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FOREWORD

Foreword by
Datin Paduka Marina binti Mahathir
Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

I am deeply honoured to be part of the front-liners of the HIV response in our country where we are actively trying to make a stigma-free society in regards to HIV and AIDS. In this opportunity, I would like to convey my utmost gratitude to the outstanding leadership, commitment and determination of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, the Malaysian AIDS Council and its Partner Organisations for their efforts in spearheading the HIV movement and navigating our country to ending the HIV epidemic.

We have witnessed an improving scene of the HIV response in these past few years. My hats off to the Government for their amazing measures and takes on the respond of the HIV epidemic such as the National Strategic Plan on Ending AIDS 2016-2030 (NSPEA). This is a bold action to be taken by the Government and I must applaud them for it.

The ultimate goal of NSPEA is to track the HIV and AIDS response with the aim to reach the 90-90-90 targets introduced by UNAIDS (90% of the key populations tested for HIV and know their status, 90% of PLHIV on ART and 90% of PLHIV on ART adhering to the treatment with suppressed viral load). It is therefore reasonable that Malaysia aspires to achieve zero AIDS death.

Apart from that, my gratitude also goes to individuals and our corporate partners for their kind support and generous contributions aiding the HIV response processes. These great contributions allow the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and the Malaysian AIDS Council to effectively extend our capacity and reach out to the betterment of the lives of the people living with or affected by HIV.

I must also applaud the Government together with the Malaysian AIDS Council for the effort of decreasing drug related harm or Harm Reduction through the early and vigorous implementation of peer-based Needle and Syringe Exchange Programme and Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MMT). This is improving the prevention of HIV through injecting drug users.

Prevention, treatment, care and support are the ways forward and this is needed to improve our performance.

Once again, my greatest gratitude to the Ministry of Health, and all partners and donors for your endless support and commitment in the HIV and AIDS responses and improving the lives of PLHIV in Malaysia.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marina', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Datin Paduka Marina binti Mahathir
Patron, Malaysian AIDS Foundation

STATEMENT

Statement by Bakhtiar Talhah

President of the Malaysian AIDS Council

I am very honoured to congratulate the Malaysian AIDS Council team for our newly-gained membership to Coalition Plus as it was granted with a status of an observer member for a period of one year, thereafter MAC can apply for a permanent membership to them. This is a very good news to us as the umbrella organisation for HIV and AIDS response in Malaysia because Coalition Plus, founded in 2008, is an international coalition of community-based AIDS NGOs. They act in nearly 40 countries in community testing, risk reduction, and many more. Being part of the coalition helps MAC to be on par with other internationally-recognised NGOs that fight against AIDS.

The aim of MAC in 2018 remained to crafting effective linkages to HIV prevention, case, treatment, and support services 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 tested negative to prevention services. This is becoming a reality when MAC abides the National Strategic Plan on Ending AIDS 2016-2030 by having a Prevention, Treatment, Support, & Care Programmes Targeting Key Populations (KP).

MAC's other effort such as the Treatment Adherence Peer Support Programme (TAPS) is also another great move to support the Ending AIDS cause. TAPS is a hospital/ community clinic-based programme which posits that early treatment of HIV infection coupled with information and education about antiretroviral treatment, and adherence. This is needed because a PLHIV really could use a peer support throughout their journey as it might ease few things for them. We have 26 programmes for TAPS and able to perform 520 sessions of peer support group and counselling sessions. In 2018, TAPS reached out to a total of 5357 clients living with HIV.

In the effort to decrease the number of drug related harm or Harm Reduction, the Ministry of Health together with the Malaysian AIDS Council implemented a programme called Needle and Syringe Exchange Programme and Methadone Maintenance Therapy. There are about 3312 number of new clients registered under these programmes and 1 748 780 number of clean needles distributed. This helped Malaysia's annual report on new HIV cases to be decreasing from an estimated peak of 6978 in 2002 to 3393 in 2013 (approximately half of the figure reported in 2002).

In terms of stakeholder engagements, MAC has been actively engaging with the Deputy Minister in the discussion on the Global Fund Transition Proposal 2019-2021, engaging and collaborating with stakeholders in HIV related programmes. Apart from that, MAC is working closely with stakeholders on the community-based testing, World AIDS Celebration, and 'Klinik Kesihatan Model'. These are some of the efforts by MAC to help ending AIDS in Malaysia.

MAC's efforts and achievements are interrelated with our stakeholders and donors, Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters, the Executive Committee of MAC, the Board of Trustees of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, and the entire secretariat



and volunteers of MAC and its Partner Organisations. I would like to convey a heartfelt gratitude to all of them for their endless support and tireless passion and commitment as we are looking forward to achieve a society free from the negative impact of HIV and AIDS.

*Bakhtiar Talhah
President, Malaysian AIDS Council*

STATEMENT

Statement by Prof. Dato' Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) made remarkable breakthroughs in 2018. Despite the volatile donor environment due to the continued economic downturn, we raised a total of RM4.1 million, in terms of both restricted and unrestricted funds. Our activities in the past year were guided by the new joint Malaysian AIDS Council and MAF Strategic Plan 2016-2020, identifying areas of priority towards closing the resource gap and ensuring that no one was left behind as we stepped up our efforts to end AIDS.

This led to our campaign to end AIDS with the Red Ribbon Media Award where we acknowledged and honoured the role of media in disseminating the key message of activism and conveying the facts while debunking myths of HIV & AIDS. In this age of information, the media plays a vital role in our efforts in Ending AIDS. Education is the key to keeping the nation well informed on the methods of prevention while also updating Malaysians on the advancement of medicine in combating HIV.

We also moved forward with the Ending AIDS campaign by co-hosting the 2nd biennial ASEAN Red Ribbon for Outstanding Workplace (ARROW) Award with the Department of Safety and Health (DOSH), Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR), at Swiss Garden Hotel. The award recognises corporate companies in the ASEAN region for their outstanding initiatives to create a safe and healthy working environment through HIV & AIDS awareness and prevention programmes for their employees. Congratulations to PETRONAS for winning the award for Malaysia. PETRONAS is the Champion of corporate Malaysia in terms of HIV & AIDS management at the workplace policy, which covers various aspects such as non-discrimination, testing, subsidizing HIV & AIDS treatment and medical cost, self-insuring their employees, confidentiality and disclosure, promoting safe work environment, education, access to treatment & care and policy implementation. PETRONAS holds the distinction of being the first GLC in Malaysia with HIV & AIDS Workplace Policy. This was followed by the 4th ASEAN-BCA Meeting where ASEAN delegates presented their Progress Report on the National Business Coalition on AIDS (BCA) & Implementation of the Code of Practice on HIV & AIDS in the Workplace at the Swiss Garden Hotel & Residences Kuala Lumpur.

MAF also engaged Tommy Thomas Advocates & Solicitors, to draft the Prevention and Management of HIV & AIDS at the Workplace Bill. Currently, there is no law in Malaysia to manage and protect PLHIV at workplaces against discrimination. A major long-term vision put forth by MAF is the legislation of HIV & AIDS Workplace Regulation by 2020. The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure a consistent and equitable approach to the prevention of HIV & AIDS among employees and their families, and to the management of the consequences of HIV & AIDS by both employers and employees, including the care and support of PLHIV employees. Upon completion of drafting this Bill, several Roundtable Discussions were held with key stakeholders such as the MBCH Committee Members, Partner Organisations of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), PLHIV who have been discriminated at the workplace, Director-General of DOSH, Minister of Human Resources as well as Members of Parliament. Currently, slight amendments are being made to the draft Regulation, following which it will be presented to MTUC for their feedback, then tabled once again to the Ministry of Human Resources. This Regulation is expected to be signed into law by the Minister of Human Resources by the end of 2020.

The 4th National AIDS Conference which was held on the 28th December 2018 at the Swiss Garden Hotel was organised by the Malaysian Society for HIV Medicine (MASHM) in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERIA), the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), and supported by the Ministry of Health (MOH). The conference was the most important platform for various stakeholders in the national AIDS response to exchange ideas and share strategic information in relation to the National Strategic Plan to end AIDS. The conference was attended by more than 500 participants comprising healthcare providers, academicians, civil society representatives and leaders from the community of People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

During the conference, HIV Connect was launched by the Deputy Health Minister YB Lee Boon Chye as a platform for Primary Care Physicians (GPs) to be equipped with the necessary tools to manage PLHIV using a self-paced modular approach. Through short, illustrated lectures designed and presented by Malaysia's leading specialists in Infectious Diseases, the GPs were able to have access to CME lectures that presented balanced, timely, scientifically rigorous and clinically relevant information about HIV disease management.



MAF and PETRONAS successfully hosted a special ASEAN-themed two-hour Satellite Symposium themed 'Building Bridges with Businesses the Asian Way' at AIDS 2018 to complement the 22nd International AIDS Conference held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The session featured an esteemed panel of speakers from MAF, PETRONAS, Department of Safety and Health, Ministry of Health, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) and Thai National AIDS Foundation (TNAF).

The symposium showcased Asia's business commitment to end AIDS, including the Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV/AIDS (MBCH). The Satellite Symposium and the participation of MBCH delegation in AIDS 2018 were jointly sponsored by PETRONAS and AbbVie Pharmaceuticals. I was honoured to co-chair the symposium together with Mr Bakhtiar Talhah (MBCH Chairman and President of MAC) and Dr. Kumar Supramaniam (Head of Group Occupational Safety & Health, PETRONAS). We were impressed with the attendance of more than 150 international delegates to the session where efforts by MAF were highlighted to a global audience for the first time. In addition, the success of MBCH, a business-led alliance on policy and CSR committed to fighting HIV & AIDS, was highlighted on an international platform in the presence of prestigious international organisations, including ILO & AFAO.

Our resource mobilisation efforts in 2018 saw the delivery of high-impact HIV & AIDS treatment, care and support programmes such as PAL Scheme – the medicine assistance scheme supported by Yayasan Sime Darby providing free second-line antiretroviral to underprivileged People Living with HIV. In addition, children living and affected by HIV were also given the chance to improve their quality of life with our Paediatrics AIDS Fund programme funded by GlaxoSmithKline who also supported HIV Connect and MBCH. Through the M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia M.A.C AIDS Fund, we managed to sustain shelter homes under the care of our partner organisations. These homes provide refuge for People Living with HIV who have been ostracised by their family members and community. With the spiritual and physical support provided, they are able to improve their health and quality of life which will prepare them to return to society as productive citizens.

