational mini-trainings on HIV prevention among prisoners on HIV, TB and drug use. During the first quarter AFEW-Tajikistan established the system and the mechanism of provision of mini-training in the prisons settings (introduction of unique coding system, pre and post knowledge evaluation). Primary the mini-trainings were organized as short provision of information based on the AFEW mini-training module. The trainings organized by AIDS civil health center of Khatlon region.</p> <p>Thus, AFEW Representative Office in Khatlon region in October-December, 2014 conducted 8 mini-trainings among 160 prisoners including 80 female prisoners. Mini-trainings on HIV prevention were conducted among prisoners in colony 3/6 in Yovon and in female colony 3/8 in Norak.</p>				
<p>2 Quarter</p> <p>Starting from the second quarter AFEW-Tajikistan decided to provide HIV testing in the prisons settings after mini-training. There was an agreement with regional AIDS center to provide prisoners with express test and HTC. After mini-training the training participants i.e. prisoners were suggested to pass HTC on voluntary based. This effort made possible to detect HIV among prisoners and thereby decrease the number of HIV transmissions in prisons.</p> <p>Thus, AFEW Representative Office in Khatlon region in January-March, 2015 conducted 4 mini-trainings among 80 prisoners including 40 female prisoners. Also 25 HTC was organized among 25 prisoners and 43 prisoners received</p>				

medical consultation of health specialists.

3 Quarter

As prisons face a problem of absence qualified medical personnel AFEW-Tajikistan decided to involve the civilian health specialist to monitoring activities. The specialist of infectious diseases of the Republican AIDS center visited colonies 3/6 in Yovon and 3/8 in Norak. The specialist met patients, checked all medical cards of patients of colonies and made all necessary recommendations to primary medical staff of colonies.

In the period of April – June 2015 AFEW Representative Office in Khatlon region conducted 9 mini-training among 180 (80f/100m) prisoners. As well in this period 29 prisoners of both colonies were tested for HIV and 30 prisoners received medical consultations of specialists.

2 new case of HIV were detected.

4 Quarter

In the last quarter of Year I - July-September 2015 AFEW Representative Office in Khatlon region conducted 7 mini-training among 140 (60f/80m) prisoners. As well in this period 12 prisoners of both colonies were tested for HIV and 14 prisoners received medical consultations of specialists.

2 new case of HIV were detected.

Conclusions of the Year:

For the first year of project realization AFEW Tajikistan covered 600 (280f/320m) prisoners with HIV prevention mini-trainings. 95 prisoners received consultations of medical specialists and 66 prisoners received HTC. 4 new cases of HIV were detected and 10 cases were confirmed.

In compliment to above mentioned information presented based on quarters AFEW-Tajikistan organized series of trainings for personnel of penitentiary system for improving situation in prisons as raising the tolerance attitude towards HIV infected, PLHIV and PUDs ; providing better and accessible services for prisoners with the main focus to HIV infected, PLHIV and PUDs :

1. Six trainings on “Basis of organization of mini-trainings on HIV prevention among prisoners” were conducted in Dushanbe, Yovon, Norak and Khujand for 144 non-medical workers of six colonies. Informational sessions were organized by AFEW-Tajikistan and facilitated by educated specialists of AIDS Centers of Dushanbe, Khatlon and Sughd regions. (Quarter 1)
2. On 30-31 of March "Drug treatment, MAT and social rehabilitation" training was conducted in Dushanbe for 21 medical representatives from prisons, drug treatment center, AIDS center and public organizations. Training was organized in Dushanbe. (Quarter 2)
3. Three two-days trainings on "Networking and Rules of Law" for 63 law enforcement officers NGOs and service providers have been conducted for law enforcement officers (Quarter 2)
4. AFEW-Tajikistan conducted national seminar-training for 10 narcologists in Dushanbe. (Quarter 2)

Along with provision the trainings and raising awareness of prison personnel, medical staff of prisons AFEW –Tajikistan facilitated the meetings of Partner Referrals Network and Country Penal TWG meeting with participation of all project stakeholders. These meetings were conducted on the sake of establishment of linkage, coordination of service providers and improving the quality of provided services to prisoners and ex-prisoners.

