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We would also like to acknowledge the support of corporate and media partners and our Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters for their contributions to the cause of HIV/AIDS in Malaysia.

Our sincere thanks to the International HIV/AIDS Alliance for welcoming the Malaysian AIDS Council as a Linking Organisation (LO) to the Alliance family. We would also like to thank the NGO Code of Good Practice Secretariat for endorsing the programmes under the Malaysian AIDS Council.

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Foreword by
YABhg Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor,
Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

*I*t has been a great honour for me as the Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), for the past six years, to participate in the various activities undertaken together with its sister organisation, the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), against HIV & AIDS. The measures undertaken by MAF to play a crucial role in the progress of those affected or infected by HIV & AIDS in this country.

Twenty-five years into the epidemic, there is still no cure or vaccine against HIV & AIDS. It is estimated that today, more than 30 million people worldwide live with HIV & AIDS, and about two million people die every year. Although the fight against HIV & AIDS is beginning to make some inroads in areas such as providing treatment for those with HIV, however little progress has been made in protecting women and children from HIV infection.

Often HIV burdens women, the primary caregivers, compromising their health and their ability to generate income. Children are also among the most vulnerable groups at risk physically, emotionally and economically. Women and children are therefore physiologically and socially more vulnerable to HIV & AIDS, suffering disproportionately from the epidemic's negative effects.

As the Patron of MAF, I call on all stakeholders to scale up efforts for prevention and access to treatment for all Malaysians. I reiterate my support and will continue to be a strong voice for all Malaysians infected and affected by HIV & AIDS.

Collectively, we as Malaysians must underline the importance of the threat HIV poses to our country. We must also not forget that HIV & AIDS are still a major health problem today. We must continue to improve the awareness and education on HIV & AIDS, especially among the young and vulnerable Malaysians. As long as there is no cure for AIDS, prevention remains the best weapon against this epidemic. There is still much to be done to raise awareness of HIV and to prevent its transmission among Malaysians. We must all work harder to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of halting the spread of HIV & AIDS by 2015.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, JAKIM, all our partners and donors who have supported us over the years.

My gratitude also to the MAF Board of Trustees, MAC Executive Council, our affiliates, staff and volunteers for their untiring support and commitment to help improve the quality of life of Malaysians living with HIV & AIDS.

Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor



Statement by
Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman,
President of the Malaysian AIDS Council
& Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

*W*hat a busy two years it has been for the Malaysian AIDS Council – its 44 Partner Organisations (POs) and the MAC Secretariat. The term started with the addition of several new POs: Penang Family Health Development Association (PHDA), whose primary focus is prevention, treatment and care services for the marginalised communities in Penang, He Intends Victory Hope, whose shelter home in Bukit Beruntung houses PLHIVs, and Persatuan Insaf Murni in Semenyih providing needle & syringe exchange services to injecting drug users (IDUs).

In line with our Strategic Plan 2008-2010, MAC's programmes and activities continued to focus on the marginalised communities. Three new NSEP sites - Kajang, Kluang and Kuala Terengganu - were added to the nine existing sites in 2009, providing services to more than 6,000 IDUs. Meanwhile, outreach activities to men who have sex with men (MSM) provided HIV prevention services to approximately 23,000 contacts in 2009.

At the national level, MAC continues to work closely with key government agencies particularly the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women Family & Community Development, and the various agencies under the Ministry of Home Affairs including Polis Diraja Malaysia, Jabatan Penjara Malaysia and Agensi Anti-Dadah Kebangsaan. Another significant development in the last year is MAC's close collaboration with Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM), which saw JAKIM, for the first time, hosting the International AIDS Memorial Day (IAMD) in May at Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan.

In 2009, MAC also embarked on several seminal research projects to determine the prevalence of HIV infection and risk behaviours amongst IDUs, sex workers and transsexuals. Findings from these important studies showed high levels of HIV prevalence and low levels of knowledge on HIV transmission in all three groups. In a related study, MAC also participated in a similar assessment of MSM in Kuala Lumpur. These studies point to the urgent need for greater levels of effective interventions and education to reduce HIV transmission amongst all risk groups. It also points to the need to replicate similar studies to understand the extent of the HIV epidemic in other parts of the country.

