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FOREWORD

FOREWORD BY YABHG DATIN PADUKA SERI ROSMAH MANSOR

Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera dan Salam 1Malaysia,

The Ministry of Health's 2014 statistics on HIV and AIDS show a slight increase of 3,517 HIV cases from 3,393 in 2013 to 3,517 new cases with a total cumulative of 105,189 HIV cases. The trend indicates a 78 per cent increase in sexual relations comprising homo/bisexuals and heterosexuals.

While women and girls continue to be susceptible to HIV infection and experience HIV related health disparities, youths have also been found to be at risk. Hence, the implementation of the Red Ribbon Youth Club (RRYC) programme by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), through its sister organisation Malaysia Aids Council (MAC), is pertinent in spreading awareness and education on HIV and AIDS among the youths, especially students in institutions of higher learning.

Education and awareness programmes have also been designed to change the mindset and perception of society at large towards people living with HIV, especially with regards to stigma and discrimination against them and their families. It is sad to note that even after more than 25 years since AIDS was first discovered, stigma about sexuality or gender identity and discrimination against people impacted with HIV and AIDS are still abound. As a result, it is increasingly difficult and challenging for people infected with HIV in Malaysia to seek advice about safer sex and treatment.

Nonetheless, it is heartening to note that MAF continue to make a difference in the lives of those impacted. Despite facing budget constraints, MAF has succeeded in getting the necessary resources to fund its various programmes. This is largely due to the involvement and contributions from the private sector. Without this kind support, it would have been difficult for MAF and MAC to facilitate the implementation of their projects. I hope that the generosity shown by those in the private sector will inspire other organisations to lend similar support as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR). I must also acknowledge the cooperation between government agencies, particularly Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development which has a great bearing and impact on the education and prevention of HIV and AIDS.



As Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), I am happy and proud with the achievements made by MAF and MAC in curbing the HIV and AIDS epidemic in Malaysia. I am particularly impressed at and grateful for their remarkable leadership, commitment and determination in the relentless pursue to make Malaysia, a society free from the negative impact of HIV and AIDS.

Work to improve the lives of those affected by HIV and AIDS must continue. More importantly, there is an urgent need to scale up prevention programmes in an effort to continue reducing incidence. Such an effort is vital to ensure that people living with HIV and AIDS can make positive changes to their way of life.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the HIV and AIDS response.

With best wishes,

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*Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor
Patron, Malaysian AIDS Foundation*

STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY DATUK DR. RAJ KARIM

President of the Malaysian AIDS Council

The national AIDS response continued to make significant progress in the past year, owing to the commitment of all actors across the various sectors in the field.

Building upon the expansion of coverage of harm reduction services nationwide in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Malaysia continued to experience further reduction in new HIV infections among injecting drug users. Our harm reduction programme in 2014 provided over 40,000 injecting drug users with access to clean needles, methadone and many other health services.

TEMAN, a social reintegration project for the benefit of recovering drug users upon release from prison, marked another important milestone in the harm reduction response. While still in its pilot phase, the project has helped to bridge the gap in the most critical stage of drug treatment recovery, seamlessly offering the beneficiaries a new lease on life with referrals to healthcare and welfare services as well as employment opportunities.

We are also honoured to host the 24th International Harm Reduction Conference later this year in partnership with Harm Reduction International. We look forward to welcoming an estimated total of 1,000 delegates from 70 countries to the premier gathering of harm reduction leaders, advocates and front line service providers. The conference is of great significance to us for a number of reasons. It will be the first time the event is staged in a Muslim majority country in Southeast Asia and thus set to highlight issues and challenges that are specific to the region. Coinciding with the tenth year of harm reduction in Malaysia, it also recognises the achievements we have made in advancing the harm reduction strategy and stemming the tide on HIV among drug users.

Despite these successes, harm reduction and other community-based HIV interventions in Malaysia operate within a restrictive socio-legal environment. Continued advocacy with key policy makers and law enforcement agencies through forums, roundtable meetings, learning exchanges and other engagements ensured the HIV and drug policy discourse remained relevant, evidence-based and inclusive. For instance, our HIV and Human Rights Mitigation Report 2013, which drew wide media attention, highlighted reported cases of discrimination facing people living with HIV, drug users and other key affected populations and called upon the relevant authorities to take action.

Sexual transmission of HIV continued to rise in 2014, accounting for 78 per cent of all new infections. This situation underscores the urgency to meet the sexual and reproductive health needs of key populations most affected by it – sex workers, men who have sex with men and transgender people – and remove the barriers to sexual and reproductive health services, often stemming from shame and stigma associated with sex and sexuality. Women too are becoming increasingly vulnerable as a result of this, calling for the need to improve women's health literacy and empowerment especially spouses and intimate partners of key populations and those in underserved hard-to-reach settings.

As we enter the final year of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, we remain committed to providing community leadership on the national AIDS response and accelerating our efforts to further reduce new HIV infections and the negative impact of HIV among key populations.



In closing, we wish to thank all our partners, donors and supporters and for their invaluable contribution throughout the year. My colleagues at the Malaysian AIDS Council and I also wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to our Partner Organisations and their band of unsung heroes and volunteers for their determination and resilience in delivering critical community-based healthcare services in some of the most challenging scenarios imaginable.

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*Datuk Dr. Raj Abdul Karim
President, Malaysian AIDS Council*

**STATEMENT BY
PROF. DATIN DR. ADEEBA KAMARULZAMAN**

Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

In a year of numerous obstacles due to the global economic recession, The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) is blessed to continue to receive aid, support and sponsorship from corporate companies that are sensitive to the HIV and AIDS issues in Malaysia.

Amongst our many partners, MAF is extremely grateful to Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD), who partnered us on a number of programmes including the PAL Scheme, a medical assistance scheme for underprivileged people living with HIV (PLHIV). In addition, through a joint cooperation with Ford and Sime Darby Auto Connexion, YSD also sponsored a 13-seater vehicle which was converted into a mobile clinic. It is now used by the Penang Family Health Development (FHDA), one of Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) Partner Organisations, to carry out outreach programmes among the grassroots communities who have limited access to medical assistance.

M.A.C Cosmetics is also another of the Foundation's long term and loyal partners whose signature charitable initiative -- the M.A.C AIDS Fund -- has gone a long way to finance shelter homes for PLHIV run by MAC's Partner Organisations. Without such assistance, these shelters would not have been able to run efficiently and effectively.

MAF would also like to express its gratitude to Berjaya Cares Foundation for lending its support to the Paediatric AIDS Fund. This generosity helped to reduce the financial burden faced by HIV-affected households and underprivileged families, to see through their children's education.

To generate more revenue, MAF also organised a fundraising activity in 2014 whereby its trustee, Ralph Dixon, and Red Ribbon Youth Club advocate, Jeff Lau, took part in The MAF Marathon des Sables 2014 Challenge. The race is a gruelling multi-stage adventure through a formidable landscape in one of the world's most inhospitable climates - the Sahara desert. The duo ran the equivalent of five and a half marathons in five days for a total distance of some 251 km. Their objective was to raise funds for HIV education and prevention programmes targeted at youths. As well as health programmes for underprivileged women and children living with HIV. Our heartfelt thanks also to MAA Group, BFM, Grand Hyatt, Cocoland and many other corporations and individuals who have worked with us in making it possible for PLHIV to realise their dreams.

