



RII CBOs/LNGOs HIV Programme

Annual Review Meeting
Yangon
14 October 2009



Profile of RII Partners

1.	AIDS Support Group (ASG)	Tachileik, Eastern Shan State
2.	Mahaythi Women's Development Cooperative	Mawlamyaing, Mon State
3.	Phaung Daw Oo- Zhiwaka project	Pa Thein Gyi, Mandalay Division
4.	Ratana Metta Organisation (Yangon)	Bahan, Yangon Division
5.	Substance Abuse Research Association (SARA)	Myitkyina, Kachin State



From 16 January-30 June 2009

Male and female condoms distributed: 91,417
 Individuals reached with prevention activities: 16,226
 Individuals who have accessed VCCT: 423
 No. of needles sold or distributed free of charge: 8,437
 No. of people received treatment for STIs: 61
 No. of PLHIV receiving antiretroviral treatment: 74
 No. of PLHIV receiving treatment for opportunistic infections: 472
 No. of PLHIV who received HBC, including package of support: 235



Key Achievements

- **Community level**
 - Mobilized (parts of) community
 - Community acceptance on our projects
 - Opportunity for Marginalized population
- **Project level**
 - Delivery of much needed services
 - Piloting "Community Feedback Mechanism"
 - Building local capacity



Key Achievements (continued)

- **Organisation level**
 - Networking with other LNGOs, INGOs, UN agencies
 - Improvement of systems in the organization
 - More credibility in community
- **Operating environment**
 - Advocacy and coordination with public health and administrative systems



Key Challenges

- **Community level**
 - Negative perceptions about needle and syringe exchange, condom promotion
 - Disempowered and disenfranchised community
"There's nothing we can do."
"It's not my business."
"It will not make any difference."
 - Wider health needs of the community
- **Project level**
 - Recruitment and Turnover of trained workers
 - Project plans and budgets not conducive to a holistic approach on HIV
 - "Incentive-driven" health education approach

Key Challenges (continued)



- **Organisation level**
 - Limited experience with contract management
 - Fledging M & E system
 - Limited experience with human resource management
- **Operating environment**
 - Suspension of activities in certain areas
 - Very limited referral network in some areas
 - Recognition and inclusion within a wider network of INGOs/UN/LNGOs

Lessons Learned



- Involved communities
- Existing social relationships and structures in the community
- Capacity building
- Innovative approaches to retain and motivate volunteers and staff
- Strategies to meet the wider health needs of the community
- Documentation and sharing of the experience

CBOs who live within the community, who work for and with the community, who are supported by the community know about the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY of the problem to respond.

They only need the HOW and the MEANS for kick-starting and intensifying their efforts.

THANK YOU.

