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# FOREWORD



## FOREWORD BY PROF. DATO' DR. ADEEBA KAMARULZAMAN

CHAIRMAN OF THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION

2021 will be remembered as a turning point in our fight against COVID-19, the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel, as we finally took control of the pandemic that had sent our world into a tailspin at such breakneck speed and unimaginable intensity that many are still left reeling from the psychological, emotional and material damage that the pandemic had inflicted.

In drawing a parallel between AIDS and COVID-19, one must wonder how vaccines for COVID-19 were developed within 24 months while a vaccine for HIV remains elusive after 30 years of the discovery of the virus. The truth is – the success that we saw in the development of vaccines for COVID-19 was in no small measure driven by decades of research that went into HIV. The accumulation of scientific knowledge that turned HIV into a treatable chronic disease has in fact, accelerated our understanding about SARS CoV-2 virus and paved the way for rapid development of the life-saving vaccines.

This is precisely why we must continue to regard science and evidence-based approach as the cornerstone of our AIDS response 10 years ago – when we designed our national Harm Reduction Programme for injecting drug

users – it was based on science and the solid empirical evidence about where the HIV epidemic is concentrated and what needs to be done.

We now know with close to 100 % certainty that the antiretroviral or ARV therapy is capable to not only inhibit the HIV viral replication but stop onward transmission of the virus through sexual contact, as well as from a pregnant mother to her unborn child. These are the indispensable tools that can help us to eliminate the AIDS epidemic within our generation – provided that a critical masses of the PLHIV population, or at least 90 % of them, are receiving sustained ARV treatment that renders their viral load undetectable.

In MAF, we put great importance on this global goal to end AIDS. Despite the funding challenges and limited opportunity to carry out major fundraising events during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, we never steered away from our responsibility to expand and improve access to ARV treatment. We were very determined to make sure that even structural barriers and socio-economic disparities should not stand in the way for PLHIV to access treatment. Our flagship treatment access programmes, namely the PAL Scheme and the Medicine Assistance Scheme, continue to offer subsidised ARV for the B40 community – a segment of our society hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank our long-standing partners, Yayasan Sime Darby, and new partners such as PERKESO, Philip Morris Malaysia and most notably, the Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (MAWIP) and Majlis

Adat dan Agama Islam Perak (MAIPk) for sharing our mission to improve access to treatment.

In Sabah and Sarawak, our HIV treatment access programmes received a boost from Sunway Group who has committed a 5-year grant to support the operations of Teratak Kasih Tok Nan and the Sarawak Health Access Programme – both in Kuching – and the SAGA Health Access Programme in Sabah.

With cautious optimism, we were able to bring back our signature fundraiser, the Red Ribbon Gala and Sunway-MAF Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award at the end of 2021. MAF is truly grateful for the incredible display of solidarity by our donors who continue to give generously to the cause despite the soft economic recovery period. Leading to the Gala, the MAF Secretariat continues to run a number of small but deeply meaningful fundraising initiatives and grant-making programmes for the benefit of the HIV community. Their efforts, led by the very capable Executive Director of MAF, Mr Jasmin Jalil, was truly remarkable during the tough pandemic period.

To all our donors, supporters and friends who have stood by us during these trying times – the Board of Trustees of MAF would like to record our deepest gratitude and thank you for your unwavering support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adeeba'.

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

# GLOSSARY

<b>AIDS</b>	ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME
<b>ANTIRETROVIRAL</b>	ARV
<b>COVID</b>	CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
<b>HIV</b>	HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS
<b>MAF</b>	MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION
<b>MAC</b>	MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL
<b>MBCH</b>	MALAYSIAN BUSINESS CONSORTIUM FOR HIV/AIDS
<b>MAS</b>	MEDICINE ASSISTANCE SCHEME
<b>MOH</b>	MINISTRY OF HEALTH
<b>MOHR</b>	MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES
<b>MCO</b>	MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER
<b>NSPEA2030</b>	NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO END AIDS BY 2030
<b>PAL</b>	POSITIVE AUDACIOUS LIVING SCHEME
<b>PAF</b>	PAEDIATRIC AIDS FUND
<b>PERKESO</b>	PERTUBUHAN KESELAMATAN SOSIAL
<b>PLHIV</b>	PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV
<b>PSA</b>	PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
<b>PMCT</b>	PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV
<b>RRCS</b>	RED RIBBON CELEBRITY SUPPORTER
<b>SDG</b>	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
<b>SOCISO</b>	SOCIAL SECURITY ORGANISATION
<b>UNAIDS</b>	UNITED NATIONS JOINT ACTION ON AIDS
<b>WAD</b>	WORLD AIDS DAY
<b>YSD</b>	YAYASAN SIME DARBY

# OVERVIEW OF THE HIV & AIDS EPIDEMIC IN MALAYSIA

Up-to-date information from Ministry of Health Malaysia.



**125,878**

Total reported HIV  
(1986-2020)

**3,146**

New HIV Infections  
reported in 2020

**621**

AIDS-related deaths  
in 2020

**45,450**

Total reported AIDS  
related deaths  
(1986-2020)

**80,428**

Current number of people  
living with HIV in Malaysia  
(1986-2020)

**9.31**  
/100,000

HIV notification rate  
in 2020

**15**

Reported HIV in children  
<13 years in 2020

**1,209**

Total reported HIV  
in children <13 years  
(1986-2020)

**331**

New HIV infections  
in women & girls  
in 2020

**14,213**

Total reported HIV  
in women & girls  
(1986 – 2020)

