

TRAVEL REPORT SUMMARY

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Title of the event:

Monitoring visit to NGO "AntiSPID" (Shelter for MSM)

Visits Date: 10.06.2022

Purpose of visits:

1) Discussing programme activity with the staff of organization.

2) Meeting with clients of NGO "AntiSPID".

1) There was a meeting with the staff of organization within Shelter activities. There are coordinator and 3 social workers. Social workers work 1 day in two days according to the schedule. Coordinator also works as a M&E Specialist and Data Base Specialist. At the time of visit there were 8 clients living in the shelter. The shelter is for 8 persons, but sometimes there are 9-10 clients, and they arrange additional places for them.

Clients may live in the shelter for 14-30 days depending on their life situation. The following services are provided in the shelter: distributing of condoms and lubricants, psychological support, HIV rapid testing, referral to STI doctor, proctologist, STI testing, legal support, counseling on HIV, STI, PrEP, legal issues. There were PLHIV clients who were not on ART and during stay in the shelter they started ART and are adherent to ART now. 4 clients are on PrEP now. The staff of shelter also provides psychological support to family members who did not accept their children as an MSM or TG. Clients are referred to the shelter from other LGBT organizations.

Food is procured by the organization and also delivered by UNDP. Food delivered by UNDP is stored in the SDP office and delivered to the shelter for 1 week. The write-off of food is conducted every day by the accountant based on menu for each day.

There is a strict working mode of shelter.

Once a week they conduct mini-sessions for clients on different topic mainly psychological support by phycologist, on other issues by outreach worker and coordinator.

Condoms, lubricants and rapid tests are delivered to the shelter from SDP office for a month.

MIS data base is maintained by Coordinator/M&E Specialist. Data base for shelter is in the office of SDP and the data from primary documents is entered there.

The following primary documents were checked: log on check-in / check-out of clients, application and service agreement, working schedule of staff, log of receipt of soap detergents, food, domestic services, log on rapid testing.

The house for shelter is with three living rooms, kitchen and toilet. There are 8 beds. TV set, bed linen, kettle, chairs, microwave were delivered by UNDP/GF Project.

2) The meeting was in the shelter. There were 8 clients, who lived in the shelter at that time. Clients' UICs: 3APA101, AЙНУ101, ACKE168, OPTA194, ШАМУ182, АЛКУ299, ГУДИ190, НУБЕ190.

Clients live in a shelter for 1 day, 9 days, 20-25 days. On average, they receive shelter services for 1 month, if needed (in case of difficult life situation, violence, stigma and discrimination related to HIV status, sexual orientation). Employees of the organization assist them in finding jobs, some clients found job in the services spheres, catering sector as waiters, at a construction sites.

Clients receive household services (shower, food, overnight stay, hygiene kits), services of a psychologist, peer consultant, proctologist, dermatologist, lawyer. Clients with HIV status receive consultations on ART adherence, those lost from dispensary observation are helped to return to treatment. Social workers provide a minimal package of services such as condoms, lubricants and counseling services, and conduct HIV testing.

Social workers consult shelter clients on STIs, safe behavior, and legal issues. All clients are tested for HIV if necessary. When the organization's clients find work themselves, they also buy additional food, food is not enough, especially at the beginning, when the client has an adaptation period and a job search.

NGO AntiSPID works closely with other organizations such as Labrys, Kyrgyz Indigo, Reproductive Health Alliance, Sezim Crisis Center. Clients can be redirected from these organizations.

Clients under 18 age are not accepted to the shelter, but the organization can consult their parents.

Clients are aware about HIV, STIs, know the ways of HIV transmission and symptoms of STIs. 4 clients are on PrEP since April.

Clients are satisfied with all services provided in the shelter and expressed positive feedback about social workers' work and attitude.

Recommendations for NGO "AntiSPID":

- 1. To develop and approve the criteria for accepting clients to the shelter (Coordinator);
- 2. To determine the situations in which clients are admitted to the shelter (Coordinator);
- 3. To determine the average period of stay in the shelter, and in which situations clients can stay longer than 1 month (Coordinator);
- 4. To take measures to achieve all indicators within SR agreement for the 2nd quarter of 2022 (Coordinator).

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