

Viet Nam HIV/AIDS INGO Technical Working Group Meeting 4 April 2007 Minutes

Venue: Viet Nam Women's Museum, 36 Ly Thuong Kiet Street
Time: 14.00 - 15:45
Chairperson: Amy Weissman, Pact Viet Nam
Vice Chairperson: Le Ngoc Bao, Pathfinder (apology)
Secretary: UNAIDS
Participants: 48 from mass organizations, Bilateral agencies, Local NGOs, INGOs, UN Agencies and Programmes, PLHIV groups, Government ministries

1. Welcome – introductions

Welcome to Eamonn Murphy, incoming Country Director, UNAIDS Vietnam.

2. Minutes and evaluations

a. Approval of the minutes of 24 January meeting: The minutes were approved without correction.

b. Evaluation of last meeting: Key comments from the evaluation of the last TWG meeting were highlighted. Overall evaluations were positive; participants were encouraged to submit feedback in order to make the meeting as useful as possible.

3. Brief reports from Subgroups

The meeting folder included written reports from the following sub-groups. A brief verbal report was provided at the meeting -

- a. HIV and Communications
- b. GIPA
- c. MSM
- d. Harm Reduction

A verbal report for the 05/06 Center Collaboration sub-group was provided. The notes of this meeting will be posted to the TWG list serv.

4. Main presentation: HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Program of Action

Presenters: Dr Phan Thi Thu Huong Deputy Head of Monitoring and Evaluation and Surveillance Department Viet Nam Administration of HIV/AIDS Control (VAAC) presented on behalf of Dr Nguyen Thanh Long, Deputy Director, VAAC.

A detailed presentation on the National Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System and development of the National M&E Framework was provided. The presentation included an overview of the reporting lines and an account of the responsibilities for operationalising the M&E system at the national, regional, provincial, district and commune-levels. A summary of the three major groups of the National M&E Framework (1/ capacity, resources, monitoring and evaluation; 2/ prevention; and 3/ care and treatment) and the full list of the selected 54 indicators was detailed.

The presentation was followed by a number of questions and discussion, with a particular focus on how the 54 indicators were selected, the proposed data collection process, accessibility and use of the data. A Vietnamese version of the National M&E framework is available on the MOH website, while both Vietnamese and English versions are available on www.unaids.org.vn. Comments on the document were welcomed.

5. Updates

a. Global Fund Round 7

In follow-up to the TWG Seminar on the Global Fund held 28 February 2007, Steve Mills, vice-chair of the HIV sub group, explained next steps in the Round 7 process. The HIV sub-group will be developing a list of priority areas to guide the development of concept papers to submit to the HIV sub group and CCM for Round 7 of the Global Fund. This guide will be circulated through the TWG list server when available.

The proposal for Round 7 of The Global Fund is due on 4 July 2007.

b. National Action Plan for Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education for Secondary Schools 2006-2010

Save The Children/USA, on behalf of the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), reported that the National Action Plan for Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education for Secondary Schools 2006-2010 was approved by the by the Vice-Minister of Education and Training, Mr. Pham Vu Luan, on March 26, 2007. The primary objective of the NPA is to: *raise awareness and reduce risky practices related to reproductive health and HIV/AIDS among secondary school students by improving the quality of teaching and learning in reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention education in upper and lower secondary schools.* This objective will be achieved by the implementing activities related to policy and guideline development, parental involvement, teacher training, and student participation. The contribution of a number of organizations to the development of the plan was acknowledged.

A dissemination workshop is planned for 25 April.

c. VAAC Harm Reduction Workshop and Follow-Up Meetings

The Burnet Institute reported on two meetings of the Harm Reduction Technical Working Group in March organised by the VAAC. At the first meeting, there was discussion of the National Harm Reduction Action Plan 2007-2010 and the 6th draft of the plan was shared. There was also a discussion to establish two sub-groups of the Harm Reduction Technical Working Group to focus specifically on advocacy and capacity-building.

Expressions of interest have been sought from members interested in joining the advocacy and capacity-building sub-groups. Membership of these groups will be finalised shortly.

There was question regarding whether the Harm Reduction Technical Working Group was replacing the Harm Reduction sub-group of the HIV/AIDS INGO Technical Working Group. Further discussions will be held to clarify this. There was support for the continuation of the Harm Reduction sub-group of the HIV/AIDS INGO Technical Working Group to feed into the VAAC-led Harm Reduction TWG.

6. AOB

• Development, mobility and HIV

Markus Vorpahl, on behalf of Handicap International France, gauged interest for a meeting on a study undertaken on development, mobility and HIV. There was support for the outcomes of this study to be presented at a TWG seminar.

• Acknowledgements

The contribution made by Dan Levitt to HIV/AIDS work in Viet Nam was acknowledged by all. Dan will be completing his tour of duty at USAID in April.

The contribution made by Nancy Fee, former UNAIDS Country Coordinator Viet Nam, was acknowledged by all.

Time and date of next meeting: 16 MAY 2007 at Women's Museum