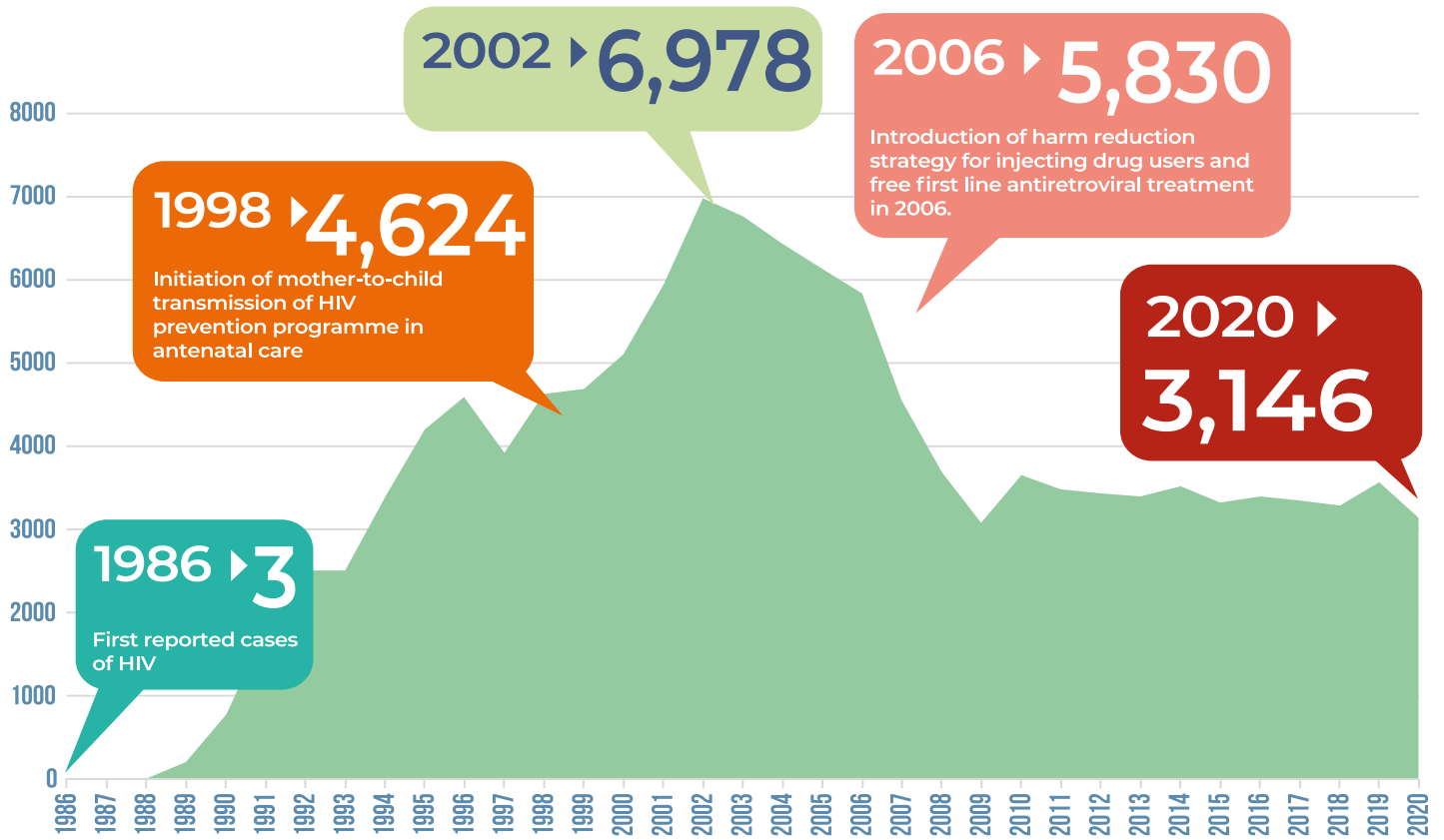
**68,886**

Total reported HIV  
in people who inject  
drugs (1986-2020)

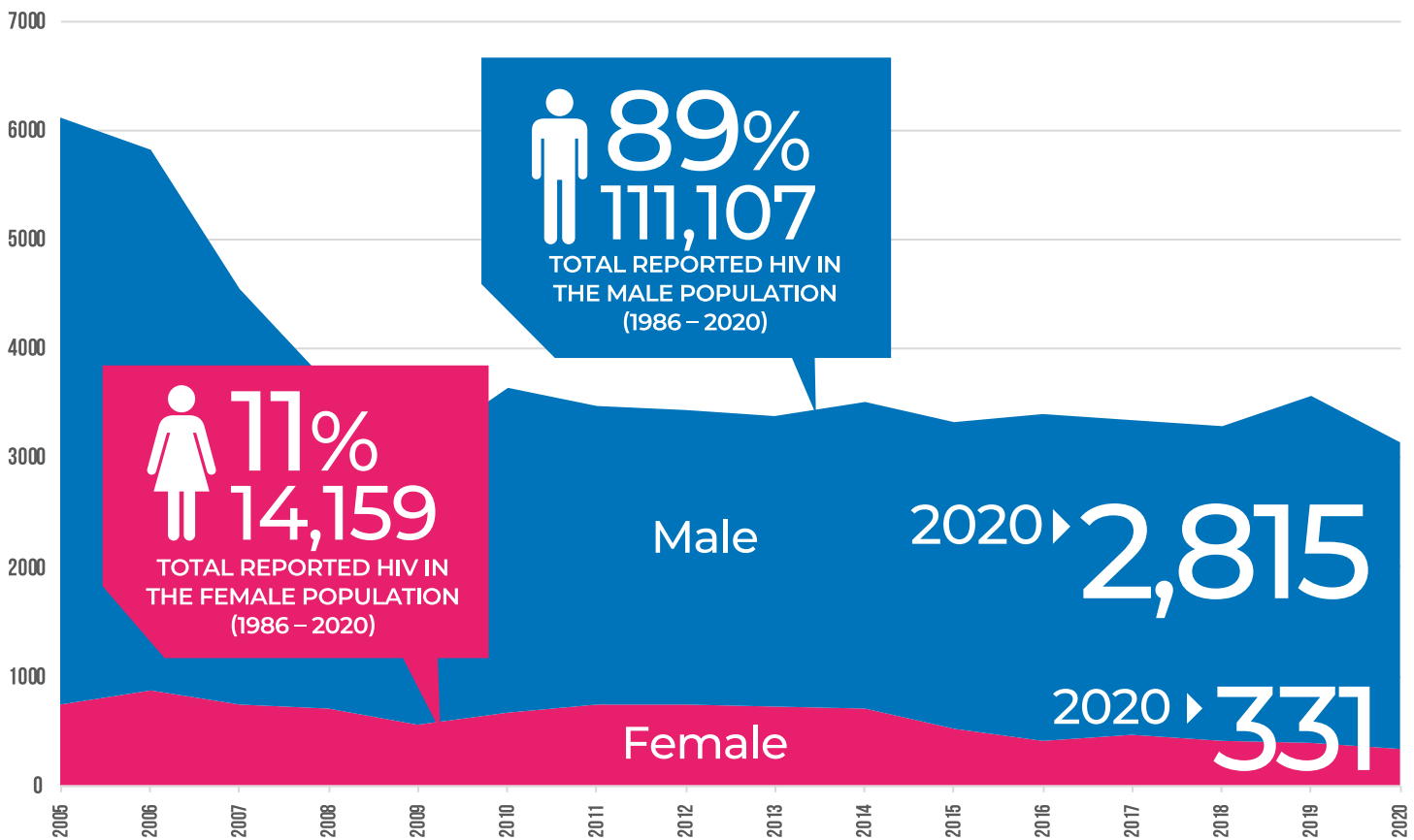
**45,647**

Total reported cases of  
sexually transmitted HIV (1986-  
2020)

