



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

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”	
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**PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT QII**  
(April 01-June 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 April 01 - June 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 April 01 to June 30, 2014 are as follows:

- 329 vulnerable women including 162 sex workers (49,2%) were covered with HIV prevention services during reporting period;
- 384 PLHIV were provided with quality treatment, care and prevention of co-infection services;
- 741 informational-educational materials and 25187 prevention materials (condoms) were distributed among Project beneficiaries;
- 20 peer consultants, social and outreach workers from partner organizations were trained on work with PLHIV, using Client Management method;
- 3109 people are reached by awareness raising activities, counseling and HIV information in the frame of International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day;

## 2. PROGRESS REPORT

AFEW is proud to report on the following achievements according to 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 2.1. “Client Management” trainings for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers.

- The ‘Client Management work with PLHIV’ training with participation of 20 social, outreach workers and peer consultants from 10 partner organizations was conducted on May 23-34, 2014 in Dushanbe. Participants were trained on client management work with PLHIV and organizing self-help groups. External experts Mr. V. Malchikov (AFEW Kazakhstan Trainer) and Mrs. G. Mamadnazarova (Republican AIDS Centre) facilitated training.

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

- The updated version of ‘Client management on HIV prevention among vulnerable groups of population’ Guide was approved for publication by Tajikistan Ministry of Health and Social Protection.

**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.

- 4 partner organizations: (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 access of PLHIV to services on treatment, care, support and prevention of opportunistic diseases and co-infections. 384 PLHIV received quality services, counseling on ARV-therapy adherence and prevention of co-infection, and 118 passed TB screening and 5 cases of TB are revealed. 200 PLHIV passed CD 4 screening and 21 started ARV treatment.

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

- NGO ‘Nakukor’ and its partners: “Orzu+” and “Rohi zindgi” provide prevention services for vulnerable women. Altogether, they covered 329 women, including 162 sex workers. 131 (39,8%) vulnerable women passed HIV testing. 6 vulnerable women passed TB screening and new cases of TB are not revealed.

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

- In May 2014 “AFEW-Tajikistan” in close collaboration with regional AIDS and Healthy Lifestyle centers, local NGOs carried out awareness-raising campaign in five cities (Dushanbe, Khujand, Panjakent, Kulob, Qurghon-Teppa), devoted to the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day. In the course of actions, the mobile units of AIDS center provided pre-/post-test counseling and HIV testing to 156 general populations. Furthermore, three children living with HIV and 38 families affected by HIV infection were handed food parcels and hygiene kits. Overall 3109 people participated in these actions. Information about campaign was published in local newspapers and radio.

<http://www.afew.tj/ru/chm/news/meropriyatiya-priurochennye-mezhdunarodnomu-dnyu-pamyati-lyudey-umershih-ot-spida>

Activity 2.8. Technical assistance and monitoring site visits.

- On April 17-23, 2014 Technical assistance and monitoring site visits was conducted to partner organizations: NGOs ‘Guli surkh’ (Dushanbe), ‘Orzu plus’ (Qurghon-Teppa, Khatlon province), ‘SVON Plus’ (Kulob, Khatlon province), ‘Rohi zindagi’ (Chkalovsk, Sughd Province) and ‘Nakukor’ (Kulob, Khatlon province. Partners were provided with needed recommendations on organizations’ capacity building, on proper program and financial/administrative management.

**3. PROGRAM RESULTS AND INDICATORS**

Below is the table with Project results and indicators achieved during Q2 and from the project beginning.

Table #1: Outputs and results (planned and fact).

Activity	Planned	Fact	Actual (from
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			Quarter II report	the beginning of the Project)
<b>Result 1</b>	: 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	20	20 (33,3%)
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	-	-
<b>Result 2</b>	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	1319	384	590 (44,7%)
2.4.	Sub-grant for one women's center	1081	329	535 (49,5%)
2.6.	Development and dissemination of brochure for final beneficiaries.	5500	-	-
2.7.	Awareness raising activities on improving access to services for PLHIV	3000	3109	3109 (103.6%)

Table #2. Indicators plan

Indicator	Targets		
	Plan	Quarter II Report	From the beginning of the Project
Number of trained specialists and NGO staff	80 (cumulative)	42	42 (52,5%)
% of post training correct answers among training participants.	>70%	28,8%	54,1%
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)	713	1125 (46,9%)
% of PLHIV passed to CD4, diagnostic and/or treatment for TB and opportunistic infections.	>80% (1055, cumulative)	346	489 (46,4%)
% of Client Management Program participants (PLHIV and vulnerable women) who positive evaluate the quality and access to services.	> 90% (2160, cumulative)	698 (97,9% of the total coverage of the target group)	1063 (94,5% of the total coverage of the target group)
% of vulnerable women passed HIV testing and	>60%(649,	131	191

know it's status during reporting period	cumulative)	(39,8%)	(35,7%)
Number of IEC materials developed and disseminated among final beneficiaries	1	-	-
Number of people informed about HIV and available services	3000 (cumulative)	3109	3109 (103,6%)

#### 4. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

#### 5. PLANS FOR THE QUARTER III

- *Continue providing of methodical, technical, material and financial support to Project sub-grantees;*
- *Conduct regional training in Qurghon-Teppa on 'Client Management' trainings for NGO staff, counselors and healthcare providers (Activity 2.1.);*
- *The Guide 'Client management on HIV prevention among vulnerable groups of population' will be passed to UNDP Tajikistan GFATM GIU for further printing and dissemination among beneficiaries (Activity 2.5.);*
- *The booklet "Adherence to ART" will be passed to UNDP Tajikistan GFATM GIU for printing and further dissemination among beneficiaries (Activity 2.6.);*
- *Conduct technical assistance and monitoring site visits to partner organizations for program, administrative and, financial management (Activity 2.8.).*

#### 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

*There were no deviations from the general budget during the reporting period from April 01 to June 30, 2014.*

*Please see Appendix # 1 for a full financial report.*