The year ended on a prestigious note with the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner on 16 December 2018 at Hilton Kuala Lumpur. Graced by Tun Dr Siti Hasmah as the guest of honour, the gala dinner guests were served with fine cuisine complemented with dazzling entertainment by our Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters, the R&B Queen, Dayang Nurfaizah, and the ever-talented Bob Yusof. The highlight of the night was the presentation of the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award to Matron Fadzilah Abdul Hamid from Rumah Solehah for her outstanding achievements and contributions to the AIDS response. I would also like to express my gratitude to the major sponsors of the gala dinner - Berjaya Corporation Berhad, Monospace and Raftessia, AMCOM Berhad and Air Asia.

With all these successes, I am certain that we are now in a good position to meet the target of Ending AIDS. I am confident that we can accomplish even greater milestones in 2019, especially in our fundraising initiatives.

Prof. Dato' Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman
Chairman, Malaysian AIDS Foundation

OVERVIEW OF THE HIV & AIDS EPIDEMIC IN MALAYSIA

118,556 Total reported HIV
(Dec 2018)

3,293 New HIV Infections
reported in 2018

43,843 Total reported AIDS
related deaths
(Dec 2018)

979 AIDS-related deaths
(in 2018)

75,040 Current number of
people living with HIV in
Malaysia (Dec 2018)

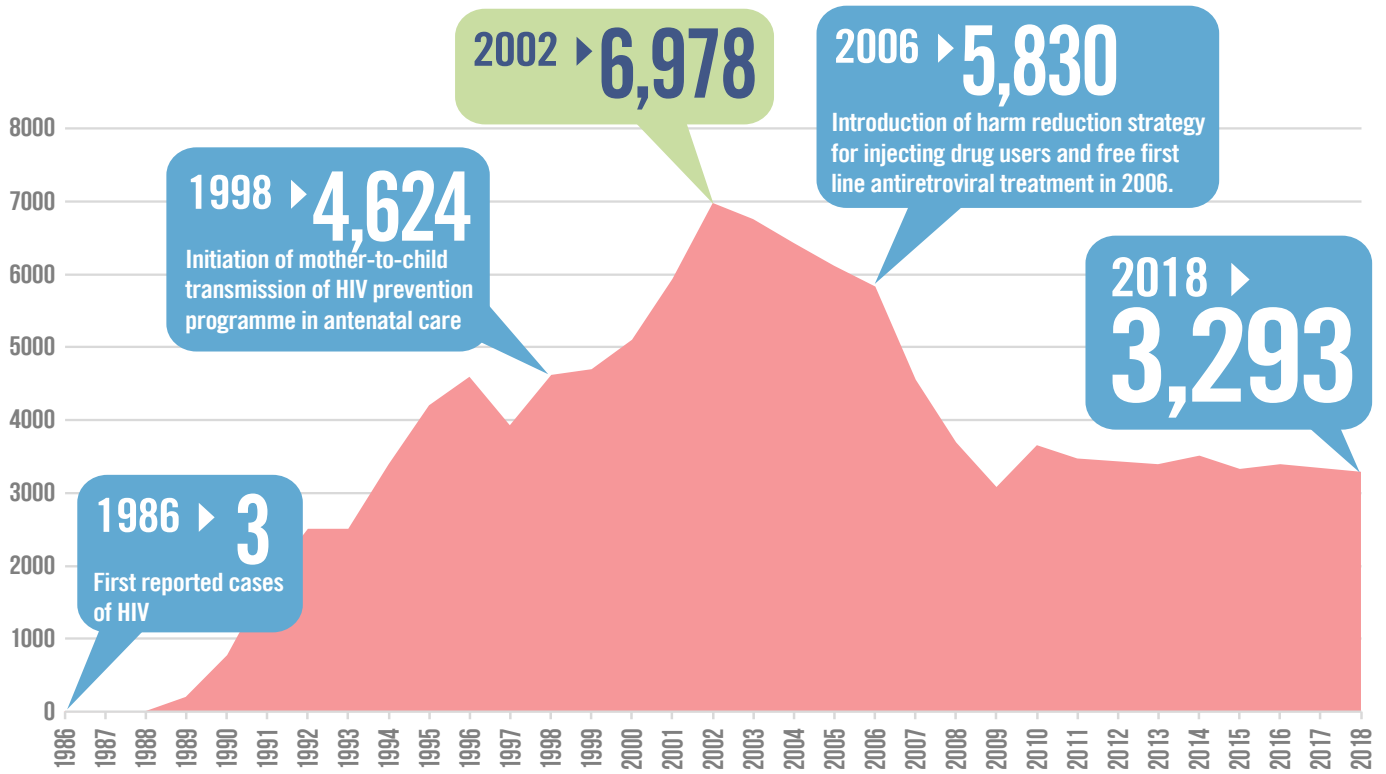
10.02 /100,000
HIV notification rate in
2018

11 Reported HIV in children
<13 years in 2018

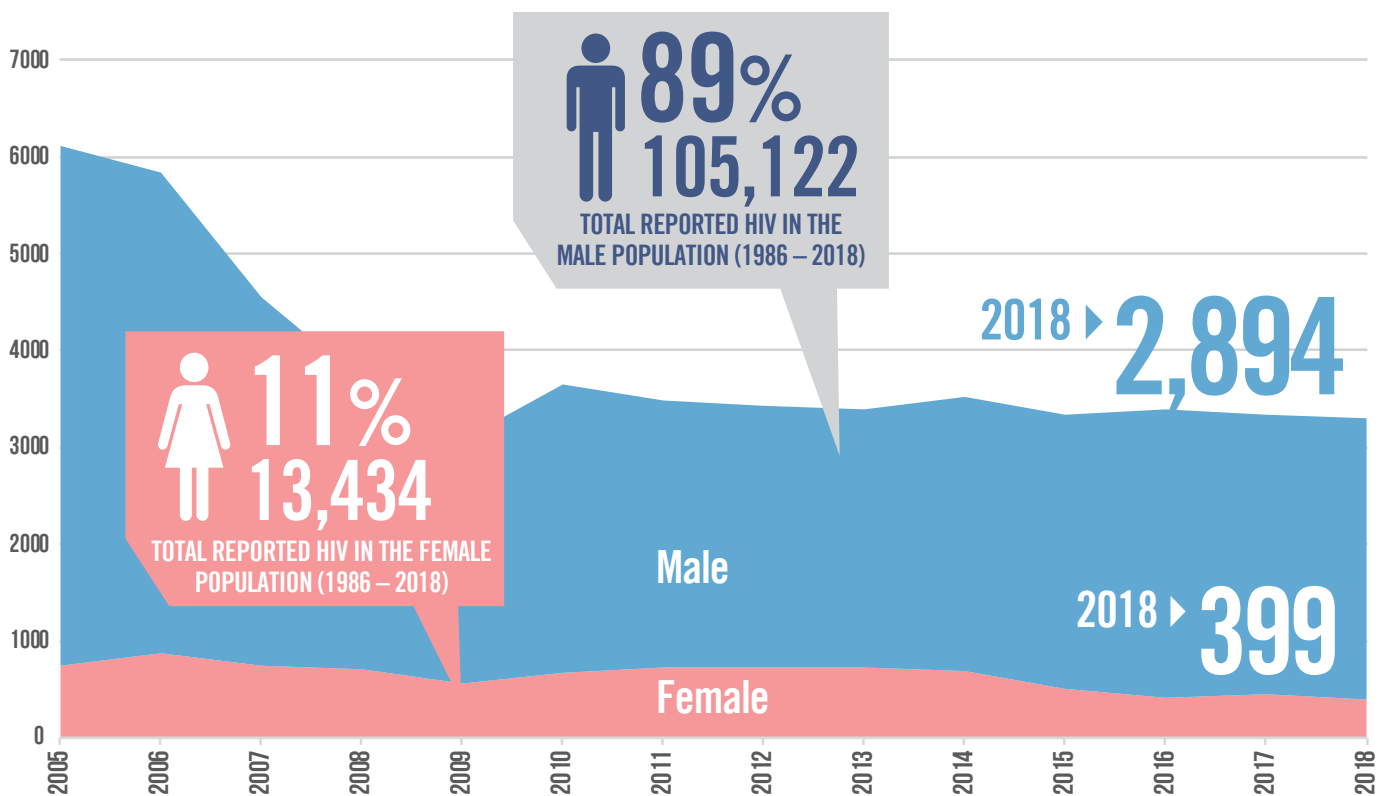
1,179 Total reported HIV in
children <13 years
(Dec 2018)



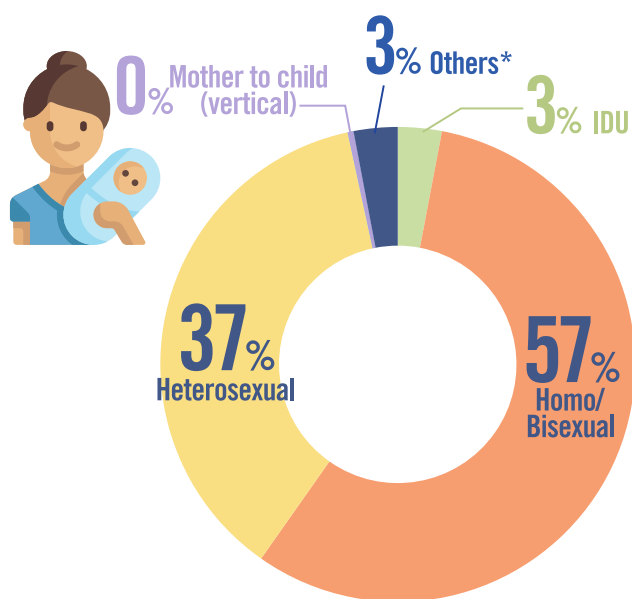
NEW HIV CASES (1986-2018)



HIV TRANSMISSION BY GENDER IN 2018



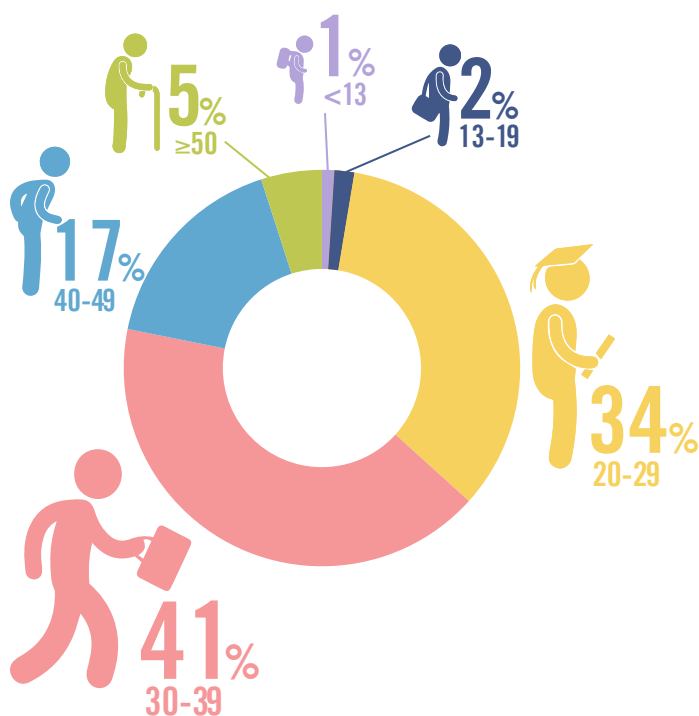
HIV TRANSMISSION BY RISK FACTOR IN 2018



*Include blood transfusions, organ transplantations, needle stick injuries and no information.