## NEW HIV CASES (1986-2020)

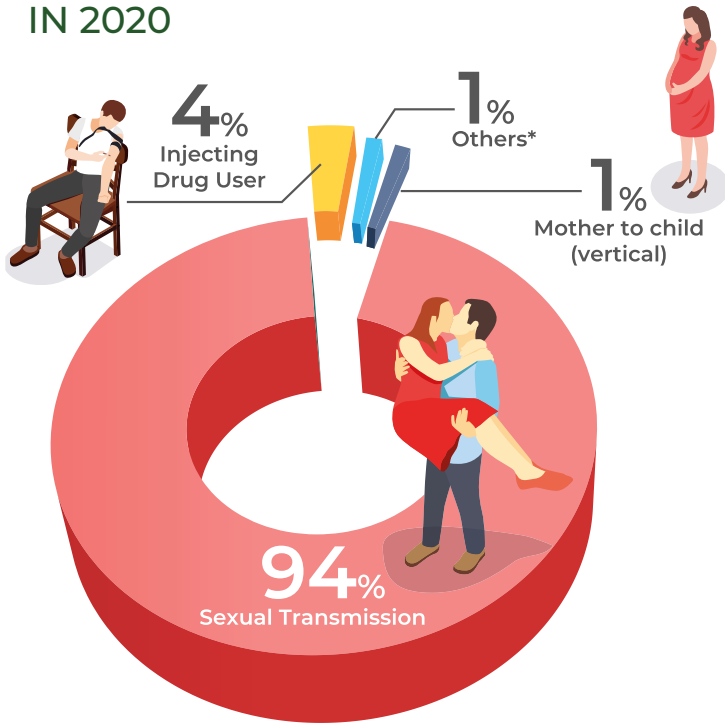


## HIV TRANSMISSION BY GENDER IN 2020





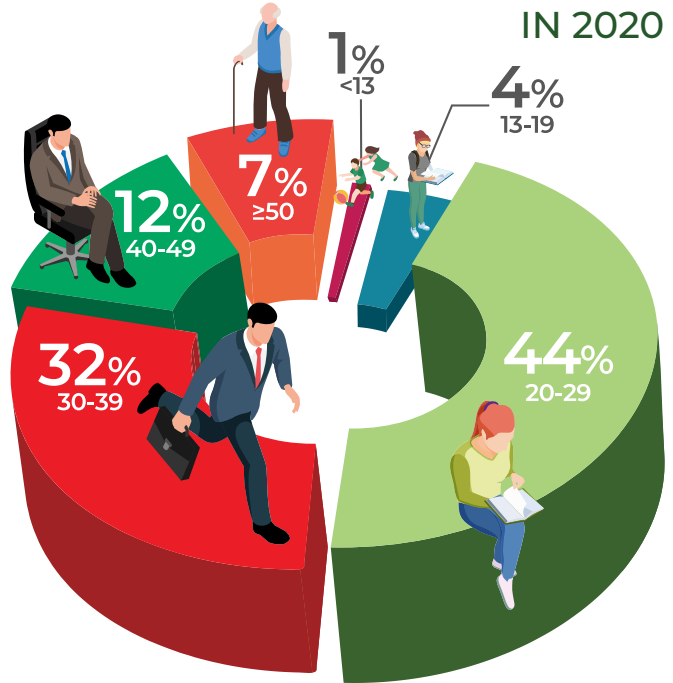
## HIV TRANSMISSION BY RISK FACTOR IN 2020



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

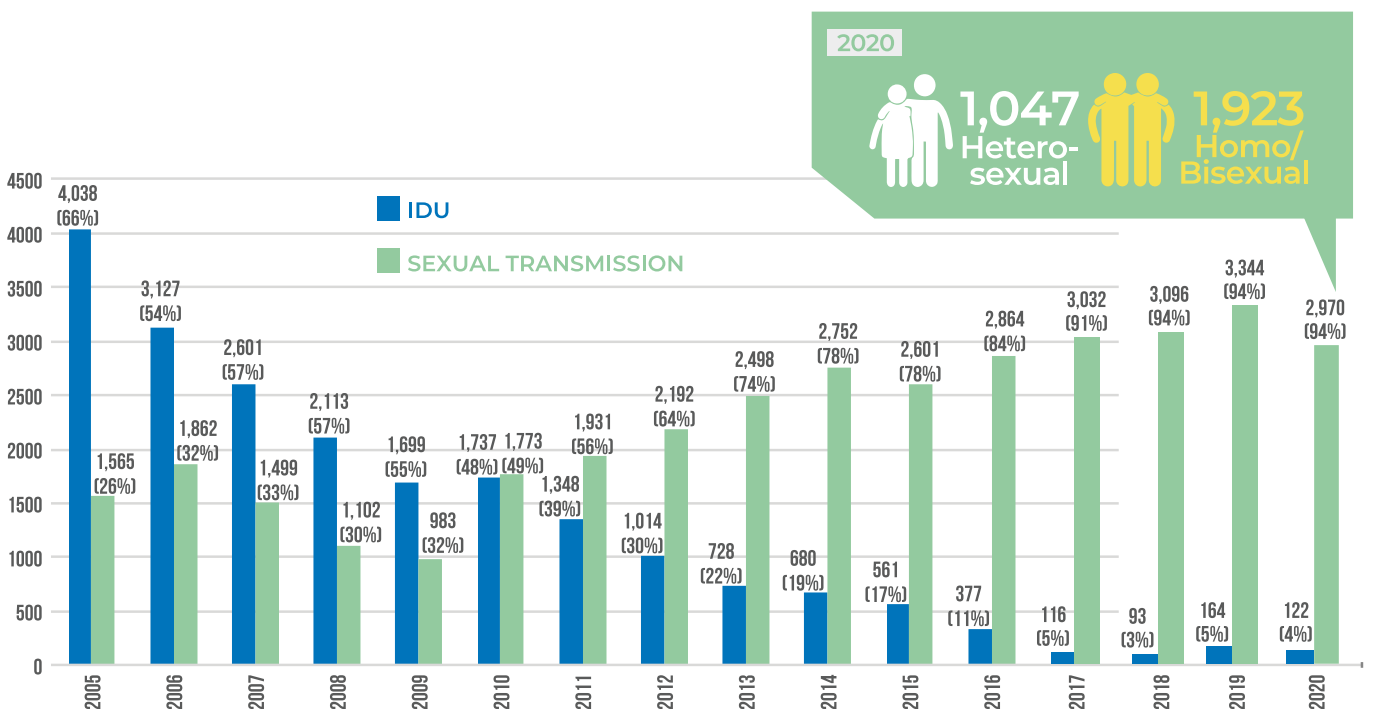
(% of 3,146 new infections)

## HIV TRANSMISSION BY AGE IN 2020



(% of 3,146 new infections)

## COMPARISON OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS BETWEEN INJECTING DRUG USERS (IDU) & SEXUAL TRANSMISSION (2005-2020)



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

# MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) was formed in 1993 and fully incorporated in 2003 under the Trustees Incorporation Act (1952) to carry out the following objectives:



