Report of Stake Holders Workshop

By

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Project Name: Pakistan HIV/AIDS Prevention & Care Project (PHAPCP)
Proposed Target: 3000 Transgender/MSM Contacted.
Target Area: Karachi City
Duration: 15th Feb, 2007 to 31st December, 2008
Partner NGO: Youth Welfare Association Karachi
Donors: USAID & FHI

Project target of St: holder Workshops:
Six Stake Holder Workshops in 22.5 months

Target Workshop organized:
“One” at Lavish Dine Restaurant Ghul-e-Johar

Date of workshop: 28-7-2007.

Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai Welfare Society is a voluntary social welfare organization registered with Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh, since 2001 having registration number: REGD 1833 DSW & also actively involved in prevention of HIV/AIDS and STIs. Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai Welfare Society is currently working on Trans Genders & MSM for prevention & care. This project has been funded by USAID through Family Health International FHI.

A part of our project we have organised a workshop for stakeholders at Lavish Dine Restaurant Ghulistan-e-Johar from 11am to 5 pm. The purpose of this workshop is to provide platform to our stakeholders to provide them progress of UMEED-PHAPCP centre. Also to work with other organisations who already working on HIV/AIDS prevention in Karachi. The honorary guests of this workshops was,

- Mr. Allama Abbas Kumeli (Senator Islamabad) Chief Guest
- Dr. Arshad Mehmood (Provincial Program Manager SACP)
- Mrs. Fakhir Kareem (E.D.O Education Karachi)
- Dr. Malka Khalid (Town Health Officer Jamshed Town)
- Dr. Saleem Azam (President Of Pakistan Society NGO)
- Dr. Naeem Malik (Behtar Kal VCT centre karachi)
- Mrs. Aisha Zia (President Youth Welfare Association)
- Mr. Wajid Ali (Field Coordinator Infection Control Society)
- Mr. Agha Masood Ali (Media Representative)
- Dr. Noor-us-Salah (D.T.H.O Jamshed Town)

And others NGOs representatives were also attended this workshop. In the starting of this workshop the recitation of Holy Quran was presented. After this Mr. Ghulam Murtaza
Buriro Manager Admin & Accounts were formally introduce the nature of workshop & the need of this workshop.

Mr. Raja Kashif Counsellor SALBWS briefly introduce the HIV & AIDS.

Every stakeholder participated in verbal communication. Dr. Arshad Mehmood addresses the audience that HIV is spreading in Pakistan because of our weaknesses that we do not adopt safer policies in our daily life. & also put the light on awareness on HIV/AIDS that these types of activities should be organized in grass roots level where poor peoples will be benefited. Mr. Allama Abbas Kumeili said Allah is created this world to worship him but here we are busy in other things, just because of this that we are far away from our creator messages these kinds of diseases are attacking on man kind. Mrs. Fakhar Karim EDO education said that education is must for every one male & female both, poor & rich peoples both, but unfortunately here in Pakistan the system is not allowing us to move forward but we will have to move forward if we want to get rid of this disease AIDS, to educate them as awareness raising sessions in their areas. Dr. Malka Khalid said health is basic right of humans but we forget this thing ourselves. We need to develop health seeking behaviours among our selves to prevent this virus. Dr. Saleem Azam said HIV/AIDS is treatable but not curable, as our media says that AIDS is not treatable. Every one expresses their views in front of listeners.

Miss. Seemab khan clinical psychologist gives the presentation about the HIV Virus & AIDS symptoms in deep concept. After this presentation session Project Manager UMEED-PHAPCP Mr.Agha Aurangzeb present the progress report of Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai Welfare Society. The presentation was based on No. of target population registered, events organised, STI Clinical services served, Condoms distributed, Peer Educator Trained, Demand creation meetings with target population, advocacy meetings with stake holders, etc.

Mr. Danish Channa Project Director Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai Welfare Society has said we have to work hard & work together to fight with HIV/AIDS, transgender is the part of our system we should accept them as a part, but unfortunately these peoples are black listed as they are counted negative. But SALBWS is not one of them SALBWS work with these TGs for their better healthy life. In last Project Director paid the words of thanks to stake holders & all others NGOs representatives who attend this workshop.

In the end Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai Welfare Society provided lunch

With Regards
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