Another important corporate partner of MAF is Maybank with whom we have been in a successful partnership over the last four years. Our participation in the Maybank Treats Fair 2014 not only enabled MAF to raise funds from the sale of its merchandise items, but have also benefited from the auction of goods at the event. The proceeds were used to fund the various HIV intervention programmes run by MAC and its Partner Organisations. It is our hope that this collaboration will continue in the years to come.



Photo: Malaysia Tatler

MAF would also like to thank NGC Energy for its commitment through a series of sponsorship programmes involving the marginalised communities. In 2014 alone, NGC Energy sponsored more than 1,000 cooking gas cylinders to 22 shelter homes under MAC and MAF. Needless to say, this sponsorship helped to reduce operational costs at these shelter homes. Other projects involving people living with HIV, especially women and children, included a buka puasa event.

Last year also saw Firefly Airlines coming on board to collaborate with MAF in a joint campaign called the Connecting Communities Programmes. In this campaign, passengers had the option to donate RM1 for every flight ticket purchased. Revenue from the campaign was channelled into treatment, care and support programmes for women and children living with HIV.

Special tribute should also be given to our Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters who contributed their time and energy to ensure the success of various projects carried out by MAC and MAF jointly with corporate bodies and government agencies. Our heartfelt thanks especially to Aaron Aziz, Fahrin Ahmad, Bob Yusof, Dayang Nurfaizah, Hafiz Hamidun and others who rallied to raise funds for the first PLHIV palliative care centre in Kelantan and other charitable initiatives.

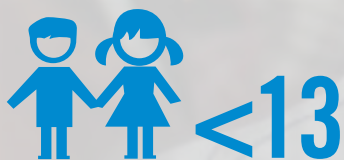
Last but not least, my appreciation goes to the members of the Board of Trustees and the dedicated MAF team who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth implementation of all projects. Among them are the Red Ribbon Youth Club aimed at getting youths and college students in Malaysia to sign up as RRYC volunteers and the Paint the Town Red to raise funds as well as create awareness in conjunction with 2014 World AIDS Day. Rest assured all our hard work will benefit and have a positive impact on all the communities in turning the tide on HIV and AIDS in Malaysia.

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Prof. Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman
Chairman, Malaysian AIDS Foundation

OVERVIEW OF THE HIV & AIDS EPIDEMIC IN MALAYSIA

The HIV epidemic in Malaysia is concentrated in these key populations:



38

Reported HIV in children
<13 years in 2014

1,114

Total reported HIV in children
<13 years (Dec 2014)

105,189 Total reported HIV
(Dec 2014)

3,517 New HIV Infections
reported in 2014

17,096 Total reported AIDS
related deaths
(Dec 2014)

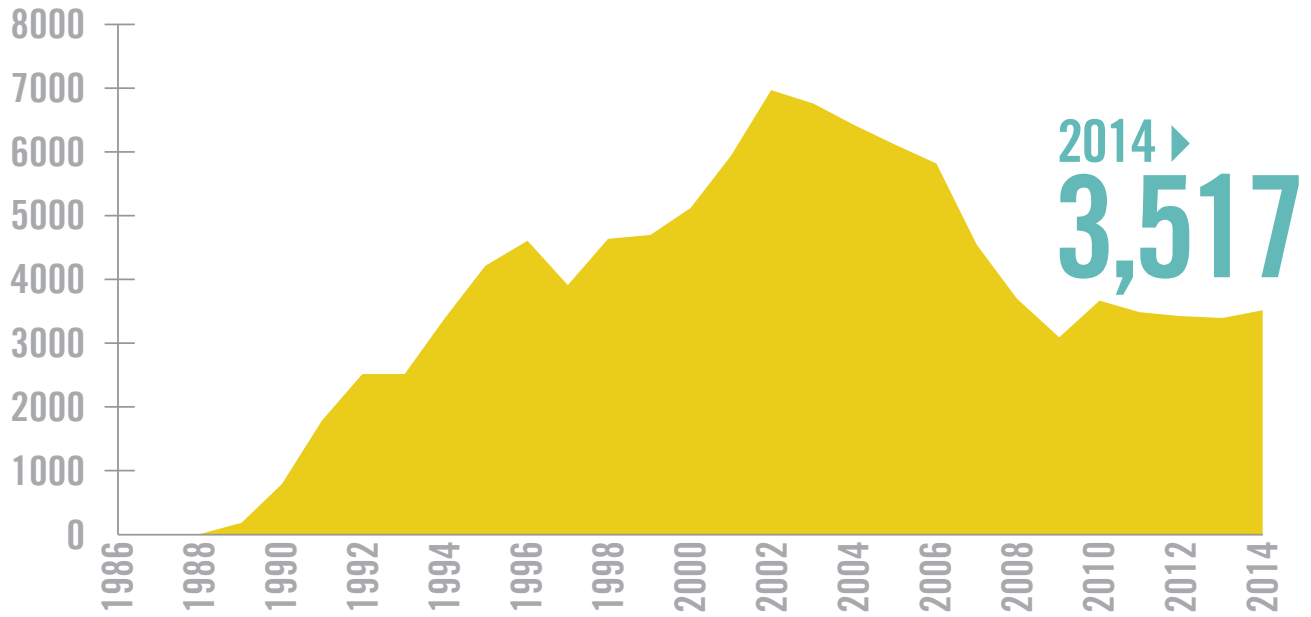
21,384 Total reported AIDS
(Dec 2014)

88,093 Current number of
people living with HIV in
Malaysia (Dec 2014)

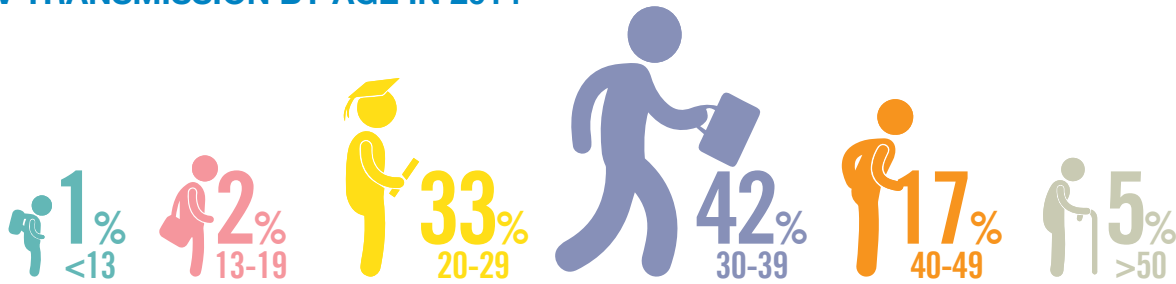
11.7 /100,000
HIV notification rate in
2014

Source: HIV/STI Section, Division of Disease Control, Ministry of Health Malaysia

