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FOREWORD

FOREWORD BY DATIN PADUKA MARINA MAHATHIR

PATRON OF THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

HIV has been in Malaysia for more than three decades. In that time, we have made great strides in trying to contain its spread. However, despite the successes, we still need to be aware that the HIV epidemic is still with us, both in the form of those vulnerable to infection and those already living with the virus.

We need to do much more to educate the public that HIV is entirely preventable. We also need to emphasise that even if you do become HIV-positive, there is free treatment, thanks to the Malaysian government, that will allow you to live normally for the rest of your life.

It is a known fact that living with HIV is not easy. This is not because of the disease itself but because of the burden of stigma it brings to people living with HIV. It is stigma that prevents them from acknowledging their risk of infection, from getting tested and from seeking treatment until it is too late.

To make things worse, they come under great pressure to cope with the stigma and discrimination, not only from the community around them, but also their family members and friends. Ostracised by society, PLHIV feel they have no one to turn to and nowhere to go.

This is where the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, with the Malaysian AIDS Council and its Partner Organisations, offer them a second chance at improving their lives through Treatment, Care and Support programmes. These include the medicine assistance scheme for underprivileged Malaysians living with HIV in accessing life-saving treatment, financial assistance schemes for children and shelter homes for children, women and men living with HIV.

However, this comes with a heavy responsibility. Being a non-governmental organisation, MAF has to relentlessly carry out fundraising events to sustain and expand its

programmes. This can be an uphill task, especially in times when the economy may not be as vibrant as it should be. It is even tougher when the cause that we are championing faces great prejudice from the public as HIV/AIDS is still a taboo subject among Malaysians. It requires tremendous efforts and patience to educate society about HIV/AIDS and convince them that their contribution will bring positive changes in the lives of the affected community as well as Malaysian society as a whole.

However, MAF remains committed to our cause. Thanks to strong support from our corporate sector allies that provide us with grants and donations that are channelled to the Treatment, Care and Support programme, we are able to empower PLHIV to build better lives for themselves and their families.

I am overwhelmed by how far we have evolved over the years. I have faith that the Foundation under the leadership of Prof. Dato Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman and the Board of Trustees will overcome all odds to achieve the goal of ending AIDS in Malaysia by 2030.



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

Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir
Patron, Malaysian AIDS Foundation

FOREWORD



In 2019, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation achieved amazing milestones in our fundraising efforts with special attention paid to the plight of Malaysian women living with HIV.

A decade ago, 1 out of 10 new HIV infections in Malaysia occurred in women. By the end of 2018, the ratio escalated to 1 in 4, bringing together a cumulative number of approximately 13,000 reported cases of HIV infection among women and girls in Malaysia.

Studies show that many women become infected due to gender inequality in the household, especially among women in poor households and those living in rural community where they have no say in matters related to their own sexual health and well-being. Many people are also unaware that women carry a heavier burden living with HIV. Widowed, they often find themselves fighting for survival – having to single-handedly raise their family members and at the same time, bear the brunt of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV.

It is the reality of this scenario that drove the Foundation into action by introducing the MyLady Assistance Scheme, a special programme designed to improve the livelihood of women living with HIV. The main goal is to equip women living with HIV and single mothers with the knowledge and skill sets to start their own income-generating enterprise and refer them for suitable jobs with peer support programme.

FOREWORD BY PROF. DATO' DR. ADEEBA KAMARULZAMAN

CHAIRMAN OF THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

We are indeed fortunate to have the support of our long-time ally, Berjaya Corporation Berhad, who shares the same ideals to help underprivileged women in need of empowerment and also the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development who provided the aspiring entrepreneurs with training in financial management and vocational skills.

It is certainly our hope that this newly-launched and specially-catered programme will help put women living with HIV on the right path to self-reliance and greater financial independence.

To set the ball rolling, MAF organised the #GirlPower Gala Dinner on March 8 in conjunction with International Women's Day which successfully raised funds for the MyLady Assistance Scheme. We also launched the Triple-A Challenge, a crowd funding campaign, during the Gala which saw two long-distance marathon runners – Hezrina Hedzer, a 50-year-old homemaker, and veteran marathoner Jeff Lau, who is also the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Red Ribbon Youth Ambassador – taking part in the gruelling 160km Ultra ASIA Race in Vietnam. The campaign was to rally support for underprivileged women living with HIV in Malaysia.

2019 also saw us expanding our AIDS response to Sabah, where with support from the Sabah State Government and Sabah Chief Minister's Office, we initiated the SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE) to provide financial assistance to underprivileged patients from the State's rural areas who have to travel great distances from their homes to seek medical support for HIV or any other critical ailments at government-run healthcare facilities in Sabah.

Run by our local partners based in Sandakan – the Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA) and SHAPE Foundation – direct assistance scheme like SHAPE is urgently needed because there have been many cases in Sabah where

patients failed to show up for their follow-up appointments, simply because they couldn't afford to travel to town for the hospital visit, even when the treatment itself is dispensed free to all Malaysian citizens.

Recognising the need to expand the SHAPE programme to other regions such as Tawau, Lahad Datu and Semporna, MAF hosted its first Red Ribbon Kota Kinabalu Gala Dinner with support from the Sabah Government. Funds raised from the Gala were channelled towards the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SHAPE to ensure that its benefits are felt by People Living with HIV in Sabah.

The year ended on a high note when we hosted the MAF-Berjaya Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner for the second consecutive year to honour those who have made outstanding contributions to meet the goal of ending the AIDS epidemic in Malaysia and to raise funds to enable us to reach those goals.

The highlight of the night was the presentation of the MAF-Berjaya Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award to Dr Zaiton Yahya, President of the Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA) for her outstanding achievements and contributions to the AIDS response to the people of Sabah.

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation is only able to continue the work we do, thanks to the commitment and support of many of our partners. We are humbled by the support of both the public and the corporate sector that have made generous contributions to our cause. The funds raised have enabled us to continue our prevention efforts and provide direct support for communities severely affected by AIDS.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Adeeba', written in a cursive style.

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

OVERVIEW OF THE HIV & AIDS EPIDEMIC IN MALAYSIA



122,120

Total reported HIV
(1986-2019)

986

AIDS-related deaths
in 2019

10.69
/100,000

HIV notification rate
in 2019

3,564

New HIV Infections
reported in 2019

2019

18

Reported HIV in children
<13 years in 2019

44,829

Total reported AIDS
related deaths
(1986-2019)

