

5 YEAR REVIEW OF HIV/AIDS PREVENTION & CONTROL A PERIOD FROM 2001 – 2005

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INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC

1. Epidemic situation up to Dec 31, 2005

Number of HIV infected cases:	104,111
Number of AIDS patients:	17,289
Number of Death :	10,071

- Each year more than 10,000 HIV/AIDS cases are discovered nationwide.
- In 2003, the number of infected cases was at the highest point: 16,980 cases.
- After 2003, the number of reported HIV/AIDS cases has been reduced. (In 2004: there were 14,200 reported cases; in 2005: there were 13,731 reported cases)

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HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC REVIEW

2. HIV/AIDS infection in Viet Nam :

- HIV epidemic is still in concentrated phase: HIV infection prevalence is high in high-risk groups, such as: IDUs, SWs ; > 1% in pregnant women;
- The percentage of men infected by HIV (85.19%) is sixfold higher than that of women infected by HIV (14.54%);
- Most HIV/AIDS infected people are still young: the group of people aged from 20 to 39 accounts for 78.94%;
- The epidemic is increasing but not so fast in comparison with the previous years' growth: The HIV infection rate of 2001 and 2002 is 29.4%, and tends to reduce to 25.5% in 2005;
- In 2002, the rate of HIV infection in prostitute group is 5.9%, the rate reduced to 4.4% in 2004, and remained 3.55% in 2005;
- Most cases were found to be at the main provinces and cities: Quang Ninh, Ho Chi Minh city, Hai Phong, Ha Noi, An Giang, Can Tho, Lang Son

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1. Management

- The leadership from central level to local level to HIV/AIDS prevention always gets high priority;
- During 5 years, more than 25 legal documents on HIV/AIDS have been promulgated:
 - + the Party Directive # 54-CT/TW □ on strengthening leadership for HIV/AIDS response;
 - + Prime Minister's Directive # 02/2003/CT-TTG dated February 24, 2003 □ on scaling up HIV/AIDS control activities;
 - + PM's Decision # 36/2004/QĐ-TTĐ dated March 17, 2004 □ on National Strategy on HIV/AIDS prevention in Vietnam to 2010 with a vision to 2020;
 - + Complete the draft of HIV/AIDS law to submit the National Assembly;
 - + Other legislative normative acts;
- MOH's technical guidelines/ instructions.

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2. Multi-sector collaboration in HIV/AIDS prevention activities:

- The multi-sectoral collaboration on HIV response :
- There are over 30 central Ministries and Sectors participating in HIV/AIDS prevention & control. Many Ministries and Departments have intensified the direction and implementation of activities and construction of HIV/AIDS prevention modules.
- Social Affairs Committee, National Assembly has implemented many HIV/AIDS prevention activities.
- Party Commissions for Ideology and Culture; and Science and Education, People's Mobilization; and Ho Chi Minh National Politics Academy have implemented many activities aiming at awareness raising, leadership role, HIV/AIDS prevention management for Party leaders at different levels.

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HIV/AIDS PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

- **MOPS:** IEC activities have been scaled up: newspapers, TV program and talks.
- **MOLISA**
Decree #r 128/2004/NĐ-CP, promulgated by the Government, on regulations of social support policies for HIV positive children at the Centre for Social Protection.
IEC activities
Care & support at the 05/06 centers.
- **MOET**
Arrange more than 200 classes for teachers, integrating HIV/AIDS prevention program into school schedule.
- **MOCI**
Organized 8 activities for press reporter club, published 21,000 copies of dramatic scenario, songs, handbooks, posters on HIV/AIDS prevention□

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3. IEC activities

IEC activities in various forms and plentiful content are well performed, and have helped to raise people's awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention activities. The rate of people who aware of preventive method of HIV infection increased from 70% in 2002 to 82.6% in 2005 (*NIHE*, 2005)

4. Technical activities

4.1. HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation :

- Expand the field of action for sentinel surveillance to 40 provinces, cities.
- 58 testing clinics (in 44 provinces, cities) are adequate to admit positive HIV cases.
- In 5 years, 2.3 million samples have been screened, this exceeded 28.29% compared to the set plan.

