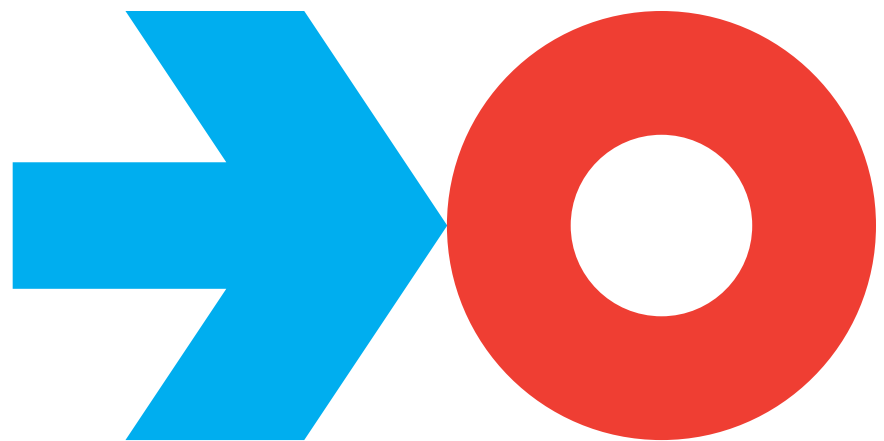




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Foreword



Foreword by YABhg Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor

Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera & Salam 1Malaysia.

The year 2012 marked the twentieth anniversary of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC). It is a very important milestone in the course of our history. It shows that our civil society's response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic remains as instrumental as it was when MAC was conceived by the Ministry of Health in the early 1990s. It also illustrates how much MAC and the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) have evolved in responding to the ever-changing HIV and AIDS epidemic.

As the Patron of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), I extend my heartiest congratulations to MAC, for 20 years of hard work and dedication to the cause. I have always been impressed by the relentless commitment and progressive practice of members of MAF and MAC. Their work is extremely vital in making a difference in the lives of those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS in this country.

It is sad to say, however, that despite their tireless efforts, women and girls still remain most vulnerable to HIV. In 2012, Malaysia recorded more than 3,400 new cases of HIV infection, in which 60 per cent were due to sexual transmission. Such trend correlates with the continuing increase in the new HIV infections among women and girls compared to their male counterparts. In fact, the female-to-male ratio has reflected a shift from 1:10 to 1:4 in the last ten years. The dependency on men causes women to become less empowered to protect

themselves from situations that put them at risk of exposure to HIV. It is therefore crucial that we empower our women with adequate knowledge and improve their access to economic activities.

I am pleased to know that MAC has partnered with the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development on programmes to improve the livelihoods of women affected by HIV in Kelantan and Terengganu, two of the states that record the highest HIV incidences. I hope that such efforts will have a positive impact on the women, and be expanded to other parts of the country where such interventions are needed.

In the meantime, MAF will continue to safeguard the well-being of children affected by HIV. Through the Standard Chartered Paediatrics AIDS Fund and L'Oreal's Keep in School Scheme, MAF continues to provide a continuum of support services that are integral to the children's positive development. We must remain focused in our collective effort to mitigate the negative impact of HIV and AIDS – especially stigma and discrimination – from destroying the future of our children.

It is also encouraging to note that the Malaysian corporate sector has once again demonstrated their support to the cause through the Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball, the seventh edition of MAF fundraising event. I hope this practice of community social responsibility by the corporate sector will continue, as our success in the HIV and AIDS response highly depends on our ability to work and pool our resources together.

Finally, let me express my appreciation to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, and Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) for their relentless efforts in raising public awareness and providing prevention, treatment and care programmes across the country. I wish to also thank all the partners of MAF and MAC, and all parties who have contributed generously in adding quality to the lives of Malaysians living with HIV and AIDS.

Thank you.

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

Statement



Statement by Datuk Dr. Raj Karim

President of the Malaysian AIDS Council

Praise to the Almighty, the most gracious, the most merciful.

Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) marked its 20th year milestone in 2012, and it is with great pride that we look back on the strides that we have made in our collective response to HIV and AIDS.

As an organisation, MAC has grown from just 10 founding members in 1992 to a nationwide coalition of 50 Partner Organisations, representing segments of society who are particularly affected by and vulnerable to HIV. We have also gained the trust of international donor agencies such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance under the multi-country Community Action of Harm Reduction (CAHR) project to expand our HIV prevention programme in key populations.