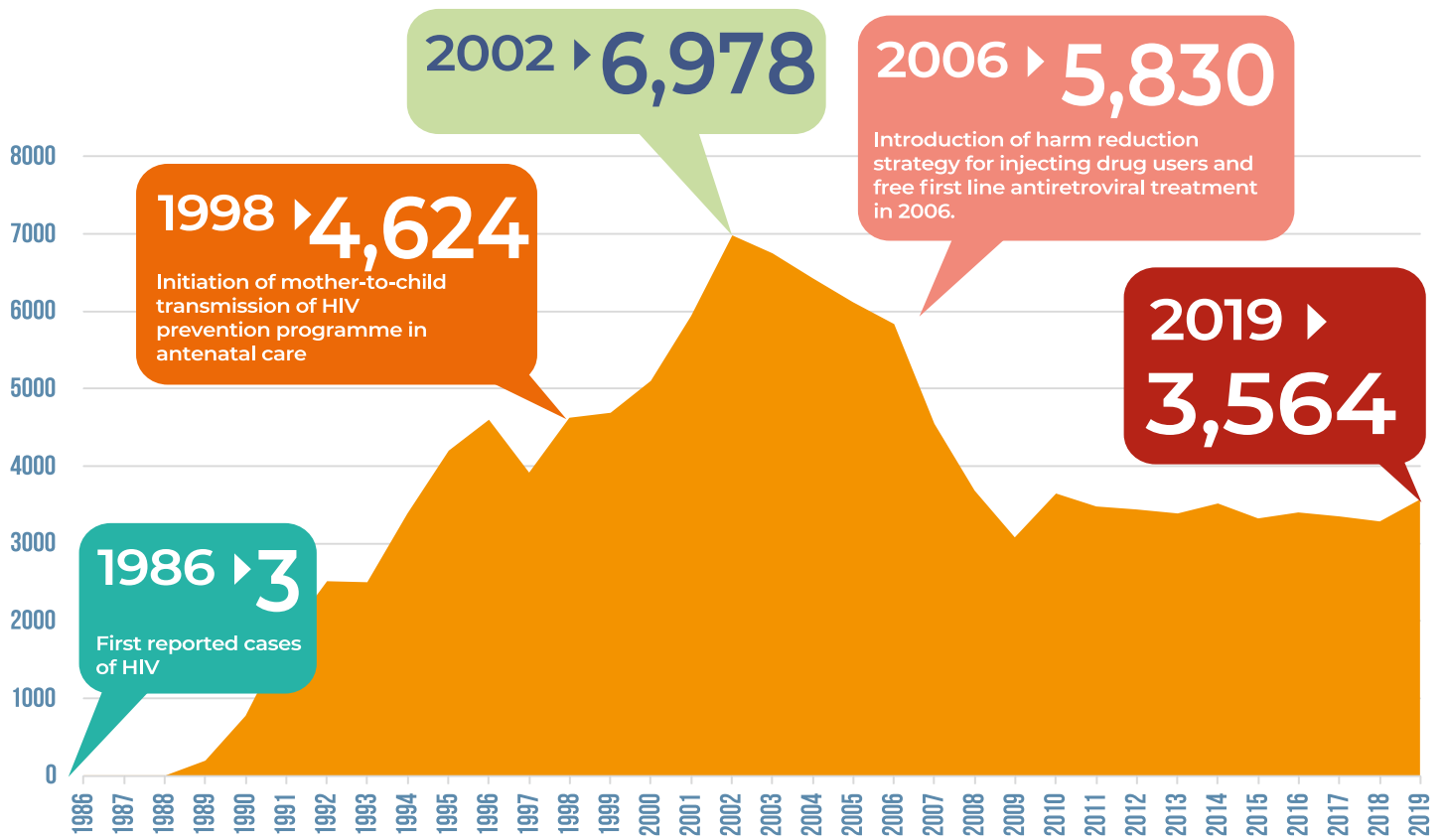
77,903

Current number of people living
with HIV in Malaysia
(1986-2019)

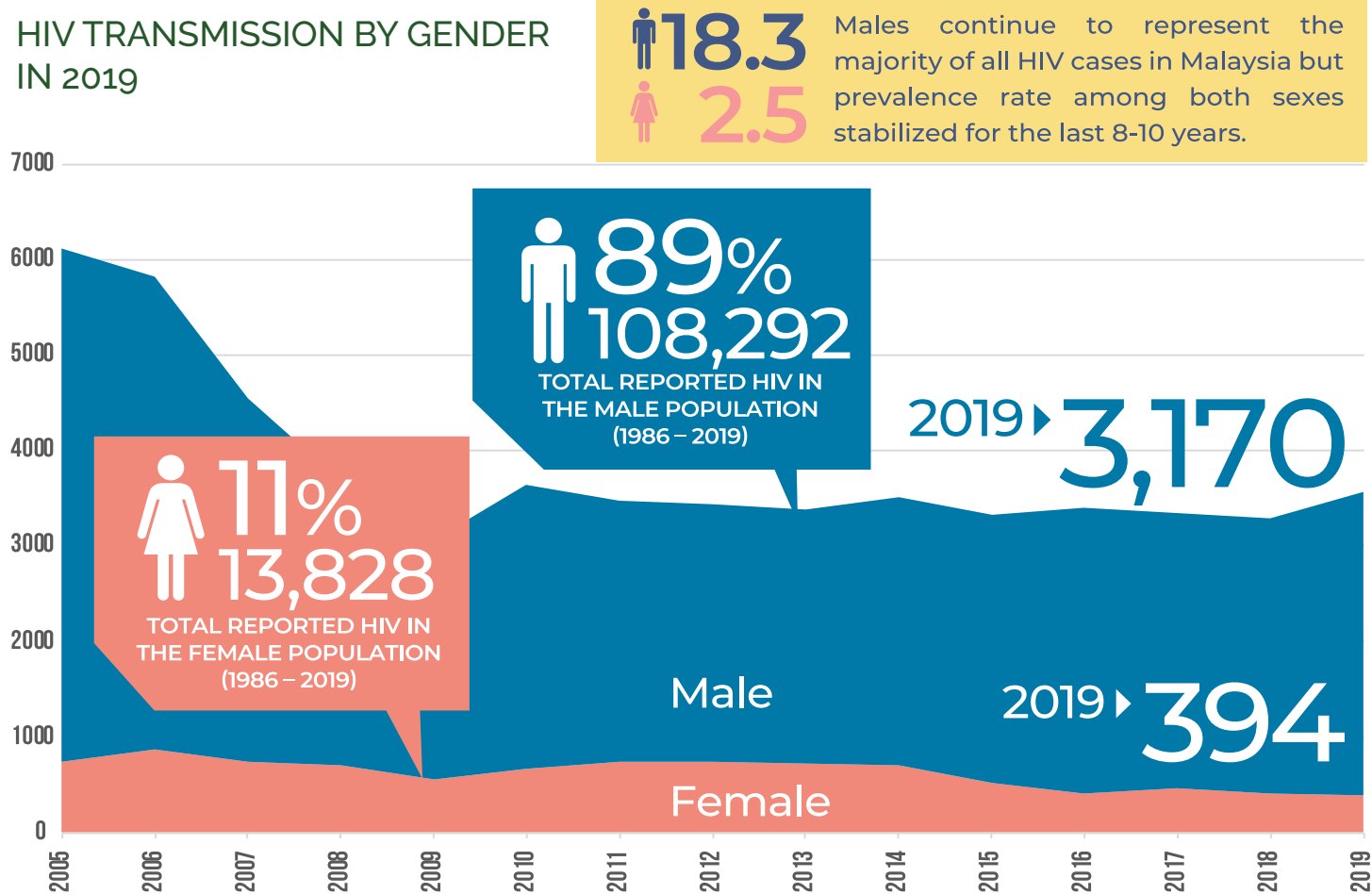
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Total reported HIV
in children <13 years
(1986-2019)

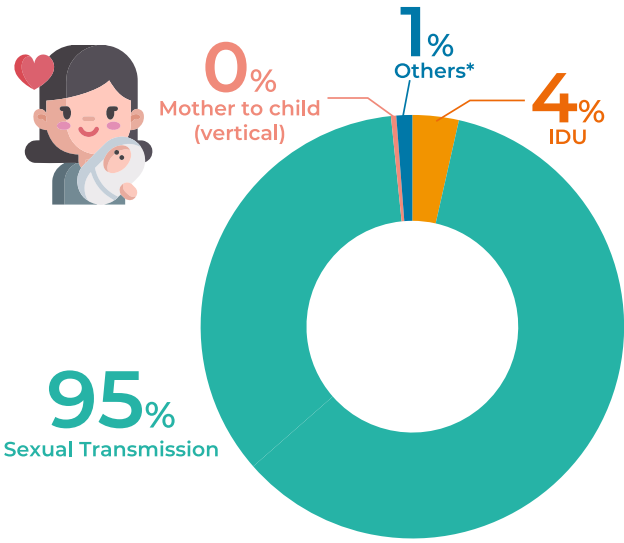
NEW HIV CASES (1986-2019)



