

GIPA Subgroup Meeting

Time: 2PM, Friday, 11 November 2005

Place: Sunflower

Chairman: Sunflower

Participation:

PWH groups (BF, Sunflower, Milkflower, Flaming flower, Lotus, For you and for me), UNAIDS, UNV, UNICEF, POLICY, Care International, AFAP, NAD, MCNV, RDH, Dong Da Red Cross, Women Newspaper

Main points

1. Updates from PWH groups:

Sunflower: Regular meetings, met with PWHAs in the hospital to engage more members, fundraising for income generation and to support the weak members access the ART; conducted 10 day nutrition training course for PWHAs and their families

Bright Futures: Provided comments on Party Directive no. 52; to start the Stronger project (support and care for PWHAs at home); organized regular meetings and updated the list of 513 official members

Milkflower: Sunday regular meetings; intend to divide 40 members into 2 subgroups; just started net-group in Lang Son province; very good adherence of the ARV users; introduce PWHAs to Dong Da hospital for ARV and OI treatment, continue providing food to AIDS patients in Dong Da hospital by self-funded resource, attend the Human Rights and HIV/AIDS workshop organised by HCM Academy

Flaming flower:

Home visits to PWHAs included rice supply; visit AIDS patients in the hospitals; support people from other provinces and districts in Hai Phong to have HIV test and counselling; Support funeral and show empathy to the families having person died of AIDS;organised community talks on HIV/AIDS with UNV HQ visitor

“For you and for me” group:

This group has been settled down from peer education programme in Dong Da district (former group funded by ARC). There are 10 core members; Provide 5 day per week-counselling service in Dong Da hospital and refer PWHAs to the relevant services; Conducted nutrition training course for PWHAs

2. Presentation on PMTCM project by Pham Bich Ha, UNICEF:

Brief introduction of project in 5 provinces (An Giang, Lang Son, QNinh, Hai Phong and HCMC). The project just completed IEC and training materials in June 2005 and started providing service at the commune

Q-A session is about ARV for pregnant women; When, which ARV, adherence after delivery; Risk reduction: how effective it is with ART; Breast feeding or formulas milk ; How to care for infants to minimize the risk (more realistic solutions for Vietnamese PWHAs situation and culture); Any advice for the positive couple or positive mother who want to have healthy baby.

3. Discussion:

- UNV/UNAIDS/VWU GIPA project has extended deadline for NUVNs recruitment until 23 Nov 2005
- 12 PWHAs from different groups to attend HIV/AIDS National Conference; A joint exhibition booth (BFs, Sunflower and Milk flower); the daughter of Ms. Thanh, head of Milkflower will participate in ASEM workshop.
- Philipp from UN English tutoring programme: This is for PWHAs capacity building (flexible and adapted to their needs). The website included the information about PWA groups will be in consultation with PWHAs in the next GIPA subgroup meeting
- Where are the greatest advocacy needs for children affected by HIV/AIDS (Jodi UNAIDS): Group members were asked for their input on this issue. Members' responses: IEC mass media campaign around WAD, Children's Day, TV and radio forum and school training/intervention programmes. The less stigma and discrimination--the better for children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Others

1. Handbooks for PWHAs participation in CCM published by POLICY (100 books) will be distributed to PWA groups soon
2. PWHAs should take the chance to National Conference via scholarship registration.

Next meeting

2nd week of January 2006 by Milkflower @ UNAIDS meeting room (TBC)