



QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORT

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Highlighted Accomplishments

Indicator	Plan (total Y1-Y2)	Report for Year 1	5 quarter (Oct-Dec,15)	6 quarter (Jan-Mar, 16)	7 quarter (Apr-May,16)	Total
1. Reduced HIV transmission in former prisoners						
1-b. The Project strategy is approved on the national level	1	1	-			100%
2. Reduced risky behavior practiced by former prisoners						
2-a. % of transitional prisoners reporting use of safe sex practices	-	100% (1m/11f)	100% (3m/0f)			100% (4m/11f)
2-b. % of transitional prisoners reporting use of safe drug use practices	-	100% 1m/1f -	100% (2m/0f)			100% (3m/1f)
3. Strengthened prison-based HIV prevention, treatment, and care services for PWID, PLWH						
3-a. % of transitional prisoners reporting that prison-based HIV services had improved due to HIV REACT activities in the facility	>75%	100 % (2m/12f)	0			100% (2m/12f)
4. Improved knowledge, attitude, and behavior of prison staff, general prisoners and transitional prisoners toward HIV and PLWH						
4-a. % of prison staff of HIV services passing the post-training exam	180	100%	0			66,7%
4-b. # pf prisoners trained in HIV and HR	820	580 (300m/ 280f)	180 (120m/60f)			760 (420m/34)

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4-c % of transitional prisoners who are able to correctly identify HIV transmission routes and deny major myths about HIV transmission	>75%	100% (2m/12f)	83,33% (10m/0f)			46,15% (12m/12f)
5. High-quality transitional services established for PLWH and PWID						
5-a. % of transitional prisoners reporting satisfaction with the services provided by the project at prison facility	>76%	100% (2m/12f)	0			100% (2m/12f)
5-b. # of transitional prisoners reached by transitional client management services (New clients)	20	14 (2m/12f)	12 (12m/0f)			26 (14m/12f)
5-c. # of transitional prisoners referred and tested for TB in the last 12 months	15	14 (2m/12f)	11 (11m/0f)			25 (13m/12f)
5-d. % of transitional prisoners referred and tested for HIV in the last 12 months	75%	100 % (2 m/ 12f)	91,67% (11m/0 f)			65,38% (14m/12f)
5-e. # of transitional prisoners who received psycho-social counseling	20	14 (2m/12f)	12 (12m/0f)			26 (14m/12f)
6. Evidence-based and Human Rights-based HIV prevention, treatment and care services provided outside of prison facilities to transitional prisoners						
6-a. # trainings and mini-sessions conducted for providers of HIV services to transitional prisoners	12	13	-			13
6-b. # of specialists trained in evidence-based and Human Rights-based service provision	200	216	-			216
7. Strengthen evidence-based advocacy, policies, and strategic planning related to country ownership and expansion of HIV programs in prisons and coordination between narcology and AIDS centers						
7-a. % of recommendations made by the HIV REACT-established (Technical Working Group) TWG that have been successfully implemented	>70%	100%	0			
Number of clients (PWID)		4	4			8
Number of clients (PLHIV)		1	1			2
Number of HIV cases detected among project clients		1	1			2
Number of TB cases detected among project clients		1	0			1