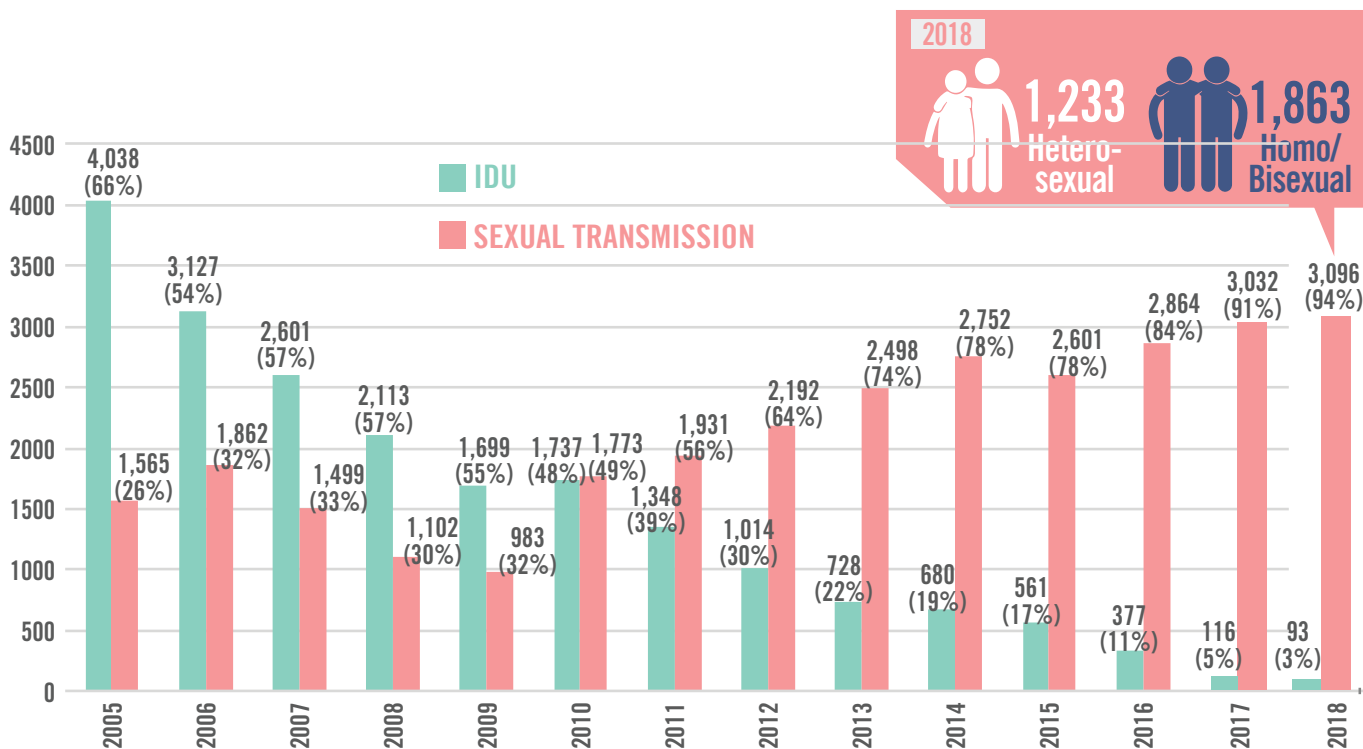
(% of 3,293 new infections)

HIV TRANSMISSION BY AGE IN 2018



(% of 3,293 new infections)

COMPARISON OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS BETWEEN INJECTING DRUG USERS (IDU) & SEXUAL TRANSMISSION (2005-2018)



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



Strategy 1

Building a Value and Principle Driven Organisation

BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING



The Malaysian AIDS Council Biennial General Meeting (BGM) is held every two years on or before 31st May of the relevant year. Three accredited delegates from per Member Organization, known as Partner Organisation, attend the BGM. At the BGM one of the important courses of business is the election of office bearers to the Executive Committee (EXCO). Office bearers, namely the President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and five (5) ordinary members are elected to hold office for the next two years.

14TH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The 14th BGM was held on 12th May 2018 at the Grand Lotus Hall, Hotel Swiss Garden, Kuala Lumpur. The following delegates were elected to the Executive Committee (EXCO) for the term 2018-2020.

- En. Bakhtiar Talhah – President
- Prof. Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman - Vice President
- Prof. Dr. Azlinda Binti Azman – Hon. Secretary
- Ms. Elisha Kor – Assistant Hon. Secretary
- En. Woo Kin Fai - Hon. Treasurer
- Dr. Zaiton Binti Yahaya – Ordinary Member
- Ms. Mona Hanim Binti Sheikh Mahmud – Ordinary Member
- Dr. Theyveeka Selvy A/P Rajoo – Ordinary Member
- En. Naggappan A/L Periyapayan - Ordinary Member
- Pn. Jubaidah Bee Binti A K Nagoor Pitchay - Ordinary Member

In addition, the delegates appointed Dr. Manimalar Selvi Naicker and Ms. Gina Liew as the Hon. Internal Auditors.



MEMBERSHIP TO COALITION PLUS



MAC's membership application to Coalition Plus was granted with a status of an observer member for a period of one year, thereafter MAC can apply for permanent membership.



Prior to the approval, Coalition Plus had approached MAC and urged MAC to apply for membership to their organization. They were keen to work with MAC on HIV/AIDS & Islam related issues.

Founded in 2008, Coalition PLUS is an international coalition of community-based AIDS NGOs. They act in nearly 40 countries, with a hundred or so civil society organizations, in:

- Community testing
- Strengthening the supply of sexual health
- Risk reduction
- Community Research
- Advocacy
- Capacity building (financial management, fundraising, etc.)





MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

The 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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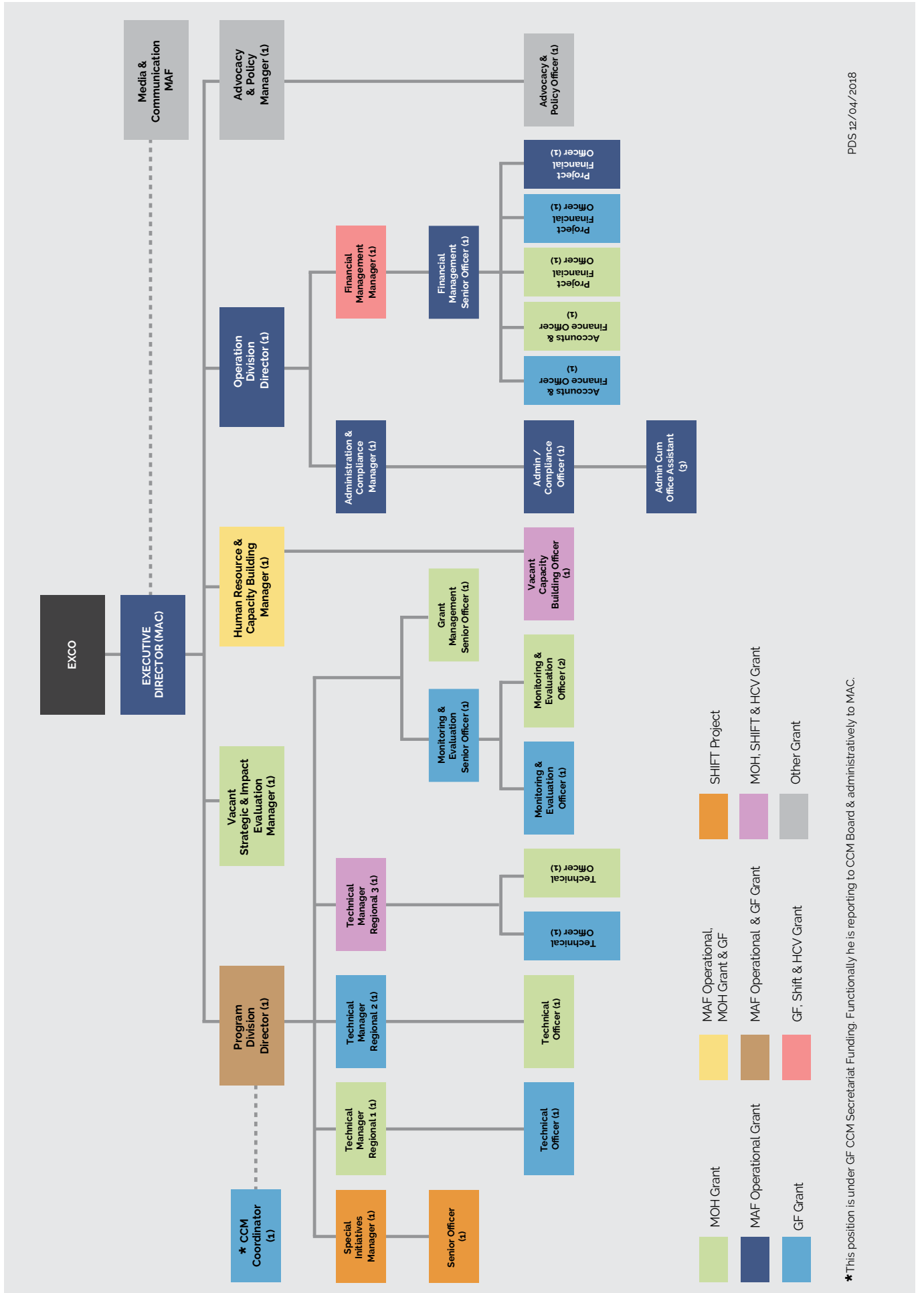


**JUBAIDAH BEE BINTI A K NAGOOR
PITCHAY**
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



NAGGAPPAN A/L PERIYAPAYAN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

ORGANISATION CHART



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MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) was formed in 1993 to raise and administer funds to support the activities and programmes of the Malaysian AIDS Council and its Partner Organisations. MAF funds high-impact HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes such as harm reduction, shelter homes, financial and medical assistance schemes as well as HIV health literacy and empowerment activities for underprivileged women and children living with HIV and other key populations nationwide.