The massive expansion in activities and programmes over the last two years at the MAC would not have been possible without the able leadership of our Executive Director at the MAC Secretariat, Enik Bakhtiar Talhah and the dedication and commitment of the entire staff and volunteers of the MAC Secretariat and POs, supported by the Executive Committee of the Malaysian AIDS Council and the Board of Trustees of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. To all of them I extend my deepest 'Terima Kasih' for continuing to have the same energy, passion and commitment to fight for the cause despite the barriers and challenges that confront us.

Wassalam,

Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman

OVERVIEW OF HIV/AIDS IN MALAYSIA

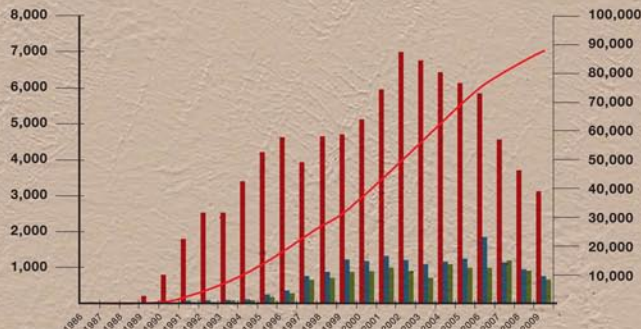
HIV was first reported in Malaysia in 1986. As of December 2009, there are 87,710 persons living with HIV and 13,394 AIDS related deaths in Malaysia. Currently, there are 9 new reported cases of HIV each day, 2 of whom are female while 7 are male. Among these, 6 persons acquired HIV through sharing of contaminated needles while 3 others were infected sexually. Men represent the majority (92%) of cumulative HIV cases while women account for some 8% of this total. Almost 36% of reported infections were amongst young people between the ages 13-29 years old. Most reported infections occur among young heterosexual males of Malay ethnicity, between the ages of 20-39 who inject drugs.

Amongst men, injecting drug use continues to be the main mode of transmission, while women mostly contacted HIV through heterosexual contact. Women and girls account for almost 20% of the new infections in 2009 as compared to being barely 5% 10 years ago.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) currently classifies Malaysia as having a 'concentrated' HIV epidemic, and based on estimations and projections, HIV in Malaysia will be increasingly spread through sexual transmission, while infections acquired through injecting drug use are expected to plateau. This evolving picture of the HIV epidemic will present new challenges for HIV prevention efforts.



The Malaysian HIV Epidemic (1986 - 2009)

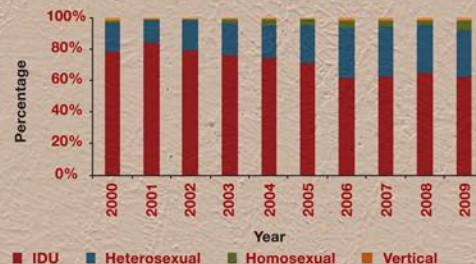


Source: Ministry of Health

■ HIV
■ AIDS
■ AIDS Related Deaths
— Cumulative Total of HIV Cases

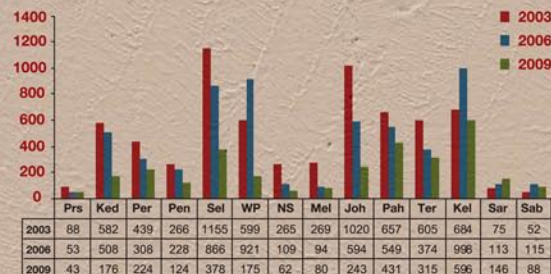
Cumulative Total to Date:
HIV Cases 87,710
AIDS Cases 15,317
HIV/AIDS Related Deaths 13,394

