



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

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PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT QIII
(July 01 – September 30, 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 July 01 - September 30, 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 July 01 to September 30, 2014 are as follows:

- *370 vulnerable women, including 217 sex workers (58,6%), were covered with HIV prevention services during reporting period;*
- *339 PLHIV received quality services on ARV-therapy adherence and prevention of co-infections;*
- *328 informational-educational materials and 27360 prevention materials (condoms) were distributed among Project beneficiaries;*
- *21 peer consultants, social and outreach workers from partner organizations were trained on Client management work with PLHIV;*
- *The 'Client management on HIV prevention among vulnerable groups of population' Guide has been prepared for publication and submitted for further printing to UNDP*
- *The booklet "Adherence to ART" for PLHIV developed and submitted for further printing to UNDP.*

2. PROGRESS REPORT

AFEW is proud to report on the following project activities:

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 2.1. “Client Management” trainings for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers.

- *The ‘Client Management work with PLHIV’ training with participation of 21 social, outreach workers and peer consultants from 11 partner organizations was conducted on August 21-22, 2014 in Qurghon-Teppa. Participants were trained in client management work with PLHIV and organizing self-help groups. Mr. T. Norkulov (Khatlon province AIDS Centre) and Mrs. S. Oripova (AFEW – Tajikistan, Trainer) facilitated training.*

Activity 2.5. Development and dissemination of Manual for local specialists working with PLHIV.

- *The Guide 'Client management on HIV prevention among vulnerable groups of population' was passed to UNDP Tajikistan GFATM GIU for further printing and dissemination among beneficiaries.*

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.

- NGO ‘Guli Surkh’ (Dushanbe), ‘Orzu+’ (Qurghon-Teppa, Khatlon province), ‘SVON Plus’ (Kulob, Khatlon province) and ‘Rohi zindagi’ (Chkalovsk, Sughd Province) continued their work on providing of access of PLHIV on treatment, care, support and prevention of opportunistic diseases and co-infections services.
- 339 PLHIV received quality services on ARV-therapy adherence and prevention of co-infections. 138 passed TB screening and 5 cases of TB are revealed. 177 PLHIV passed CD 4 screening and 65 started ARV treatment.

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

- NGO ‘Nakukor’ paid attention on HIV prevention among vulnerable women in Kulob. Two other NGOs - ‘Orzu+’ and ‘Rohi zindgi’ also provided services for vulnerable women. Altogether, they covered 370 women, including 217 (58,6%) sex workers. 232 (62,7%) vulnerable women passed HIV testing. 7 vulnerable women passed TB screening and 1 cases of TB are revealed.

Activity 2.6. Development and dissemination of brochure for final beneficiaries.

- The booklet "Adherence to ART" was passed to UNDP Tajikistan GFATM GIU for printing and further dissemination among beneficiaries;

Activity 2.7. Awareness raising activities on improving access to services for PLHIV.

- AFEW – Tajikistan developed Plan on providing of "HIV Testing Week" activities, dedicated to the World AIDS Day. This plan was approved by Republican AIDS Center.

3. PROGRAM RESULTS AND INDICATORS

Below is the table with Project results and indicators achieved during the period from July 01 – September 30, 2014:

Table #1: Outputs and results (planned and fact) from July 01 – September 30, 2014

Activity	Planned	Fact Quarter III report	Actual (from the beginning of the Project)
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	21	41 (68,3%)
2.2. Adherence to ARV treatment, care and support	20	22	22 (110,0%)

	for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers.			
2.5.	Development and dissemination of Manual for local specialists working with PLHIV.	400	-	-
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 PLHIV (The number of PLHIV who received at least three types of project services).	1319	339	929 (70,4%)
2.4.	Sub-grant for one women's center (The number of vulnerable women who received at least three types of project services).	1081	370	905 (83,7%)
2.6.	Development and dissemination of brochure for final beneficiaries.	5500	-	-
2.7.	Awareness raising activities on improving access to services for PLHIV (Number of people informed about HIV and available services)	3000		3109 (103,6%)

Table #2. Indicators plan

Indicator	Targets		
	Plan	Quarter III Report	From the beginning of the Project
Number of trained specialists and NGO staff	80 (cumulative)	21	63 (78,75%)
% of post training correct answers among training participants.	>70%	81,4%	67,75%
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)	709	1834 (76,4%)
% of PLHIV passed to CD4, diagnostic and/or treatment for TB and opportunistic infections.	>80% (1055, cumulative)	177	666 (63,1%)
% of Client Management Program participants (PLHIV and vulnerable women) who positive evaluate the quality and access to services.	> 90% (2160, cumulative)	697 (98,3% of the total coverage of the target group)	1760 (81,5% of the total coverage of the target group)

% of vulnerable women passed HIV testing and know it's status during reporting period	>60%(649, cumulative)	232 (62,7%)	423 (65,2%)
Number of IEC materials developed and disseminated among final beneficiaries	1	-	-
Number of people informed about HIV and available services	3000 (cumulative)		3109 (103,6%)

4. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- *Activity 2.8. «Technical assistance and monitoring site visits» (\$ 401.20) wasn't conducted during report period, AFEW-Tajikistan decided to conduct program and financial monitoring of AFEW-Tajikistan sub-grantees activities simultaneously with monitoring of HIV Testing Week activities planned in November and received UNDP's official permission to transfer this event to 4-th quarter, 2014.*

5. PLANS FOR THE QUARTER IV

- *Continue providing of methodical, technical, material and financial support to Project sub-grantees;*
- *Conduct regional training in Khujand on 'Client Management' trainings for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers (Activity 2.1.);*
- *Conduct awareness raising activities devoted to the World AIDS Day (November 24-29, 2014 "HIV testing week ") (Activity 2.7.);*
- *Conduct technical assistance and monitoring of partner organizations activities in the frame of the project (Activity 2.8.).*

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see Appendix # 1 for a full financial report.