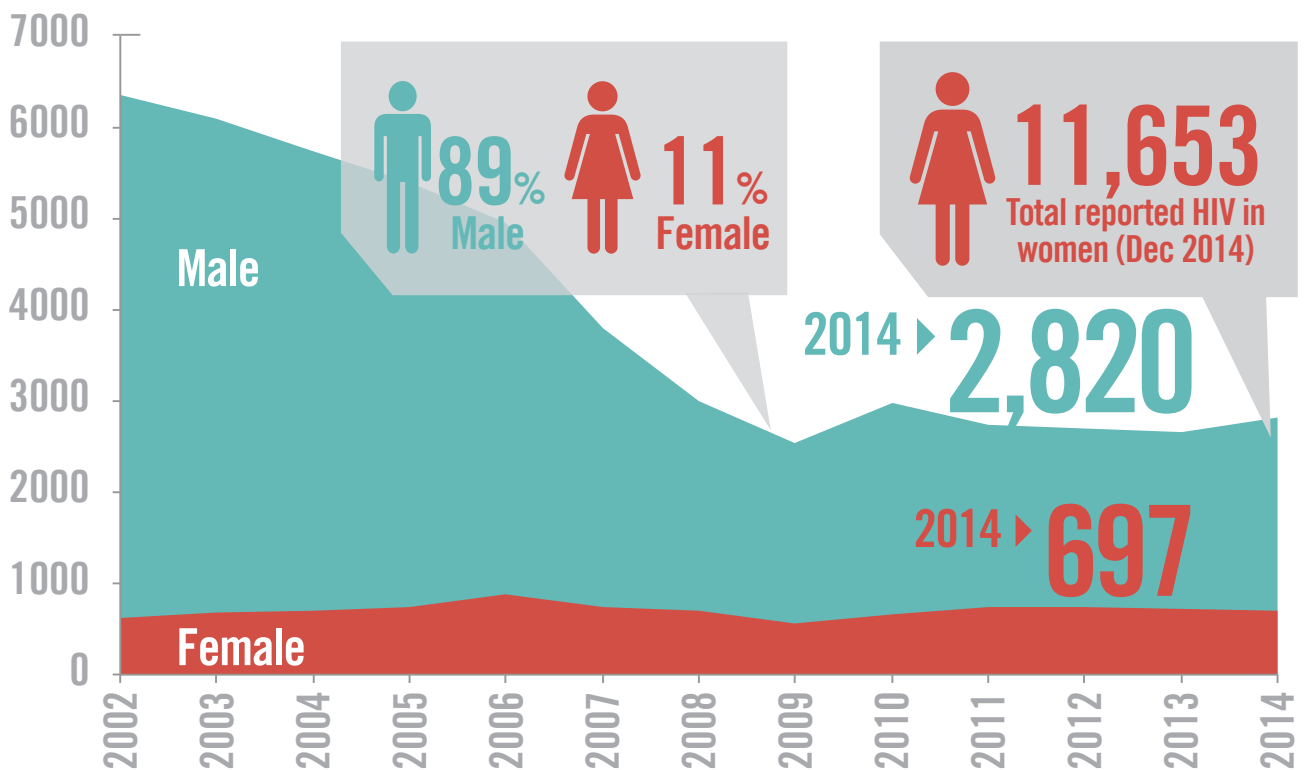
NEW HIV CASES (1986-2014)