Prevent the spread of HIV in Malaysia



Render support to People Living with HIV in Malaysia



Protect the human rights of people in Malaysia who may suffer discrimination due to their HIV status



Provide education on matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS to the family and friends of people living with HIV/AIDS, the general public and the authorities at the national and local level in Malaysia



Provide financial assistance or such other forms of support to bodies, organisations and institutions, including the Malaysian AIDS Council, in carrying out the activities and services described above

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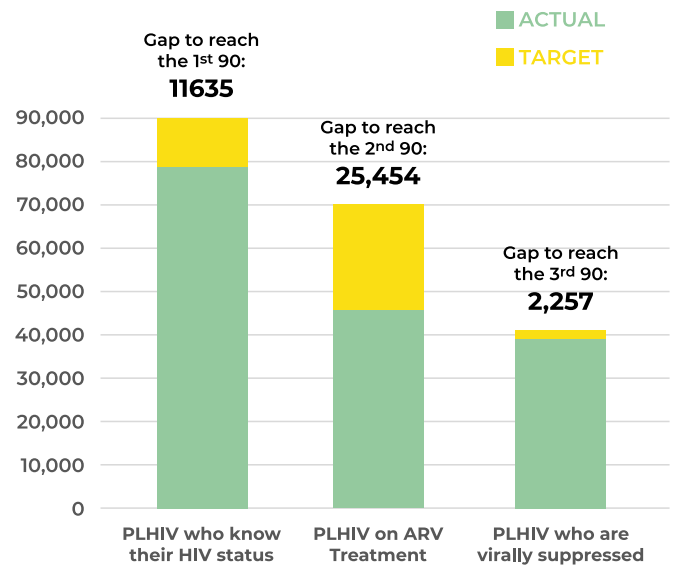
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# SUSTAINABILITY FOR AIDS RESPONSE

## THE OBJECTIVES OF MAF SUSTAINABILITY DRIVE

- 1/ Maintaining the gains that were made in terms of epidemic control, as measured by new HIV infections, HIV-related deaths and the 90-90-90 ending AIDS target
- 2/ Maintaining good governance on AIDS programme
- 3/ Maintaining robust financing for AIDS response
- 4/ Continued reduction of the burden of HIV/AIDS on the country
- 5/ Empowering community of People Living with HIV
- 6/ Creating lasting change through policy transformation

### HIV Testing and Treatment Cascade (2020)



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



### Alignment of MAF programmes and activities with the Sustainable Development Goals



#### SDG 1

End poverty for households affected by HIV by promoting economic empowerment and improvement of social protection



#### SDG 10

Reduce inequalities, including targets on protection against discrimination, and the empowerment of people to claim their rights and enhance access to HIV services



#### SDG 3

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (including universal access to HIV treatment and prevention services)



#### SDG 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, reducing exclusion, stigma, discrimination and violence among adults and children living with HIV

# FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS

# THE RED RIBBON GALA & SUNWAY-MAF TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD 2021



After a one-year postponement, MAF was proud to bring back the Red Ribbon Gala and the Sunway-MAF Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award on 10th December 2021 at Hilton Kuala Lumpur, a long-time CSR partner of MAF.

Held amidst tight security measures designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Gala was officiated by the Minister of Health, YB Khairy Jamaluddin. Thanks to the generosity of donors and supporters of MAF, a total of RM 1.49 million was raised during the evening.

As MAF's signature fundraiser, the Red Ribbon Gala commemorated key milestones on the road to ending AIDS by 2030, a shared goal among key stakeholders for Malaysia's national AIDS response. It also gave recognition to unsung heroes who demonstrate exceptional leadership and resilience in their work to support communities impacted by HIV/AIDS through the Sunway-MAF Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Award.

## KEY FIGURE

**RM1.49 million**

RAISED

## SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

SUNWAY GROUP  
 MS NEW SYMPHONY  
 EXERCISE CLINIC  
 TOURISM MALAYSIA  
 KAREX BERHAD  
 TROPICANA CORPORATION  
 BERHAD  
 TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD  
 WESTPORT MALAYSIA  
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 FOUNDATION  
 YAYASAN SIME DARBY  
 YAYASAN PETRONAS  
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 SELGATE HEALTHCARE  
 M.A.C COSMETICS  
 SELGATE HEALTHCARE  
 GABUNG CIPTA  
 RAZAK LUXE DECOR  
 ASTRO AWANI  
 MALAY MAIL  
 THE SUN  
 TV SARAWAK  
 RSM MALAYSIA







# THE SUNWAY-MAF 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



**Dr Mahani Nordin** named winner of The Sunway-MAF Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award 2021



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

- **Bakhtiar Talhah**  
Chairman of the Jury, Honorary Secretary of MAF
- **Dr Hajah Yatela Zainal Abidin**  
CEO, Sime Darby Foundation
- **Dr Anita Suleiman**  
Head of HIV/STI Sector, Ministry of Health
- **Professor Dr Ismail Baba**  
Former Professor of Social Work, UUM
- **Jubaidah Bee bt AK Nagoor Pitchay**  
Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Winner 2006
- **Puan Sri Tiara Jacqueline**  
Trustee of MAF

## 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

- 2019 **Dr. Zaiton Yahaya**
- 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 MAHANI NORDIN NAMED WINNER OF THE SUNWAY-MAF TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD 2021

DR. MAHANI NORDIN, THE AIDS OFFICER AT TERENGGANU STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WAS HONOURED AT THE GALA AS THE WINNER OF THE COVETED SUNWAY-MAF TUN DR SITI HASMAH AWARD FOR 2021.



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She was recognised by the Jury for going beyond her call of duty to sustain the local community response to HIV/AIDS. She is one of the co-founders of Komuniti Cakna Terengganu, a community-based organisation that provides harm reduction services around needle exchange and methadone maintenance to people who use drugs as well as treatment, care and support to People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

On top of her co-founding role, she donated a piece of her own one-acre land to the organisation, where

a shelter home was built to help men who use drugs recover and integrate into society. A small plot of the same land has been turned into a community farm that allows the residents to attain their livelihoods through a social enterprise. She was also successful in her advocacy work with key state stakeholders, leading the Terengganu state government to designate a seven-acre land to expand Komuniti Cakna Terengganu's efforts and establish homes and facilities for men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

# RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PLIGHT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN MALAYSIA



In 2021, MAF marked two major celebrations in the global HIV/AIDS calendar by organising virtual run events that helped to raise funds for Treatment, Care and Support Programme for People Living with HIV.

The inaugural MAF International AIDS Memorial Day (IAMD) Run was held from the 30th June until 31st July 2021. The IAMD is one of the oldest largest grassroots mobilisation campaigns for HIV awareness in the world. It is also the time of the year when the community around the world gather to pay tribute to families, friends and loved ones who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS.