HIV TRANSMISSION BY GENDER IN 2019

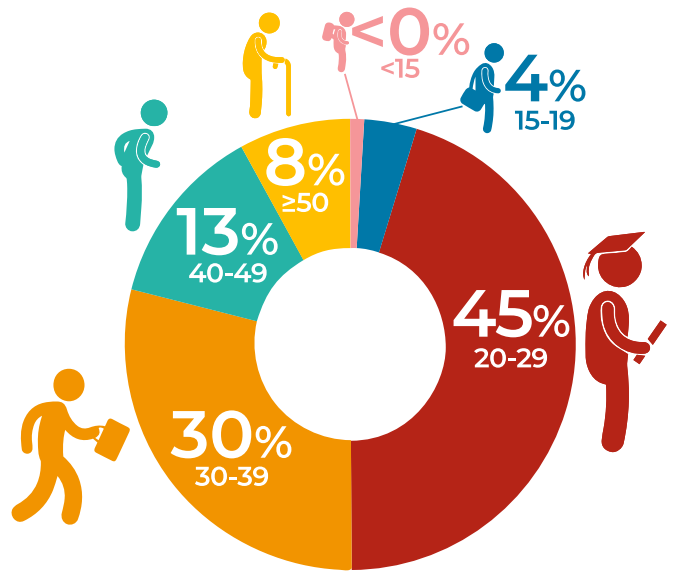


HIV TRANSMISSION BY RISK FACTOR IN 2019



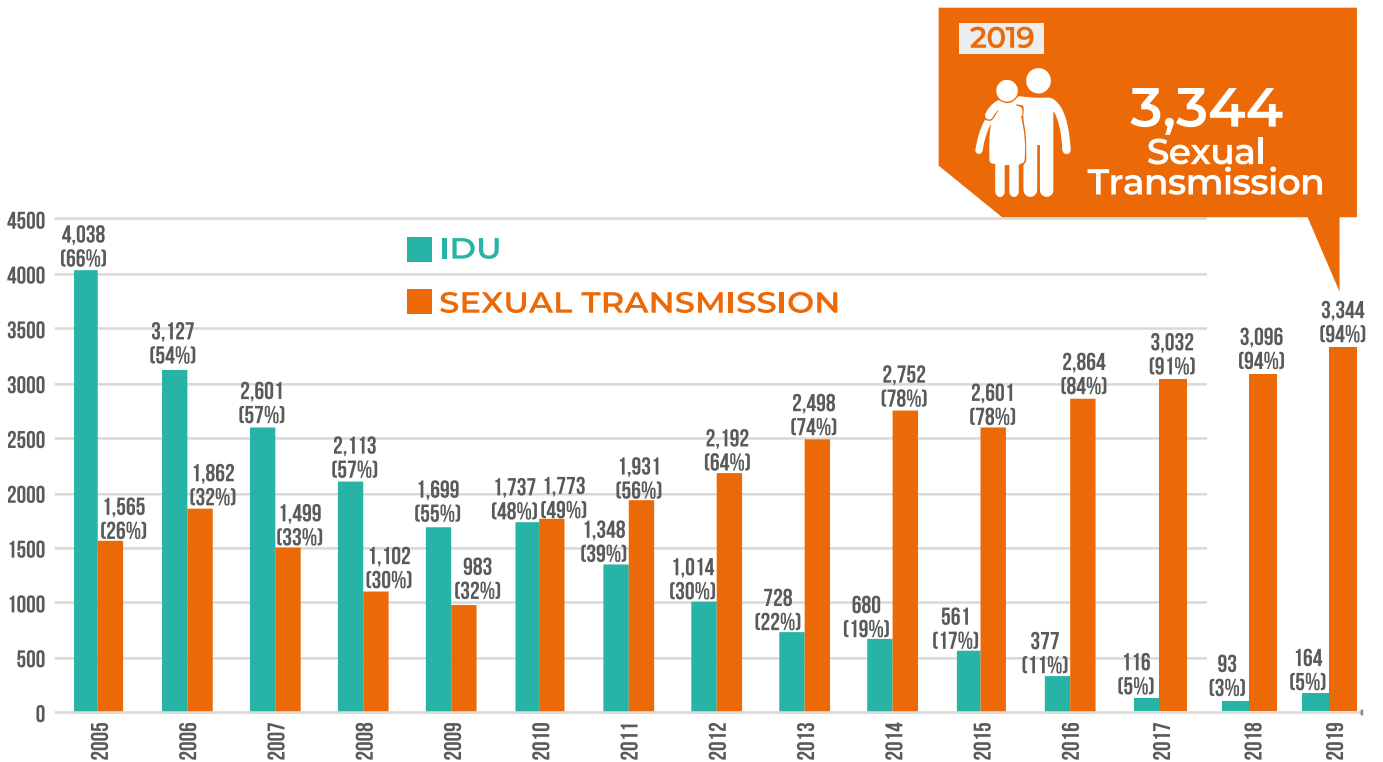
*Include blood transfusions, organ transplantations, needle stick injuries and no information.
 (% of 3,564 new infections)

HIV TRANSMISSION BY AGE IN 2019



(% of 3,564 new infections)

COMPARISON OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS BETWEEN INJECTING DRUG USERS (IDU) & SEXUAL TRANSMISSION (2005-2019)



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



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MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation was set up in 1993 and formally incorporated under the Trustees (Incorporation) Act 1952 on May 13, 2003.



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MAF has been leading HIV/AIDS Treatment, Care and Support programmes since its incorporation in 2003. These include various aids for people living with HIV, especially women, single mothers and children, to help them cope with the pressure of discrimination which often forces them to give up hope to go on living.

The Foundation raises funds every year to support its financial assistance programmes such as the Paediatric AIDS Fund and Keep In School Scheme for new born babies, children and teenagers infected and affected by HIV, second-line treatment of HIV medication for underprivileged people living with HIV to purchase medication worth about RM800 a month, business assistance and job referrals for women and single mothers, One-Stop Centres which provide accommodation for those who have to stay overnight in towns to seek treatment in hospitals as well as HIV awareness programmes among youth.



Through these activities, MAF is able to reach out to as many PLHIV as possible with health services, care and compassion so as to improve their quality of life and enable them to contribute positively back to society.

The Foundation is a well-regarded non-governmental organisation that represents the best that Malaysian civil society can offer. For more than 20 years, we have helped to shape public opinion about HIV and AIDS and initiate meaningful participation by many large Malaysian corporations on this important healthcare and social issues.

Objectives of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

- Prevent the spread of HIV in Malaysia



- Increase public awareness and knowledge on HIV issues



- Support Malaysians living with HIV, including women and children orphaned or made vulnerable by AIDS



- Protect the rights of PLHIV who may suffer discrimination due to their HIV status



Our primary objective is also to support the government's vision and mission to end AIDS-related deaths by 2030.

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MAF-BERJAYA TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD GALA DINNER 2019

DATE : DECEMBER 14, 2019

VENUE : MANDARIN ORIENTAL KUALA LUMPUR

GOH : YB DATUK SERI MOHAMED AZMIN ALI, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER



The prestigious MAF-Berjaya Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner returned for the second year running on December 14, 2019. The high-profile event was held not only to raise funds for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, but also to honour deserving individuals or organisations that had made significant contributions to help end AIDS by 2030.

The presentation of the MAF-Berjaya Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award and the Gala fundraiser is also a continuation of the Foundation's long-cherished tradition that goes back to 1996 when the first Award was presented during what was then known as the Red Ribbon Gala.

Another highlight of the Gala Dinner was the presentation of the Patron Award by YBhg Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir for Long-Service Trustee, Excellence in CSR and Outstanding Contribution to Ending AIDS to honour individuals and organisations for their various contributions and achievements in combating the AIDS epidemic in Malaysia.

It was an evening to remember for the 600 guests who were feted to the haute cuisine fine dining presentation by Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur and high-powered entertainment by legendary Indonesian songstress Kris Dayanti with her iconic Pop/R&B songs. Singers Sean Ghazi

and Bob Yusof, who are the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters, also captivated the audience with their dazzling performances. They were accompanied by the illustrious RTM under the direction of Maestro, who is also RTM Music Director, Datuk Mokhzani Ismail.

The Gala Dinner was hosted by Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters Fahrin Ahmad and former Miss Universe Malaysia, Deborah Henry.

KEY FIGURE

RM 2,410,000
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MAJOR DONORS

- BERJAYA CORPORATION BERHAD
- MONSPACE BERHAD
- MALTON BERHAD
- TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
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- TROPICANA CORPORATION BERHAD
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THE MAF-BERJAYA TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD

THE AWARD RECOGNISES OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOAL OF ENDING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN IN MALAYSIA



Established in 1996 by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and presented as one of the highlights of the Red Ribbon Gala, it is a 'thank you' note to individuals or organisations for their exemplary courage, commitment and dedication to creating a sustainable impact on communities that are most affected by HIV/AIDS. This award also represents the highest level of recognition to be bestowed upon HIV/AIDS activists and community leaders in the country.

MAF places great importance in highlighting excellence in efforts to respond effectively to HIV/AIDS with the hope of encouraging more organisations and individuals to be more proactive, innovative and committed to the cause.