The below tables shows the number of contacted trainings, number of participants and the average level of pre and post evaluation of knowledge per quarters for the first year of the project:

Date	Number of participants in colony 3/6	The average pre training evaluation in colony 3/6	The average post training evaluation in colony 3/6
24.09.2014	20 prisoners	41.75%,	93,5%.
15.10.2014.	20 prisoners		
22.10.2014.	20 prisoners		

12.11.2014.	20 prisoners		
04.12.2014.	20 prisoners		
25.02.2015.	20 prisoners		
11.03.2015	20 prisoners	34.00%,	94,5%.
08.04.2015	20 prisoners		
20.04.2015	20 prisoners	43,7%,	87,4%.
03.06.2015	20 prisoners		
16.06.2015	20 prisoners		
14.07.2015	20 prisoners		
21.07.2015	20 prisoners	43,8%,	89,7%.
20.08.2015	20 prisoners		
15.09.2015	20 prisoners		
Date	Number of participants in colony 3/8	The average pre training evaluation in female colony 3/8	The average post training evaluation in female colony 3/8
24.09.2014	20 prisoners		
15.10.2014.	20 prisoners		
22.10.2014.	20 prisoners	49.0%,	95,25%.
12.11.2014.	20 prisoners		
04.12.2014.	20 prisoners		
25.02.2015.	20 prisoners		
12.03.2015.	20 prisoners	69.5%,	96,5%.
09.04.2015	20 prisoners		
20.04.2015	20 prisoners		
03.06.2015	20 prisoners	61,2%,	93, 6%.
16.06.2015	10 prisoners		
30.06.2015	10 prisoners		
14.07.2015	20 prisoners		
21.07.2015	20 prisoners		
20.08.2015	20 prisoners	60,1%,	93,8%.
Problems		Solutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low knowledge of prison personnel in the field of HIV infection, prevention, treatment, care and adherence to ARV • The language of mini-trainings: As prisoners are representatives of different nationalities AFEW- Tajikistan faced difficulties with 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFEW-Tajikistan organized HIV – prevention information session in prisons among prison medical and non-medical personnel • For representatives of Russian and 	

<p>presentation topics on Tajik language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per lack of tests and medical specialist there was a problem of providing HCT in the prisons 	<p>Uzbek minorities in prisons AFEW Tajikistan start to deliver mini-trainings on Russian and Uzbek languages. The IEC materials are also published in two (Tajik and Russian) languages which ensure easy understanding of materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFEW-Tajikistan decided to provide HIV testing in the prisons settings after mini-training. There was an agreement with regional AIDS center to provide prisoners with express test and HCT. After mini-training the training participants i.e. prisoners were suggested to pass HTC on voluntary based. This effort made possible to detect HIV among prisoners and thereby decrease the number of HIV transmissions in prisons.
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Transitional case management

1 Quarter – In the first quarter of project AFEW-Tajikistan Representative Office in Khatlon region provides START Plus services to 5 clients including 4 female ex-prisoners, 24 PLWH prisoners were reached by HIV counseling and information about available services in discharge planning period.

All 5 clients received assistance in transportation from prisons to their home places and received social packages. All 5 received pre and post HIV test consultations, they were diagnosed for TB, received the consultations of specialists of infection diseases, TB specialist.

All 5 clients trained on HIV and TB topic. All of them received food, social allowance (250 TJS) and tested for hepatitis. 2 clients received the consultations of lawyer, 2 clients were found jobs.