Towards the end of the year, MAF annual virtual run event, the 100,000 Steps to End AIDS, made a glorious return. The event was held between the 1st until 31st December 2021. The event was also the pinnacle of the MAF World AIDS Day celebration and it was officially endorsed by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

## INTERNATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL DAY VIRTUAL RUN

### KEY FIGURE

**RM94,000**

RAISED

### SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

- DUREX
- LEE FOUNDATION
- VALE MINERAL WATER
- M.A.C COSMETICS
- TOP GLOVE
- BOOKDOC

## 100K STEPS TO END AIDS VIRTUAL RUN

### KEY FIGURE

**RM115,000**

RAISED

### SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

- MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA
- YAYASAN SIME DARBY
- KAREX
- BDRB
- SGS MALAYSIA
- PWC MALAYSIA
- KWAP
- BANK ISLAM

# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

## SALES OF MERCHANDISE

### RED RIBBON CELEBRITY SUPPORTERS UNITED!



Reflecting the zeitgeist of the challenging time, MAF focused the production of its merchandise charity sale on face masks that became an indispensable daily wear in the age of the pandemic. Throughout the year, a series of exclusive, limited edition face masks were produced in partnership with the following RRCS and prominent artists. They are:

- Melinda Looi
- Datuk Jimmy Choo
- Puan Sri Tiara Jacqueline
- Dato' Aaron Aziz
- Dayang Nurfaizah

The celebrity design was also extended to tote bags that was produced by MAF in limited number so as to maintain its exclusivity.

In addition to the designers' merchandise, MAF also introduced new products such as the Red Ribbon Golf Umbrella and the World AIDS Day Red Ribbon lapel pin.

#### KEY FIGURE

**RM92,000**

RAISED



### EMPOWERING COMMUNITY

The Red Ribbon Tasbih series was a limited-edition merchandise item proudly handcrafted by our grassroots community partner.

The Red Ribbon Tasbih was directly marketed to our corporate partners. At the same time, the product was also sold using our online marketing platform such as SHOPEE and the MAF Webstore.

MAF support for the community was also extended to product positioning, branding, packaging as well as promotion via social media.

#### KEY FIGURE

**RM30,000**

RAISED



# REGULAR GIVINGS

## FACE TO FACE MARKETING AND THE RM1 SMILE HERO CAMPAIGN



MAF is truly grateful for the continuous display of generosity and solidarity with the HIV/AIDS cause by more than 1,500 regular donors who have made a monthly commitment starting from RM 30 month to MAF.

At the height of the pandemic back in 2020, a new campaign called the RM 1 Smile Hero was launched. The Campaign provides donors with the opportunity to make a donation for as low as RM 1 month, making it a truly affordable, grassroots campaign that caters to every segment of Malaysian society, including students and low-income earners.

### KEY FIGURE

**RM202,690**

RAISED

## AIDS SOLIDARITY FUND

MAF continues to enjoy the trust and support of many caring individuals and corporate donors who contributed to us even through the challenging pandemic period.

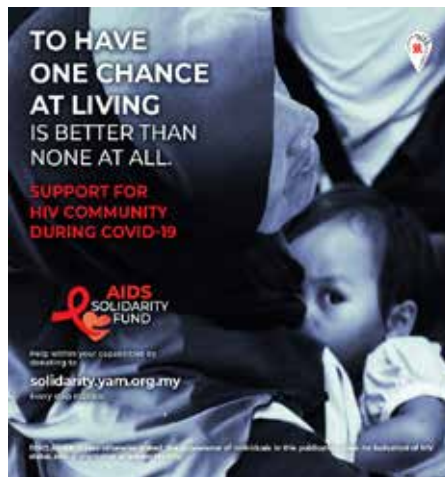
The campaign provides the opportunity for every Malaysian citizen to be part of the solution to end AIDS. With the integration of e-wallet solutions such as Touch n Go, SHOPEE Pay and Boost, donating to the AIDS Solidarity Fund became a seamless experience, and one that brought together a new generation of donors and young professionals who have grown accustomed to cashless transactions in carrying out their daily activities.

Funds raised from the campaign helped to bridge the gap in financing AIDS programmes and ensuring the continuation of our Treatment, Care and Support services for PLHIV.

### KEY FIGURE

**RM97,000**

RAISED



# RESOURCE MOBILISATION

## PARTNERSHIP IN ENDING AIDS

Our journey to end AIDS was accelerated by the support from major donors and CSR partners, some who have been supporting us for more than a decade and made a very significant contribution to the life-saving work that we do for the community of People Living with HIV.

# YAYASAN SIME DARBY

YSD is the largest corporate sector donor to the HIV/AIDS programme in Malaysia, with a contribution in excess of RM 10 million made in the past decade.



## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> CYCLE OF PAL SCHEME GRANT RM 1.2 MILLION (2020 – 2022)

The grant funds the sponsorship of 2<sup>nd</sup> line ARV medication for 100 low-income PLHIV. The subsidised ARVs are prescribed and dispensed at 16 Government Hospitals across Malaysia. Support by YSD reflected their commitment to the National Strategic Plan to End AIDS by the MOH, which sought to achieve 95 per cent HIV treatment access rate by 2030.





## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> CYCLE OF LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY GRANT RM 950,000 (March 2020 – February 2023)



The grant funds the operational cost of a joint-advocacy secretariat for MAF and MAC, covering the salaries of three key team members who will work towards advancing the advocacy agenda spelt out under Malaysia's National Strategic Plan for Ending AIDS by 2030. Ultimately, the partnership aims to create a wider coverage of HIV prevention treatment, maintain long-term sustainability of AIDS response and reduce AIDS-related stigma and discrimination.

## SUPPORT FOR PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

### VEHICLE DONATION TO THE SABAH AIDS AWARENESS GROUP ASSOCIATION

YSD donated an 11-seater Hyundai Starex to support SAGA in their patient outreach programme under the SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE), which linked B40 HIV and other chronic disease patients from rural Sabah to life-saving treatment at Government Hospitals.



# BERJAYA CORPORATION BERHAD

## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### PAEDIATRIC AIDS FUND (PAF)



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PAF is a special assistance scheme that provides a monthly allowance of RM100 to underprivileged children aged 12 years old and below living with HIV or born into HIV-impacted families.

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 our Community Partner, the MyKasih Foundation.

With funding by Berjaya Corporation Berhad, we were able to support 100 children under PAF.

# YAYASAN PETRONAS

MAF and Yayasan Petronas are collaborating in 2 projects – the MyLady Assistance Scheme and the expansion of SAGA Health Access Programme (SHAPE).

## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### MYLADY ASSISTANCE SCHEME RM 220,000 (2021-2022)



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The MyLady Assistance Scheme by Yayasan Petronas is a sustainability grant that supports Women Living with HIV in their entrepreneurial activities through a Microcredit Loan programme that comes with zero interest and favourable repayment terms. The loan is offered to 30 B40 beneficiaries and comes with comprehensive training and business mentoring programme.