DISTINGUISHED JURIES OF THE TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD 2019

- **Mr Nigel Skelchy (Jury Session Chairman)**
Trustee of Malaysian AIDS Foundation
- **Datin Paduka Che Asmah Ibrahim**
CEO, Yayasan Kebajikan Negara
- **Dato' Maznah Jalil**
Former Trustee of Malaysian AIDS Foundation
- **Dr Ahmad Fitri Abdullah Hair**
Director, Department of Occupational Safety and Health, Ministry of Human Resources
- **Dr Hajah Yatela Zainal Abidin**
CEO, Yayasan Sime Darby
- **Dr Anita Suleiman**
Head of HIV/STI Sector, Ministry of Health
- **Datin Mina Cheah**
Managing Director, The Body Shop Malaysia

FIELDS OF WORK FOR CONSIDERATION

- 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
- Resource Mobilisation for HIV/AIDS

PAST WINNERS OF TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD

- 2018 **Matron Fadzilah Abdul Hamid**
- 2012 **Penang Family Health Development Association**
- 2008 **PT Foundation**
- 2006 **Staff Nurse Jubaidah Bee Nagoor Pitchay**
- 2004 **Matron Fun Choon Kee**
- 2002 **Michael Chow**
- 2000 **Persatuan Pengasih Malaysia**
- 1998 **Datuk Dr Christopher Lee**
- 1996 **Students of Limkokwing Institute of Creative Technology**

DR ZAITON YAHAYA NAMED WINNER OF THE 2019 MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION-BERJAYA TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD

SHE IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE SHAPE PROGRAMME THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL AID FOR PLHIV FROM RURAL SANDAKAN, SABAH, TO ACCESS TREATMENT



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On the night of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation-Berjaya Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Award 2019 Gala Dinner, an Auditor from RSM Malaysia was given the honour of presenting a sealed envelope containing the name of the winner for this year and Prof Dato' Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman, as the Chairman of MAF, announced Dr. Zaiton Yahaya as the proud winner of this year's award.

Dr. Zaiton was presented with a stunning watch, courtesy of Rolex, a trophy, certificate of excellence and cash prize of RM20,000 by Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, the Patron of the Foundation.

Dr. Zaiton Yahaya is the founder and President of the Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA), a non-profit organisation based in Sandakan and also a Partner Organisation of the Malaysian AIDS Council. A medical doctor by training and currently serving as the Sabah State Family Medicine Specialist, Dr. Zaiton was drawn towards the AIDS activism act out of disappointment for not being able to do more to help her patients who are suffering from HIV-related vulnerabilities and other socio-economic disparities that are common among patients from the low-income group in Sabah.

She still remembers with sadness how she failed to save the life of a female patient, who was not only HIV positive, but also a victim of domestic violence and lived in extreme poverty. It was

such encounters that encouraged her to establish SAGA back in 2008. Hence, Dr. Zaiton brought SAGA into the fold of the Malaysian AIDS Council and fought hard to secure sufficient funding from the Ministry of Health and Global Fund to carry out critical HIV prevention work for key populations and linking treatment to those who need them.

Fondly known as "Kak Ton" among her staff and outreach workers, she is at ease with both colleagues from the medical fraternities and grassroots outreach workers that she considers as the heart and soul of her organisation. Besides that, her enigmatic and approachable personality earned her the trust of key populations in Sandakan such as the TG, SW and MSM clients.

Under her leadership in the last 10 years, SAGA managed to serve over 2,500 beneficiaries in some of the most hard-to-reach populations and challenging scenarios in Sabah. Her utmost priority is to improve the health outcome of key populations most affected by HIV/AIDS at the grassroots level.

At her clinic, however, Dr Zaiton encounters great challenges to keep her patients on sustained treatment. Under unavoidable circumstances in Sabah, patients from rural districts are forced to take long and expensive trips for medical review at major hospitals in town, which many can't afford due to grinding poverty. As a result, some end up defaulting on their treatment and

eventually, succumb to the disease. This prompted her to introduce the SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE).

SHAPE takes a pragmatic approach of providing highly accessible, non-bureaucratic financial assistance scheme for patients from rural Sandakan. Dr. Zaiton had designed a feasible scheme that provides immediate cash handouts to help HIV patients cover their transportation and lodging costs when they attend treatment.

The news about SAGA's good deed travelled fast. SHAPE quickly evolved to not only support HIV patients, but also those with other chronic illnesses who face similar challenges to treatment accessibility. To date, SHAPE has covered patients living with 21 types of chronic illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. SHAPE was independently funded by SAGA through donations by good Samaritans and corporate contributions.

Dr. Zaiton strongly believes that linking patients to sustained treatment is going to be a major frontier in our next battle against AIDS. Dr. Zaiton, like many other HIV experts globally, subscribes to the notion of treatment as prevention, where the priority is to induce viral load suppression in every HIV positive individual through antiretroviral (ARV) therapy. This will then prevent onward transmission and therefore, eliminate the HIV epidemic in the long term.

ARTAID19 CHARITY EXHIBITION

DATE : 22-27 OCTOBER 2019

VENUE : WHITE BOX, PUBLIKA KL

GOH : DATIN PADUKA MARINA MAHATHIR, MAF PATRON



The fifth edition of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation's annual art fundraising event – ARTAID19 – made a comeback from October 22 to 27, 2019.

This year's ARTAID featured original artworks by 59 artists, including some of the biggest names in the local art scene as well as an exciting mixture of up-and-coming artists.

Launched in 2015, the ARTAID series showcase a variety of paintings, photography and sculptures to raise funds for the Foundation's treatment, care and support programme in aid of women and children living with HIV. ARTAID is the brainchild of En Ahmad Zakii Anwar, Malaysia's most acclaimed fine artist, who is also a Trustee of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

The Foundation hosted its inaugural ARTAID charity exhibition in 2015 to a runaway success and has since become a much-anticipated event by art aficionados, collectors and fans of Malaysian contemporary art.

KEY FIGURE

RM 58,000

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EVENT PARTNER

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HOT & COLD CHARITY RUN 2019

DATE : JUNE 30, 2019

VENUE : MAIN CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY MALAYA KUALA LUMPUR



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya (UMFOM), once again joined forces to organise the 3rd edition Hot & Cold Charity Run on June 30, 2019 at the University of Malaya Main Campus in Lembah Pantai Kuala Lumpur.

About 1,500 participants took part in the Fun Run that traversed the verdant and rolling hills of Bukit Cinta, a patch of urban green lungs nestled within the campus of University Malaya that is widely acknowledged as one of the toughest running routes in the city.

The Corporate Challenge Category also made its debut in this year's Hot & Cold Run where companies were invited to send a team of 10 runners in any of the three categories - 3KM, 5 KM or 10 KM - to compete for the coveted Chairman's Cup and cash prize of RM 3,000. However, it was compulsory for them to field a minimum of 3 runners in the 10KM Category, otherwise known as the

Team Champion. The company with a Team Champion that recorded the fastest average clocked-in time was hailed as the winner of the Hot & Cold Charity Run Corporate Challenge.

Proceeds raised from the Hot & Cold Run were channelled to support HIV education and prevention activities for young people under the MAF Red Ribbon Youth Club. Part of the proceeds was also dedicated to the UMFOM Development Fund.

KEY FIGURE

RM 91,000

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MAJOR DONORS

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- LEE FOUNDATION
- MAA GROUP BERHAD
- RADICARE (M) SDN BHD



“After two successive Runs, I am proud to see that the Hot & Cold Charity Run has grown to become the biggest sporting event dedicated to the HIV/AIDS cause in Malaysia and represents a very successful partnership between an NGO and a public university.

“We are also using this event as a vehicle to reach out to as many young people as possible in the masses with key messages about HIV awareness and prevention.”



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

MAF ACT AGAINST AIDS CHALLENGE (TRIPLE-A CHALLENGE)

DATE : MARCH 25 – 28, 2019

VENUE : NORTH WEST, VIETNAM



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Two marathon runners, Hezrina Hedzer and Jeff Lau, took part in the gruelling Ultra ASIA Race in Vietnam as part of the Triple-A Challenge launched by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation at its #GirlPower Gala Dinner.