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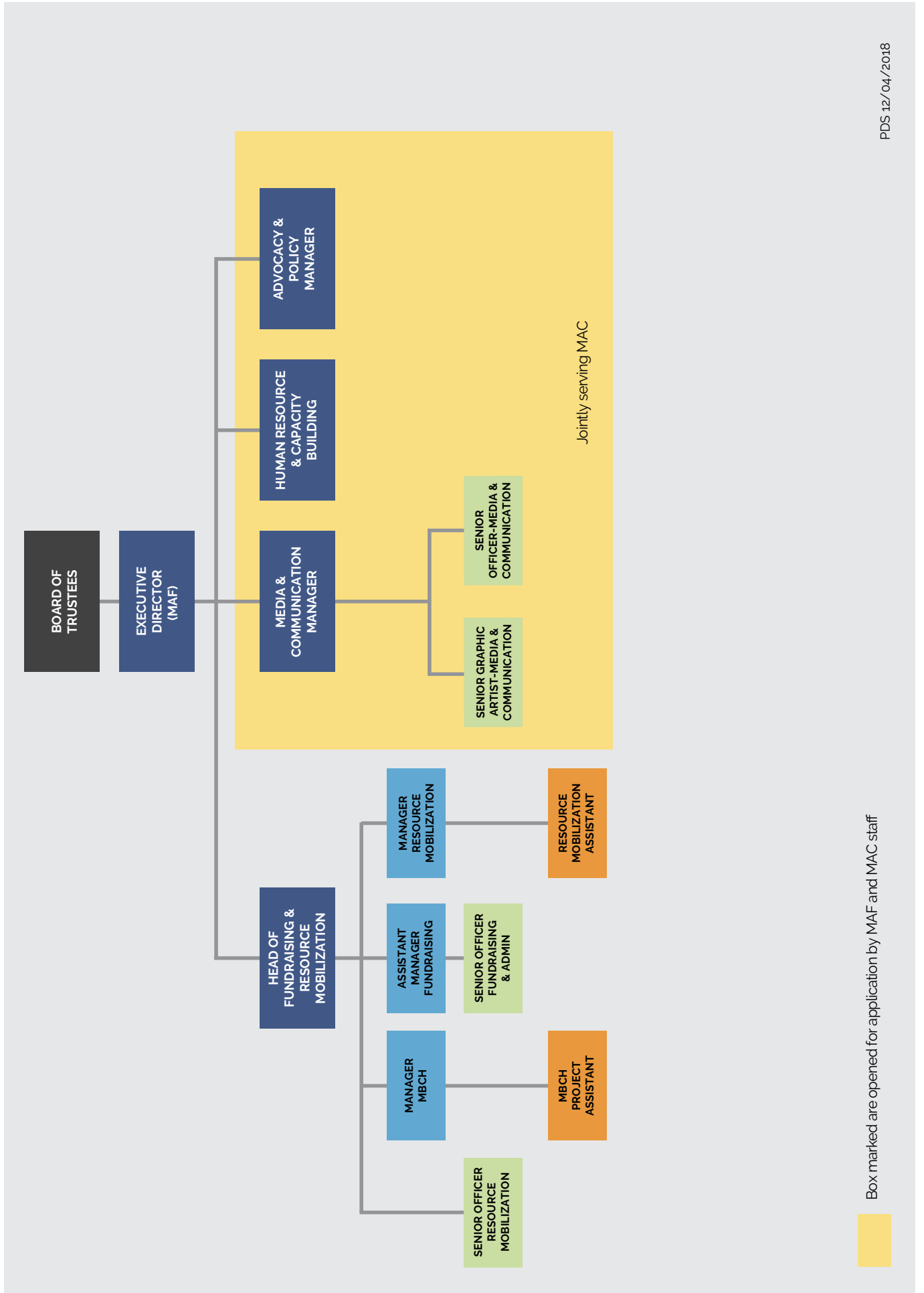


NIGEL A. SKELCHY
TRUSTEE



MUNIR ABD AZIZ
TRUSTEE

ORGANISATION CHART





Strategy 2

Providing Leadership, Political & Organisational Commitment to the AIDS Response

WAD 18

The World AIDS Day 2018 has been held at Warehouse @ Kilang Bateri, Johor Bahru on 2nd December 2018. The event was launched by YB Dr. Lee Boon Chye, Deputy Minister of Health and was open to the public and other agencies.



Activities include in this events are as below:

- 1) Awareness Run 2018
- 2) Graffiti Tournament
- 3) Street Workout by Baragaz
- 4) Zumba
- 5) BMX Bike Show
- 6) Wall of Equality
- 7) Booth
- 8) Red Ribbon Celebrity Support performances







Strategy 3

Community Systems Strengthening

PREVENTION, TREATMENT, SUPPORT & CARE PROGRAMMES TARGETING KEY POPULATION (KP)



The National Strategic Plan on Ending AIDS 2016-2030 has been a strategic enabler in guiding the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and its partner organizations in delivering high-impact prevention programmes for the key populations in the country.

The ultimate goal of NSPEA is to track the HIV and AIDS response with the aim to reach the 90-90-90 targets introduced by UNAIDS (90% of key populations tested for HIV and know their status, 90% of PLHIV on ART and 90% of PLHIV on ART adhering to treatment with suppressed viral load). The NSPEA also aims to reach 80% of key populations (KPs) with effective prevention activities.

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

In the year 2018, combinations of cost-effective, evidence-based, and scalable interventions were directed to the KPs in geographical areas where HIV prevalence was evident. Classified as a country with a concentrated HIV epidemic, the KPs show a high infection rate of above 5% especially among people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, sex workers and transgender population while the infection rate among the general population is estimated to be less than 0.5%.

The aim in 2018 remained to crafting effective linkages to HIV prevention, case, treatment and support services with the emphasis to identify as many people as possible with HIV early in their infection stage and link them successfully to prevention, care and treatment services and to link those who tested negative to prevention services.

1/ NSPEA 1 TESTING AND TREATMENT TO END AIDS



TREATMENT ADHERENCE PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMME (TAPS)



Key figures in 2018

26 PROGRAMMES
NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES

2,297 PLHIV
NUMBER OF NEW CLIENTS

5,357 PLHIV
NUMBER OF UNIQUE CLIENTS

4,454 (83%)
NUMBER OF CLIENT ON ARV
(80% FROM UNIQUE CLIENTS)

520 SESSIONS
NUMBER OF PEER SUPPORT
GROUP AND COUNSELLING
SESSIONS

The Treatment Adherence Peer Support Programme (TAPS) is a hospital/community clinic based programme which 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 2018, TAPS reached out to a total 5,357 clients living with HIV in 26 treatment centres through 12 partner organisations. Peers who are viewed to be more than professionals because of their life experiences that are similar

to those encountered by people living with HIV (PLHIV) are engaged to make this programme a success. The peers provide PLHIVs with personalized information and emotional support, helping them integrate treatment adherence into their life situation.

TAPS delivers outreach services to hospital/community clinic clients who require information and education about antiretroviral treatment and adherence, emotional management and healthy living with HIV.

COMMUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT



Upon successful implementation of the Global Fund grant to increase the coverage of HIV prevention programmes among the key populations (ending June 2016), the Global Fund Grant for Malaysia has changed the focus of GF-supported activities from a largely HIV prevention focus among key populations to testing and treatment, and assist adherence by KPs to ART and (for opioid PWID) to methadone maintenance therapy (MMT). The approach is in line with the Malaysian National Strategic Plan to End AIDS (NSPEA) 2016-2030, that by 2020:

- 90% of PLHIV are tested and know their status
- 90% of those eligible for anti-retroviral therapy (ART) are enrolled on ART
- 90% of those on ART have achieved viral load suppression

Since July 2017, this new approach of Community Case Management has

started in 16 sites, implemented by the Malaysian AIDS Council's partner organizations with the support from Ministry of Health, Malaysia. With the approach supporting the NSPEA, Case Workers are tasked to engage with Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Sex Workers (SW) and People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) via different channels, provide information and counselling, accompany the key populations (KPs) members to HIV testing in government health clinics and link them to care and treatment if they are tested HIV positive.

Using this client-focused approach to Case Management, KPs clients are accompanied through every step of the continuum of care, from confirmatory diagnosis to enrolment of ARVs and treatment adherence. This is also an important effort from the community response towards contributing to NSPEA goals. The approach has shown promising outcome from its pilot phase (2015-2016) to successfully link positive members from the KPs to clinics.

Apart from the services to the KPs, the programme also focus on effort to work with the government health clinics to provide HIV treatment and other services such as Opiate Substitute Therapy (OST) and screening of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) to the KPs. One key component of the programme is collaboration

workshops at state level, where clinics are sensitized with issues surrounding KPs prior to the roll-out of the case management programmes to foster better understanding between the clinics and linking case management NGO site in this collaboration. It is anticipated that with the case management programme in place, it may help to overcome some of the barriers of treatment uptake as well as retaining more HIV positive KPs in care.

Key figures in 2018

9,724 CLIENTS
NUMBER OF CLIENTS REACHED

5,786 CLIENTS
NUMBER OF CLIENTS:
VCT SCREENING

301 PLHIV
REACTIVE HIV

148 PLHIV
PLHIV ON ART

HIV CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMES



Increasing treatment adherence, improving health condition, facilitating employment and eventual reintegration of PLHIV into society are amongst the key strategies deployed by HIV continuum of care homes operated by the partner organisations of MAC. In 2018, the partner organisations operated 13 HIV continuum of care homes serving a

total of 490 residents. A total of 217 of these residents were PLHIV, out of whom 200 (92%) were on ARV.

These homes were predominantly funded by the Government and complemented through grants from other sources. Services provided by these homes include basic nursing care, palliative care, medical referrals, bereavement counselling, and psychosocial and spiritual support services.