2 Quarter – in the second quarter of the project 7 new female clients entered into program.

All 7 clients received assistance in transportation from prisons to their home places and received social packages. All 5 received pre and post HIV test consultations, they were diagnosed for TB and Hepatitis, received the consultations of specialists of infection diseases, TB specialist. All of them were trained on HIV and TB; received food. 1 client supported in restoration of lost documents. 2 clients received the consultations of lawyer. 1 client joined OST program. 1 client received ultrasonography

3 Quarter – in third quarter 0 START Plus client was registered in report period. By official data of prisons administrations 0 prisoners will release from two pilot colonies until July 31, 2015 (Official letters №5/22- 312 from May 22, 2015 colony 3/6 Yovon and Letter №2/1-5 from May 04, 2015 from colony 3/8 Norak).

4 Quarter - 2 (1f/1m) new START Plus clients joint the program.

Both of them received assistance in transportation from prisons to their home places and received social packages. Two of them were trained on HIV and TB topics, provided with food, tested for HIV, TB and Hepatitis. 1 client received ultrasonography. 1 client received social allowance (250 TJS)

Conclusions of the Year

As the “START Plus” Transitional Client Management Program is focused on prisoners and post –release PWID, PLWH, TB patients and females AFEW –Tajikistan aimed to cover only this group of beneficiaries. Due to amnesty in November 2014 the number of released prisoners in quarters 2, 3 and 4 is considerably decreased. Therefore AFEW-Tajikistan decided to involve all ex-prisoners who need the assistance to get medical, social and legal support. Transitional Client Management Program provided clients with different services including education, counseling, IEC distribution, prerelease planning and preparedness, referrals to services, adherence, health care, social and legal

support. Within START Plus Program AFEW-Tajikistan worked on building the capacity of people who work in the penal system and support the expansion and scale up of access to HIV and TB testing of prisoners within the penal system, and adherence to HIV and TB treatment. For example AFEW-Tajikistan organized “START Plus: transitional client management program” training for 24 specialists working with pre and post-released prisoners. The training was conducted on December 2014 (Quarter 1) The participants were explained that the program begins two months before clients are released and continues with clients for four months in the community after they are released from the correctional facility. It includes six sessions of provision of information on HIV and TB, solving the housing, employment and health problems, and provision of comprehensive package of medical, social and legal support services by referrals to and using resources of civil health and social care providers within partner referral networks in regions.

The regional (Sughd and Khatlon) meetings of Partner Referrals Network and Country Penal TWG meeting with participation of all project stakeholders contribute to establishment of linkage, coordination of service providers and improving the quality of provided services to prisoners and ex-prisoners.

Also organized project monitoring and made recommendations served to improvement the work in the prisons and provision of high quality of services for ex-prisoners.

Problems	Solutions
Необходимо описать, с какими сложностями вы сталкивались в организации социального сопровождения внутри и снаружи, как со стороны персонала колоний, поставщиков услуг на свободе, так и со стороны клиентов	Как именно вы преодолели эти трудности, что пришлось изменить в подходе, в отношениях с людьми, с системой, в методах работы и т.д.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of START Plus clients as per absence of released prisoners during April -September 2015. 	<p>In consultations with AFEW-Kazakhstan it was decided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide client management services to those ex-prisoners directly applied for psychosocial, economic and social support. To provide HCT to soon-to-be released prisoners

Analytical Part

Before	Project intervention	After
Доступ осужденных к услугам по профилактике и лечению ВИЧ		
Lack level of awareness about HIV and its prevention among prisons non-medical workers	Informational sessions on HIV prevention among prisons non-medical workers	The level of awareness of 144 prisons non-medical staff including special-administrative unit workers, guards and operative are increased by 47,8 percent in average
Needs to improve the quality of prisons-based HIV education among prisoners	Education of prisons workers and NGOs staff on organization of HIV prevention mini-trainings among prisoners	The level of knowledge's of 24 local specialist working with prisoners are increased from 29,3% correct answers before to 77,1% correct answers after training.