Besides their passion for running, Hezrina and Jeff had pledged to make positive changes in the lives of single mothers and women living with HIV by competing in the four-day 160 KM foot race in Vietnam.

Their ultimate goal is to raise funds for treatment, care and support programmes for underprivileged women living with HIV and also in aid of the MyLady Assistance Scheme.

The extraordinary 50-year-old homemaker and grandmother was deeply inspired to carry the torch for MAF after witnessing first-hand the hardships and difficulties encountered by many single mothers living with HIV.

Jeff, who accompanied Kak Rina during the Ultra ASIA Race, is the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Red Ribbon Youth Ambassador and had taken part in numerous extreme foot races abroad to raise funds for AIDS.



“

My work with MAF has led me to some of the most inspiring people I have ever met - their courage and determination to live their lives with dignity despite being negatively affected by HIV.”

“

With the opportunity given to me by MAF, I hope to create awareness on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and ending AIDS and to reach out to as many women living with HIV to succeed in life despite the pressure and depression faced by them as a result of stigma from the community around them.”



Jeff Lau



Hezrina Hedzer

KEY FIGURE

RM 23,000

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MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION #GIRLPOWER GALA DINNER

DATE : MARCH 8, 2019

VENUE : SHERATON IMPERIAL KUALA LUMPUR

GOH : YB HANNAH YEOH, DEPUTY WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINISTER



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation held the #GIRLPOWER GALA DINNER - a charity benefit in conjunction with International Women’s Day 2019 – to garner support for Malaysian women living with HIV. The International Women’s Day, held annually on March 8, is a worldwide event with a human rights theme, highlighting the social, economic, cultural and political achievements and contributions made by women.

The #GirlPower Gala Dinner saw the launch of the crowdfunding campaign, Triple-A (Act Against AIDS) Challenge, to raise funds for the MyLady Assistance Scheme. The

programme aims to equip women and single mothers living with HIV with the knowledge and skill sets to start small-scale businesses and also refer them for suitable jobs with peer support programme.

To drive home the message of empowerment, we also invited distinguished women and activists who have left an indelible mark in their respective fields of work to share their experiences and success stories with the dinner guests.

They were Datin Mina Cheah, the managing director of The Body Shop and Ms Lim Jee Leng, the managing

director and CEO of Hong Leong Investment Bank, who shared their insights on the concept of self-empowerment and how it helped them to grow professionally. Activists Matron Fadzilah and Kak Jamaliah spoke about what empowers them to help other women through their NGO and shelter homes for women living with HIV.

Along with a delectable multi-course dinner, guests were also entertained to an amazing live performance by accomplished jazz and soul singer, Atilia Haron.



KEY FIGURE

RM 370,000

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MAJOR DONORS

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KEMENTERIAN

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KELUARGA DAN MASYARAKAT

(KPWKM)

MAF RED RIBBON KOTA KINABALU GALA DINNER 2019

DATE : SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

VENUE : HILTON KOTA KINABALU

GOH : YB DATUK FRANKIE POON, SABAH HEALTH & PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING MINISTER

YABHG DATIN SERI PANGLIMA SHURYANI SHUIB, WIFE OF SABAH CHIEF MINISTER



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation held its inaugural Kota Kinabalu Red Ribbon Gala on September 29, 2019 with the full support of the Sabah State Government and Chief Minister's Office to raise funds for the SAGA Health Access Programme, or also known as SHAPE.

The project is a response to challenges faced by HIV patients from rural Sabah who have limited access to free treatment at Government Healthcare facilities in the State.

Proceeds raised from The Kota Kinabalu Red Ribbon Gala were channelled towards the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of SHAPE to ensure that its benefits are felt by HIV patients living in Sabah. At the same time, MAF would like to expand the SHAPE project as well as Treatment, Care and

Support programmes to the entire state of Sabah.

The Gala also paid special tribute to the late YB Datuk Stephen Wong, who was the Sabah Minister of Health and People's Well-Being, and the driving force behind both the SHAPE project and Gala Dinner. In recognition for his contribution, a special Posthumous Humanitarian Award was presented to his daughter, YB Puan Vivian Wong Shir Yee, by SAGA President, Dr Zaiton Yahya.

On hand to provide entertainment for the night was Dayang Nurfaizah, Malaysia's undisputed Queen of R & B and a Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. Accompanied by a live musical ensemble, she dazzled the audience with her soulful rendition of a huge selection of her hit songs.



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SAFE SEX ENDS AIDS – SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

DATE : SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

VENUE : GROUND FLOOR CONCOURSE, SOGO KL



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation and two of its staunch allies – The Body Shop and Karex – have joined forces to fight against HIV and AIDS with the launch of a limited edition condom as part of their sexual health campaign to address the alarming rise in sexually transmitted HIV infections, especially among young Malaysians.

The Safe Sex Ends AIDS Campaign and special edition Condoms were officially launched on September 12, 2019 at SOGO Kuala Lumpur by Datuk Lai Voon Hon, Trustee of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, Datin Mina Cheah, the Managing Director of The Body Shop Malaysia and Mr Goh Miah Kiat, the Chief Executive Director of Karex Berhad.



The Safe Sex Ends AIDS campaign is also leveraging on the voices of passionate celebrity advocates such as Deborah Henry, Vanidah Imran, Fahrin Ahmad and Dato' Aaron Aziz – collectively known as the Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters – to reach out to their fans and Malaysian public with this important message through social media campaign and series of PSA.

During the three-year campaign, Karex will supply 12,000 packs of specially packaged ONE condom at all The Body Shop outlets nationwide (except Sarawak, Johor Premium Outlet and Mitsui Outlet Park).

The Body Shop Malaysia has been actively selling condoms at their stores and 100% proceeds from the sales are donated to MAF every year during the Christmas season.

ENDING AIDS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



to stigma and discrimination. Donors have the option of donating between RM20 and RM60 a month. They also have the option to donate more than RM60 where the funds will be channelled to the following MAF programmes:

- MyLady Assistance Scheme
- Paediatric AIDS Fund
- PAL Scheme
- SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE)
- Teratak Kasih Tok Nan
- HIV Connect
- Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV/AIDS

Our long-term subscribers are entitled to tax exemption receipt, programme updates and special MAF merchandise.

These programmes aim to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV whether it's through ease of access to life-saving treatment, empowering the community, or eliminating stigma and discrimination in the workplace. While these programmes have a high impact on the PLHIV community, it requires a significant amount of funding to sustain them.

That is why we invest in this effort. We are confident that with the combined goodwill and generosity of the public, we can give AIDS an epic ending.

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation spearheaded an initiative in November 2019 to develop a more rooted relationship through face-to-face with donors in raising awareness and also fundraise in the advocacy and efforts of ending AIDS.

Inspired by other pioneering parties, the face-to-face approach in advocacy has been proven to give more productive results. A face-to-face approach means fundraisers and advocators go "above-the-line" in sending out the message and facts about HIV and the people who are affected by it. This is a more direct and interactive form of communication compared to the "below-the-line" methods such as online advertising, billboards and social media.

It is a known fact that HIV/AIDS literacy is still lacking with people still fearing those who are affected and stigma remains persistent. With Ending AIDS, our fundraisers will be on the field exposing and educating the nation on HIV facts, debunking myths and the efforts that are up and running in combating the epidemic. Meanwhile, they will also provide donors with the opportunity to contribute funds for the cause that has greatly improved the lives of many people living with HIV – be it on the street, at shopping malls, LRT/MRT stations or MAF fundraising events.

The contribution service is a long-term commitment in aiding people living with HIV, especially women and children who are extremely vulnerable

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MALAYSIAN BUSINESS CONSORTIUM ON HIV/AIDS (MBCH) & HIV CONNECT



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

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Karex Berhad
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FORUM ON PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV)

DATE : DECEMBER 6, 2019

VENUE : HILTON KUALA LUMPUR

The International Labour Organisation (ILO), a tripartite agency of the UN, awarded MBCH with a RM 100,000 Research Grant to carry out a four-month research study on 'Medical Insurance Coverage For People Living With HIV (PLHIV) In Selected Multinational Insurance Companies in Malaysia'.