Activities Description for Qr5 Y2

№	Name	Date	Place	Outputs / Outcomes
1.	<p>Delivering START Plus services for beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Series of 9 informational mini-trainings on HIV prevention have been conducted among 180 (120m and 60 f) prisoners in two colonies of Khatlon region • 12 released prisoners joined START Plus program 	<p>October - December 2015</p> <p><i>See detail info in section “Mini-trainings in prisons”</i></p>		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 prisoners trained on HIV prevention • Civilian doctors provided individual consultations on VCT to 29 prisoners and 8 prisoners were tested for HIV. 0 cases were identified. • 12 released prisoners including 1 PLHIV, 4 PWID and 0 female ex-prisoners covered by START Plus services <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 ex-prisoners knew their status regarding HIV, TB, STIs • 12 ex-prisoners started to receive the services according their service plans: all 12 clients received HCT, diagnosed for TB. All clients participated in the trainings on HIV and TB prevention, 11 clients filled the pre and post knowledge evaluation and received social packages. 1 client received all necessary medical examination and joined OST program. 1 client received legal consultation on restoring passport. 12 prisoners received consultation of medical specialists • The level of prisoners’ awareness on HIV prevention was increased from 48,12% to 81,07 %.
2.	<p>Conduct 2 annual awareness raising events among general prisoners devoted to WAD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with the Project Work plan for November 2015, AFEW-Tajikistan was planned to organize WAD events among 500 prisoners in two colonies (3/6 in Yovon and 3/8 in Norak) of Khatlon region.. • AFEW-Tajikistan social workers and 	<p>24-25 November 2015</p>	<p>Yovon Norak</p>	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 511 prisoners informed about HIV prevention, the ways of HIV transmission • 511 IEC materials on HIV prevention and available services in transitional period were distributed among prisoners. • 462 prisoners were reached

	<p>specialists of Khatlon regional AIDS center organized HIV counseling and testing among prisoners in two colonies of Khatlon region (3/6 and 3/8).</p>			<p>by VCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 new HIV cases were detected and under review and final confirmation of AIDS Center's specialists <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prisoners' awareness about HIV on health promotion in penal system and decreasing possible cases of stigma and discrimination towards PLWH is improved. 4 prisoners with newly detected cases of HIV through rapid-testing were provided by post –test counseling and tested for immunoblotting. One of the results of immunoblotting is negative. Other results are still under research of AIDS center.
3.	<p>Conduct field monitoring visits to project sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On November 05, 2015 Mrs. Khadija Majidi, Director, Office of Health and Education, USAID/Central Asia and Samantha Huffman, Infection Disease Advisor USAID/Tajikistan visited AFEW-Tajikistan office and discussed the project progress and informed about further USAID plans and priorities. On 09 December 2015 the HIV React Project specialists visited the AFEW-Tajikistan Branch in Khatlon region and provided technical support on program issues and MIS data base management. 	<p>05 November 2015</p> <p>09 December 2015</p>		<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 recommendations on improving the quality of work and services provided were developed during 2 monitoring visits <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of recommendations made are executed MIS data based is checked and corrected
5.	<p>Develop 1 system of exchanging information (web platform and team of experts).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The www.afew.tj Informational medical online web platform provides its services to local health care providers and NGO through website and two Informational Points. Two informational Points continuing providing informational services on the base of PO "Vita" in Dushanbe and PO "Hayoti nav" in Khujand. 	<p>October 01-December 31, 2015</p>	<p>Khujand and Dushanbe</p>	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 354 answers on 459 questions were provided through web Platform during October – December 2015. IP on the basis of colony 3/6 will start its work <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare the number of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In coordination with administration of prison facility 3/6 the candidature of coordinator of IP was nominated and preparation of service-agreement is started. On December 29, 2015 nominated IP coordinator received appropriate induction on IP management and reporting. 			<p>questions and answers for the first year (2014-2015) the received questions and provided answers for the last quarter increased for 75 %.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of clients use the services of IP based in POs “Hayoti nav” and “Vita”
6.	<p>Intersectorial Policies and Guidelines for specialists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing START Plus Program into practices of Penitentiary System of Tajikistan 	October-December 2015	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <p>During October-December, 2015 updated version of AFEW-Tajikistan Guideline “Organization of START Plus: transitional client management services in the Republic of Tajikistan, those approved by Penitentiary System were translated into Tajik Language. The signal version of Guideline in Tajik and Russian languages was approved and passed for printing.</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be highlighted in next report period
7.	<p>Conduct national seminar-training for narcologists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two courses (“HIV and co- infections” and “Addiction, OST and rehabilitation”) for 10 medical workers of penitentiary system were launched on 17th of October 2015. The duration of courses was 156 hours which was one month. At course launch, AFEW-Tajikistan introduced participants with the aims and objectives of HIV React Project, the aims and objectives of courses, teaching staff and requirements related with participation of courses. On 16 of December,2015 the courses have been completed. 	17 November – 16 December 2015	Dushanbe	<p>Output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 medical staff of penal system participated in one month course on “HIV and co-infection” 5 medical staff of penal system participated in one month course on “Addiction, OST and rehabilitation” 100% or 10 participants completed the course and received certificates of the established sample <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The level of knowledge of participants of HIV course increased by 62,34% The level of knowledge of participants of courses for addiction increased by 33,55% The medical staff of the prisons are able to use the

