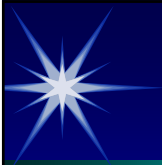




# **VOLUNTARY GROUPS WITH SUPPORTING CARE AND TREATMENT FOR PLWHA**

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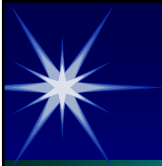
## **1. OUTCOMES OF VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUPPORTING CARE AND TREATMENT FOR PLWHA IN 2006**

## Voluntary groups

No.	Group	No. of member	Number of turns supporting care and treatment (2006)			
			Care Support	Counselling Treatment Support	After rehab Support	Total
1	Xuan Vinh	13	200	100	100	400
2	Mai Tam	20	1800	600	180	2580
3	Mai Khoi	19	99	12223		12322
4	Tieng Vong	15	510	286		796
5	Young social work	9	62			62
6	Dieu Giac Pagoda	22	6000	15	5	6020
7	Ky Quang Pagoda	21	1260	612	45	1917

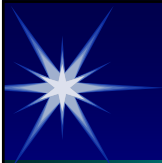
## Self-help groups

No.	Group	No. of member	Number of turns supporting care and treatment (2006)			
			Care Support	Counselling, Treatment Support	After rehab Support	Total
1	Blue	22	874	346	73	1293
2	Friendship	55	601	302	127	1030
3	Hope	15	576	576	150	1302
4	Vuon Len	20	180	300	24	504
5	Faith	25	424	280	45	749
6	Smile	16	734	312	67	1113
7	Nang Mai	21	283	184	38	505
8	Vi Ngay Moi	9	60	160	32	252



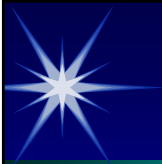
## 2. ADVANTAGES

- Receiving support from HCMC PAC, local and international NGOs, and Faith-based Organisations
- Some voluntary groups having started to establish good relationship with agencies providing services supporting care and treatment for PLWHA
- Voluntary groups' members sharing great empathy with PLWHA so that it is easy to provide care and ART adherence, to stay in touch and collect patients' information.



## 3. DISADVANTAGES

- Not yet officially recognized by other Agencies
- Unequal in groups' capacity, and lack of experience
- Lack of resources (human and finance)
- Though there have been some trainings, the PLWHA's knowledge on HIV/AIDS, opportunistic diseases and ARV is still inadequate.



## 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Being acknowledged to involve more with care and treatment
- Being assisted by the city and local authorities to facilitate access and links with other available care and treatment services;
- Needs to have capacity building training ( HIV/AIDS understandings, OI diseases, ART adherence, home based care for family members.)

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