As part of the study, the two Research Consultants engaged to conduct this study, Dr. Sharuna Verghis and Dr. Kana Kulasingam, interviewed key stakeholders such as PLHIV and affected family members who have experienced discrimination in insurance, Life Insurance Association of Malaysia (LIAM), multinational insurance and reinsurance companies' leaders, Bank Negara, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Human Resources as well as learning about best practices



from representatives of insurance companies abroad.

The findings of the study, which were presented at a Research Forum in December at Hilton Kuala Lumpur, were very well received by the audience which included representatives from ILO, Bank Negara, MOH, MOHR, General

Insurance Association of Malaysia (PIAM), insurance companies and Partner Organisations.

The report, once published by the ILO, will be used as a key advocacy tool for discussions and lobbying with key stakeholders such as the Government, LIAM, insurance companies and Bank Negara.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON AND KAREX ON BOARD AS MBCH MEMBERS



Two of the largest companies in Malaysia took up the MBCH membership.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

had sponsored personal hygiene products for residents of all shelter homes supported by MAC and MAF for one year worth RM50,000. They are also the supplier for MAF PAL Scheme - Darunavir Medicine.

Karex Berhad is the main partner for the Safe Sex Ends AIDS Campaign together with The Body Shop.

KAREX

had covered the cost of relocation, security and product support to Pertubuhan Kesihatan dan Kebajikan Umum Malaysia (PKKUM) for more than three years. It is also a major donor in several MAF Gala and Fundraising Programmes such as the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner, Hot & Cold Run and Red Ribbon Kota Kinabalu Gala.

As three-year Platinum MBCH members, they enjoy the following benefits:

- Tax exemption receipt of RM20K issued by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.
- 6 Basic HIV & AIDS Training, 2 Other Common Sexually Transmitted Diseases Training conducted by either MAF certified trainers or MAF Red Ribbon Celebrities Supporters & 2 Occupational Health & Safety Awareness Training conducted by MoHR-DOSH.
- Consultation with the company's Human Resources (this will be accompanied by a representative from the MoHR and MBCH Corporate Adviser) on the management of HIV/AIDS at the workplace and drafting the HIV/AIDS policy at workplace in accordance with the company's policy.
- Job Referral Company of choice for beneficiaries of the MyLady Assistance Scheme.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON HIV/AIDS POLICY AT WORKPLACE

DATE : MAY 29, 2019

VENUE : OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

In regards to the proposed Regulation, two separate Roundtable Discussions were held with the Minister of Human Resources (in May at the Minister's Office, Putrajaya) and also the Members of Parliament (in September at the Berjaya Times Square Hotel) to discuss and receive their views on the content of the proposed draft, following which amendments were made based on the feedback received.



5TH ASEAN BCA MEETING

DATE : NOVEMBER 6-7, 2019

VENUE : SEDA VERTIS NORTH HOTEL, QUEZON CITY, THE PHILIPPINES



MBCH represented Malaysia at the 5th ASEAN BCA Meeting which was held from November 6 - 7, 2019 at Seda Vertis North Hotel, Quezon City, The Philippines. Subject matters on the establishment, progress, achievements, obstacles and other issues related to the National Business Coalitions on HIV and AIDS were discussed among ASEAN Member States (AMS). Each AMS also presented and shared country updates and best practices in the implementation of HIV and AIDS prevention and control programmes in the workplace.



HIV CONNECT WORKSHOPS

DATE : SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

VENUE : THE WESTIN KUALA LUMPUR

Since its launch in September 2018, HIV Connect has made tremendous progress. In 2019 itself, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation together with the Malaysian Society for HIV Medicine (MASHM) successfully organised three face-to-face workshops - which are the Phase 2 of the programme following Phase 1 which is the self-paced online training modules.

To kick-start the year, the team headed down to Penang Island for our very first HIV Connect workshop in February 2019. The workshop was held at DoubleTree Resort in Penang and it was attended by 26 participants who were mostly private general practitioners. Due to the overwhelming response, another two workshops were organised later in September 2019 at The Westin, Kuala Lumpur, and a total of 52 participants attended the workshop sessions.

The workshops were led by a distinguished list of speakers, from experienced specialists such as Dr. Suresh Kumar and Dr. Khairil Erwan Khalid, Infectious Diseases Physicians from Hospital Sungai Buloh and Hospital Kuala Lumpur respectively, Dr. Sheela Selvam, a Family Medicine Specialist from Klinik Kesihatan Cheras



and Dr. Rosnida Mohd Noh, a lecturer from the Faculty of Medicine of UiTM Sungai Buloh, to a skilled private general practitioner, Dr. Andrew Yap of The Red Clinic and speakers from our Partner Organisations.

The workshops were designed with the best interest of our private general practitioners to equip them with the necessary tools needed to run a private clinic that serves patients with HIV and sexually transmitted infections. Furthermore, we managed to cover not only clinical knowledge and skills but also practical tips and sensitisation insights toward key populations as well. Hence, the participants got to enjoy hands-on pathways in shaping their private practices to cater for HIV patients. This was achieved through unpacking new understandings in managing procurement, latest treatment and prevention methods also sensitising their healthcare staff on how to appeal to key populations.

After participating in the face-to-face

workshop, participants were given the option to further enhance their experiences with completing a clinical attachment at a preferred healthcare setting. We were very fortunate to be given the opportunity to work together with Hospital Sungai Buloh, the University Malaya Medical Centre and the Community Health Care Clinic of PT Foundation in providing our HIV Connect doctors with the best exposure and guidance to establish their very own clinic to cater to the needs of PLHIV.

As of today, we have approximately 1,200 doctors who have enrolled in the HIV Connect programme. We hope to increase the number in the coming year as there is a niche for private healthcare providers to extend their services to HIV and STI patients who would prefer their care to be more private and easily accessible.

This programme was made possible by an independent grant received from GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical Sdn. Bhd.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION



PAL SCHEME



The Positive Audacious Living (PAL) Scheme, formerly known as the Medicine Assistance Scheme, provides underprivileged Malaysians living with HIV 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 129 patients from 14 government hospitals nationwide under a three-year grant from Yayasan Sime Darby, the largest benefactor of PAL Scheme that has committed RM1.2 million towards the scheme and shared responsibilities between different funds, that is, Majlis Agama Islam Selangor, Abbvie Pharmaceutical Sdn Bhd and Malaysian Global Innovation & Creativity Centre (MaGIC).

Currently, 73% from the total number of beneficiaries that are involved in the PAL Scheme programme have undetectable viral load.

YAYASAN SIME DARBY

Yayasan Sime Darby 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.





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GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICAL SDN BHD

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The Malaysian AIDS Foundation Paediatric AIDS Fund, which provides monthly allowances of RM100 to 100 underprivileged children living with HIV or born into HIV-impacted families with a combined household income of less than RM2,000. These allowances help affected families to purchase basic necessities like food and household items. The allowance is dispensed using the Cashless Distribution System provided by MyKasih Foundation, community partner of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Paediatric AIDS Fund.

Besides allowance for the beneficiaries, the three-year grant between MAF and GSK Pharmaceutical also includes cost for the site visits.



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MAF TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMME



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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 deprived 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. MAF has received continuous support from the M.A.C AIDS Fund since 2014 until now.

The list of shelters and projects that have received funding totalling RM100,000.00 from M.A.C AIDS Fund for 2019 are divided accordingly to these partner organisations:

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

A total of 348 beneficiaries (residents of shelter homes) have received yearly support.

TERATAK KASIH TOK NAN



The first and only facility of its kind in Sarawak, the One-Stop Centre in Kuching acts as a halfway house for underprivileged people living with HIV, especially women and children, to go for treatment as well as monthly or quarterly check-up at the General Hospital in the capital city.

Established by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, the One-Stop Centre was built in 2017 after the Foundation raised funds through the 2016 Kuching Red Ribbon Gala Dinner under the patronage of YB Datuk Amar Datin Patinggi Jamilah Anu and fully supported by the Government of Sarawak and the late Pehin Sri Tan Sri Datuk Amar Hj Adenan bin Hj Satem. The centre started operations in 2017 after getting approval from the Social Welfare Department and it was named Teratak Kasih Tok Nan as a tribute to the late Pehin Sri and dedication to his wife, YB Datuk Amar Jamilah Anu, who continues to carry out his legacy until today. In 2019, Teratak Kasih Tok Nan received RM106,750 in funding from MAF to operate the halfway house.