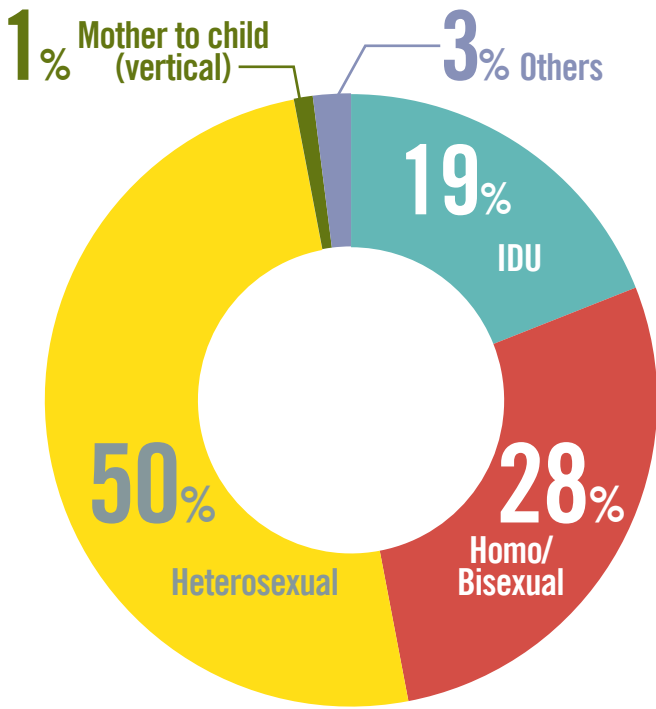
HIV TRANSMISSION BY AGE IN 2014



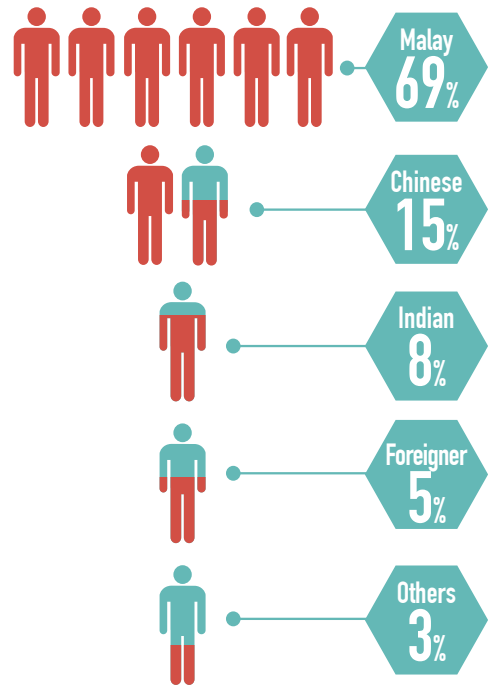
HIV TRANSMISSION BY GENDER IN 2014



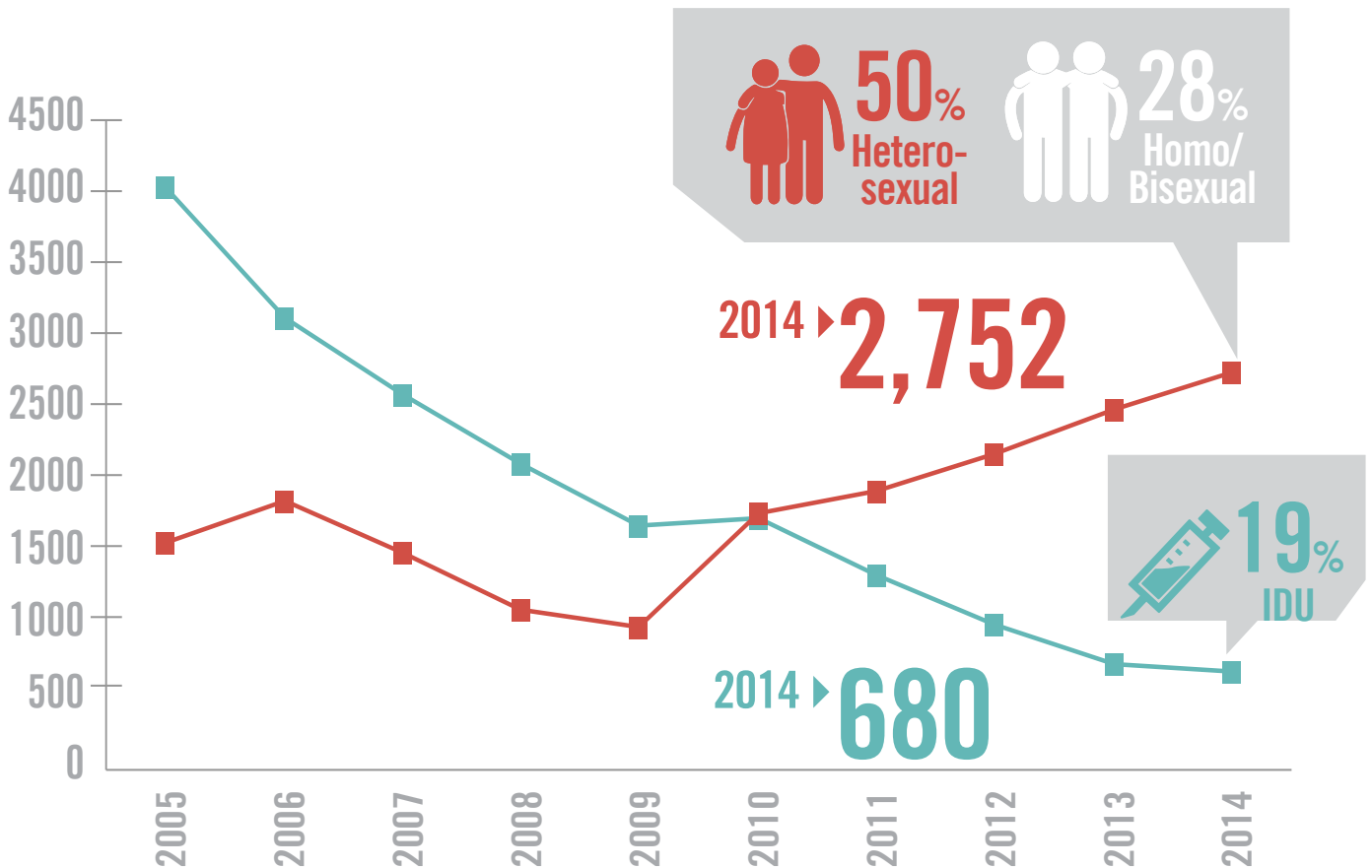
HIV TRANSMISSION BY RISK FACTOR IN 2014



PERCENTAGE OF HIV INFECTION BY ETHNICITY (1986-2014)



COMPARISON OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS BETWEEN INJECTING DRUG USERS (IDU) & SEXUAL TRANSMISSION (2005-2014)



MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

Overview



Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) was established in 1992 to serve as an umbrella organisation to support and coordinate the efforts of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on HIV and AIDS issues in Malaysia. MAC works in close partnership with government agencies, the private sector and international organisations, to ensure a committed and effective NGO-led response to the HIV epidemic. In addition to providing nationwide coverage of HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services, MAC and its Partner Organisations serve as the common voice for communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in the country.

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HIV AND ISLAM

JAKIM with MAC had organized several programmes to address HIV and AIDS amongst Muslims targeting Imams and religious leaders in state religious departments. Religious scholars therefore acquire correct information on HIV and AIDS thus eradicating stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV [PLHIV] with special attention to marginalised community such as injecting drug users [IDUs] and transgender.



INTERNATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL DAY (IAMD)

A total of 10 Partner Organisations [POs] took part in 2014 IAMD programme. Yassin recital was held, along with prayers accompanied by Friday sermon for Muslims. For non-Muslims, prayers and sharing sessions were led. Cahaya Harapan of Sungai Petani, Kedah had organised a state level IAMD event with the support and cooperation from JAKIM and MAC at Hotel Seri Malaysia Sungai Petani, Kedah.





WORLD AIDS DAY (WAD)

The Health Department of Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya was the host for 2014 national WAD and MAC had invited the community to be part of the event. Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters like Hafiz Hamidun, Dayang Nurfaizah and Bob Yusof were also present energizing the ceremony. Exhibition was set up by MAC and its POs showcasing their activities to the public.



NATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE (NAC):

MAC had sent numerous participants from the community to participate in National AIDS Conference held at MS Garden, Kuantan, Pahang from 10th to 12th October 2014. The partnership between the community and the health care providers was strengthened in this conference through notes exchange on best HIV prevention practices.

PROTECT THE GOAL

Protect the Goal, was launched during the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. It is an HIV awareness and prevention programs based on football tournament to help eliminate the risk of HIV transmission among youth.

In Malaysia, this project was launched by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), in collaboration with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV / AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), on 16 May 2014. The project requires changes of communication towards teenagers through mainstream media and social media, using the popularity of football as a tool to promote health messages in the region.

The event started with Dignity for Children football event - Faisal cup. Football Clinic with over 300 participants was held from August till December 2014. The participants were selected from primary and secondary (10 – 15 years old) students. This clinic was to provide opportunities for children to practice football with experienced coaches. Before the clinic started a talk on HIV and maintenance of healthy lifestyle and good values in life was delivered. As a finale, a Futsal Tournament in conjunction with World AIDS Day and Protect the Goal Campaign was held to inculcate sports and a healthy lifestyle among youth and society, nurturing self-esteem and discipline through sports competitions and promoting awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS throughout the tournament.



MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

Policy

The Policy Department of the Malaysian AIDS Council seeks to address numerous policy and legal barriers to access to HIV prevention, diagnostics, treatment and care. While many other ad hoc issues arise throughout the year, the following represent key successes and main events worked on during this period.



WOMEN WHO USE DRUGS

Under the European Union 'Asia Action' Project, in partnership with the Centre for Drug Research at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Penang, the Policy Department conducted qualitative interviews with women who use drugs accessible to our outreach workers in Kuala Lumpur, Johor Bahru, Penang and Kelantan. From September 2013-December 2014, a majority of interviews were conducted, revealing preliminary trends of poverty, trauma and violence, gaps in support services, dropping out of school, and a lack of health literacy. An overview of the study results will be encapsulated via a policy brief to be launched in March 2015 in conjunction with International Women's Day, and the research team plans to submit the results for publication in an international journal by end of 2015.



SUPPORT DON'T PUNISH (SDP)

Is a global advocacy campaign to raise awareness of the harms being caused by the criminalisation of people who use drugs. On 26 June 2014, the Global Day of Action for the Support Don't Punish campaign, a Press Conference launching our 2013 Human Rights Mitigation Report was held. This report documented 17 human rights violations that were lodged with the Malaysian AIDS Council in 2013 by key affected populations, including the lack of access to essential medicines in custodial settings, and discrimination on the basis of HIV status, perpetrated by several academic institutions.

