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Regional Project «HIV prevention in migrant workers in Central Asian countries»





Project brief characteristics

- Donor – large grant of 3 round Central Asian AIDS Project (CAAP)
- Geographical coverage – Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan
- Main national counterparts – National AIDS Centers of participating states
- Budget – 1 003 343 US dollars
- Project management site – IOM Almaty and IOM Dushanbe
- Duration – October 2009 – till January 2011

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Background information

- Migration is a growing phenomenon in Central Asia
- Inadequate legislative basis in the field of labour migration, absence of regional & low efficiency of bilateral agreements, low educational level of migrants, language barriers , and limited access to primary health care and HIV preventive programs in host countries create the basis for violation of human rights
- Population migration always associates with infections' migration, especially if migration is poorly regulated
- Migrants are vulnerable towards HIV/STI – data of many IOM surveys worldwide
- The results of IOM Dushanbe survey in 2006 – migrants are aware of HIV, but have very basic and superficial knowledge, the agencies dealing with migration are not aware of the HIV & migration issues
- Therefore, growing migration in the region can catalyze HIV epidemic, and migrants would become a risk group



National and international strategies – basis for project development

- **UN GASS Declaration on commitment to HIV counteraction 2001 (para 50 – «develop and start implementing national, regional and international strategies aimed at improved access for migrants to HIV preventive programs»)**
- **Joint emergency plan of CIS countries to fight HIV/AIDS epidemic**
- **National Programs on HIV/AIDS counteraction 2006 – 2010**



Goal and specific objective

- **Goal** – to contribute to the National Millennium Development Programs - halt by 2015 and reverse the spread of HIV infection
- **Specific objective** – to establish a sustainable mechanism of HIV prevention among migrant workers in Central Asian countries through the regional and inter-sectoral partnership.



Activities of the project

- Establishment and promotion of the Regional Training and Coordinating Center in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Creation and support of the NGO network providing service to migrant populations, in order to involve NGOs in HIV prevention program
- Ensuring access to migrants to HIV preventive programs in KZ, as a host country

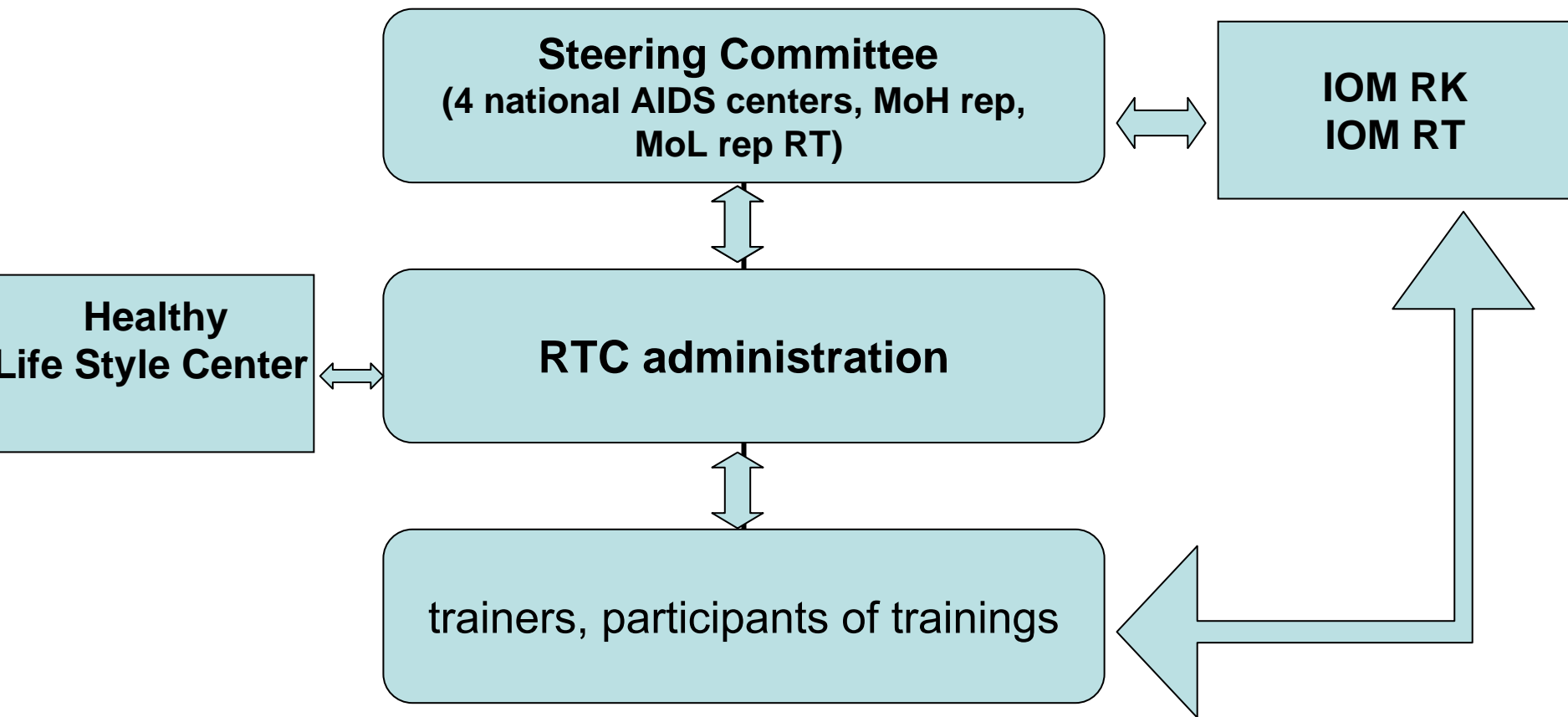


Regional Training & Coordinating Center on migration and HIV

- Support and commitment of the Tajik government
- Based on the Republican Healthy Life Style Center
- Developed Module Course on migration and HIV – by IOM with participation of the local experts and trainers
- Trainers experienced on training and education of adults – various target groups



Coordination and administration at RTC





Training sessions at RTC

- Regional trainings for gov. sector – 3
- Regional trainings for NGOs – 3
- Regional trainings for religious workers – 1
- Trainings for nurses and social workers from AIDS Centers and primary health care sector - 3



Other activities at RTC

- Creation and support of the resource center on migration & health: e- and book library, audio and video- materials, web site for RTC as a resource for NGO, trainers and any agencies involved in migration management, plus migrant workers
- Modernization and revision of the Module Course on Migration and HIV, preparation of the second edition
- Institutionalization of the Module Course on Migration and HIV



Other activities of the project

- Behavioural survey among migrant workers in RT and RK for the purpose to assess knowledge, attitude and practices in relation to HIV/STI, risks and vulnerabilities towards HIV, and access to preventive programs in host countries – RK and RF.
- Printing and distribution of 100 000 leaflets for individual use
- Study tour to the Philippines for gov. sector and Malaysian for NGOs



HIV Prevention activities of NGO in countries of origin



- Integration of preventive activities in pre-departure package
- Education activities in potential migrant population
- Prevention activities with migrants' wives
- Activities upon return of migrants with couples (VCT)



HIV Prevention activities of NGO in countries of destination



- Advocacy on access to migrants to preventive programs, improved access to friendly clinics and anonymous testing
- Activities at border check points, railroad stations, working places, along the major roads.
- Support for particular cases, successive management in countries of origin, transit and destination.



RTC perspectives

- From HIV prevention towards reproductive health
- Integration with TB program
- Pre-departure health assessment programs in cooperation with governments of destination countries
- Researches on migration and HIV, etc.
- In long term perspective – center for Migration Health



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