



## TRAVEL REPORT SUMMARY

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**Title of the event:**

Monitoring visit to NGO "Podruga", Osh

**Travel Dates:** May 25, 2022

**Purpose of Travel:**

1. Inventory of health products (Tolkun Mambetova).
2. Meeting with staff, discussion of program activities (Tolkun Mambetova).
3. Verification of data (Aida Karipova).
4. Meeting with clients (Aida Karipova).

**Brief Summary:**

1. Inventory of health products.

Inventory of HP was conducted for the following health products for the period April - May 2022: condoms, rapid tests, health products for rapid testing, STI drugs.

Data on delivery and consumption was verified from HP logs and other accounting documents. Actual stock corresponded to the data in HP logs. There were no discrepancies found. Signed inventory table is attached.

HP logs and other related documents were checked. They are filled in according to requested format. IC warehouse programme for HP accounting is also used. It is filled in by the fact of HP issue.

2. Meeting with staff, discussion of program activities.

There are 5 outreach workers (1 of them works in Kyzylkiya), 2 social workers in drop-in center, 1 peer-to-peer consultant. Outreach worker from Kyzylkiya comes to Osh office once a week or two weeks for HP and submitting her diary for entering information to data base. Outreach work is conducted every day, during day and evening time.

The number of SWs is decreasing. Police raids do not allow SWs to stay on the streets. These SWs sit in taxi and it's difficult to cover them. They also move to apartments and often change their places. Many SWs migrate to other countries such as Turkey, Russian Federation, Dubai, etc. SWs who stay at apartments and works thought internet sites, saunas and hotels are also persecuted by police for the organization of brothel. Police raids take place even in Kyzylkiya.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the targets for minimal package of service and HIV testing will be not achieved, achievement ratio will be around 40% for coverage and testing.

All outreach workers have their own targets on coverage and HIV testing for one month. These targets are distributed and tracked by M&E specialist.

Outreach worker, Koichumanov Aidar, performs other office duties which is not according to his functional duties.

There was a meeting with friendly doctor – dermatovenerologist who is working in the organization. SWs come to “friendly” doctor and then they referred to AquaLab laboratory for STI testing. According to the result of testing, doctor prescribes treatment, STI drugs procured and delivered by the UNDP/GF project are used for treatment. Logs on clients’ registration, treatment prescription and accounting of medicines were checked. It was requested to use STI clinical protocol for STI treatment of clients.

The distribution of HP from the warehouse is every day in pieces, boxes from condoms are destroyed. Data to IC Warehouse programme is entered everyday once HP is issued to outreach workers.

At the day of the visit the stock of HP was for the period till the end of June.

There are hydrometers in the office room and in the basement warehouse, hydrometer for refrigerator is out of service. The temperature and humidity is fixed only in the basement warehouse.

STI medicines were placed in the office room as there were no place to store them in the locked place.

There was a discussion and on-job training on programme reports, supporting docs, indicators and MIS data base. Comments provided during report verification and Management Letter were explained.

### 3. Verification of data.

Data verification results (between primary documentation and MIS database)

General coverage-656, MPS-645 (Osh, Kara-Suu, Kyzyl-Kiya)

Month	Primary documentation	Database / Aggregating document	Number of checked codes	% Coincidence of primary documentation and database	Notes
January	Outreach Worker diary	MIS Database	30	100%	-
February			30	100%	
March			30	100%	

Data verification was carried out in the presence of a database specialist Malavichko Victoria.

### 4. Meeting with clients.

SW “sites” were located on Masaliev street, Shakirova/Gagarin, Ashimahunov, HBK, Aravanskaya street, next to the new bridge and along Frunzenskaya street. 23 SWs were interviewed during the visits.

SWs with the following codes were interviewed: БАБА289, РАОК284, НУАБ283, ЛАША284, ГУОД201, ЛИКА264, ГУАЛ294, СОРА280, СААХ295, ЖАСА284, РАКА289, ЗААБ293, САРЫ286, ЖУГА286, ЗАВИ298, АРАК299, ЗАЭС200, НУЖА200, АКТА286, ЭРБО290, РАБЕ298, АЙЭР200, УЛАС283.

The interviewed SWs receive services from organizations from several months to 15 years. The frequency of meetings with outreach workers is from 1 to 4 times a week. The following services provided by organizations were named: the provision of condoms (standard, flavored, female), legal advice, STI testing, and dermatovenerologist services. Condoms are distributed in a quantity from 10 to 17 pieces of standard, 6 pieces of flavored condoms per month, lubricants. The number of distributed condoms are not always enough. Interviewed SWs noted that they need from 40 to 200 pieces per month.

The quality of condoms and lubricants distributed under the Global Fund project is satisfactory. Information materials are distributed, the thematic spectrum of the information received satisfies.

Condoms are not used with regular clients, one of the SWs interviewed noted that she does not use condoms during her period because she believes that you will not get pregnant, but she does not know that it is possible to get STIs. Some SWs practice unsafe behavior.

The interviewed sex workers name the ways of HIV transmission, but not all of them. Most of the respondents do not know about pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis, the "window" period. The interviewed sex workers name the ways of HIV transmission, but not all of them. Many of SWs do not know the names of STIs and their symptoms.

According to the respondents, HIV tests are taken more than once a year.

The respondents noted that services are provided confidentially, information about SWs is not shared with other people, employees treat the organization's clients with respect.

There is a need among the interviewed SWs for the services of a psychologist, but the organization does not have a separate office for a psychologist to work with clients.

It is recommended to consult a psychologist in the kitchen, while hanging a "do not disturb" sign on the door.

Recommendations for the organization:

1. STI medicines which are placed in the office room should be moved to the locked storeroom in the office (HP management specialist).
2. To indicate all HP and STI drugs in HP table submitted to programme specialist (HP management specialist).
3. To conduct rapid testing more frequently if needed among SW and SW/PLHIV's permanent sexual partners (M&E specialist, Outreach workers).
4. To fix humidity and temperature in the locked storeroom in the office and in the refrigerator.
5. Syringes and pads which will be delivered to the organization should be used for STI treatment.
6. Outreach worker, Koichumanov Aidar, should work according to his functional duties as an outreach worker.
7. It is necessary to find an access to the new coverage of SWs through new outreach worker.
8. To take all possible measures for achieving targets on minimal package of services and HIV testing for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2022 (Coordinator, M&E specialist).
9. To improve the quality of counseling on HIV, STI and safe behavior for the clients (Outreach workers).
10. To strengthen the information component on PrEP, PEP.
11. To continue informing about safe behavior, the importance of using condoms with all categories of partners.

Recommendations for UNDP/GF Project:

1. To deliver hygrometer for refrigerator to the organization.

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