The Report via the press conference had wide media coverage. In the afternoon of the SdP Global Day of Action, a music & cultural event was held, followed by outreach on at the clubbing street of Jalan P Ramlee at night. The outreach team handed out flyers on club drugs, and emphasized a harm reduction approach.



EVIDENCE-BASED DRUG POLICY – NEW DRUG POLICY

On 2 June 2014, a Draft Framework on Evidence-Based Drug Policy was presented by Professor Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Fifa Rahman, Dato' Rahim Uda, and Professor Dr Rusli Ismail to Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Minister of Home Affairs and the Minister agreed that a new drug policy should be drafted. This eventually resulted in the formation of a multisectoral roundtable discussion to draft the new national drug policy organized by the National Anti Drug Agency (AADK), which occurred on 13-15 January 2015.

CONSULTATION ON HEALTH STAFF IN POLICE CUSTODY

Closing the year, a Consultation on Health Staff in Police Custody was held in October 2014 in collaboration with the Royal Malaysian Police, for Officers in Charge of Police Districts (OCPDs) and Officers in Charge of Stations (OCSs) in Klang Valley. Dr Michael Wong, a doctor salaried by Victoria Police and stationed in a custodial centre (equivalent to police lockup) in Melbourne, was brought down with funding from CAHR to provide a briefing to police on best practices in Victoria. Police OCPDs and OCSs were informed of the Victoria Police system, i.e. a 24/7 hotline which police can call to speak to doctors and nurses for advice, and they have a nurse stationed on shifts at integrated custodial centres. Individuals receiving methadone maintenance therapy and antiretroviral therapy have their regimens continued while in custody. A second consultation was held in Johor Bahru November 2014.

During both consultations, 171 OCPDs and OCSs took part in a survey, which showed 97% of respondents supported the need for health services in police custody. This result has been forwarded to the Inspector General of Police, Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar.



HEALTH, SAFETY, PUBLIC ORDER: A PHOTO REPORT ON SWISS DRUG POLICY

On 17 December 2014, 'Health, Safety, Public Order: a Photo Report on Swiss Drug Policy' was launched at Vistana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The event was graced by the presence of the Deputy Head of Mission of the Swiss Embassy, Mr Rolf Ott. The report was produced pursuant to the study tour to Zürich, Switzerland on 26-29 August 2014. The delegates that participated on this study tour were YB Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali, Member of Parliament Bagan Serai; Dato Haji Wan Hamzah Wan Paie, Senior Private Secretary to Deputy Minister of Home Affairs; Supt Tuan Abdul Samad Salleh, Officer In Charge of Police District Seri Alam; TV9 Broadcast Journalist En. Aminhayat Abdul Rahim and MAC Policy team. The report has been sent by mail to numerous Cabinet Ministers with previous interest in evidence-based Drug Policy, and presented by hand to YB Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, YB Dato' Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, YB Nurul Izzah Anwar, Member of Parliament Pantai Dalam and YB Sivarasa Rasiah, Member of Parliament Subang.

KL DRUGS AND HEALTH FORUM

On 21st October 2014, Under the Community Action in Harm Reduction Project (CAHR), the second KL Drugs and Health Forum was held. Drug policy professionals and civil society met at MAC for an informal discussion on problems in Malaysian drug policy. Attendees included Dr Philip George, Dr Steven Chow from Addiction Medicine Association of Malaysia (AMAM), Martin Wegman, Ilias Yee, Razali Ayub and Dr Michael Wong from Victoria Police, who shared his experience of doctors in police custody.



HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REPORTING

Meetings with outreach workers on human rights violations were also conducted in Johor, Kelantan and KL. The partner organizations (POs) received briefings by the Policy & CAHR team jointly on what human rights violations can be reported to MAC. The objective of this meeting was to brief to the POs on the importance of reporting human rights violations and to keep emphasis on human rights violations reporting and to ensure accurate reporting.

DRUG USER ADVOCACY

On 18th September 2014, a capacity building workshop was held with key PWUD advocates. MAC relies on community advice and support for advancement of advocacy goals. The training module included elements of tools for effective advocacy, and pointers on how to use research and scientific evidence for drug user advocacy. During that meeting, the MAC policy team together with drug user advocates worked on a joint letter on Hepatitis C and the Gilead voluntary licenses. A letter was drafted by MAC and WARDU requesting the MOH to enter into direct negotiations with Gilead on the prices of Sofosbuvir and this was sent to the Ministry of Health on 26 October 2014.

The Policy team strives to continue to be attentive to the needs of the community in terms of legal and policy barriers. However, due to the large amount of policy barriers that continue to exist, we will be carrying out a prioritization exercise to ensure that needs of each key affected population are adequately addressed.



MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

Programme for Key Populations

Guided by the National Strategic Plan (NSP 2011 – 2015), the continuous effort and meaningful commitment by the Malaysian AIDS Council and its Partner Organizations led to high-impact prevention strategies in reducing HIV incidence amongst the Key Populations (KP) in the country.

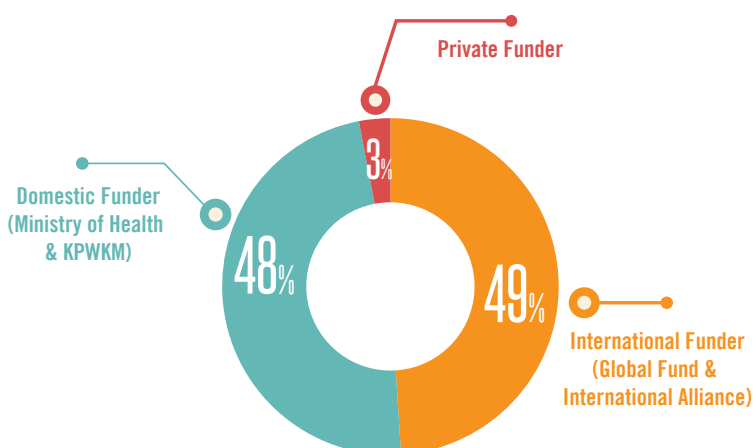


The overarching principle of the strategies and resulting interventions is to establish a continuum of prevention, care, and treatment services.

In year 2014, combinations of cost-effective, evidence based, and scalable interventions were directed to the key affected populations (KP) in geographic areas where HIV prevalence was evident. Classified as a country with a concentrated HIV epidemic, the KP shows a high infection rate of above 5% especially among injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, sex workers and transgender population. The infection rate among the general population is estimated to be less than 0.5%.

The aim in 2014 remains to crafting effective linkages to HIV prevention, care, treatment and support with the emphasis

to identify as many people as possible with HIV early in their infection and link them successfully to prevention, care and treatment services and to link those who test negative to prevention services.





HARM REDUCTION – NSEP & MMT

Decreasing drug related harm or Harm Reduction is the key strategy deployed jointly by the Ministry of Health and MAC through early and vigorous implementation of peer based Needle and Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP) and Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MMT). Malaysia's annual reported new HIV cases has decreased from an estimated peak of 6,978 in 2002 to 3,393 in 2013 (approximately halve of the figure reported in 2002), with declines in new infections attributed largely to the inception of NSEP in 2006. The NSEP and MMT programme extend people who inject drugs with access to clean injecting equipment, methadone for opiate substitution and information and education on HIV and AIDS.

