



“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
(October 01– December 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 October 01– December 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 October 01 to December 31, 2014 are as follows:

- *332 vulnerable women, including 143 sex workers (43,1%), were covered with HIV prevention services during reporting period;*
- *351 PLHIV received quality services on ARV-therapy adherence and prevention of co-infections;*
- *11608 informational-educational materials and 20710 prevention materials (condoms) were distributed among Project beneficiaries;*
- *22 peer consultants, social and outreach workers from partner organizations were trained on Client management work with PLHIV;*
- *6955 people are reached by awareness raising activities, counseling and HIV information during "HIV Testing Week" devoted to the World AIDS Day.*

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.

- *‘Client Management work with PLHIV’ training was conducted on November 20-21, 2014 in Khujand. 22 social specialists, outreach workers and peer consultants from 16 partner organizations were trained in client management work with PLHIV and organizing self-help groups and exchanged experience. Mr. A. Abduganiev (Sugd province AIDS Centre) and Mr. V. Magkoev (National trainer) facilitated this training.*

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.

- *359 PLHIV received quality services on ARV-therapy adherence and prevention of co-infections. 178 clients passed TB screening and 1 TB case is revealed. 259 PLHIV passed CD 4 screening and 59 of them started ARV treatment.*

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

- *NGO ‘Nakukor’ continued its efforts on HIV prevention among vulnerable women in Kulob. Two other NGOs - ‘Orzu+’ and ‘Rohi zindgi’ also provided services for vulnerable women. Altogether, they covered 332 women, including 143 (43,1%) sex workers. 175 (52,7%) vulnerable women passed HIV testing. 5 vulnerable women passed TB screening.*

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

- *AFEW-Tajikistan in collaboration with the Republican AIDS Centre organized during November 24-29, 2014 joint activities in the frame of “ HIV Testing Week” campaign. 6955 people received HIV related information and 3634 of them were reached by voluntary counseling and testing. As a result 10 new HIV cases were detected.*
***Note:** HIV Testing Week was conducted in 5 regions of Tajikistan in cooperation with five local NGOs (“Guli surkh”, Dushanbe, “SPIN Plus”, Vahdat, “Pohi zindagi”, Khujand, “SVON Plus”, Kulob and “Buzurg”, Panjakent) and regional AIDS centers facilities. During the campaign general population has opportunity to receive VCT and informational materials on HIV, TB and Hepatitis prevention and treatment, to become acquainted with public organizations work on delivering of needed services for key populations.*

Activity 2.8. Technical assistance and monitoring site visits,

- *Technical assistance and monitoring of partner organizations work were conducted on November 21, 25 and December 2-4, 2014. During monitoring AFEW specialists discussed with partners issues related to expanding of partner network, organizations’ capacity building, difficulties and challenges overcoming. In addition, recommendations on proper program and financial/administrative management were provided.*

3. PROGRAM RESULTS AND INDICATORS

Below is the table with Project results and indicators achieved during the period: October 01– December 31, 2014:

Table #1: Outputs and results (planned and fact) from October 01– December 31, 2014

Activity	Planned	Fact Quarter IV 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	22	63 (105,0%)
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	-	-
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	351	1280 (92,0%)
2.4.	Sub-grant for one women's center (The number of vulnerable women who received at least three types of project services).	1081	332	1237 (114,4%)
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	6955	10064 (335,5%)

Table #2. Indicators plan

Indicator	Targets		
	Plan	Quarter IV Report	From the beginning of the Project
Number of trained specialists and NGO staff	80 (cumulative)	22	85 (106,25%)
% of post training correct answers among training participants.	>70%	71,5%	65,2%
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)	683	2517 (104,88%)
% of PLHIV passed to CD4, diagnostic and/or treatment for TB and opportunistic infections.	>80% (1055, cumulative)	437	1103 (104,5%)
% of Client Management Program participants	> 90% (2160,	679	2439

(PLHIV and vulnerable women) who positive evaluate the quality and access to services.	cumulative)	(99,4 % of the total coverage of the target group)	(96,9 % 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)	175 (52,7%)	598 (55,3%)
Number of IEC materials developed and disseminated among final beneficiaries	1	-	-
Number of people informed about HIV and available services	3000 (cumulative)	6955	10064 (335,5%)

4. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- *'Client management on HIV prevention among vulnerable groups of population' Manual and "Adherence to ART" booklet for PLHIV were not distributed in time, as AFEW-Tajikistan did not receive these materials from UNDP. UNDP PIU promised to transfer before mentioned IEC materials to AFEW in January 2015.*
- *Unfortunately only 52,7% (instead of 60%) of passed VCT vulnerable women know their status. This was a consequence of weak motivation of vulnerable women. AFEW-Tajikistan plans to strength outreach work among vulnerable women.*
- *% of post training correct answers among training participants is 65,2, instead of 70%. Low level of correct answers was caused by the fact that the questionnaires were in Russian, and many participants do not know Russian language. In connection with this at present all questionnaires are in both languages - Russian and Tajik.*

5. PLANS FOR THE QUARTER V

- *Continue realization of project activities, according to WP;*

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see Appendix # 1 for a full financial report.