For 20 years, we have been serving and advocating for greater access to health and social services for key populations most affected by HIV: People living with HIV (PLHIV), injecting drug users (IDUs), sex workers (SWs), men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender people (TG).



Not too long ago, we took a giant leap in our response to the HIV epidemic when we, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, introduced harm reduction. Amidst a challenging legal environment, MAC and its civil society partners began rolling out the Needle Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP). Though initially met with criticism, the programme persevered and in fact continued to grow. In just under six years, it has successfully halved the number of new HIV infections amongst IDUs.

We acknowledge the pivotal role religious authorities play in informing policies, shaping public opinions and addressing HIV-associated stigma and discrimination. As such, we have paved the way for leadership of religious authorities in the national HIV response through HIV & Islam, an especially important initiative in the face of overwhelming burden of the HIV epidemic in the Muslim Malay population.

But our 20th anniversary isn't just about celebrating the past; it's also about looking into the future and renewing our commitment to create an enabling environment for HIV prevention, and improving the quality of lives of PLHIV. It's about taking all the necessary steps in the right direction to achieve the United Nations' Millennium Development Goal 6 of reversing the trend of HIV.

We are cognisant of the ever-changing trend of our HIV epidemic. Since 2010, sexual transmission has superseded injecting drug use as the primary mode of transmission of HIV in Malaysia. As a consequence of this shift, HIV is now greatly affecting women, including those not conventionally considered high-risk to HIV, i.e. housewives. This calls for a need to empower women, especially those in rural settings, so that they have adequate knowledge, skills and tools to protect themselves from HIV. Another segment of society who are equally if not more affected by this current trend of HIV epidemic are the marginalised populations, i.e. MSM, TG and SWs. These populations are much harder to reach with HIV prevention and treatment services, driven underground

by society's stigma. Needless to say, a comprehensive strategy to address sexual transmission of HIV in these key and vulnerable populations is imperative.

In our 20 years of fighting the good fight, no other factor has remained more powerful in impeding the advances we have made in HIV science than stigma. We are well-versed with the negative impact of stigma on the quality of life of PLHIV and access to HIV prevention and treatment, so it is indeed very disheartening to note that in this day and age where the science of HIV cure is gaining traction, stigma still continues to prevail. Addressing stigma will remain to be of utmost importance to us, and an over-arching principle that will guide us in developing HIV responses in the future.

We have most certainly come a long way since the early days of the epidemic. Our journey would not have been made possible without the strong support of our many partners, especially the Ministry of Health (MOH) for providing the leadership and resources necessary to carry out our work. We are also profoundly grateful for the strong foundation that MOH had laid for us during our formative years.

Our sincere gratitude is also dedicated to all the other government ministries and agencies, i.e. Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), National Anti Drug Agency (AADK), and Ministry of Human Resource; United Nations agencies and other international donor organisations and partners, i.e. Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance; corporate partners, namely M-A-C Cosmetics, Maybank Malaysia, Shell Malaysia, and Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council; members of the Press and Media; Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters; the Executive Committee of MAC; the Board of Trustees of Malaysian AIDS Foundation. Last but never the least, I wish to thank all our staff members and volunteers of MAC and Partner Organisations. Your continued support, tireless commitment to and undying support for the cause are truly the driving force that will hopefully usher in a generation of Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination, and Zero AIDS-Related Deaths.

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

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



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

The year 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), sister organisation of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. MAC's accomplishments in uniting grassroots HIV civil society organisations in Malaysia represent a major turning point in our nation's response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic. Through strong leadership and evidence-based, targeted and pragmatic programming, MAC was able to address HIV associated vulnerabilities in key affected populations. MAF is proud to have witnessed this great progress, and remains committed to raise and administer funds to support the activities of MAC and its Partner Organisations.

Looking back on our own achievements, the corporate sector response has always been the pillar of strength for MAF. Their support has enabled us to bridge the gap in domestic funding for HIV prevention and treatment, and also make a positive difference in the lives of people living with HIV.

The country's corporate sector support is best exemplified by the Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball in 2012, which successfully raised more than RM 1 million for MAF and co-beneficiary, the Global Poverty Project. This charity dinner carried on MAF's long line of high-profile fundraisers and social events dating back to 1996 which have been instrumental in raising much-

needed funds for MAF and MAC. I wish to thank all corporate organisations and individuals for their generous contributions to the Red Ribbon GP Ball.