HIV Cases by Risk Factor



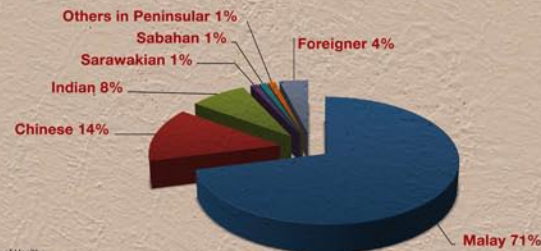
Source: Ministry of Health

Reported New HIV Infections by States



Source: Ministry of Health

Reported HIV Infections by Ethnicity



Source: Ministry of Health



The Malaysian AIDS Council

Since 1992, the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) has served as an umbrella organisation to support and coordinate the efforts of organisations working on HIV/AIDS. MAC, in partnership with government agencies, private sector and international organisations, ensures a committed and effective response by NGOs in Malaysia.

Executive Committee:

Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, President

"The achievements in HIV prevention, treatment and care in Malaysia over the last several years need to be built upon and expanded. We must not allow the current financial crisis to dampen our enthusiasm to do more."

Datuk Mohd Zaman Khan, Vice President

"Proceeds raised by MAF to fund treatment, care and support programmes go a long way to prolong and improve the quality of life of people living with HIV. It's heartening to see how many lives we have touched and changed for the better. To all and sundry involved I say WELL DONE. Let us soldier on."

Prof Dr Rusli Ismail, Honorary Secretary

"Controlling HIV is not a personal responsibility, it is our collective responsibility."

Ms Nancy Yap, Honorary Treasurer

"The happiest of people might not have the best of everything; They make the best of everything they have. Please reach out, you'll be surprised at what you can do."

Dr Cheah Swee Neo, Assistant Honorary Secretary

"HIV in life, will cause you to strive. Don't be sorry, don't be lax; Choose to be savvy, and lead a better lifestyle. Always use protection and practice safe sex."

Mr Pax Tan

"Some may have lost their immunity and security, but not their humanity and dignity."

Dato' Dr Hj Ghazali Hasni

"Together with the Ministry of Health, we hope to highlight the risk of many young people becoming infected with HIV."

Mr Alex Arokiam

"Thanks to your support, interest and active participation, we have had a wonderful term of achievements and experiences. Of course we had tough times as well. But, we learnt much as we overcame them, one by one.....and continued to make progress!"

Dr Soraya Dato' Seri Azmi

"Keeping the faith in good and bad times-- let's make the most of what we have today to bring a better tomorrow."

Mr Andrew Tan

"Working together toward providing free Second-Line Medication and Community-Specific Support Services by offering meeting venues, empowering PLHIV to lead, and funding resources."



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Communications & Media

INTERNATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL DAY (IAMD) 2009

'Together, We Are the Solution'

This year, for the first time, the Malaysian AIDS Council focused on Islam to garner the support of religious leaders in reducing stigma and discrimination towards Malaysians living with HIV. The role of religion in HIV prevention, treatment and care was the main highlight in the IAMD commemoration in Malaysia. The opening event of IAMD 2009 organised by the Malaysian AIDS Council, together with Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) and the Ministry of Health, was held at the Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan. This was complemented by four other regional (Southern, Northern, Eastern, Sarawak) event to reduce prejudice and increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS within a religious context.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2009

'Get Tested. Get Treated'

Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise - Universal Access & Human Rights

World AIDS Day provides an opportunity for all of us - individuals, communities and political leaders - to take action and ensure that human rights are protected and global targets for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care are met. This year, the Malaysian AIDS Council & Malaysian AIDS Foundation organised 17 activities throughout the country in December.



VOICES OF MALAYSIANS LIVING WITH H.I.V.

Seven courageous and empowered individuals from Kelantan, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Kuantan were filmed as they shared their experiences, aimed to foster understanding towards those living with HIV. The depth and intimacy of these voices increased awareness and understanding on HIV/AIDS amongst Malaysians.



9TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AIDS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ICAAP), BALI

"Empowering People - Strengthening Network"

ICAAP 2009, the largest event of its kind in Asia, brought together 45 delegates from the Malaysian AIDS Council and Malaysian AIDS Foundation to meet and share knowledge, skills, ideas and research findings with delegates from other countries. The conference gave delegates an opportunity to strengthen their commitment and support to the HIV/AIDS cause. Shell Malaysia supported the Malaysian AIDS Council to set up an exhibition booth to showcase the Malaysian experience on prevention, treatment, care & support programmes nationwide.



MEDIA SENSITISATION WORKSHOP

Media's commitment for World AIDS Day 2009

'Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise' - Universal Access and Human Rights

Using the AFAO toolkit 'Information for Journalists 2009', this workshop was conducted for 25 media professionals working in mainstream, electronic and new age media. The objective of this workshop was to increase awareness and educate the media on socially and culturally responsible reporting on HIV/AIDS. The workshop included a site visitation, presentation and discussion, and highlighted the voices of HIV positive individuals, giving the participants an opportunity to hear their stories first hand.

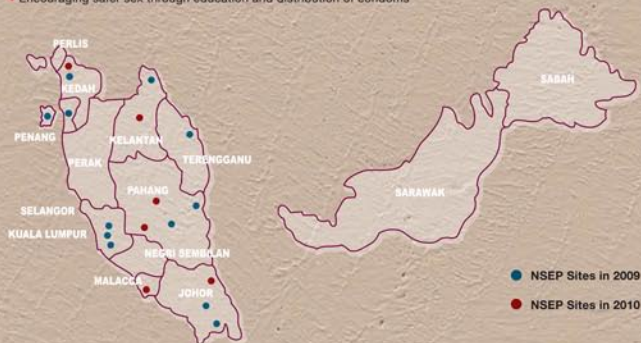


HARM REDUCTION

The Needle & Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP) was introduced in Malaysia in January 2006 by the Ministry of Health together with the Malaysian AIDS Council. In 2009, the Malaysian AIDS Council implemented the NSEP through 12 sites in 8 states of Malaysia serving over 18,000 registered clients and distributing over 260,000 NSEP kits consisting of needles and syringes.

Activities of NSEP in Malaysia include:

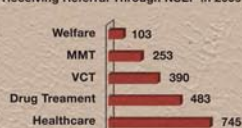
- Exchanging used needles for sterile ones
- Safe disposal of used injecting materials
- Reaching out and educating drug users on HIV/AIDS and other health issues
- Providing drug users with referrals to rehabilitation, health and welfare agencies
- Encouraging safer sex through education and distribution of condoms



Number of Clients Reached Through NSEP



Clients Receiving Referral Through NSEP in 2009



"While Malaysia has come a long way in its harm reduction efforts, much more needs to be done. The big challenge is to reach out to more people. A target of at least 60% of drug users must have access to these services."

Prof Dr Adeeba Kamaruzaman, MAC President (Source: The Sunday Star 17th May 2009)

"The implementation of the Harm Reduction Programme through Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MMT) and Needle & Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP) has shown positive results, with many kicking drug addiction and leading a quality life. The success of the two programmes reflect the spirit of smart partnership and commitment between the government and private and non-government organisations in reducing the number of Malaysians hooked on drugs."

Datuk Seri Liew Tiong Lai, Minister of Health (Source: New Straits Times 22nd Feb 2010)

CARE & SUPPORT

Many Malaysians living with HIV receive a combination of healthcare and supportive services from the Hospital Peer Support Programme and shelter homes funded by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Women, Family & Community Development, with additional support from M.A.C. Cosmetics, L'Oréal Malaysia, Johnson & Johnson and the Standard Chartered Trust Fund in 2009.

The services differ from one setting to another, but commonly include basic nursing care, palliative care and end of life support (if any); bereavement counselling; promoting continuum of care through establishment of referral system with a medical centre in the proximity; emotional and spiritual support; nutritional food supply; treatment literacy - preparing clients for Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy (HAART); vocational training and support group.