A total of 163 clients have received support to date since the home commenced operations in 2017. The percentage reflects an increase of 70% in HIV patients in Sarawak seeking treatment and following the empowerment programme conducted at the centre.



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SAHABAT SHELTER HOME (HALFWAY HOUSE)



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In 2015, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation took the initiative to set up the first shelter home for male HIV patients in Kelantan and it was officially launched in the same year.

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

In 2019, MAF extended support to Rumah SAHABAT by funding its annual operating cost amounting to RM100,000.



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CAKNA SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT



In Terengganu, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation funded a Chili Boh processing plant and chili fertigation scheme farm to support a community of HIV and former drug users to rehabilitate and earn income through a farming collective scheme.

Social integration impact – for former drug users, the on-the-job training that they receive at the farm also prepares them for life outside the shelter, and equips them with saleable vocational skills.

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 and the Bright Fund Foundation through the CAF America onward granting project with the amount of RM10,000.

Income made by the residents from the Chili Boh project also helps to cover the operation cost of their shelter homes.



MYLADY ASSISTANCE SCHEME



Launched in May 2019, the MyLady Assistance Scheme is a special programme by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation to empower the socio-economic status of women living with HIV and AIDS, especially single mothers.

This programme aims to bring about positive changes to key populations and empower the women to overcome stigma and discrimination associated with their status. It is also to encourage them to generate a sustainable income which will put them on the path of financial independence. This programme is funded by Berjaya Corporation Berhad with the sum of RM135,000.



This programme is fully supported by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. Beneficiaries of the MyLady Assistance Scheme will be provided with counselling guidance, job placement, and/or vocational/ specialised skill training and zero-interest microcredit loan to support business start-up (RM2K-RM5K). To date, 28 women have received financial support to start their business ventures and seven women for job referral.

THE SAGA HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAMME (SHAPE)



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In Sabah, the SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE) provides instant cash assistance to qualified patients that help to cover the costs for their logistics and transportation to town. Both programmes in Sabah and Sarawak share the same objective of opening up more access to treatment to those who really need them.

The SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE) provides immediate cash assistance to chronic patients from rural Sabah to enable them to attend life-saving treatment at major government hospitals or clinics in town.

- Pilot project launched in Sandakan in 2018.
- Patients receive between RM30 and RM100 per hospital visit.
- Long-term objective is to expand the programme to another four districts - Kunak, Semporna, Lahad Datu and Tawau.

SHAPE is operated by MaGIC Grant with the amount of RM50,000 and has supported 63 patients from rural Sandakan and Beluran in 2019. It is run by the Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA), a partner organisation of the Malaysian AIDS Council.

MERCHANDISE



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation has a wide range of red ribbon and event-themed merchandise in our online store. This merchandise is also available during the MAF and partnership events throughout the year.

This year, we came out with five new merchandise - Butang Baju Melayu by Kandawaris, Brooch & Pin by Kandawaris, Waterproof Duffel Bag in two colours and sizes, Charm Bracelet and the special Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Red Ribbon Pin. All profits made from the sales are used to support Ending AIDS efforts by the Foundation.



KEY FIGURE

RM RM54,293

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MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS



1ST MEDIA SENSITISATION WORKSHOP

DATE : APRIL 17, 2019

VENUE : MANDARIN ORIENTAL KUALA LUMPUR

GOH : YB DATIN PADUKA MARINA MAHATHIR, PATRON OF MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation held two Media Sensitisation Workshops under the YSD Advocacy Grant. These workshops aimed to educate and raise awareness among members of the media as well social media influencers on HIV/AIDS and highlight the needs and sensitivities of the PLHIV community. In the era of the Internet, the media and public figures play an important role in our efforts to end stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV.

The workshops provided an opportunity for members of the media and social media influencers to have first-hand experience with key populations, health professionals and people living with HIV. This will provide quality material for content creators to utilise, especially content pertaining to HIV/AIDS.

The first workshop was held on April 17, 2019 in collaboration with the Malaysian Press Institute.

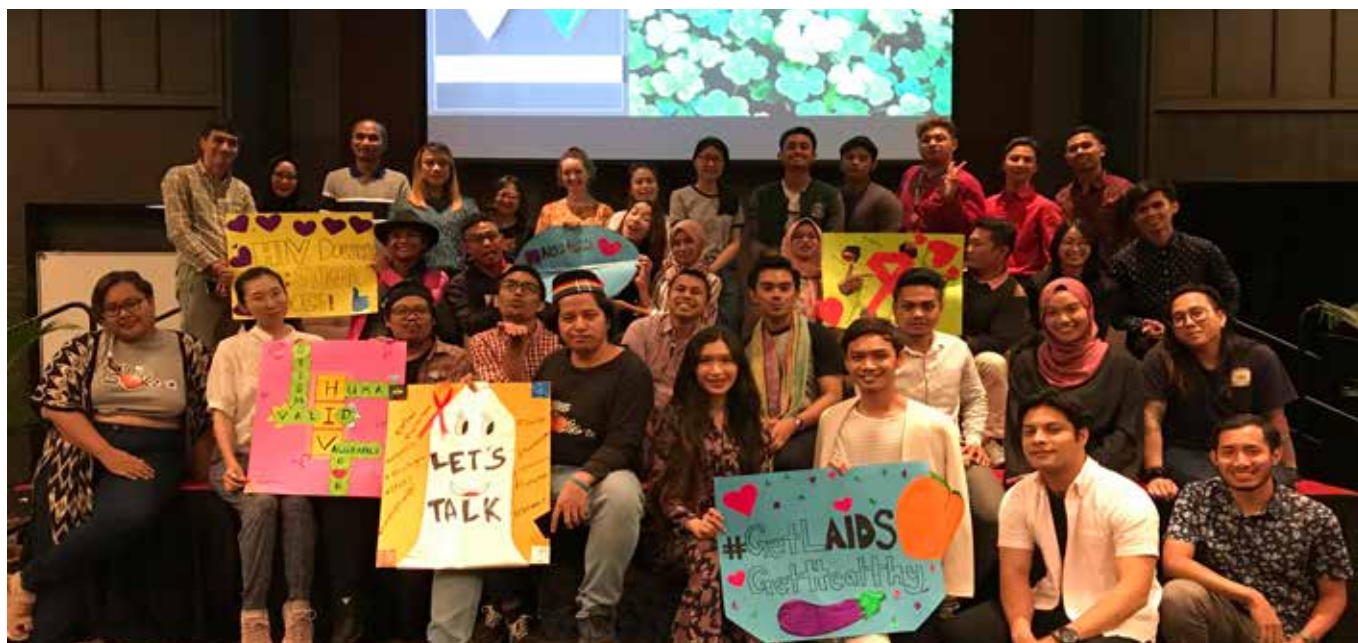
The workshop was attended by BERNAMA, The New Straits Times Press, KOSMO, Utusan Malaysia and many more media agencies. Highlight of the workshop was a special forum on "The Experience and Journey of Malaysian AIDS Foundation in Dealing With HIV-AIDS and the Importance of HIV Workplace Policy In Malaysia" featuring Prof Dato Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, the Chairman of MAF, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, Patron of MAF and a representative of the PLHIV community as panelists. The forum was moderated by Kamarul Bahrin, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Astro AWANI. The discussion shed some light on the rights of PLHIV to proper healthcare and workplace policy that should protect them from stigma and discrimination.

The workshop was also an opportunity to launch the MyLady Assistance Scheme, officiated by representatives from the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development.

2ND MEDIA SENSITISATION WORKSHOP

DATE : NOVEMBER 25, 2019

VENUE : HILTON HOTEL PETALING JAYA



The second Media Sensitisation Workshop focused on the current state of HIV cases in Malaysia, the epidemic size besides looking at how far we have progressed and global benchmarking of our performance in the AIDS response.

Advancement in HIV prevention such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PreP), one of the heated subjects in HIV response today, was also discussed during the Media Sensitisation Workshop attended by members of the media, social media influencers, NGO workers and the PLHIV community. However, it was discussions on the needs and sensitivities of key populations that sparked heated debates and enlightening discussions on the ethics of communicating with the community, respecting boundaries and tolerating sensitivities.