Lack of access to evidence based information about HIV among prisoners	Mini-trainings on HIV prevention among prisoners	The level of 600 prisoners awareness about ways of HIV transmitting and HIV prevention are increased. The average pre knowledge level was 50/38% and it increased to 93/03% which is in average increase by 42, 65%. Beside of HIV information prisoners provided with information on Hepatitis, STIs and TB and received the distribution of IECs which ensure improvement of access to health and educational information.
Limited resources to provide HTC for prisoners	HIV counseling and testing among prisoners within WAD and after mini-trainings Practical assistance of civilian health specialists within monitoring site visit activities	During amnesty in November 2014, 831 prisoners were tested for HIV and 6 new cases were detected. 66 prisoners were tested for HIV after mini-trainings and 4 new cases were detected, 10 cases were confirmed 95 prisoners received the medical consultation of health specialists.
Качество услуг, предоставляемых осужденным и бывшим осужденным		
Needs to improve the quality of START Plus transitional client management services to pre and post release prisoners	Delivering transitional client management services to pre and post release prisoners	The level of success cases among pre and post release prisoners increased due to qualitative delivery of START Plus transitional client management services. 78,57% or 11 out of 14 START Plus transitional client reported satisfaction with the quality of services provided by the project. The number of prisoners who want to be a part of START Plus program increased from 5 to 14 people.
Needs to improve capacity of local specialists to provide qualitative START Plus transitional client management services to pre and post release prisoners	Education of prisons workers and NGOs staff on delivering transitional client management services to pre and post release prisoners	24 specialists working with pre and post-released prisoners took part at the training The level of knowledge's among training

		participants are increased from 24,5% correct answers before to 41,5% correct answers after training.
Limited access to improve awareness and knowledge of non-medical staff of penal system	Education activities for non-medical staff of penal system The training participants may also informed about the website of AFEW-Tajikistan (www.afew.tj) where medical experts can provide all participants who want to ask health focused questions with qualitative responses.	Beside medical topics AFEW-Tajikistan aimed to provide training for improving the level of awareness on law, advocacy, policies, tolerance and etc. As example "Networking and Rules of Law" training was conducted for law enforcement officers, NGOs and service providers in Dushanbe, Qurgantube and Khudjand.
Координация между службами (УИС, правоохранительные органы, мед учреждения, НПО и др.)		
Needs to improve coordination between penal and civil health sectors and NGOs	Networking and coordination meeting of partner services providers	<p>The coordination meetings of TWG assist to reconcile the joint activities of local CSOs, national health services and international agencies working on HIV prevention in penitentiary institutions. Due to regular communication and discussion of problems in prisons AFEW-Tajikistan started to provide joint mini-trainings to prisoners together with the representatives of regional AID Center. The second achievement of this mutual implementation of activities is providing HCT services to prisons.</p> <p>On September two meetings of regional partners' referrals network were organized in Khujand, Sougd region and in Qurghonteppa, Khatlon region. 51 representatives of Penal system, health system, CSOs of both regions took part in the meetings. The aim of the meetings was to arrange provision of continuous ARV treatment, care and support for prisoners with HIV. This effort allow to make a strong link</p>

		of civilian AIDS centers (MoH) with health department of penal systems (MoJ) on provision counseling, treatment, diagnostic and support services to PLHIV in prisons. The plan of joint activities of penal and civil health organization is developed.
Стигма и дискриминация со стороны тюремного персонала и поставщиков услуг		
n/a		

General Conclusions

Improving cooperation between penal and civil health sectors and NGOs

HIV React Project contributed on enhancing cooperation between Penitentiary System, civil AIDS Centers and local NGOs. As result of collaborative efforts of penal and civil organizations HTC services offered to 100% of prisoners in six biggest colonies of Penitentiary System of Tajikistan. It is very important that Project made possible to organize provision of HTC services to prisoners strongly on voluntary base.

Also in TWG meeting project stakeholders were introduced with joint plans of activities of Penitentiary System and AFEW Tajikistan. This effort was done to avoid the duplication of activities and cooperation between all project partners.

The coordination between civil AIDS and Narcological centers and penitentiary system has been improved. Results of project monitoring visits showed the performance of TWG recommendations. Detected HIV and/or TB patients are timely registering in appropriate centers

Improving prisoners access to HTC services

During the amnesty in November 2014 831 prisoners in two targeted prisons including 100% of released prisoners were tested for HIV and 6 cases were detected. This is the first time experience of provision of HTC services to 100% of prisoners in selected colonies.