OUTREACH

In Malaysia, outreach services for most-at-risk populations (MARPs) are aimed at broadening access to prevention interventions, including basic healthcare, condom distribution, counselling and referral. Outreach work is the front line programme in our mission to assist MARPs in leading healthy lives. This programme also helps to address the impact of discrimination, HIV/AIDS, sexual health, poverty, drug use and violence. The outreach model provides services with a humane approach while disseminating relevant information to sex workers (SW), transsexuals (TS) and men who have sex with men (MSM) promoting safe sex practices, risk reduction techniques and substance abuse prevention methods. In 2009, a total of over 500,000 condoms were distributed through outreach.

Contacts Reached Through Outreach in 2009



DROP-IN CENTRES

Interventions implemented through outreach are supplemented by the services offered in drop-in centres (DIC) for most-at-risk populations (MARPs).

Services such as facilities for maintaining personal hygiene, healthcare, access to information, education and communication (IEC) materials, peer education, family re-unification and client profile management were offered through 10 DIC's for injecting drug users (IDU) and their partners, sex workers (SW), transsexuals (TS), men who have sex with men (MSM) and people living with HIV. In addition, referrals were offered for voluntary counselling and testing and legal assistance.

Contacts Accessing Services Through DIC's in 2009



The DIC for women in Kuantan is the first of its kind in Malaysia, catering to female spouses and sexual partners of drug users. It is a safe and non-threatening space that allows them to relax and access services such as peer counselling, support sessions and referrals.

At this DIC, women are given information, education and communication (IEC) material on issues of sexual health.



"The center sees about 80 drug users daily, out of which about 40 are under the NSER. It is not just about giving the needles and syringes. We engage them here and start the education process."

P. Gugesan, DIC Pahang Training and Capacity Building Manager

"There is a change in how people look at me too. Previously, people in my village would not even look at me with one eye. Now some of them, like the village head, wave at me before I do. I have also become closer to my family. And I hope to get married within this year."

Dandan Mohammad, DIC Pahang outreach worker and recovering IDU

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

INTEGRATED BIOLOGICAL & BEHAVIOURAL SURVEILLANCE (IBBS)

Malaysia has been categorised as a country having a 'concentrated' HIV epidemic. It is hence vital to establish HIV and related behavioural trends among key populations at higher risk, in order to develop informed, evidence-based HIV responses, based on objective biological and behavioural data.

The objective of the IBBS was to provide an estimate of HIV prevalence among three key populations at higher risk in Malaysia: female sex workers, transsexuals and injecting drug users. The study also aimed to identify sexual and injecting drug use practices and relevant HIV knowledge, attitudes and beliefs among individuals in the three key populations at higher risk, thus providing greater insight into HIV transmission dynamics among these groups.

The study design involved a respondent-driven sampling (RDS) strategy. Recruitment of participants was conducted through several community-based organisations' operations sites around Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley. Approximately between 500 - 600 respondents were recruited for each of the three study populations. Data collection was based on face-to-face interviews, as well as biological surveys using HIV rapid tests.

The IBBS is a collaborative venture between the AIDS/STI Unit and the Institute of Health Behavioural Research at the Ministry of Health, the Malaysian AIDS Council and the Centre of Excellence for Research in HIV/AIDS (CERIA), University of Malaya. Funding was granted by the Ministry of Health, with additional financial and technical support received from the World Bank.



SIZE ESTIMATION OF SEX WORKERS

The size estimation for local responses in Malaysia for HIV prevention in sex work was undertaken by the Malaysian AIDS Council and the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to provide a more credible estimation of the number of sex workers in the country.

This project was also implemented to supplement the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2006 - 2010 enabling it to reach its goals of reducing HIV vulnerability among sex workers through the development of 'all-encompassing evidence-based intervention programmes'. The study was conducted using three academically sound estimation methods such as the multiplier, respondent-driven sampling, and triangulation. For calculation purposes, it also took into account limitations and factors such as mobility, inaccessibility and inclusion of non-venue-based and 'invisible' sex workers. Analysis shows that there are approximately 60,000 sex workers in Malaysia.