				<p>knowledge gained at the thematic cycle "HIV infection and opportunistic infections" and "Addiction, OST and rehabilitation" in professional communication with health professionals of post diploma institution for health specialists of RT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increased level and gained new knowledge on HIV may contribute on early detection of HIV in prisons and qualitative treatment and care. • Patients with newly detected HIV may get timely treatment and adhere support • The increased level and gained new knowledge on addiction will contribute on the improvement of the qualitative treatment of PUDs in prisons. • In case of introducing of OST program in prisons educated medical personnel of prisons will be able to provide support to OST patients.
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START plus implementation

Mini-trainings in prisons

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9 mini-trainings among 180 prisoners including 60 female prisoners were conducted by AFEW-Tajikistan Representative Office in Khatlon. Mini-trainings on HIV prevention were conducted among prisoners in colony 3/6 in Yovon and in female colony 3/8 in Norak.

Date	Number of participants in colony 3/6	The average pre training evaluation in colony 3/6	The average post training evaluation in colony 3/6
06.10.2015	20 prisoners	50,4%,	77, 0%.
04.11.2015.	20 prisoners	50,4%,	89,5%
17.11.2015	20 prisoners	42,7%,	93,2%,

08.12.2015	20 prisoners	38,6%,	92,7 %.
15.12.2015.	20 prisoners	29,5%,	92,7 %.
15.12.2015.	20 prisoners	52,3%,	93,2%.
Date	Number of participants in colony 3/8	The average pre training evaluation in female colony 3/8	The average post training evaluation in female colony 3/8
06.10.2015	20 prisoners	39.7%,	88, 2%.
04.11.2015.	20 prisoners	51,8%	97,7%
18.12.2015	20 prisoners	77,7%	89,5%
Problems		Solutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low level of knowledge and professional skills of prisons workers in the field of HIV infection, its prevention, treatment, care and importance of adherence to ARV • Low collaboration of civil medical institutions and medical specialists of prisons 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFEW-Tajikistan organized one month course for 5 prison medical staff on HIV –prevention and for other 5 prison medical staff on Addiction, OST and rehabilitation based on Tajik post diploma institution for health specialists under the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tajikistan. • AFEW-Tajikistan provided technical assistance to Medical Department of Penitentiary System on introducing practical mechanisms of interaction between penal and civil health sectors including AIDS, TB, narcology services and NGOs. • Civilian health specialist (AIDS Centers) are regularly invited to provide HIV education, counseling and ART support in prisons. 	
Transitional case management			
Achievements			

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According official letters from colonies 3/6 in Yovon and 3/8 in Norak 31 prisoners had to be realized during October 01- December 31, 2015. All 31 pre-release prisoners were reached by information about available services in discharge planning period and provided by HTC.

As result 12 released prisoners including 4 PWID and 1 PLHIV were join the START Plus program. Project assisted them in transportation from prisons to their home places.

Other 18 ex-prisoners released from prisons in the period of October – December 2015 live in other regions of Tajikistan. Therefore they are provided with information on services provided by other project partners PO “Vita” in Dushanbe and “Hayoty Nav” in Khujand. 1 pre-release prisoner was not released from prison and still in prison now.

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1 ex-prisoner has completed the START Plus program. The client received the trainings on HIV prevention, TB, Hepatitis and addiction. Also the clients received medical diagnostic and know about his health status. The client got transportation support, unemployment benefit and successfully accomplished the program.