The project introduced the innovative way of provision HTC among prisoners after mini-trainings, The invited specialists of AIDS center suggested prisoners to get HTC on voluntary based. In result 66 prisoners passed HTC and 4 new cases were detected and 10 cases were confirmed.

On the initiative of AFEW-Tajikistan there was an official appeal to MoH on introduction of HTC on the bases of POs focused on HIV area and in particular on the bases of AFEW-Tajikistan Representative office in Khatlon region. On September 30, 2015 AFEW received the official response (letter # 96/142) on positive consideration of appeal. Now, POs under the simplified procedure can be authorized to implement this service by contacting the service of state supervision over the activities of the medical centers and the State Sanitary and Epidemiological control.

Improving the level of education between prisoners and START Plus clients

As mentioned before the level of education between prisoners and START Plus program clients increased. This achievement was gained through high quality of educational materials and modules, experienced trainers and distribution of IEC materials. Also the involvement of civilian specialists who provide professional trainings to project beneficiaries contributed to improvement of the level of education.

Improvement of Web platform and IP services

AFEW supported Informational Points actively started their functioning in the report period. The number of received

and answered questions shows that such IPs is indeed necessary and people use these services. Questions can be sent by anonymous senders which provides the confidentiality of person and this ensures the increase number of applicers and their interest to such services.

The project introduces institutional approaches in training of local personnel and the provision of practical assistance to prison based health care workers

By using institutional approaches AFEW-Tajikistan effectively spending USAID funds for developing the capacity of specialists. Instead of short term seminar for narcologists, AFEW-Tajikistan is concluded agreement with Tajik Medical Postgraduate Institute to organize one-month course for 10 narcologists. Specialists who successfully accomplish the course will be provided by official diplomas that help them to apply for increasing the professional category and salary.

Main Challenges for the Next year

Lack of START Plus clients

As per absence of released prisoners during April -September 2015, AFEW-Tajikistan did not cover the targeted indicator for number of prisoners joined START Plus program. In order to resolve this problem AFEW-Tajikistan decided to provide client management services to those ex-prisoners directly applied for psychosocial, economic and social support and allow them to join the program.

The turnover of prison medical workers.

There is a shortage of doctors in prisons of Tajikistan. Both targeted colonies of the project (3/6 and 3/8) have the same problem as there are no specialists with medical higher education The prisoners of both colonies are served by nursing staff. One of two solutions to this problem was to invite the specialists from civil AIDS and TB centers to participate in monitoring visits and provides necessary consultations to the primary medical personnel (nurses and first-aid man) of the colonies. AFEW – Tajikistan assisting to penitentiary system and civilian health services to introduce the mechanism of interaction on provision HIV focused services to prisoners living with HIV and co-infections. Pursuing this goal AFEW-Tajikistan is facilitated the conduction of two meetings of regional partners' referrals network were organized in Khujand, Sougd region and in Qurghonteppa, Khatlon region. The aim of the meetings was to arrange provision of continuous ARV treatment, care and support for prisoners with HIV. This effort allow to make a strong link of civilian AIDS centers (MoH) with health department of penal systems (MoJ) on provision counseling, treatment, diagnostic and support services to PLHIV in prisons. The plan of joint activities of penal and civil health organization is developed.

IP on the base of prison 3/6 in Yovon

The Information Point opened in January 2015 is not functioning at the moment. Due to prison regulations the prisoners are not allowed to use Internet. It was decided to set up the IP in the administrative part of colony. But this still did not work as the IP coordinator cannot enter to the premises as the prison administration locks the door of the premises. The solution was to keep negotiating with prison administration on effectiveness of IP for prisoners. AFEW-Tajikistan explaining the aims and objectives of the work of IP, its procedures of collection of prisoners' questions and importance of IPs services on health promotion in prisons settings for secure and reduce the harm for prisoners' health. The administration of colony promised to put to use IP for prisoners needs.