### SAGA HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAMME (SHAPE) RM 172,000 (2021-2022)

Following the successful early rollout of SHAPE by the Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA) in the East Coast of Sabah, Petronas took part in this treatment access programme by supporting travel subsidy to hospitals for 180 B40 patients diagnosed with HIV, Thalassaemia and childhood diseases.



# SUNWAY GROUP

In 2021, MAF and Sunway Group established a special partnership designed to address the socio-economic barriers to HIV treatment, prevention and care services in Sabah and Sarawak.

## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### MAF-Sunway HOPE Borneo Project RM 4.12 million (2021 – 2025)



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Support by Sunway to the tune of RM 4.12 million over the span of five years covers the cost to run three flagship programmes under this umbrella initiative, namely the Teratak Kasih Tok Nan and Sarawak Health Access Programme, both serving the HIV community in Sarawak, and the SAGA Health Access Programme for Sabah.

The three projects are important to plug the gaps that are preventing progress towards ending AIDS, especially in Sabah and Sarawak, where access to HIV medication

is more often than not, shaped by poverty and geographical vulnerability. Long distances to clinics, travelling barriers and the lack of integrated care which requires People Living with HIV to obtain treatment for co-morbidities in multiple treatment settings are the consequence of disproportionate distribution of health services in both States.

The project is expected to benefit close to 500 beneficiaries in Sarawak, and about 250 in Sabah.

# M.A.C COSMETICS

Established in 1994, M.A.C Cosmetics is the largest non-pharmaceutical corporate donor in the world. MAF has been the beneficiary of the M.A.C AIDS Fund for more than a decade. Collectively, support by M.A.C AIDS Fund for the year benefited 460 members of key affected populations and vulnerable PLHIV.

## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### M·A·C AIDS FUND

#### Treatment, Care and Support Programme



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In 2020, MAF received funding worth RM139,300 from the M.A.C AIDS Fund to support our Treatment, Care and Support Programme for PLHIV. The funds were raised from the sale of the VIVA Glam Lipstick and were divided accordingly among these Partner Organisations:

- PT Foundation
- MSM Poz Project
- Pertubuhan Kesihatan dan Kebajikan Umum Malaysia
- Second Chance Shelter Home
- Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support

Services Society

- Care Centre for Men Living with HIV
- Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association
- SAGA Health Access Programme

# FLOOD RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND

## Special Community Livelihood Support to mitigate the impact of Flood



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The HIV/AIDS community was also not spared from the flash floods that struck in December 2021. A number of our HIV/AIDS Support Centres and shelter homes in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Pahang had suffered the same fate. Operations were disrupted, properties destroyed, communities displaced and, in many instances, residents had to be evacuated to safer places. The Centres are operated by the Partner Organisations of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

These Centres lie at the heart of our HIV/AIDS response. They are the epicentre of our Harm Reduction and HIV prevention programmes

for key affected population, and at the same time, also function as a one-stop support centre for our community – providing diverse range of services such as counselling, peer support programme, and even as tuition centre for children of the HIV/AIDS community – all amidst a safe and secure environment, free from stigma and discrimination.

Immediately, in the aftermath of the flood, an emergency relief fund were released by MAF to the affected Centres in order to facilitate their cleaning up. Komited Malaysia and SEED Malaysia each received RM4,000 from MAF.

# HIV & ISLAM

A collaboration with the Federal Territory Islamic Council (MAIWP) and Perak Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council (MAIPk) in the HIV Medicine Assistance Scheme programme was launched in October 2021.



## ON-GOING SUPPORTS

### MEDICINE ASSISTANT SCHEME

MAIWP RM 120,000 (In support of PLHIV Asnaf from Wilayah Persekutuan for One Year)

MAIPk RM 90,000 (In support of PLHIV Asnaf from Perak for One Year)

MAIWP had stepped in to contribute RM120,000, and MAIPk RM90,000 through the zakat fund to MAF to support HIV medical costs for PLHIV among qualified asnaf (beneficiaries) in Kuala Lumpur and Perak for one year.

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At MAIWP, we are serious about the issue of HIV infections among Muslims in this country, especially in Kuala Lumpur. We hope that with this assistance, it can ease their burden and allow PLHIV to continue living a normal life to perform their religious obligations efficiently.”

~En. Mohd Nizam Yahya,  
Chief Executive Officer, MAIWP.

“

This contribution is our pioneering effort to help Muslims in Perak who are affected by HIV. It is also an extension of the COVID-19 special assistance programme by MAIPK, which started in 2020. This is our effort to approach with kindness towards Muslims who face challenges, including stigma and discrimination that affect their quality of life.”

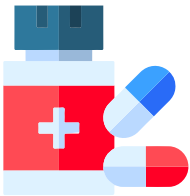
~En. Shahrul Azam bin Shaari,  
Chief Executive Officer. MAIPk.

# ADVOCACY & MEDIA



# PERKESO – MAF COLLABORATION

PERKESO and Malaysian AIDS Foundation are collaborating in Prevention and Disability Management Program to establish a comprehensive program in delivering PERKESO benefits to eligible People Living with HIV (PLHIV), specifically in terms of prevention, rehabilitation, and employment services.



SOCSSO provides funding of second line Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) for a group of PLHIV. This funding is one of the efforts to prevent PLHIV from complications of HIV disease that can cause disability and inability to work.



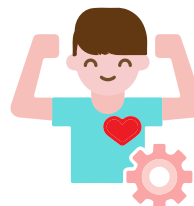
Joint effort to advocate, promote awareness, prevent discrimination and stigmatization towards PLHIV.



Strengthening case management strategy amongst PLHIV under Return to Work (RTW) Program and employment services.



Joint effort in advocating and raising awareness in staying healthy among PLHIV.



Joint effort to raise priority to the prevention and health promotion.



Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) was established as one of the government departments under the Ministry of Human Resources to administer, implement and enforce the Employees' Social Security Act 1969 and the Employees' Social Security (General) Regulations 1971.

The main function of PERKESO is to provide social security protection to employees and their dependants.

# RED RIBBON SHORT FILM



Jointly organised by MAF, Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD) and Karex, the Red Ribbon Short Film Competition sought to challenge young aspiring Malaysian filmmakers to critically and creatively explore HIV and AIDS issues under the themes of Sexual Transmission, HIV Treatment and Prevention and Stigma and Discrimination.