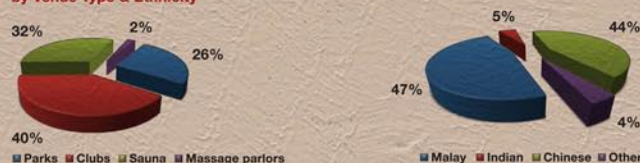


ESTIMATION OF RISK BEHAVIOUR AND HIV PREVALENCE AMONGST MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)

The Venue-Day-Time Sampling (VDTs) study was conducted to determine the HIV prevalence, transmission risk factors, and level of knowledge about HIV transmission modes amongst the MSM community in Kuala Lumpur. Over 500 individuals participated in the study conducted using the VDTs sampling methodology.

This study was funded by the Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) and the World Bank, and conducted in partnership with the Malaysian AIDS Council, CERIA, PT Foundation and Tulane University School of Public Health.

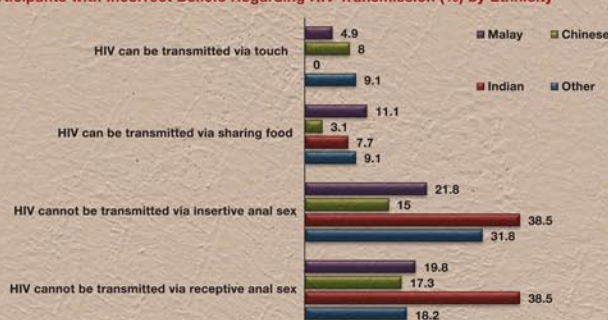
Demographics of Study Population: Percentage of Participants Recruited, by Venue Type & Ethnicity



Participants Testing Positive for HIV, by Venue Type and Ethnicity



Participants with Incorrect Beliefs Regarding HIV Transmission (%) by Ethnicity



ADVOCACY

RED RIBBON CELEBRITY SUPPORT, APRIL 2009

The 'Red Ribbon Celebrity Support' program was launched on 21 April at JW Marriot, Kuala Lumpur. Local celebrities Dayang Nurfaizah, Faizal Tahir, Dato' Siti Nurhaliza, Fahrin Ahmad, Shah Shamshiri, Zainal Alam Kadir, Umie Aida, Uthaya, Anantha, Owen Yap and Fish Leong rendered their support to the Malaysian AIDS Council, ensuring a commitment to spread awareness, eliminate stigma, discrimination and prejudice associated with HIV/AIDS.



PROGRAM MUHADHARAH KEBANGSAAN, OCTOBER 2009

Representatives from JAKIM, MAC, AADK, JAWI, JAIS and MAC's partner organisations participated in an intensive two-day seminar addressing issues related to drug policy, gender discrimination, needs of marginalised populations and the role of religious leaders in advocating for HIV prevention and reducing stigma and discrimination.



MAJLIS BERBUKA PUASA, AUGUST 2009

Majlis Berbuka Puasa were held in Kuala Terengganu and Kuantan in partnership with the Ministry of Health, JAKIM, AADK, DIC Pahang and supported by Red Ribbon celebrities Dayang Nurfaizah, Faizal Tahir, Fahrin Ahmad and Shah Shamshiri to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS on the East Coast of Malaysia.



ADVOCACY

WORLD RED! LANDMARK ILLUMINATION, DECEMBER 2009

In conjunction with World AIDS Day, the Malaysian AIDS Council and KL Tower Sdn Bhd illuminated the KL Tower in bold red for the month of December. It was hoped that through this illumination, people from all walks of life be brought together in increasing awareness and fighting prejudice towards HIV and AIDS.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR, DECEMBER 2009

The Law Enforcement Seminar was organised under the leadership of Datuk Mohd Zaman Khan and facilitated by Tom Lloyd as part of the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) Law Enforcement project. Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, AADK Deputy Director-General Professor Dr Mahmood Nazar Mohamed and DCP Dato' Mortadza Nazarene (Deputy Director for Department of Management, Bukit Aman) deliberated issues related to drugs and law enforcement. 29 senior police officers, four AADK officers and eight RELA personnel participated in the seminar.



