



“Strengthen supportive environment and scale up prevention, treatment and care to contain HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan”

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| Name of applicant: | AIDS Foundation East-West Tajikistan (<i>AFEW-Tajikistan</i>) | |
| Title of the action: | “Strengthen supportive environment and scale up prevention, treatment and care to contain HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan” | |
| Location(s) of the action: | The Republic of Tajikistan | |
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| SR Funds | \$ 116,000,00 | 100% |
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PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT QI
(February 01-March 31, 2014)

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RPO “AIDS Foundation East West Tajikistan”(AFEW-Tajikistan) is pleased to report on the results and achievements of the “Strengthen supportive environment and scale up prevention treatment, and care to contain HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan” Project, supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and malaria, during February 01 - March 31, 2014

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFEW-Tajikistan’s primary achievements under “Strengthen supportive environment and scale up prevention, treatment and care to contain HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan” Project from February 01 to March 31, 2014 are as follows:

- 206 vulnerable women including 125 sex workers (60,7%) were covered with HIV prevention services during reporting period;
- 206 PLWH were provided with quality treatment, care and prevention of co-infection services;
- 267 informational-educational materials and 12373 prevention materials (condoms) were distributed among Project beneficiaries;
- 22 peer consultants, social and outreach workers and medical specialists from partner organizations were trained on adherence to ARV treatment, care and support.

2. PROGRESS REPORT

AFEW is proud to report on the following “Strengthen supportive environment and scale up prevention treatment, and care to contain HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan” project achievements according to its key 2 project objectives as shown below:

Result 1: NGO staff and selected health care workers increased the capacity to provide services on adherence and client management of people living with HIV.

Activity 2.2. Adherence to ARV treatment, care and support for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers.

- *The ‘Adherence to ARV treatment, care and support’ training with participation of 22 social/outreach workers, peer consultants and medical specialists from partner organizations was conducted on March 3-14, 2014 in Dushanbe. Educational activity was provided with involvement of Republican AIDS Centre specialists. Participants were trained in accordance with purposes and principles of antiretroviral (ARV) therapy.*

Result 2: Improved access and quality of health care and social services for people living with HIV within the pilot regions.

Activity 2.3. Sub-grants to CSOs working with PLHIV.

- *AFEW-Tajikistan continues providing of methodological assistance and sub-grants to NGO “Guli Surkh” (Dushanbe), “Orzu+” (Qurghon-Teppa, Khatlon province), “SVON Plus” (Kulob, Khatlon province) and “Rohi zindagi” (Chkalovsk, Sughd Province). 206 PLWH received quality services, counseling on ARV-therapy adherence and prevention of co-infection, and passed TB screening. 96 PLHIV passed CD 4 screening and 12 started ARV treatment.*

Activity 2.4. Sub-grant for one women's center

- *AFEW-Tajikistan continues supporting of PO "Nakukor" (Kulob, Khatlon province) in further developing of Women Support Centre. Two other NGO -which working with people living with HIV 'Orzu+' and Rohi zindagi' also provide services for vulnerable women. Altogether, they covered 206 women, including 125 sex workers. 60 (29,1%) vulnerable women passed HIV testing. 3 vulnerable women passed TB screening and 1 cases of TB are revealed.*

3. PROGRAM RESULTS AND INDICATORS

Below is the table with Project results and indicators achieved during the period from February 01 - March 31, 2014:

Table #1: Outputs and results (planned and fact) from February 01 - March 31, 2014

| Activity | Planned | Fact Quarter I report | Actual (from the beginning of the Project) |
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| Result 1 : NGO staff and selected health care workers increased the capacity to provide services on adherence and client management of people living with HIV | | | |
| 2.1. Client Management trainings for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers | 60 | - | - |
| 2.2. Adherence to ARV treatment, care and support for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers. | 20 | 22 | 22 (110,0%) |
| 2.5. Development and dissemination of Manual for local specialists working with PLHIV. | 400 | - | - |
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| Result 2 Improved access and quality of health care and social services for people living with HIV within the pilot regions | | | |
| 2.3. Sub-grants to CSOs working with PLWH | 1319 | 206 | 206 (15,6%) |
| 2.4. Sub-grant for one women's center | 1081 | 206 | 206 (19,1%) |
| 2.6. Development and dissemination of brochure for final beneficiaries. | 5500 | - | - |
| 2.7. Awareness raising activities on improving access to services for PLHIV | 3000 | - | - |
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Table #2. Indicators plan

| Indicator | Targets | | |
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| | Plan | Quarter I Report | From the beginning of the Project |
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| Number of trained specialists and NGO staff | 80 (cumulative) | 22 | 22 (27,5%) |
| % of post training correct answers among training participants. | >70% | 79,2% | 79,2% |
| Number of manuals developed, approved and disseminated | 1 | - | - |
| The number of PLHIV and vulnerable women who received at least three types of project services. | 2400 (cumulative) | 412 | 412 (17,2%) |
| % of PLHIV passed to CD4, diagnostic and/or treatment for TB and opportunistic infections. | >80%(1055, cumulative) | 143 | 143 (13,6%) |
| % of Client Management Program participants (PLHIV and vulnerable women) who positive evaluate the quality and access to services. | > 90% (2160, cumulative) | 365 | 365 (16,9%) |
| % of vulnerable women passed HIV testing and know it's status during reporting period | >60%(649, cumulative) | 60 | 60 (9,2%) |
| Number of IEC materials developed and disseminated among final beneficiaries | 1 | - | - |
| Number of people informed about HIV and available services | 3000 (cumulative) | - | - |

4. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- *Activity 2.8. «Technical assistance and monitoring site visits» (\$ 401.20) wasn't conducted during report period. AFEW received UNDP's official permission to transfer this event to the 2nd quarter of 2014.*

5. PLANS FOR THE QUARTER II

- *Continue providing of methodical, technical, material and financial support to Project sub-grantees;*
- *Conduct regional training in Dushanbe on 'Client Management' trainings for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers (Activity 2.1.);*
- *Conduct awareness raising activities devoted to Candlelight Memorial Day (3rd Sunday of May) (Activity 2.7.);*
- *Conduct technical assistance and monitoring site visits to partner organizations for program, administrative and, financial management (Activity 2.8.).*

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

There are some deviations in expenditure of finance, which occurred due to the following reasons:

- *Activity 2.8. «Technical assistance and monitoring site visits» (\$ 401.20) wasn't conducted during report period as it was planned before, due to inexpediency providing of partner work monitoring in a such early stage. This activity will be conducted in Q2. Official permission of UNDP is available.*

- *Difference on budget line 2.3 Sub-grants to CSOs working with PLHIV is caused by numerical mistake while transfer of advance amount to sub-sub-grantee: 9635.50 TJS was transferred to NGO Orzu+ instead of 6935.50 TJS. Relevant refund request was sent to the sub-sub-grantee. The misbalance will be corrected in the next quarter.*

Please see Appendix # 1 for a full financial report.