In its attempt to build self-esteem and role models among the resident, these homes also offer opportunities for various life skills classes to assist as many residents as possible in developing skills needed to establish independent living patterns, secure meaningful employment and function successfully in society. More importantly, these homes

keep children and adolescents in school and provide guidance on their transition to tertiary education.

The homes successfully conducted 490 counselling support sessions throughout the year.

Key figures in 2018

271 PLHIV
NUMBER PLHIV SERVED

200 PLHIV
NUMBER OF PLHIV ON
ANTI-RETROVIRAL (ARV)

490 RESIDENTS
TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTS

2 / NSPEA 2.1

PREVENTION OF HIV THROUGH INJECTING DRUG USE



NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



Decreasing drug related harm or Harm Reduction is the key strategy deployed jointly by the Ministry of Health and the Malaysian AIDS Council through early and vigorous implementation of peer based Needle and Syringe Exchange Programme 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 half of the figure reported in 2002), with declines in new infections attributed largely to the inception of government funded NSEP in 2006. The NSEP and MMT programme extend people who inject drugs (PWID) with access to clean injecting equipment, methadone for opiate substitution and information and education on HIV and AIDS.

In the year 2018, MAC implemented a total of 26 IDU programmes in 322 sites nationwide. While these programmes are predominantly

funded by the Ministry of Health, international corporations and donor agencies including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) supported through additional funds to complement and expand the existing services.

Services offered to PWID:

- Primary health care
- Information education communication (IEC)/ Behavioural change communication (BCC) and community sensitisation
- Access to clean needles and syringes
- Outreach and peer education
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention services, including education, testing and access to free condoms
- HIV testing & counselling (HTC) and referral to HIV treatment services
- Counselling and psychosocial support
- Referral to detoxification and rehabilitation services
- Referral to MMT Programme

Key figures for NSEP in 2018

2,524

NUMBER OF NEW CLIENTS REGISTERED

13,072

NUMBER OF UNIQUE CLIENTS REACHED

1,696

NUMBER OF CLIENTS REFERRED TO MMT PROGRAMME

1,349,604

NUMBER OF CLEAN NEEDLES DISTRIBUTED

42.7%

RECOVERY RATE OF NEEDLES

71,733

NUMBER OF CUMULATIVE NSEP CLIENTS (2006-2018)

3/ NSPEA 2.2

PREVENTION OF HIV THROUGH SEXUAL TRANSMISSION



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

In the year 2018, The Malaysian AIDS Council and its partner organisations continued implementing optimal combination of prevention activities to address the rise of sexual transmission of HIV in Malaysia. The Malaysian AIDS Council through its partner organisations 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. The programmes were funded by the Ministry of Health complemented by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

Services and commodities directly provided through the peer based outreach programme:

- Safe sex kits
- Psychosocial support
- Education and communication material on primary healthcare
- Behavior change communication

Services and commodities provided through referral linkages:

- HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC)
- STI Testing and Treatment
- Sexual reproductive health related services
- Legal aid services
- Needle & Syringe Exchange Programme
- Methadone Maintenance Therapy

Key figures in 2018

22

NUMBER OF HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMMES TO ADDRESS SEXUAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV

129

NUMBER OF OUTREACH POINTS

1,449

NUMBER OF NEW CLIENTS REACHED

3,047

NUMBER OF UNIQUE CLIENTS REACHED

1,315

NUMBER OF VCT REFERRALS

543

NUMBER OF STI REFERRALS

254,915

NUMBER OF CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED DURING OUTREACH

4/ STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS



1

ENGAGING DEPUTY MINISTER IN DISCUSSION ON THE GLOBAL FUND TRANSITION PROPOSAL 2019-2021.

2

ENGAGING AND COLLABORATING WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN HIV RELATED PROGRAMMES.

3

WORKING CLOSELY WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON:

- COMMUNITY BASED TESTING
- WORLD AIDS CELEBRATION
- 'KLINIK KESIHATAN MODEL'
 - NSEP/ MMT IN HEALTH CLINIC SETTINGS
- POPULATION SIZE ESTIMATION (PSE)

4

ENGAGING WITH MULTILATERAL AGENCIES ON HIV RELATED PROGRAMS.



5/ BEST PRACTICES

COMMUNITY BASED TESTING (CBT)



Community-Based Testing (CBT) was introduced in partnership with the Ministry of Health Malaysia to complement the existing healthcare provider-initiated HIV testing and counselling by providing HIV testing and counselling to KPs outside of the healthcare settings.

HIV testing and counselling is a critical gateway to prevention, care and treatment. By adopting a community-based approach, social, structural and logistical barriers that impede access to and uptake of HIV testing and counselling are effectively eliminated.

Outreach/case workers from Partner Organisations were trained on the ethics of HIV testing and counselling as well as on how to encourage referrals to HIV related prevention, treatment, care and support services. With CBT, HIV testing is now more accessible especially to those who do not access mainstream health services. CBT was implemented at the sites on August 2017, and in 2018, the number of CBT done was over 4,000.

ELIMINATION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

In the year 2018, Malaysia became the first country in the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Region to be certified as having eliminated mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis.

The Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) with our Partner Organisations (PT Foundation, KLASS, SEED, KOMITED Malaysia, The Penang Family Planning Association (PFDHA), Rumah Solehah, Komuniti CAKNA Terengganu and PEWAHIM) are actively involved in the PMTCT programme on HIV & syphilis in Malaysia.

Some examples of best practices by organisations / NGOs for the promotion of eMTCT in Malaysia:

■ PEWAHIM

This shelter home is situated in the state of Selangor and is run by a PLHIV woman who is actively involved in HIV work. This shelter home has been running for about 3-4 years and has sheltered mainly unmarried girls, who were referred by hospitals, and the community. These women and girls are HIV+. Puan Norella, the woman who runs this shelter home herself has been advocating the rights of HIV+ women for many years and is currently sitting as one of the committee members in CCM Malaysia.

■ Rumah Solehah (The Solehah Shelter Home)

Rumah Solehah is a halfway house for women, children and orphans made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. It was established by the Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia (PPIM) to provide healthcare and medical treatment, as well as psychosocial support for the residents. Located on the periphery of Kuala Lumpur, this shelter home has been a safe haven for HIV+ women and their affected children for many years. Rumah Solehah has been receiving referrals from KL Hospital for many years now, and still in operation.

■ DIC Pahang

DIC Pahang is one of the partner organisations of MAC, and to date has 3 major shelter homes for PWID, women & children, and a transition place for those PLHIV who have been discharged from hospitals.





Strategy 4

Mobilising Resources

FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS



TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD GALA DINNER 2018

16 DECEMBER 2018, HILTON KUALA LUMPUR



After a six-year hiatus, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation's signature fundraiser, the Red Ribbon Gala, made a grand comeback on 16 December, 2018 at Hilton Kuala Lumpur.

Now re-invented as the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner in honour of the wife of the Prime Minister, the event was to raise funds to sustain high-impact HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes for underprivileged people living with HIV. The proceeds were also used to carry out HIV health literacy and empowerment activities for underprivileged women and children living with HIV and other populations nationwide.

The evening also paid tribute to individuals and organisations that have shown exemplary courage, commitment and dedication to creating sustainable impact on communities most affected by HIV-AIDS.

More than 500 people comprising philanthropists, captains of the corporate industry and the crème de la crème of society's elite attended the Black Tie affair.

YBhg Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali graced the event as the Guest of Honour, accompanied by Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, and Professor Dato' DrAdeeba Kamarulzaman, Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

Also present were Health Minister YB Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, Deputy Health Minister YB Dr Lee Boon Chye, UNAIDS Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Eamonn Murphy, WHO Country Representative for Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei Dr Lo Ying-Ru Jacqueline, and Hilton Malaysia Regional General Manager Jamie Mead Manager as well as other dignitaries.

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Matron Fadzilah has been providing care and support to people living with HIV from the beginning of the epidemic when people living with HIV were ostracised and shunned by their family and friends.

“We hope that the Award recipients will inspire and encourage Malaysians to join in our efforts to end AIDS by 2030. Together we can make this happen.”



Professor Dato' Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Chairman, Malaysian AIDS Foundation

Another highlight of the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner was the presentation of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation's Patron Awards for Long-Serving Trustees, Excellence in CSR and Outstanding Contribution to Ending AIDS

The recipients of the three categories were:

1. Long-Serving Trustees:

- i) YBhg Dato Maznah Jalil
- ii) YBhg Datin Mina Cheah-Foong
- iii) En Hisham Hussein

2. Excellence in CSR:

Sime Darby Foundation - accepted by Hajah Yatela Zainal Abidin, CEO of the Sime Darby Foundation

3. Outstanding Contribution to Ending AIDS:

Teratak Kasih Tok Nan Project - accepted by YB Datuk Amar Jamilah Anu

They received the Patron's Award from YBhg Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir Mohamad.

The grand finale of the Gala was the announcement of the winner of the coveted Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award.

A total of 26 nominations were received from throughout the country encompassing these fields of work:

- Prevention of HIV
- Raising awareness of HIV/AIDS issues
- Treatment, care and support for people living with HIV
- Programmes to reduce HIV/AIDS vulnerabilities for key populations
- Advocacy and protection of human rights for people living with HIV and key populations
- Fundraising for a HIV/AIDS cause

The nominations were screened by a distinguished panel of jury comprising:

1. En Bakhtiar Talhah (Jury Chair)
2. Datin Mina Cheah-Foong
3. Dato' Chamil Wariya
4. Dr Anita Suleiman
5. Puan Hajah Yatela Zainal Abidin
6. Prof Dr Azlinda Azman

After careful evaluation and deliberation, the jury selected Matron Fadzilah Abdul Hamid as this year's winner of the Tun Dr Hasmah Award.

Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters Fahrin Ahmad and former Miss

Universe Malaysia, Deborah Henry, hosted the Gala Dinner. Popular songstress and Malaysia's Queen of R&B, Dayang Nurfaizah dazzled the guests with her rendition of songs and she was joined by singer Bob Yusof, who is also a fellow Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter.