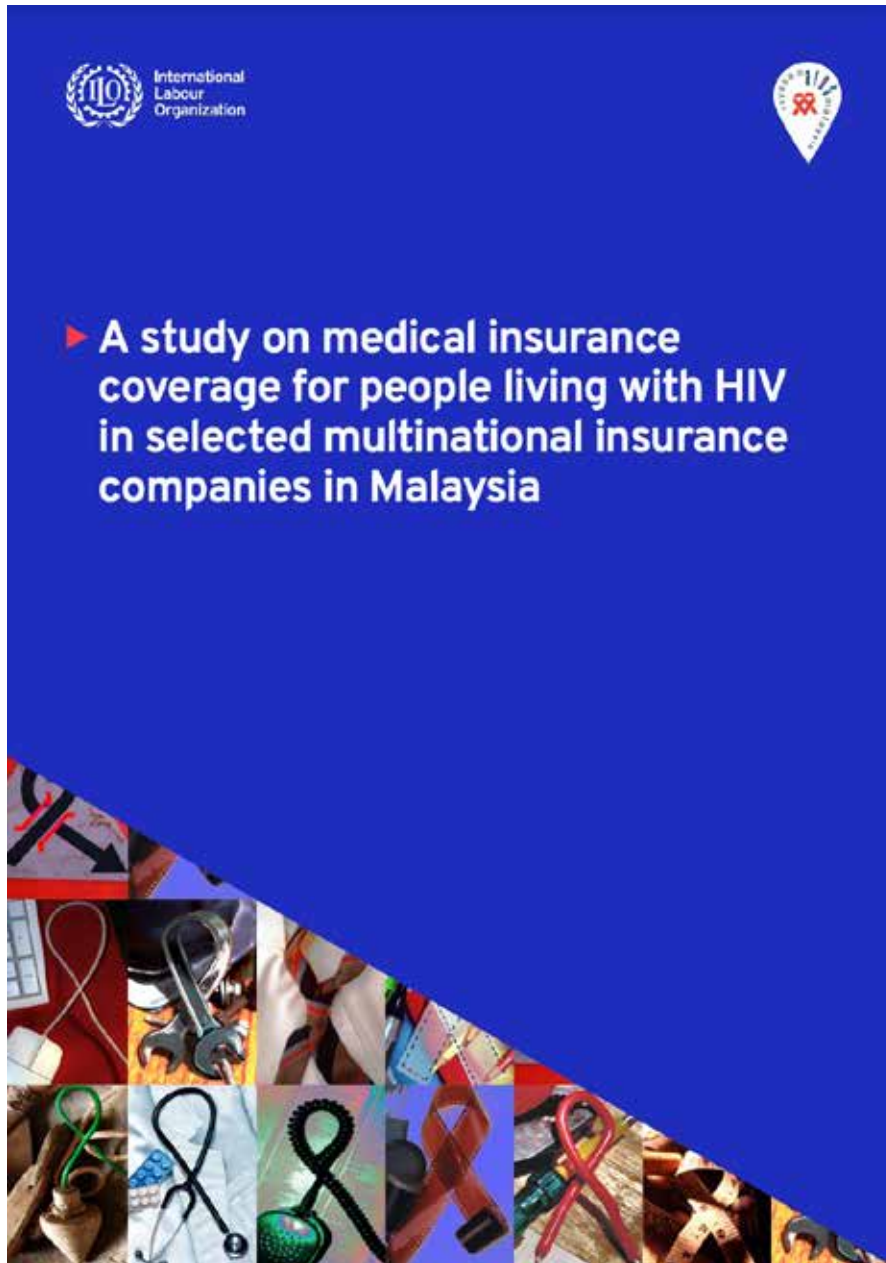
The competition was opened to secondary school students and tertiary education students/public as well as a special People Choice Award category for the fans and followers to vote on their favourite entries via social media platform. A total of 100 eligible entries were received by MAF over the course of the competition.

The winning entries are:

SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY		TERTIARY EDUCATION / PUBLIC	
<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<p><b>Irwin Fong Tze Yu</b>                      School: St. Joseph's Private Secondary School                      Title: It Doesn't Have to Be That Way                      Theme: Stigma and Discrimination</p>	<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<p><b>Dyan Claudine Undan Dumpangol</b>                      Institution: Cherita Media Group                      Title: Still Me                      Theme: Stigma and Discrimination</p>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<p><b>Emma Jane Sung Zhi Yi</b>                      School: St. Joseph's Private Secondary School                      Title: Acceptance                      Theme: Stigma and Discrimination</p>	<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<p><b>Ibnu Najah Bin Abd Hamid</b>                      Institution: Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services Society (KLASS)                      Title: Antara Dua                      Theme: Advancement on HIV Treatment and Prevention</p>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<p><b>Emelynn Aileena Binti Mohamad Hazran</b>                      School: SMK Convent Bukit Nanas                      Title: Red Ribbon, Red Blood                      Theme: Stigma and Discrimination</p>	<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<p><b>Perassath Servai A/L Vedagiri</b>                      Institution: Individual entry                      Title: A River Tells                      Theme: Stigma and Discrimination</p>

# ILO-MAF MEDICAL INSURANCE RESEARCH REPORT

AN ADVOCACY INITIATIVE UNDER THE MALAYSIAN BUSINESS CONSORTIUM ON HIV/AIDS



HIV and HIV-related illnesses are excluded from private medical and health insurances in Malaysia. PLHIV are denied insurance coverage because of their pre-existing condition and there are no insurance policies that specifically cover HIV and AIDS in Malaysia. This is despite the fact that

the parent companies of some insurance companies in Malaysia provide coverage for People Living with HIV in other countries.

This predicament impacts PLHIV in different ways. Not only can they not purchase private insurance, but those who may have purchased private medical

and health insurance prior to their diagnosis experience challenges in attempting to make claims even when they have been contributing toward the premiums.

To counter the prevailing negative sentiments against PLHIV in the insurance industry, MAF and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) have undertaken a comprehensive study that provides evidence and makes a compelling argument for inclusion of HIV in public and private health insurance not just in Malaysia but in other parts of the world.

The report was launched at a webinar simultaneously held in Kuala Lumpur and Geneva on 6th May 2022. The launch was presided by Professor Dato' Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Chairman of MAF, and Mr Afsar Syed Mohammad, Senior Technical Specialist ILO Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work.

# M·A·C COSMETICS ON WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION

The Annual World AIDS Day tradition continues with MAF and our long-time partner, M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia, joining hands to organise a creative art workshop led by the Private Art Lesson Kuala Lumpur – a children development centre that uses pedagogical approach to teach arts and inculcate creativity among children and youth.