INTER-VARSITY CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 2009

The 1st Inter-Varsity HIV Summit was organised at Monash University Sunway Campus from 10th-12th December 2009. The Malaysian AIDS Council and Monash University Medicos Society (MUMedS) with support from the Ministry of Health, organised the summit aimed at bringing together over 150 students from nine private universities for the three day conference.

Themed "Universal Access and Human Rights" in conjunction with World AIDS Day 2009, the summit served as a platform to raise greater awareness on issues related to HIV/AIDS.



ORANG ASLI PROJECT

The Orang Asli project was initiated in 2009. The pilot project was launched in Rompin, followed by Temerloh, Batu Pahat and the Baram Delta. The main objective of this programme was to increase awareness amongst the indigenous populations, especially on HIV prevention and reducing stigma and discrimination associated with the disease.

"Poverty, unemployment, imprisonment, alcohol and drug use including injecting may be more common in these communities. Coupled with geographical isolation, the community has limited access to mainstream educational, healthcare and public health facilities. Each of the factors gives rise to a heightened risk of HIV. The pilot project with the Jabatan Hal Ehwal Orang Asli (JHEOA) was aimed mainly at understanding the problem among the Orang Asli, who tick all the right boxes when it comes to spreading the virus. They are all on the fringes of society. They do not have the same level of access to things like job opportunities and knowledge. It has nothing to do with whether the Orang Asli act or look differently. They just don't have the same socio-economic standing as the average Malaysian."

Bakhtiar Talhah, MAC Executive Director (Source: Sunday Star, 16th August 2009)

GAYA HIDUP SIHAT PROGRAMME, RPS BUKIT SEROK, ROMPIN, PAHANG.



HEALTH PROGRAMME WITH THE ORANG ASLI, KAMPUNG PAYA SENDAYAN, PAHANG.



GAYA HIDUP SIHAT PROGRAMME, KAMPUNG BUMIPUTERA RENGIT, BATU PAHAT, JOHOR.



RURAL OUTREACH TO THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF BARAM DELTA, SARAWAK.



MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

Financial Summary

Incoming Resources

RM '000

- Government Grant
- External Fund
- Other Income



Source of Contribution

RM '000

- 2009 : 13,217
- 2008 : 11,010



How it was spent

RM '000

- NSEP
- Partner Organisation Projects
- Programme Division Projects
- Operating Expenses
- Externally Funded Programmes



KPMG

Chartered Accountants

The 2009 financial report of the Malaysian AIDS Council audited by KPMG is available on our website at www.mac.org.my

THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) raises money and manages funds to support the activities of the Malaysian AIDS Council and its Partner Organisations.

Independent Trustees:

Datin Mina Cheah-Foong, Honorary Secretary

"It is hoped that with continued support from the public, women living with HIV will be able to improve their livelihoods. We intend to assist these women through treatment, care and support programmes, which in turn, will improve their standard of living."

Dato' Maznah Abdul Jalil, Honorary Treasurer

"MAF has grown from its humble beginning since 1993 to be one of the effective NGOs to create awareness and provide financial assistance to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Through the years, with funds raised, MAF has effectively been able to provide financial assistance to the community. I am proud to be part of this organisation, assisting and seeing the various initiatives being successfully put in place for the betterment of those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS."

Dr Zaha Rina Zahari

"It has been a privilege to work alongside the other Trustees and corporate supporters to advance the HIV/AIDS cause in Malaysia. May our efforts today pave the way for future generations. Insyaa-Allah."