4.2. Safe blood transfusion operation: In 5 years, 1.5 million blood units have been screened, ensuring 100% of the blood units are screened for HIV before transfusion.

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4. Technical activities (cont.)

4.3. Treatment for HIV/AIDS people:

- In 5 years, more than 2 million people have been consulted.
- Examining for 173,709 HIV/AIDS patients, out-patient treatment for 66,364 patients, preventive treatment for 970 occupational - exposed workers/ workers contracting HIV at work.
- Some modules of out-patient examining and treatment have been put in place and operation.
- The number of HIV/AIDS patients who got access to ARV increased from 50-100 patients in 2001-2003 to approximately 5,700 patients by the end of 2005 and early 2006

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4. Technical activities (cont.)

4.4. STI prevention:

1,016,595 STIs infected people have been examined and treated in 5 years. The STD surveillance system in provinces and cities were first put in place in 2003.

4.5. PMTCT

- Strengthen provincial and local levels activities on PMTCT closely following the MOH guideline.
- In-time supply of Zidovudine, Nevirapine for obstetric-gynecology clinics in needs of preventive treatment.
- by the end of March, 2005, there are 605 HIV positive children diagnosed in the Pediatric Institutes nationwide.

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5. International Cooperation:

Vietnam HIV/AIDS control program has achieved more and more support from Government funding and international agencies:

- Governments of: Japan (JICA), the United Kingdom (DFID), Norwegian (NORAD), the United States (PEPFAR), Australia (AusAID), Germany (GTZ, KfW), Luxembourg, Canada (CIDA), France, Sweden (SIDA), Holland;
- UN agencies: UNDP, UNAIDS, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, UNV;
- Multi-lateral organizations: World Bank (WB), Asia Development Bank (ADB), Global Fund on AIDS prevention, GFATM;
- International NGOs: FHI; CARE International; Ford Fund; Future Group; Australian Red Cross Association; World Vision; SCF/UK, DKT, NAV, etc.
- Organization of international meetings/ conferences: ASEM conference on HIV/AIDS control, with the participation of 21 member countries.

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6. Organizing HIV/AIDS prevention activities

- On May 20, 2005, Prime Minister promulgated Decision Number 432/QĐ-TTG on establishment of Vietnam Administration of HIV/AIDS Control (VAAC) under MOH management, and name-alteration of Standing Department of Health and HIV/AIDS control into Vietnam Standing Department of Health.
- Establish provincial/ central Centres for HIV/AIDS control (CAC) : 23 provinces and cities have established their local CAC.

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7. Government funding for HIV/AIDS control activities

- The Government expense for HIV/AIDS control program has increased yearly: during 2001-2003: 60 billion VND was invested; during 2004-2005: the investment item increased to 80 billion VND per year (The HIV/AIDS prevention expenditure is allocated mostly to 64 provinces and cities, of which 76-80% are allocated to the central Ministries and Departments).
- Typical provinces and cities providing additional investment to HIV/AIDS control program: Ho Chi Minh city, Hai Phong, Quang Ninh.

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EVALUATION

1. Conclusion made by Deputy Prime Minister Pham Gia Khiem:

HIV/AIDS control activities have achieved satisfactory results, during continuous 2 years, the growth of new HIV/AIDS cases have been controlled and absolutely reduced; the high-risk groups are still epidemic focus.

2. Overall assessment:

HIV/AIDS control activities in Vietnam have focused on achieving the National Program's objectives and have gained commendable outcomes, which are acknowledged by international people and friends. Vietnam has achieved initial success in mastering the growth of HIV/AIDS epidemic, the new HIV/AIDS cases has reduced since 2003, the growth of HIV infection rate in surveillance groups is low in comparison with many other region countries. After 15 years, HIV/AIDS epidemic in Vietnam is at its focal phase, especially in the high-risk group, and the HIV/AIDS infection rate in the community is 0.13% and is estimated to reach 0.25% by 2005.

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