The panelists for the forum were Dr Rosnida Mohd Noh, an Infectious Disease Specialist from UiTM Hospital, Ms Patren, an activist for the transgender community, Mr Ashraf Fitri, social media influencer and two members of the PLHIV community. The forum was moderated by Ms Audrey Edwards, Editor from the Malay Mail.



MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION – KUMPULAN PERANGSANG SELANGOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

DATE : NOVEMBER 25, 2019

VENUE : RESTORAN REBUNG DATO' CHEF ISMAIL KUALA LUMPUR



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation collaborated with Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor (KPS) in an initiative to help women living with HIV with empowerment programme that will provide them with practical training and courses in the business projects they aspire to set up.

A total of 30 women living with HIV were selected in the programme and they will be given the necessary training and support to help them initiate their ventures or improve their current businesses. Applicants were selected based on referral from the Infectious Disease Clinic and approved by the Department of Medical Social Work. The programme was launched on November 25, 2019 at Restoran Rebung Dato' Chef Ismail Kuala Lumpur.

At the same time, KPS together with MAF also launched the KPS Back to School Assistance programme which provides necessary school supplies and stationery to children living with or affected by HIV. A total of 100 children selected from the pool of MAF beneficiaries received school items through the 'Back to School' Programme.

These programmes were officially launched by Puan Rita Benoy Bushon, the Director of Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor alongside Prof. Azlinda Azman, a member of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Board of Trustees.

M·A·C COSMETICS ON WORLD AIDS DAY OUTING FOR CHILDREN AT SUPERPARK MALAYSIA

DATE : 27 NOVEMBER, 2019

VENUE : SUPERPARK MALAYSIA, AVENUE K MALL, KUALA LUMPUR



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For the past 20 years, it has been a tradition for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation to observe World AIDS Day by organising special outings with children living with or affected by HIV. We would gather our beneficiaries who are below 18 years old and coming from a variety of family backgrounds - children of single mothers to orphanages and shelter homes around the Klang Valley - and entertain them to a day of fun-filled activities.

This year, MAF in partnership with M·A·C Cosmetics Malaysia and SuperPark Malaysia, had organised another WAD Children's Programme. It was definitely a day to remember for the children to experience the feelings of excitement, playing in an indoor theme park together with their siblings, friends and caretakers. It was a day that we wanted these children to feel that they are loved and cared for.

Red Ribbon Youth Ambassador Jeff Lau and Malaysian AIDS Foundation Triple-A Challenge marathon runner, Hezrina Hedzer, also joined us in the outing at SuperPark Malaysia. They had both pledged their voluntary support to provide the children with a fun and interactive warm-up session before their playtime.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2019

DATE : DECEMBER 1, 2019

VENUE : NATIONWIDE



The theme of this year's World AIDS Day was 'Communities Make the Difference'. This emphasised the importance of the HIV/AIDS community – be it PLHIV, healthcare workers, civil servants, NGOs, private companies and government bodies – in playing their part to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS and pushing forward the efforts and advocacy towards ending AIDS. Community members carry out essential outreach programmes to hidden and marginalised populations such as MSM, sex workers and transgenders – reaching out to them with important educational messages

and prevention activities, including the provision of condoms and more recently, HIV testing in the field.

For this year's World AIDS Day, an international celebration commemorated each year on December 1, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation ventured to different districts and states as we were invited to multiple events to open booths where we fundraise by promoting our merchandise while also educating the public on HIV/AIDS. It was also an opportunity for us to bring along our Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters

to officiate the events to rally more support from the public. The RRCS were also given roles to educate the public on stigma and discrimination faced by the PLHIV community in efforts to instil empathy among their fans and followers in the events.

The following were the events that MAF was involved in during World AIDS Day:

1. World AIDS Day, Hospital Ipoh, Perak
2. World AIDS Day, Bentong, Pahang
3. World AIDS Day, NU Sentral, Kuala Lumpur
4. World AIDS Day, Putrajaya
5. World AIDS Day, Taylor's University, Petaling Jaya
6. World AIDS Day, Xiamen University Malaysia Campus, Sepang

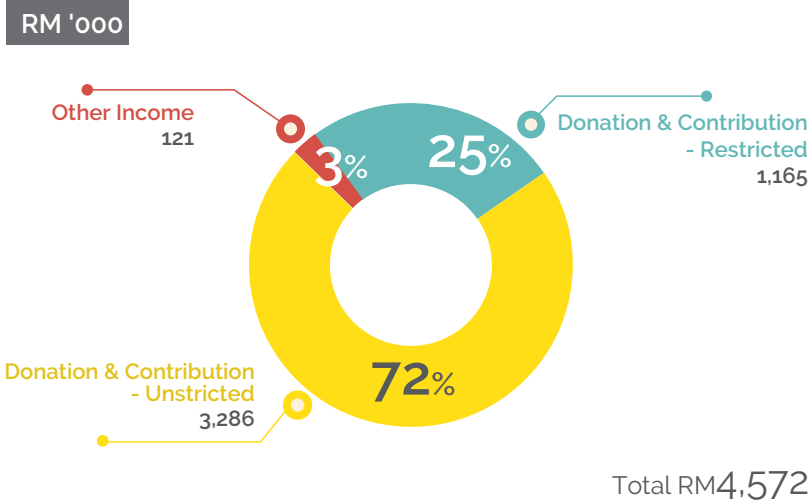


The Red Ribbon Celebrities who participated in the World AIDS Day celebration:

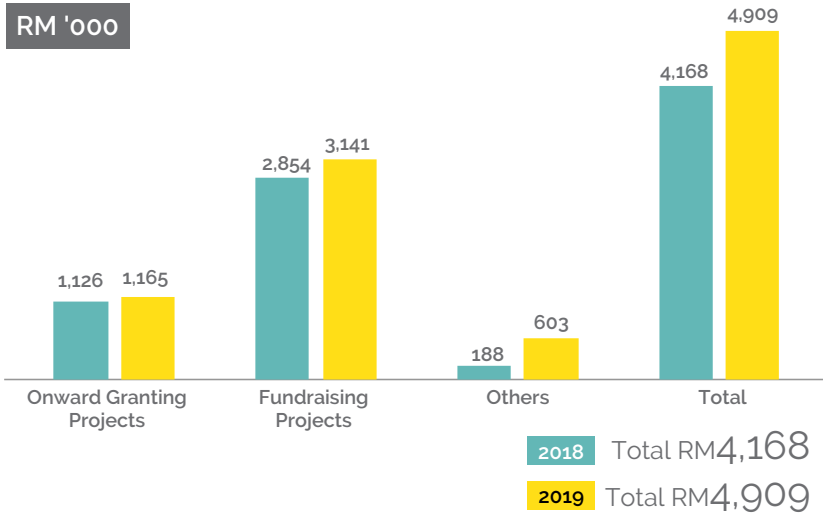
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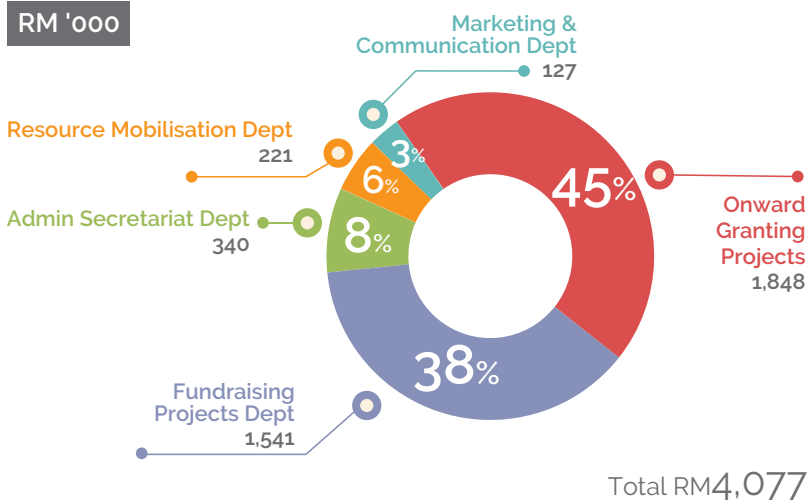


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