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We are glad to inform you that from this year the Republican public organization AFEW-Tajikistan (hereinafter referred to as AFEW-Tajikistan) will issue its own newsletter with selection of the most important news of the organization every month.

We bring to your attention the first edition of our newsletter.

RESEARCH

The results of the study "Assessment of Level of Labor Migrants among Drug Users in Pilot Regions of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan", conducted by the Republican public organization AFEW-Tajikistan in 2017, were published in February. This is the first research of this kind that allows to identify the needs and demands of representatives of key populations with experience of traveling abroad for earnings.

The study was conducted under the project "Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations -2.0" with financial support of Netherlands MFA and the UNAIDS Country Office in Tajikistan.



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TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON HIV AND MIGRATION



February 19-20, 2018, AFEW-Tajikistan' employee Saodat Oripova participated in the Technical Workshop on HIV and Migration in Astana, where she presented the research results on assessing the level of labor migration among drug users.

About 100 representatives of state, public and international organizations of Russia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and

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JOINT ACTIVITIES ON TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION IN PRISONS



February 13, 2018, the AFEW-Tajikistan handed over 6900 copies of the brochure "TB Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support" to the Medical Department of the Penitentiary System of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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In the same month, two informational sessions on TB prevention with the participation of 20 non-medical employees of the correctional facility 3/1 in Dushanbe and four sessions for 80 prisoners in colony 3/6 in Yovon and female colony 3/8 in Norak were held under the USAID TB Control Program

PERSONAL STORY

"I can see sun again!"

The story of Takhmina is one of the happy-end stories of a woman caught in a difficult life situation.

Thanks to the socio-medical and legal support of the project " Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations -2.0", Takhmina was able to gain hope and a new look at her future.

Just in 2017, the AFEW-Tajikistan provided assistance to 688 vulnerable women applied for the organization's medical and social services.

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AFEW-TAJIKISTAN WEB PLATFORM

Starting from July 1, 2017, on-line consultations with two new medical experts, a gynecologist and a pediatrician, became available on the Medical Information Portal www.afew.tj. In addition, an

infectious disease specialist, an expert on viral hepatitis, an epidemiologist, an HIV / AIDS expert, a dermatologist-venereologist and a lawyer also provide online consultations.

Since the beginning of 2018, the national medical experts and the lawyer have answered 74 questions of visitors to the AFEW-Tajikistan' web-platform.

Anyone can receive answers to his/her questions by posting them on the Medical Information Portal www.afew.tj.

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CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEES



The potential of the organization's personnel is an important factor for increasing its competitiveness and efficiency. To this end, the AFEW-Tajikistan regularly conducts trainings for its employees. In February 2018, employees were trained on abstract writing.

OUR BENEFICIARIES

Under the project "Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations 2.0» implemented by the AFEW-Tajikistan in February this year, the organization concluded sub-contracts with five public organizations: Amali nek, SVON Plus, Inis, Vita and "Tajikistan

Network of Women living with HIV". Partner public organizations will implement the project aimed to increase access to quality HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services for drug users.

WORKING WITH YOUTH

On February 14, 2018, at the request of the Regional Department of the Ministry of Justice in Khatlon region, the AFEW-Tajikistan's conducted an information session on the topic "HIV and Prevention Measures" with participation of 300 students of the N. Khusrav State University in

Bokhtar city. After the session, 17 students expressed their willingness for voluntary counseling and testing for HIV. No new cases of HIV were detected.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON HIV and AIDS

The VI International Conference on HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia will be conducted on April 18-20, 2018 in Moscow, Russian Federation. The AFEW-Tajikistan's staff prepared the theses "Retention in treatment and increasing adherence" and "Expanding public organizations' capacity on providing HIV counseling and rapid testing services" that have been approved by the organizers for their inclusion to the materials for the 6th International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The XXII International AIDS Conference will be held on July 23-27, 2018 in Amsterdam (Netherlands). In 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Netherlands chose AFEW International to participate in this conference as an organization that actively contribute to Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) involvement in AIDS response. AFEW-Tajikistan is a member of the AFEW Organizations Network, and therefore, is also actively involved in the conference preparations. It is planned that the AFEW-Tajikistan will be represented by two employees who have prepared abstracts for the conference and assisted to develop theses for representatives of three other public organizations – the "Tajikistan Network of Women living with HIV", "Khudjand" and "Solimi".