Key Figure

RM 1,633,000
RAISED

Event Partners

- BERJAYA CORPORATION
- ANCOM BERHAD
- MONSPACE (M) SDN BHD
- RANHILL HOLDINGS BERHAD
- IHH HEALTHCARE BERHAD
- WESTPORTS MALAYSIA
- RAFFLESIA THE PEARL CENTRE
- RAZAK LUXE DÉCOR
- MALAYSIA TATLER
- THE STAR
- ASTRO AWANI
- MALAY MAIL
- HILTON HOTELS & RESORT

MATRON FADZILAH ABDUL HAMID



For 20 years, Matron Fadzilah Abdul Hamid has cared for women and children affected by HIV. Her years of caring for those who needed help started when she was undergoing public health nurse training.

She was inspired by one of her role models, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Dr Siti Hasmah was among her teachers in nursing school and tonight, Fadzilah received the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award from the Prime Minister's wife for her contributions towards ending AIDS as a public health concern in Malaysia. Fadzilah is a full-time caregiver at Rumah Solehah, a shelter for women

shelter for women and children infected or affected by HIV.

Fadzilah spent 30 years as a nurse with the Health Ministry, working in rural areas throughout Selangor, Johor, Pahang and Kuala Lumpur before being tasked to oversee operations and training at Rumah Solehah since its inception in 1998.

To date, she has assisted more than 400 women through various ways such as providing them assistance with basic needs; skills to survive and helping them find meaning in life again.



ARTAID18: ANNUAL CHARITY ART EXHIBITION BY MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

23 SEPTEMBER 2017, WHITEBOX PUBLIKA, SOLARIS DUTAMAS KUALA LUMPUR

2018 marked the third installation of the highly-acclaimed ARTAID Charity Exhibition by Malaysian AIDS Foundation. Ahmad Zakii Anwar, Malaysia's foremost contemporary artist and a Trustee of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation served as the project Advisor while Nur Mahnun Mohamed was the curator for the exhibition. An exciting line-up of 44 established and emerging Malaysian artists took part in the exhibition, which was themed 'Diri'. The event succeeded in raising more than RM 240,000 for the Foundation.



Key Figure

RM 240,000
RAISED

Event Partner

WHITEBOX PUBLIKA

HOT & COLD CHARITY RUN 2018

16 SEPTEMBER 2018, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA MAIN CAMPUS, LEMBAH PANTAI, KUALA LUMPUR



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation's HOT & COLD Charity Run 2018 was our fourth charity run aimed at promoting the Foundation's goal to end AIDS and stand in solidarity with people living with and affected by HIV. Jointly organised by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya (FOMUM), the run was held on Sunday, 16th September 2018, at University of Malaya..

The Charity Run attracted more than 1,700 runners. Families and individual runners had three categories to choose from in the fun race - the 10km, 5km and 3 km.

Their participation was more than a test of stamina and grit. It was to inspire young Malaysians to erase stigma and lead the fight to end AIDS.

Key Figure

RM 200,000
RAISED

Event Partners

FACULTY OF MEDICINE,
UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA
MALAYSIAN GLOBAL
INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY
CENTRE (MaGIC)
DUREX
LEE FOUNDATION
PHARMANIAGA BIOMEDICAL
SDN BHD
SERBA DINAMIK GROUP
BERHAD
LOT 100 BERHAD
MAA GROUP BERHAD
UMW CORPORATION
PERMODALAN NASIONAL
BERHAD

ACT AGAINST AIDS CAMPAIGN

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation continues to enjoy the trust and support of many caring individuals and corporate donors who contributed to us through the year-long Act Against AIDS Campaign. The campaign provides the opportunity for every Malaysian citizen to be part of the solution to end AIDS. Funds raised from the campaign has helped to bridge the gaps in financing AIDS programme and ensure the continuation of our Treatment, Care and Support Programme for People Living with HIV.

Key Figure

RM 330,000
RAISED

Event Partners

MAYBANK TRUSTEE BERHAD
DATO' YAP KIM SAN
STANDARD CHARTERED
GLOBAL BUSINESS SDN BHD



HILTON KUCHING GALA DINNER

15 JULY 2018, HILTON KUCHING



A charity gala dinner to support Teratak Kasih Tok Nan, a one-stop support centre for people living with HIV in Kuching, Sarawak, was held at Hilton Kuching as part of its 30th anniversary celebration. Hilton Kuching, widely recognised as the beacon of Sarawak hospitality, partnered with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation to host an evening encompassing live entertainment, a stand-up comedy show, and auctioning as well as a memorable culinary experience celebrating three decades of hospitality in Kuching.

Present during the event were: Yang Berhormat Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports who represented the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Dr Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun

Datuk Abang Haji Openg, and his wife, Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Patinggi Dato Hajjah Juma'ani Tun Tuanku Haji Bujang; Patron of Teratak Kasih Tok Nan, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Hajjah Jamilah Anu; Chairman of Malaysian AIDS Foundation, Yang Berbahagia Professor Dato' DrAdeeba Kamarulzaman and Mr. Hamish Watts, General Manager of Hilton Kuching.

The gala featured entertainment by Sarawak-born songbird Dayang Nurfaizah, undoubtedly the nation's best R&B singer, and accompanying performance by local favourite Bob Yusof. Joanne Kam, Malaysia's undisputed Queen of Comedy, also made a special appearance to entertain guests with her signature stand-up routine. Her distinct style of acid tongue humour has earned her the reputation of being one of the most notoriously funny ladies in the Malaysian comedy scene.



Key Figure

RM 222,000
RAISED

Event Partners

SARAWAK AIDS CONCERN
SOCIETY (SACS)
HILTON KUCHING

MERCHANDISE

MAF has a wide range of red ribbon and event-themed merchandise in our online store. These merchandises are also available during MAF and partnership events throughout the year. Our best-selling merchandise for 2018 was the Dry Fit MAF T-shirt. All profits made from the sales are used to support Ending AIDS efforts by the organisation.

Key Figure

RM 60,000
RAISED

Event Partners

PAVILION KL
MAYBANK
NATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE
2018



RED RIBBON MEDIA AWARD 2018

05 JULY 2018, GTOWER HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR



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Stigma and discrimination remain a barrier for people living with HIV and key populations to access otherwise readily available life-saving HIV treatment and health services”



Professor Dato' Dr. Adeebe Kamarulzaman,
Chairman, MAF.

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation held its 2018 edition of the Red Ribbon Media Awards (RRMA) on 5th July this year to commemorate its 25th anniversary. The Awards were presented to members of the Malaysian media for outstanding journalism and creative content related to HIV and AIDS. An acknowledgement of ethical, responsible, evidence-based, creative and inspired journalism, the RRMA debuted in 1996 as one of the highlights of the then bi-annual signature fundraiser, the Red Ribbon Gala. The event was last held in 2012.

It was launched by YB Dr. Lee Boon Chye, Deputy Minister of Health.

The winners of each category were determined by a panel of esteemed judges based on the ability to convey clear and accurate information on HIV and AIDS; effort to constructively address or challenge stigma; considered use of sensitive, appropriate and inclusive language; as well as originality and creativity in execution.

- 1. Outstanding Achievement in Broadcast Media:**
Loo Juosie from BFM 89.9: The Business Station, Positive Lives.
- 2. Outstanding Achievement in Web-Based Media:**
Wan Nur Izzati Wan Mohd Nor Zaida from MyKampus, Malu Beli Kondom and Telenovela: HIV Tak Kenal Siapa.
- 3. Special Jury Prize:**
Anne Edwards from *anneedwardstv.com*, Human Resources Ministry mulling laws to protect employees living with HIV/AIDS.

Key Figure

RM 140,000
RAISED

Event Partners

MALAYSIAN PRESS INSTITUTE

MALAYSIAN BUSINESS CONSORTIUM ON HIV/AIDS (MBCH)



The Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV/AIDS (MBCH) was established to provide guidelines to employers and employees on appropriate and effective ways of preventing and managing HIV at the workplace, to promote education and awareness on HIV and AIDS, and to mobilise the private sector response to HIV and AIDS at the workplace. Among the programmes and services offered through the MBCH are the workplace policy development and the workplace education and training.

MBCH is supported by the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) of the Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia and the Ministry of Health Malaysia in line with their National Strategic Plan for Ending AIDS 2016 - 2030

MBCH MEMBERS

- PETRONAS
- GSK Pharmaceuticals Sdn Bhd
- Hilton Kuala Lumpur
- Standard Chartered Global Business Services
- DIALOG Corporate Sdn Bhd
- Abbvie Pharmaceuticals Sdn Bhd
- Pharmaniaga
- MAC Cosmetics Malaysia
- Sime Darby Plantations
- Sime Darby Property
- Sime Darby Motors
- Kulim (Malaysia) Bhd
- MaGIC

THE 4TH ASEAN-BCA MEETING

21 NOVEMBER 2018, SWISS GARDEN HOTEL & RESIDENCES KUALA LUMPUR

The 4th ASEAN-BCA Meeting was held on 22 - 23 November 2018 at Swiss Garden Hotel & Residences Kuala Lumpur. Welcome speech by ASEAN-BCA Coordinator (Malaysia). The presentations were given by ASEAN delegates on Progress Report of National Business Coalition on AIDS (BCA) & Implementation of Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS in Workplace. Updates were presented by the ASEAN Secretariat on HIV & Occupational Health initiatives in ASEAN on the Progress Report of the ASEAN-BCA Secretariat for 2016-2018.

A Gala dinner & officiating speech by the Director-General of DOSH was held at Swiss Garden Hotel & Residences Kuala Lumpur on the evening of 23 November 2018 along with the handover of ASEAN-BCA chairmanship to The Philippines. The closing speech was given by ASEAN-BCA Coordinator (Malaysia).



A working visit session to Petronas KLCC to discuss the topic of Implementation of Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS at Workplace in which a dinner was held at the Petronas KLCC.

THE 2ND ARROW AWARD

21 NOVEMBER 2018, SWISS GARDEN HOTEL & RESIDENCES KUALA LUMPUR



List of 2018 ARROW Award winners:

1. **Malaysia**
PETRONAS
2. **Singapore**
MSD Singapore
3. **Indonesia**
Star Energy Geothermal Wayang Windu Ltd.
4. **Thailand**
Sanden (Thailand) Co. Ltd.
5. **The Philippines**
Knowles Electronics (Philippines) Corporation
6. **Brunei Darussalam**
Jerudong Park Medical Centre
7. **Cambodia**
Dewhirst (Cambodia) Co. Ltd.

The biennial ASEAN Red Ribbon for Outstanding Workplace (ARROW) Award recognises corporate companies for their remarkable initiatives to create a safe and healthy working environment through HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programmes for their employees.

The Call for Nominations were opened on 01st December 2017 and closed on 22nd December 2017.

