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HCMC HIV Coordination Meeting: Briefing on Recent Developments

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1. HIV Coordination Action Plan (CAP)

- Joint working group consists of VAAC/MOH; MPI and MoF and UNAIDS, DfID and PEPFAR to work on the HIV/AIDS CAP
- The first draft of the CAP and key framework of common cost-norms to be ready to share at the coming Mid-Term CG meeting (31st May – 2nd June, 2007 in Ha Long)

2. 7th Draft of the MOH National Program on HIV/AIDS Harm Reduction Intervention and Transmission Prevention for 2007-2010

- The VAAC cooperated with Hanoi AIDS Center to conduct a consultation workshop to collect comments from different self-help groups in Hanoi with participation from international organizations – WHO, UNODC; UNAIDS and DfID.
- UNAIDS has it only in Vietnamese, and prepared for PAC to distribute. VAAC welcomes comments
- Government has just decided to have Methadone substitution for drug treatment in HCMC and Hai Phong. The detailed instruction has been developed by MOH.

3. Update on the M & E activities

- HIV estimation and projection:
 - i. Due date will be Sept 2007
 - ii. VAAC to formulate and NIHE to gather data
- External support :
 - i. UNAIDS: training in BKK + technical staff
 - ii. WHO: Funding has not been programmed for this activity
 - iii. FHI: key donor
- Plan for capacity building training
- Plan for baseline data collection

4. Updates on Viet Nam's proposal for Round 7 of Global Fund for TB, Malaria and AIDS

- HIV sub-CCM met and agreed on the prioritized areas for the concept papers
- MOH called for concept papers with the following priorities:
 - i. Prevention: (1) Harm Reduction; (2) Education
 - ii. Stigma and Discrimination

- iii. Capacity building
 - iv. Health System strengthening
 - Criteria development and Review:
 - i. Soundness of approach
 - ii. Feasibility
 - iii. Organizational capacity
 - iv. Additionally and overall contribution to Vietnam's proposal to GF
 - The Concept Paper Review :
 - i. 23 concept papers submitted from 20 different NGOs, INGOs, and Ministries and Universities
 - ii. Top three concept papers selected: (1) MOLISA on HR; (2) FHI on HR and (3) MOET on Education
 - iii. Four options to share with CCM:
 - 1. MOLISA's and FHI's concept papers would be developed into a proposal
 - 2. MOET concept paper be developed into a proposal
 - 3. MOLISA & FHI concept papers be developed as main proposal and include a sub component of key strategic areas in MOET'
 - 4. MOET concept papers be developed as main proposal and include a sub component of MOLISA and FHI's concept paper
 - After lengthy discussions, Option 1 was agreed by CCM on 8 May, 2007.