Dato' Nancy Yeoh

"Putting HIV/AIDS at the forefront is essential to address stigma and discrimination associated with the disease. Thus, strong support from all levels of society is needed to reach our objectives."

Mr Ralph Dixon

"The level of commitment, loyalty and integrity of my fellow Trustees and of the MAF Secretariat is of the highest standards, and critical for tackling this most pressing issue of HIV/AIDS awareness, education, testing and treatment in Malaysia. Support for the Foundation and Council is used in the most efficient manner possible."

Mr Lai Voon Hon

"It is encouraging and gratifying for me to serve alongside a group of highly dedicated individuals on the Board of Trustees. Although there have been many notable achievements by the Board over the years, there is still a lot to be done to help the country address the problems of HIV/AIDS."



THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

M.A.C. COSMETICS - VIVA GLAM CAMPAIGN

The 'M.A.C. AIDS Fund' was established by M.A.C. Cosmetics to support men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS globally. VIVA GLAM is a campaign of the M.A.C AIDS Fund which helps raise money for the cause. All proceeds from the sale of the VIVA GLAM Lipsticks are donated toward the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON SUPPORTS SHELTER HOMES

Johnson & Johnson provides funds for the care of those made vulnerable by AIDS. It provides support to Nur City Centre in Kelantan where single mothers are given assistance and skills to be independent.

L'OREAL MALAYSIA - KISS PROGRAMME

KISS (Keep In School Scheme) was developed by L'Oréal Malaysia and the Malaysian AIDS Foundation aimed to provide financial assistance to adolescents living with HIV/AIDS. L'Oréal Malaysia displayed their support and generosity by pledging RM116,000.00 toward the KISS programme in 2009.

STANDARD CHARTERED PAEDIATRIC AIDS FUND

The Standard Chartered Paediatric AIDS Fund (SCPAF) was established by the Standard Chartered Trust Fund in partnership with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation in 2008. The objective was to assist children below the age of 13 infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Throughout 2009, the Standard Chartered Trust Fund has contributed over RM300,000 toward this fund.

TRANSFORMERS - REVENGE OF THE FALLEN

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation organised a screening of 'Transformers - Revenge of The Fallen' together with sponsors - The Body Shop and IREKA Construction - in June. Two screenings were held at the GSC Signature Gardens cinemas and proceeds from ticket sales were channelled to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. The Malaysian AIDS Foundation also hosted some 40 children from Rumah Solehah and WAKE shelter homes.



INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GALA DINNER 2009

To coincide with the 2nd International CSR Conference in August 2009, a gala dinner was organised at the Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Guests enjoyed a fine dining experience while being entertained by Dayang Nurfaizah, Malaysian AIDS Council's Red Ribbon Celebrity. OWW Consulting worked in partnership with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation to stage the memorable evening. All proceeds from table sales were donated to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2009

KLASS (Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services) and the Malaysian AIDS Foundation organised this event at Wangsa Walk Mall on the 5th and 6th December. Stalls were set up to sell merchandise and books. YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were the guests of honour at this event.



DIGI LOVE TO SAVE CHARITY CAMPAIGN

The campaign organised by DiGi Telecommunications Sdn. Bhd to raise funds through online click-support in June was open to all individuals residing in Malaysia. Malaysians operating a valid email address were given the opportunity to choose from a list of 15 charities, with DiGi pledging to donate RM5 per click. The Malaysian AIDS Foundation received RM 7,620 from this campaign.

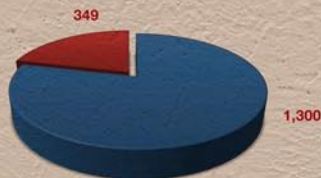


MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

Financial Summary

Incoming Resources
RM '000

- Fundraising, donations & contribution
- Other Income

Source of Contribution
RM '000

- 2009: 1,300
- 2008: 2,558

How It Was Spent
RM '000

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Chartered Accountants

The financial report of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation audited by KPMG is available on our website at www.maf.org.my