The judging and interview session for the selection of Malaysia's ARROW Award 2018 winner was held at Hilton KL on 12th January 2018. The 3 finalists were:

1. **GSK Pharmaceuticals (M) Sdn Bhd**
2. **PETRONAS**
3. **Standard Chartered Global Banking Services**

REGULATION

MAF engaged Tommy Thomas Advocates & Solicitors in 2018 to draft the Prevention and Management of HIV/AIDS at the Workplace Regulation. Currently, there is no law in Malaysia to manage and protect PLHIV at workplaces against discrimination.

A major long-term vision put forth by MAF is the legislation of HIV/AIDS Workplace Regulation by 2020. The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure a consistent and equitable approach to the prevention of HIV/AIDS among employees and their families, and to the management on the consequences of HIV & AIDS by both employers and employees, including the care and support of PLHIV employees.

Upon completion of drafting this Regulation, several Roundtable Discussions were held with key stakeholders such as the MBCH Committee Members, Partner



Organisations of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), PLHIV who have been discriminated against at the workplace and the Director-General of DOSH. Amendments were made to the draft Regulation based on the feedback received for tabling to the Members of Parliament and Ministry of Human Resources.

THE 4TH NATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE (NAC)

28 DECEMBER 2018, SWISS GARDEN HOTEL & RESIDENCES KUALA LUMPUR



The 4th National AIDS Conference, which was held on the 28 December 2018 at the Swiss Garden Hotel & Residences Kuala Lumpur, was organised by the Malaysian Society for HIV Medicine (MASHM) in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERIA), the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and supported by the Ministry of Health (MOH). The conference

was the most important platform for various stakeholders in the national AIDS response to exchange ideas and share strategic information in relation to the National Strategic Plan to end AIDS. The conference was attended by more than 500 participants comprising healthcare providers, academicians, civil society representatives and leaders from the community of People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

During this conference, HIV Connect was launched by the Deputy Health Minister, YB Lee Boon Chye, as a platform for Primary Care Physicians (GPs) to be equipped with the necessary tools to manage PLHIV using a self-paced modular approach. Through short, illustrated lectures designed and presented by Malaysia's leading specialists in Infectious Diseases, the GPs were able to have access to CME lectures that presented balanced, timely, scientifically rigorous and clinically relevant information about HIV disease management.

AIDS 2018 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

22 JULY 2018, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

MAF and PETRONAS successfully hosted a special ASEAN-themed two-hour Satellite Symposium with the theme 'Building Bridges with Businesses the Asian Way' at AIDS 2018 to complement the 22nd International AIDS Conference held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in July 2018.

The session featured an esteemed panel of speakers from MAF, PETRONAS, Department of Safety and Health, Ministry of Health, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) and Thai National AIDS Foundation (TNAF). The symposium showcased Asia's business commitment to end AIDS, including the MBCH. The Satellite Symposium and the participation of MBCH delegation at AIDS 2018 were jointly sponsored by PETRONAS and AbbVie Pharmaceuticals.

YBhg Prof. Dato' Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman, (MAF Chairman) co-chaired the Satellite Symposium together with Mr Bakhtiar Talhah (MBCH Chairman and President of MAC) and Dr. Kumar Supramaniam (Head of Group Occupational Safety & Health, PETRONAS).



This Satellite Symposium was attended by more than 150 international delegates during which efforts by MAF were highlighted to a global audience for the first time. In addition, the success

of MBCH, a business-led alliance on policy and CSR committed to fighting HIV & AIDS, was highlighted on an international platform in the presence of prestigious international organisations.

ASEAN FORUM ON HIV & AIDS AT WORKPLACE 2018

8 NOVEMBER 2018, DIAMOND HOTEL, MANILA



Photos from Department of Labor and Employment - DOLE's post

MBCH participated as a delegate in the ASEAN Forum on HIV/AIDS at Workplace 2018 which was held in November 2018 in Manila, The Philippines. The purpose of MBCH's participation in this two-day workshop was to better understand current practices on HIV & AIDS by businesses in ASEAN countries, recruitment policies and mandatory testing at workplaces.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION



PAL SCHEME



SIME DARBY FOUNDATION

Sime Darby Foundation (SDF) is at present the largest corporate donor of MAF, with a cumulative contribution of more than RM 5.8 million since 2014 across diverse areas of AIDS programme run by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Malaysian AIDS Council.

The Positive Audacious Living (PAL) Scheme, also known as the Medicine Assistance Scheme, provides underprivileged Malaysians living with HIV/AIDS the opportunity to undergo antiretroviral (ARV) treatment with the primary objectives of helping them to prolong their lifespan and improving their quality of life.

At present, PAL Scheme Phase 2 supports 85 patients from 14 government hospitals nationwide under a three-year grant from Sime Darby Foundation (SDF), the largest benefactor of PAL Scheme. SDF has committed RM1.2 million towards the scheme for three years until 2020.



PAEDIATRIC AIDS FUND

GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICAL SDN BHD

GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical Sdn Bhd (GSK Malaysia) has committed RM1.25 million for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) to support three high-impact AIDS programmes for 3 years (2017-2019)



The Paediatric AIDS Fund is the oldest and continuous running Treatment, Care and Support Programme by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. The programme started because of the vulnerability of children living with or affected by HIV due to stigma and discrimination. The programme also aims to alleviate the burden of children living with HIV and ensure that their quality of life is not affected.

It currently supports 102 beneficiaries across Malaysia under a three-year grant from GSK Pharmaceutical Sdn Bhd (GSK Malaysia) worth RM1.25M for three programmes including The Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV/AIDS (MBCH) and Healthcare Physician HIV Awareness Training.

Under the scheme, direct financial contribution of RM100 per month is provided to meet some of the children's urgent and basic needs such as food, clothing and schooling expenses.



MAF TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMME



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation funded, and in some cases, helped to set up a number of shelter home facilities for People Living with HIV in Malaysia who are often bereft of any support from their family members or friends. Services provided include basic nursing care, palliative care, medical referrals and bereavement counselling, psychosocial as well as spiritual support service.

The list of shelters and projects that have received funding from M.A.C AIDS Fund are:

1. **KLASS – Faith Home**
2. **WAKE3 – Shelter for Transgender**
3. **PKKUM – Second Chance Shelter Home**
4. **PT Foundation – MSM Poz PLHIV Project**

Some of the shelter homes also support children living with HIV. They basically spend their entire childhood there and know of no other life outside the shelter.

TERATAK KASIH TOK NAN PROJECT (KUCHING ONE-STOP SUPPORT CENTRE)

The Kuching One-Stop Support Centre is the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF)'s response to the single largest barrier to HIV continuum of care in Sarawak – the state's geographical diversity that impedes access to otherwise readily available services. It is the first community-based facility established in Sarawak to serve men, women and children impacted by HIV and AIDS.

The centre acts and serves as an empowerment centre for underprivileged people living with HIV, especially women and children in Sarawak, to access treatment, providing psycho-social support and other life-affirming activities that will have a positive impact on their health and well-being as well as livelihood skills training to help alleviate poverty.

MAF built the centre with strong support from the Sarawak State Government and is named as a tribute to the late Chief Minister of Sarawak, YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Adenan Satem. Teratak Kasih Tok Nan has been in operation for three years since it opened in 2017 and had provided services to 82 clients and conducted 22 support group sessions in 2018.



The Centre is under the patronage of YB Datuk Amar Datin Patinggi Hajah Jamilah Haji Anu, who continues to carry on her late husband's work to help Sarawakians living with HIV, especially women and children, in getting access to treatment, care and support.

SAHABAT SHELTER HOME (HALFWAY HOUSE)



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation took the initiative to set up the first shelter home for male HIV patients in Kelantan. It was officially launched in 2015.

Known as Rumah SAHABAT, the shelter home provides the residents with programmes and activities such as basic course training, support group session and also religious activities with support from the local community and State Religious Institutions.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT – PERTUBUHAN KOMUNITI CAKNA TERENGGANU

Pertubuhan Komuniti Cakna Terengganu (CAKNA) had embarked on a Training Capacity and Living Skills Development Programme with the cooperation of the Terengganu State Agriculture Department from October 2010 until 2018. Under the Work Therapy Programme, they gained skills on vegetable cultivation and basic planting which enabled them to produce kale, chilli, long bean, eggplant and cucumber.

In efforts to diversify work therapies and increase revenue to accommodate the growing number of

residents, CAKNA started processing and distributing chili in August 2016.

This business venture received good response from traders around Hulu Terengganu, Marang and Setiu districts.

This project was made possible through contributions by Marriot Business Council-Malaysia through the CAFAmerica onward granting project. The project also received support from the Bright Fund Foundation.



RESOURCE MOBILISATION CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR PARTNER ORGANISATIONS OF THE MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

The inaugural Resource Mobilisation Capacity Building Workshop was held from February 28 until March 2, 2018 at the Swiss Garden Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The workshop was conducted as a three-day programme and served as an opener to a long-term process of building sustainability of our Partner Organisations.

The workshop was a joint initiative by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Malaysian AIDS Council where both organisations had committed to funding the workshop through their respective funding mechanism; MAC through the SHIFT grant and MAF through Capacity Building Grant that it received from corporate donors.



GP TRAINING ON HIV/AIDS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION – HIV CONNECT



HIV Connect introduced Primary Care Physicians to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) using a self-paced modular approach. Through short, illustrated lectures designed and presented by Malaysia's leading specialists in Infectious Diseases, you will gain access to CME lectures that present balanced, timely, scientifically rigorous, and clinically relevant information about HIV disease management.

HIV Connect is divided into 3 distinct phases;

1. **Online Module**
2. **Workshop**
3. **Clinical Attachment Programme**

The HIV Connect Online Module was successfully launched by Deputy Health Minister YB Dr Lee Boon Chye on September 28, 2018 to coincide with the 4th National AIDS Conference held at Swiss Garden Kuala Lumpur.

GSK PHARMACEUTICAL ORANGE DAY INITIATIVE



Thirty-one children from Rumah Solehah and beneficiaries of the Paediatric AIDS Fund enjoyed a day out shopping for Hari Raya and breaking of fast with the staff of GSK Pharmaceutical Sdn Bhd on June 11, 2018.

The one-day activity, hosted by GSK Pharmaceutical Sdn Bhd, another key partner of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, brought great cheer to the children.

