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USAID Community HIV Link – Southern



Local organizations participate in a workshop to build referral systems with HIV service providers. (Photo: LIFE)

GVN Counterparts

Provincial AIDS Committees of Ho Chi Minh City, An Giang and Can Tho

Duration

May 2014 – May 2016

Planned Budget:

\$996,339.00

Prime Implementer:

Centre for Promotion of Quality of Life (LIFE)

Vietnam has recently witnessed rapid growth of civil society organizations active in providing HIV-related services for key populations. However, with limited technical and human capacity and little participation in national or provincial policy dialogue, these efforts have not achieved significant impact. Concurrently, there is a need to move beyond traditional peer outreach to connect groups at greatest risk for HIV - injecting drug users, female sex workers and men who have sex with men –to HIV testing, care and treatment. The Community HIV Link program will advance the community-level response to HIV by strengthening the ability of local organizations to reach most at-risk populations and link them with appropriate HIV services.

Working in Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho and An Giang provinces, Community HIV Link will mobilize members of local community-based organizations to develop networks of high risk groups. The project will establish referral systems between local organizations and existing HIV service providers to connect clients to HIV services. The project will also build leadership among community organizations and facilitate networking and coordination between local organizations and key provincial and national level stakeholders in the HIV/AIDS sector – giving community-based groups a voice in the provincial and national HIV/AIDS response.

EXPECTED RESULTS

With improved HIV case finding and referral to HIV services the project will provide HIV services to more than 4,000 high risk people, care for more than 2,000 people living with HIV, and build the capacity of five new community organizations to continue delivery of HIV services.

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