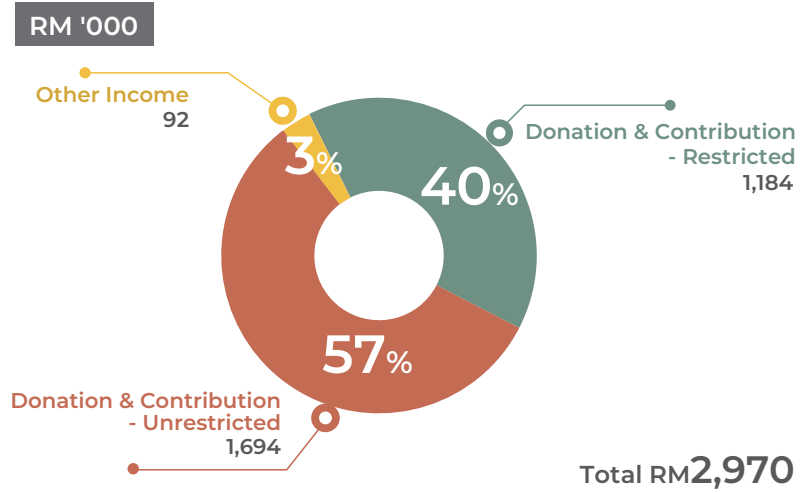
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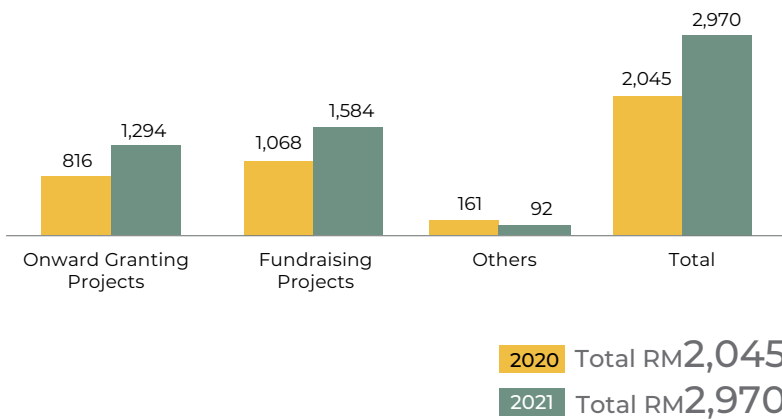
Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter Winnie K made a surprise appearance, bringing cheer and delight to the children. She led an impromptu singalong performance and dance session and joined the children for lunch. The session was also virtually joined by makeup artists and the management of M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia.

# MAF FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2020

## REVENUE

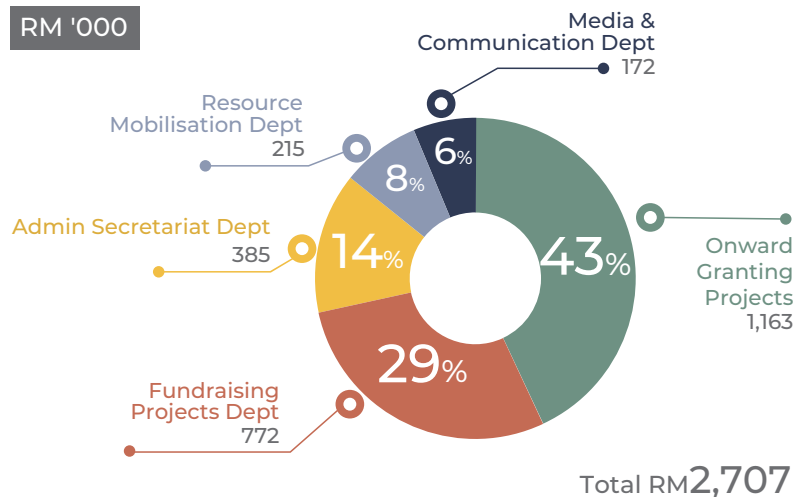


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## SOURCE OF REVENUE BY SECTOR

## HOW WE SPENT



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MAJLIS AGAMA ISLAM DAN ADAT MELAYU PERAK  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
MS NEW SYMPHONY EXERCISE CLINIC  
MYKASIH FOUNDATION  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
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MAF ALSO WISHES TO CONVEY OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO  
**THE DONORS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP WITH AIDS SOLIDARITY FUND.**  
YOUR SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR SUSTAINABILITY.

# PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

<b>AIDS Action Research Group (AARG)</b>	Penang
<b>Buddhist Missionary Society Malaysia (BMSM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Catholic Welfare Services (CWS)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Community AIDS Service Penang (CASP)</b>	Penang
<b>Drugs Intervention Community Malaysia@KOMTED Malaysia (DiC MALAYSIA)</b>	Pahang
<b>Federation of Reproductive Health Associations Malaysia (FRHAM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Harapan Komuniti Bhd</b>	Selangor
<b>Kelab Sahabat Meta</b>	Negeri Sembilan
<b>Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services Society (KLASS)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Majlis Belia Malaysia (MBM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Majlis Kebajikan Kanak-Kanak Malaysia (MKKM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Majlis Peguam (Bar Council Malaysia)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Malaysian Christian Association for Relief (Malaysian CARE)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Malaysian Consultative Committee of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Malaysian Indian Youth Council (MIYC)</b>	Selangor
<b>Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>National Council of Women's Organisations Malaysia (NCWO)</b>	Selangor
<b>Obstetrical &amp; Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Penang Family Health Development Association (PFHDA)</b>	Penang
<b>Persatuan Cahaya Harapan Negeri Kedah (CAHAYA)</b>	Kedah
<b>Persatuan Insaf Murni (INSAF)</b>	Selangor
<b>Persatuan Kebajikan Karisma Malaysia (KARISMA)</b>	Pahang
<b>Persatuan Pembantu Perubatan Malaysia (PPPM)</b>	Putrajaya
<b>Persatuan Pengamal Perubatan Alami Malaysia (PPPAM)</b>	Selangor
<b>Persatuan Perantaraan Pesakit Kelantan (SAHABAT)</b>	Kelantan
<b>Persatuan Perubatan Islam Malaysia (PPIM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Pertubuhan Kebajikan Intan Zon Kehidupan Johor Bahru (INTAN LIFEZONE)</b>	Johor
<b>Pertubuhan Kesihatan &amp; Kebajikan Umum Malaysia (PKKUM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Pertubuhan Komuniti Cakna Terengganu (KCT)</b>	Terengganu
<b>Pertubuhan Pembangunan Kebajikan &amp; Persekutaran Positif Malaysia (SEED)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Positive Living Community (PLC)</b>	Selangor
<b>PT Foundation (PTF)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>Sabah AIDS Support Services Association (KASIH)</b>	Sabah
<b>Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA)</b>	Sabah
<b>Sarawak AIDS Concern Society (SACS)</b>	Sarawak
<b>Selangor &amp; Wilayah Persekutuan Family Reproductive Health Association (SWP FREHA)</b>	Selangor
<b>St. John Ambulance Malaysia (SJAM)</b>	Kuala Lumpur
<b>The Buddies Society of Ipoh</b>	Perak
<b>The Estates Hospital Assistants Association Malaysia (EHAAM)</b>	Johor
<b>Women's Aid Organisation (WAO)</b>	Selangor
<b>Youth With A Mission Malaysia (YWAM)</b>	Penang



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