A total of 40,193 benefitted through 39 IDU programmes implemented in 537 sites nationwide in year 2014. While these programmes were predominantly funded by the Ministry of Health, international corporations and donor agencies including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance via Community Action on Harm Reduction (CAHR) supported through additional funds to complement and expand the existing services.



Key figures in 2014 For NSEP

11,781	NUMBER OF NEW CLIENTS REGISTERED
2,425	NUMBER OF CLIENTS REFERRED TO VCT
953	NUMBER OF CLIENTS REFERRED TO MMT PROGRAMME
5,153,578	NUMBER OF CLEAN NEEDLES DISTRIBUTED TO CLIENTS
60%	RECOVERY RATES OF NEEDLES
83,608	CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF NSEP CLIENTS (2006 - 2014)





HARM REDUCTION IN CLOSED SETTINGS – PRISON

Providing comprehensive healthcare services to the key populations in closed settings especially the prison inmates who inject drugs poses a number of unique challenges. Nevertheless, the Malaysian AIDS Council acknowledges the urgent need to upscale Harm Reduction services targeted at released prisoners returning to their communities. MAC in partnership with the Prison Department of Malaysia and State Health Department of Negeri Sembilan embarked on a pilot ‘TEMAN’ project in the Seremban prison. A total of 21 PLHIV prison inmates benefitted from this programme in year 2014.



This programme is funded by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance via Community Action on Harm Reduction (CAHR).

Key figures in 2014 For TEMAN Project

14 clients	REFERRALS TO GOVERNMENT CLINIC TO EXAMINE HEALTH STATUS INCLUDING CD4 STATUS, TB, STI AND HEP C
5 clients	STARTED ARV
14 clients	REFERRALS TO MMT CLINIC
12 clients	REFERRALS TO WELFARE DEPARTMENT
14 clients	REFERRALS TO JOB EMPLOYMENT
100 prison inmates	OVERDOSE AWARENESS TRAINING



PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HIV AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AMONGST SEX WORKERS, TRANSGENDER AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN POPULATIONS



In year 2014, the Malaysian AIDS Council and its Partner Organizations continued working towards implementation of an optimal combination of prevention activities supporting the continuum of country level response to address the rise of sexual transmission of HIV in Malaysia. MAC through its Partner Organizations delivered targeted community based interventions encompassing promotion and provision of preventive tools, behavior change communication materials and effective linkages to clinical services within an enabling environment amongst the sex workers, transgender and men who have sex with men communities.

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) and the Malaysian AIDS Foundation supported, through additional funds, to complement and expand the existing MOH funded services.

Key figures in 2014 For Sexual Transmission Projects

16	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES
165	NUMBER OF OUTREACH POINTS
8, 584	NUMBER OF CLIENTS REACHED
2, 814	NUMBER OF NEW CLIENTS REACHED
2, 087, 747	NUMBER OF CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED TO CLIENTS
478	NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO VCT
370	NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO STI



SERVICES AND COMMODITIES DIRECTLY PROVIDED THROUGH THE PEER BASED OUTREACH PROGRAMME:

1. Safe sex kits
2. Psychosocial support
3. Education and communication material on primary healthcare
4. Behaviour change communication

SERVICES AND COMMODITIES PROVIDED THROUGH REFERRAL LINKAGES:

1. HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC)
2. Sexually transmitted infection related services
3. Sexual reproductive health related services
4. Legal aid services
5. Needle & Syringe Exchange Programme
6. Methadone Maintenance Therapy



CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV)

Hospital Peer Support Programme



The Hospital Peer Support posits that early treatment of HIV infection coupled with information and education about antiretroviral treatment and adherence, emotional management and healthy living with HIV could markedly decrease onward HIV transmission.

In year 2014, TAPS reached out to a total 4924 clients living with HIV in 24 treatment centers through 10 Partner Organizations. Peers whom are viewed to be more credible than professionals because of their life experiences that are similar to those encountered by the PLHIV are engaged to make this programme a success. The peers provide PLHIVs with personalized information and emotional support, helping them integrate adherence into their life situations.

Key figures in 2014 For Hospital Peer Support Programme

10	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES
24	NUMBER OF TREATMENT CENTERS
3, 005	NUMBER OF NEW CLIENTS REACHED
189	NUMBER OF GROUP COUNSELING SESSIONS
212	NUMBER OF GROUP SUPPORT SESSIONS
72%	NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN ARV





Shelter Home Programme

People living with HIV and AIDS can live healthier and longer lives if effective treatment, care and support services are made available to them. In year 2014, Partner Organizations of MAC operated 13 shelter homes to best meet the needs of the key populations through provision of holistic care that includes basic nursing care, palliative care, supportive and caring environment, bereavement counseling, social, emotional and spiritual support, nutritional food, shelter, information on HIV and AIDS, and medical and welfare referrals. The important partners in making this programme a success include Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development complemented by MAC Cosmetics and World Vision.