Problems	Solutions
n/a	n/a

Analytical Part

Before	Project intervention	After
Доступ осужденных к услугам по профилактике и лечению ВИЧ		
Low level of professional skills of prisons medical workers on HIV and drugs addictions treatment, care and support.	AFEW-Tajikistan organized two one- month courses for 10 prison medical staff “HIV infection and opportunistic infections” and “Addiction, OST and rehabilitation” based on Tajik post diploma institution for health specialists under the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tajikistan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The level of knowledge of prison medical workers on “HIV infection and opportunistic infections” was increased by 62,34%• The level of knowledge of prison medical workers on “Addiction, OST and rehabilitation” was increased by 33,55% The quality of health services in prisons may improve and prisoners may to get qualitative medical services inside the prisons.
Качество услуг, предоставляемых осужденным и бывшим осужденным		

Needs to improve the quality of START Plus transitional client management services to pre and post release prisoners	<i>AFEW-Tajikistan updated the Guideline “Organization of START Plus: transitional client management services in the Republic of Tajikistan”. Approved version of guideline was translated into Tajik language and passed for printing. The Guideline will be published in Tajik and Russian languages and distributed among prisons.</i>	Works is going on
Координация между службами (УИС, правоохранительные органы, мед учреждения, НПО и др.)		
Needs to improve coordination between penal and civil health sectors and NGOs	<i>AFEW-Tajikistan provided technical assistance to Medical Department of Penitentiary System on introducing practical mechanisms of interaction between penal and civil health sectors including AIDS, TB, narcology services and NGOs. Upon its approval, the joint Plan may contribute on increasing tight collaboration of civil and penal health services.</i>	Process is going on
Стигма и дискриминация со стороны тюремного персонала и поставщиков услуг		
Improving prisoners awareness about HIV and decreasing possible cases of stigma and discrimination towards PLWH	<i>AFEW-Tajikistan and Khatlon regional AIDS center organized HIV counseling and testing among prisoners in two colonies of Khatlon region (3/6 and 3/8). 511 prisoners of both provided with information on HIV</i>	The level of prisoners awareness on HIV prevention is increased by about 33%.

General Conclusions

- Improving the level of prisoners awareness about HIV –

The MIS data base report for Qr5 Year2 is shown increasing the level of prisoners awareness on HIV prevention from 48,12% correct answers before education to 81,07% correct answers after education.

- Initiation of dialogue between penal and civilian health sectors on neediness of development of united strategies on delivering of HIV services for prisoners.

Medical Department of Penitentiary System recognized the problem with providing of timely treatment and qualitative adherence support and care for prisoners with HIV. As per request of Medical Department of Penitentiary System *AFEW-Tajikistan* developed the draft version of plan of joint activities of penal and civil health organization on provision counseling, treatment, diagnostic and support services to PLHIV. During the meetings of Partner Referrals Networks in Khatlon and Sughd regions the discussion of the plan was put on the agenda. Project key stakeholders and representatives of Penitentiary System discussed the plan; made comments and changes. The plan supposed to be realized in 6 project targeted colonies in Dushanbe, Khatlon

and Sughd for the period of 2016-2020. Upon the approval of plan the civilian specialists of AIDS, TB and Narcological centers will visit prisons according fixed period in the plan and provide necessary services to prisoners with HIV. Execution of agreed activities shown in the joint plan will be monitored by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of RT and Medical Department of Penitentiary System.

Main Challenges:

IP on the base of prison 3/6 in Yovon

The Information Point in colony 3/6 in Yovon will start it work in January 2016. *AFEW-Tajikistan* made consultations with administration of this colony. Parties agreed to set up the IP in the administrative part of colony. The candidature of coordinator of Informational Point is coordinated between prison administration and *AFEW-Tajikistan*. On December 29, 2015 the introductory session for IP coordinator on basis of work, reporting and communication procedures of IP was conducted in *AFEW-Tajikistan* office.