SWISS GARDEN HOSTS BERBUKA PUASA FOR THE COMMUNITY

It was a day to remember for the community, including children from shelter homes and beneficiaries of the Paediatric AIDS Fund, when they were feted to a Berbuka Puasa by Swiss Garden Kuala Lumpur on June 8, 2018.

Dressed in their best, they feasted on delicious food accompanied by unforgettable Hari Raya songs and nostalgic Raya décor. To add more cheer to their day, they were also presented with duit Raya from Yayasan Sime Darby.

The Berbuka Puasa, hosted by Swiss Garden, also a key partner of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, was in the spirit of Ramadan as well as fulfilling their role as a good corporate citizen.



WORLD AIDS DAY CHILDREN EVENT IN COLLABORATION WITH M.A.C COSMETICS, PAVILION KUALA LUMPUR AND GSC CINEMA



It has been a tradition of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation for the past 20 years to observe the World AIDS Day by organising special charity outing programmes with children living or affected by HIV. We would gather our children beneficiaries from AIDS orphanages around Klang Valley and entertain them with fun-filled activities, such as visits to theme parks or zoo, private screening of the latest children movies and many more.

For 2018, MAF, in partnership with M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia and Pavilion Mall Kuala Lumpur, had organised another WAD Children's Programme. In addition, GSC Pavilion also sponsored the charity screening of 'Ralph Breaks the Internet: Wreck-It Ralph 2' for the children and their caregivers.

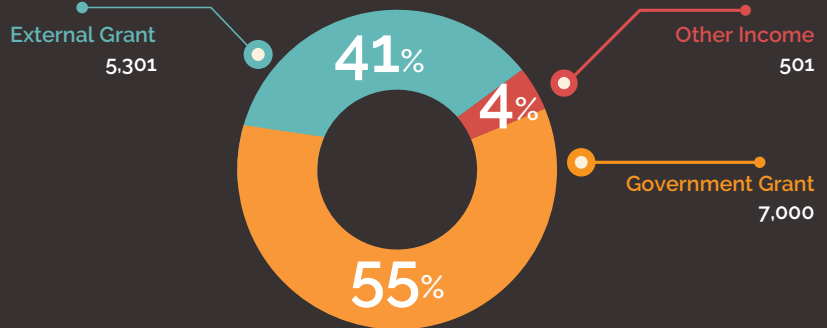
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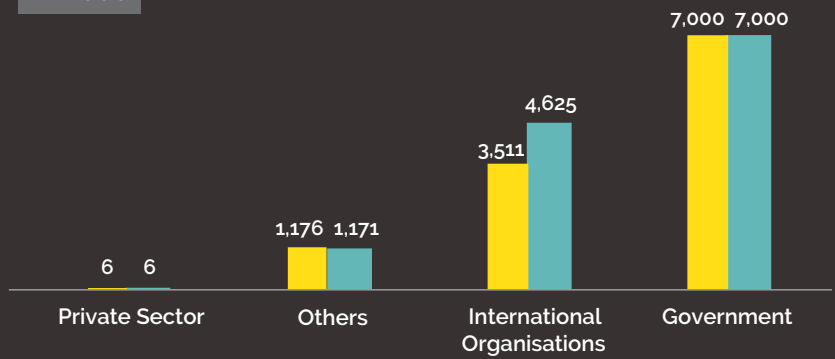
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Total RM12,802

SOURCE OF REVENUE BY SECTOR

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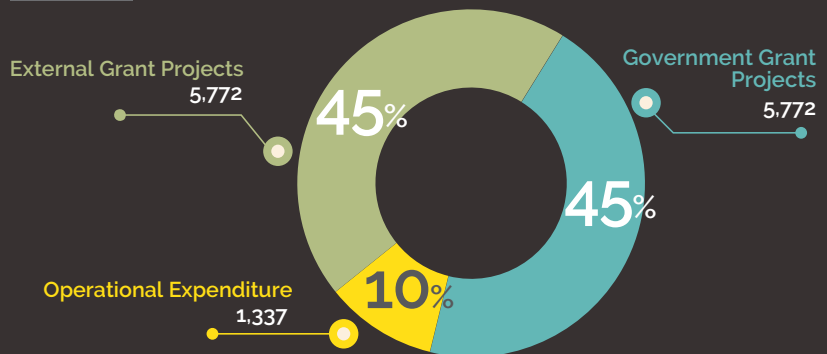


2017 Total RM11,693

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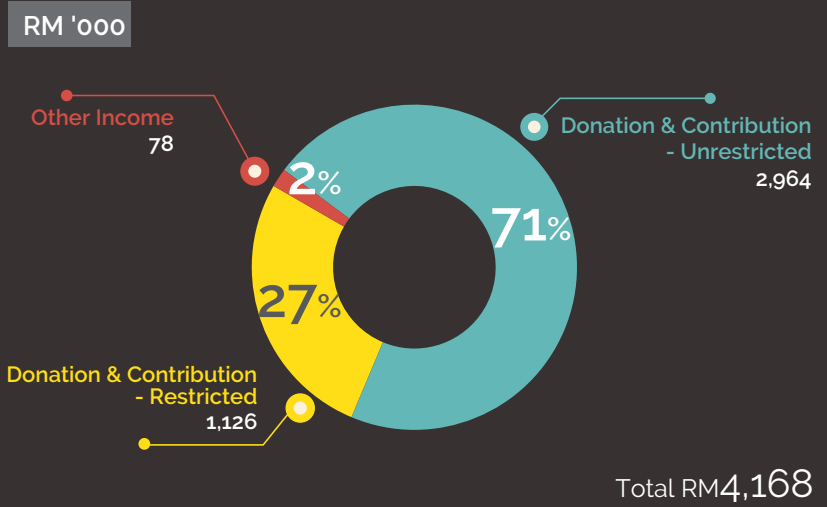
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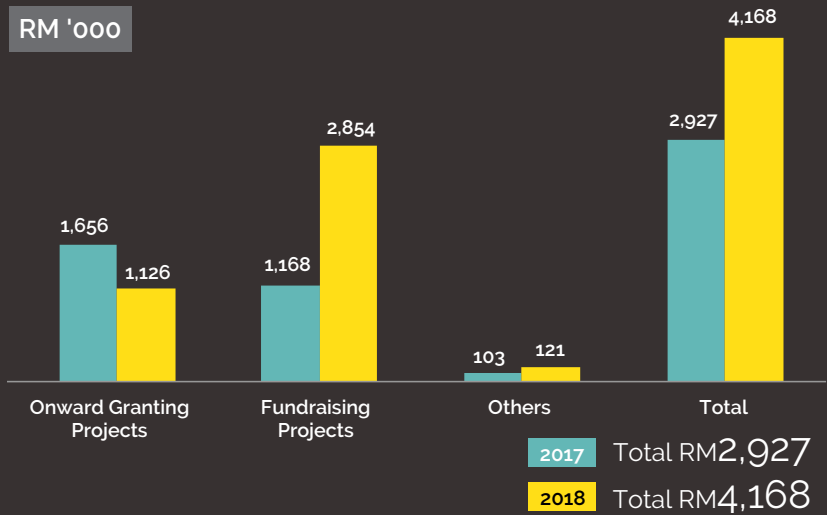
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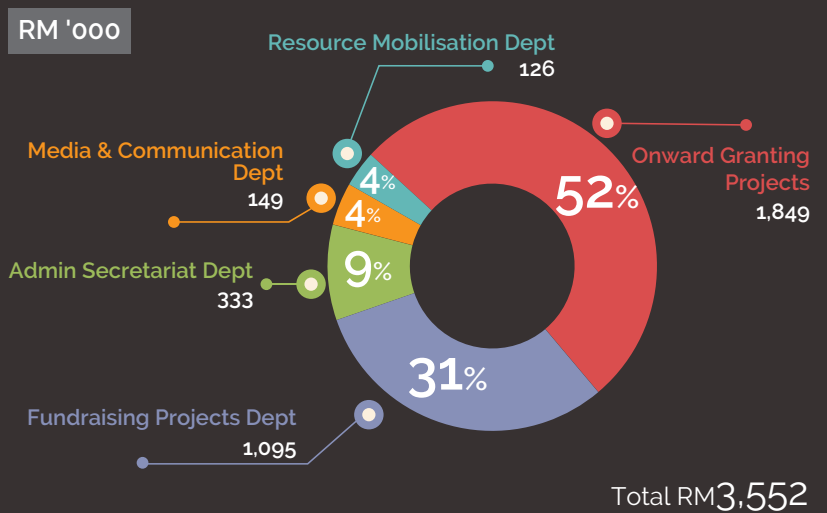
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Catholic Welfare Services (CWS)	Kuala Lumpur
Community AIDS Service Penang (CASP)	Penang
Drugs Intervention Community Malaysia@KOMTED Malaysia	Pahang
Federation of Reproductive Health Associations Malaysia (FRHAM)	Kuala Lumpur
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Majlis Belia Malaysia (MBM)	Kuala Lumpur
Majlis Kebajikan Kanak-Kanak Malaysia (MKKM)	Kuala Lumpur
Majlis Peguam (Bar Council Malaysia)	Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Christian Association for Relief (Malaysian CARE)	Kuala Lumpur
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Malaysian Indian Youth Council (MIYC)	Selangor
Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)	Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS)	Kuala Lumpur
National Council of Women's Organisations Malaysia (NCWO)	Selangor
Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM)	Kuala Lumpur
Penang Family Health Development Association (PFHDA)	Penang
Persatuan Cahaya Harapan Negeri Kedah	Kedah
Persatuan Insaf Murni Malaysia	Selangor
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Pertubuhan Komuniti Intan (PKI)	Perak
Pertubuhan Pembangunan Kebajikan & Persekitaran Positif Malaysia (SEED)	Kuala Lumpur
Pertubuhan Wanita & Kesihatan Kuala Lumpur (WAKE)	Kuala Lumpur
PT Foundation (PTF)	Kuala Lumpur
Sabah AIDS Support Services Association (KASIH)	Sabah
Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA)	Sabah
Sarawak AIDS Concern Society (SACS)	Sarawak
Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Family Reproductive Health Association (SWP FREHA)	Selangor
St. John Ambulance Malaysia (SJAM)	Kuala Lumpur
The Boys' Brigade In Malaysia	Selangor
The Buddies Society of Ipoh	Perak
The Estates Hospital Assistants Association Malaysia (EHAA)	Johor
Women's Aid Organisation (WAO)	Selangor
Youth With A Mission Malaysia (YWAM)	Penang



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