Key figures in 2014 For Shelter Home Programme

355 NUMBER OF PLHIV SERVED IN SHELTER

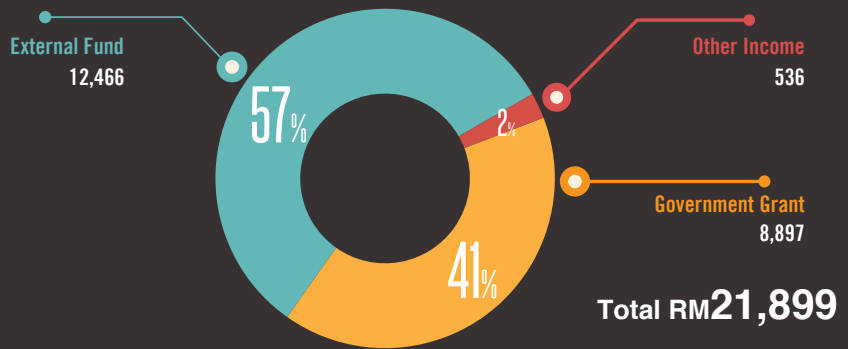
254 NUMBER OF PLHIV ON ARV IN SHELTER

625 TOTAL NUMBER OF SHELTER HOME PROGRAMME BENEFICIARIES

MAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY

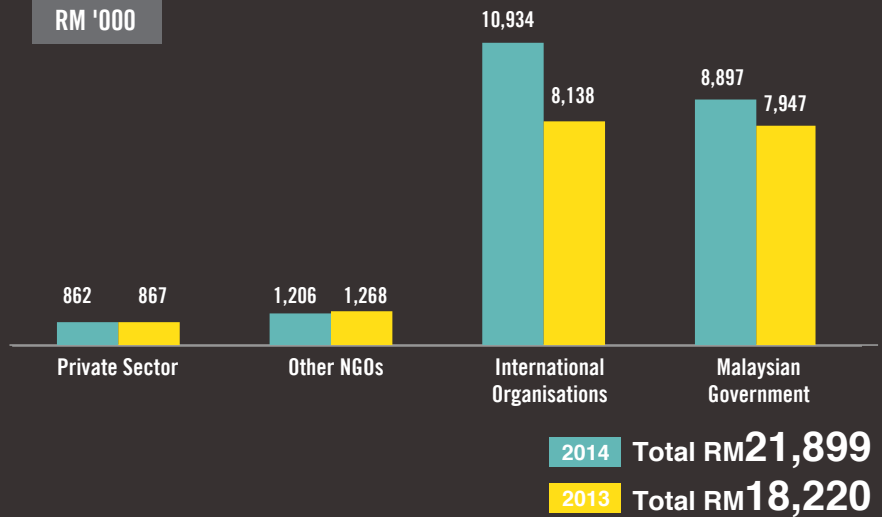
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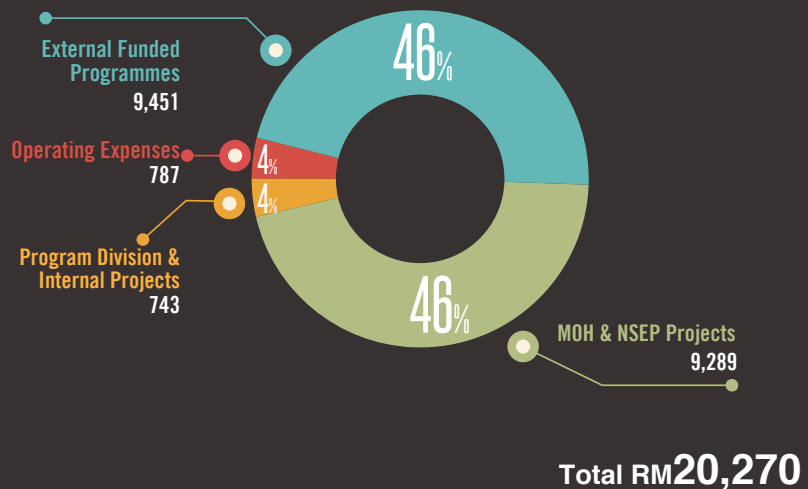
SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTION BY SECTOR

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HOW WE SPENT

RM '000



MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

Overview



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) was formed in 1992 to raise and administer funds to support the activities and programmes of Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and its Partner Organisations. MAF funds prevention, treatment and care programmes conducted by MAC and Partner Organisations, which include efforts to:

- Prevent the spread of HIV in Malaysia
- Educate Malaysians on HIV and AIDS issues
- Support Malaysians living with HIV, especially women and children orphaned or made vulnerable by AIDS
- Protect the rights of people living with HIV who may face discrimination due to their HIV status

MAF also distributes corporate donors' funds to support projects that have been unable to secure government funding or projects located in parts of the country where resources are scarce.

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M.A.C COSMETICS FOR TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT

M.A.C Cosmetics, through its signature charitable initiative, the M.A.C AIDS Fund has pledged RM335,574 to support shelter homes operated by four Partner Organisations of the Malaysian AIDS Council: Sabah AIDS Support Services Association (KASIH), Pertubuhan Komuniti Cakna Terengganu, Pertubuhan Wanita dan Kesihatan Kuala Lumpur (WAKE) and the Persatuan Perantaraan Pesakit-Pesakit Kelantan (SAHABAT). The donation was raised through 100 % of the sales of Viva Glam lipstick, the fundraising vehicle of M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia.



MAYBANK TREATS FAIR

In its fourth consecutive year of partnership, Maybank through the Maybank Treats Fair 2014 helped Malaysian AIDS Foundation raise a total of RM119,646 from Treats point redemption and charity auction conducted by Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter.



YAYASAN SIME DARBY FOR PAL SCHEME

The PAL scheme is a medical assistance initiative of MAF that provides second line antiretroviral medicines to underprivileged Malaysians living with HIV. The scheme was launched in 1998 and since its inception has been running solely on MAF's core funding.

Recognising the financial constraint of MAF, Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD) has reached out to to fund the crucial lifesaving support for people living with HIV by committing RM1.5 million for the PAL Scheme for the next three years.



While a cure and a vaccine remain elusive, antiretroviral drugs are our best bet in not only treating people with HIV but also preventing the virus from being transmitted to people who are uninfected. As science continues to bring forth new treatment approaches, there is no denying that they come at a very high cost, the brunt of which is something that the majority of people living with HIV in our country are not able to bear financially. We are grateful to YSD for their generous support which has given a new lease on life to our PAL Scheme, which we have been struggling to keep alive.”

~Professor Adeeba Kamarulzaman,
during the official launch of PAL Scheme
sponsorship by YSD. Kuala Lumpur,
20 August, 2014.



MARATHON DES SABLES

The MAF Marathon des Sables 2014 Challenge saw two runners - MAF trustee, Ralph Dixon and RRYC Red Ribbon Youth Club volunteer, Jeff Lau - competing in ultra marathon across 250km of brutal and arid environment of the Moroccan Sahara Desert in their bid to raise much-needed funds for MAF Treatment, Care and Support Programme and the (RRYC) programme.



Their endeavour successfully raised RM100,000 donation. Major donors include MAA Group, BFM, Grand Hyatt, Cocoland and many more.

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FORD AND SIME DARBY AUTO CONNEXION JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF MOBILE CLINIC UNIT

Ford and Sime Darby Auto Connexion donated the first locally-assembled Ford Transit to the Penang Family Health Development Association (FHDA), a partner organisation of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC). The 13-seat van was adapted into a mobile clinic for the FHDA's outreach programme to grassroots communities with limited access to medical assistance in rural areas of Kedah and Penang.



FIREFLY CONNECTING COMMUNITY

Firfly Airlines launched a crowd-funding campaign with MAF, allowing passengers to donate RM1 per flight ticket purchased through the airline's Connecting Communities Programme. Proceeds from campaign was pledged for Treatment, Care and Support Programme for underprivileged women and children living with HIV.





NGC ENERGY CELEBRATES COMMUNITY

NGC Energy, a long-term partner of MAF has demonstrated its commitment to support People Living with HIV through sponsorship of a series of community engagement and donation programmes.

In 2014, NGC Energy continued its sponsorship of more than 1,000 cooking gas cylinders for 22 shelter homes. It also continue the tradition of hosting an Iftar Ramadan (breaking fast) with beneficiaries of MAF, including single mothers and children from shelter homes, where the community members were also treated with a Hari raya shopping spree, gifts and duit raya. NGC also made financial contribution worth nearly RM 30,000 to MAF through donation made during Ramadan and part of their support for the Red Ribbon Youth Club.



AN EVENING WITH AARON AZIZ

Aaron Aziz, a Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter led a fundraising campaign to support the establishment of the first palliative care centre for People Living with HIV in Kelantan. The effort culminate with an charity dinner, dubbed An Evening with Aaron Aziz that was held on the 9th of September 2015 at Renaissance Kota Bahru, Kelantan.

The dinner, jointly hosted by MAF and Renaissance Kota Bahru, was held under the esteemed patronage of Tengku Laksamana Kelantan, Yang Berhormat Mulia Tengku Abdul Halim ibni Almarhum Sultan Ibrahim.



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RED RIBBON YOUTH CLUB

In 2014, the Red Ribbon Youth Club (RRYC) kicked off with the launched of the RRYC Annual Membership Programme, targeting at Malaysian youth and college students. The RM15/annum membership programme came with host of benefits offered by RRYC corporate partners.

Throughout 2014, RRYC embarked on a series of campus tour programmes across Malaysia with the aim of driving membership and encourage Malaysian youth to take part in HIV and AIDS activism and voluteerism. Most of the programmes were led by RRYC spokesperson, Aaron Aziz, Fahrin Ahmand and Najwa Latif.

RRYC programme highlights

- Campus tour programme with UNIKL, UiTM, UUM and USM Main Campus
- Kenduri Komunity (“Community Soiree”) hosted by RRYC members of USM Medical School
- World AIDS Day Celebration by MSU
- Charity concert #RRCS4RRYC with UUM

Summary of RRYC achievements in 2014

10,000	NUMBER OF CONTACTS MADE DURING CAMPUS TOUR PROGRAMME
2,500	NUMBER OF RRYC CARD MEMBER
12	NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
12	NUMBER OF CORPORATE/ GOVERNMENT PARTNERS
8	NUMBER OF RRYC STUDENTS WORKSHOPS
4	NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS ORGANISED BY RRYC MEMBERS
RM 360,000	PR VALUES OF RRYC COVERAGE
RM 104,000	FUNDS RAISED BY RRYC



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PAINT THE TOWN RED CAMPAIGN

Paint the Town Red is a fundraising and awareness campaign held in conjunction with the World AIDS Day Celebration. Through collaboration with numerous partners, supports and donors, more than RM 100,000 were successfully raised from this campaign.

Highlights of Paint the Town Red events and activities

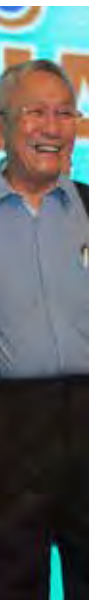
- Zumba with a Difference by Fitness First
- Alphamen 2014 by Glam Lelaki
- Red Sunday Funk by Gastrodome Sdn Bhd
- Burst Asia by ESP Malaysia





BERJAYA CARE FOUNDATION FOR PAEDIATRIC AIDS FUND

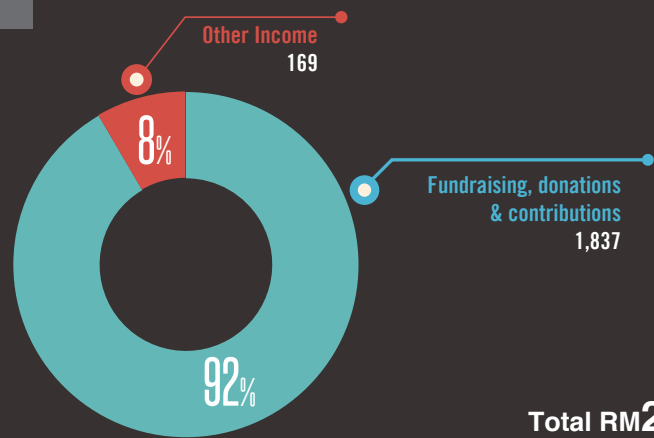
Berjaya Care Foundation (BCF) has stepped in as the funder for the Paediatric AIDS Fund, a child support programme that provides underprivileged children aged 0 – 12 years old living in HIV affected households with a monthly allowance of RM200 per child. BCF has committed RM 360,000 to support 150 beneficiaries who are currently supported by this programme.



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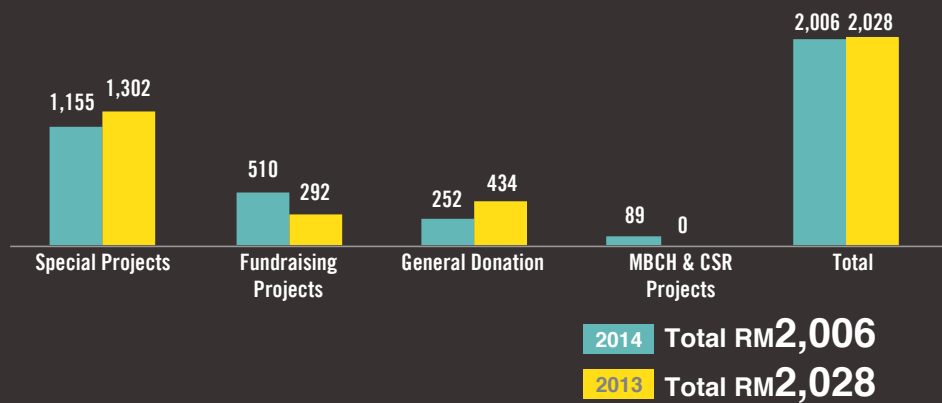
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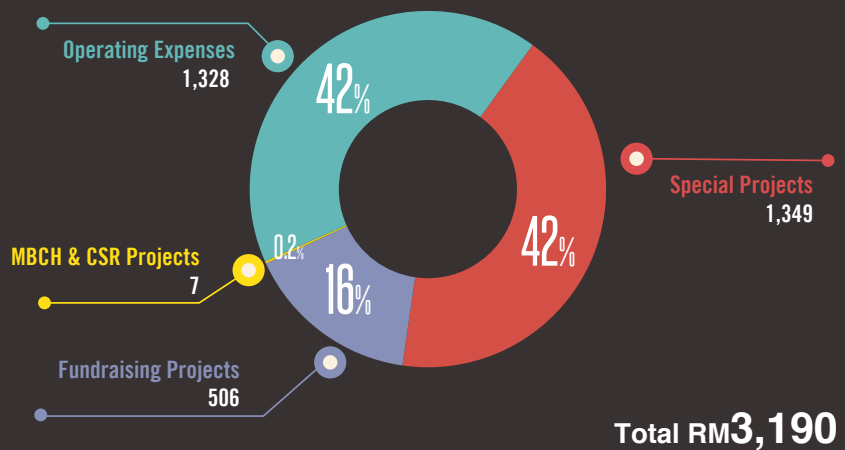
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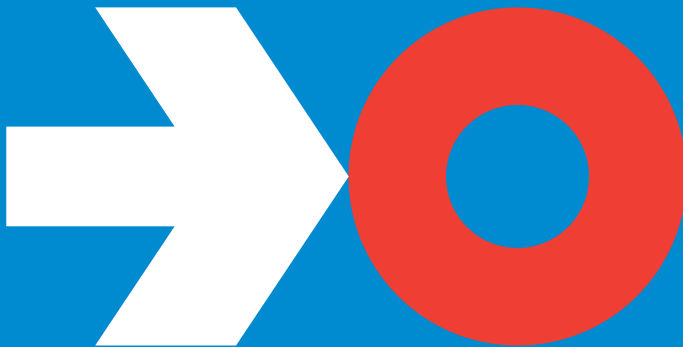


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PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

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