I would also like to take this opportunity to convey MAF's deepest gratitude to its long-standing partners for their generosity; Standard Chartered Banking Group for their commitment to the Standard Chartered Paediatric AIDS Fund, L'Oreal Malaysia for the Keep in School Scheme (KISS), and M.A.C Cosmetics for their M.A.C AIDS Fund to support Treatment, Care & Support initiatives benefiting people living with HIV.

MAF strongly believes that the corporate sector's role in the national HIV response should go beyond providing grants and financial assistance to civil society and HIV organisations. It is rather timely for the Malaysian corporate sector to take stronger action to promote HIV education and adopt workplace policies that promote greater access to HIV related health care and counseling services for employees. Our corporate partners may find our Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV and AIDS (MBCH) useful to guide them to create a supportive corporate environment for people living with HIV. You may visit its dedicated website <http://www.mbch.org.my> to learn more.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution of our Patron, YAB Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor in helping us raise MAF's profile, and in the process increase public consciousness of HIV and AIDS as a development issue. I would also like to personally thank my fellow Board of Trustees and MAF colleagues for their hard work and dedication, and MAC team for their support.

To all our other donors and supporters, thank you very much for your trust in MAF. Together, we can reach our goal of *Getting to Zero!*

Prof. Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman
Chairman, Malaysian AIDS Foundation



Overview of the HIV & AIDS Epidemic in Malaysia

1986

The year of the first reported case of HIV in Malaysia.

98,279

Cumulative number of HIV cases in Malaysia.

19,047

Cumulative number of AIDS cases in Malaysia.

15,688

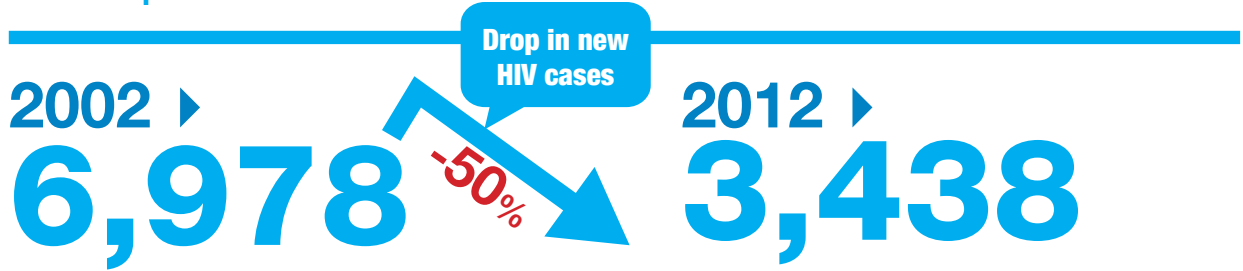
Cumulative number of AIDS-related deaths in Malaysia.

81,209

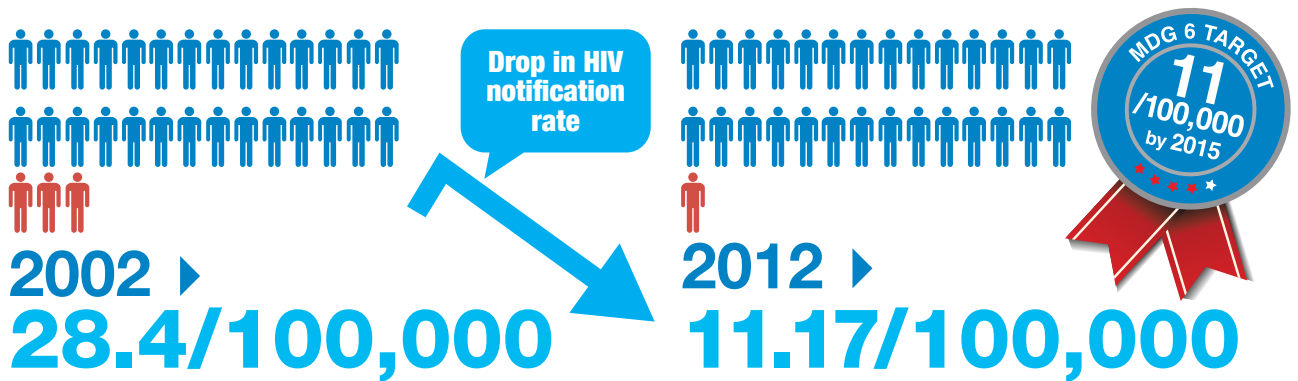
Current number of people living with HIV in Malaysia.

Statistic provided by HIV/STI Section, Ministry of Health Malaysia.

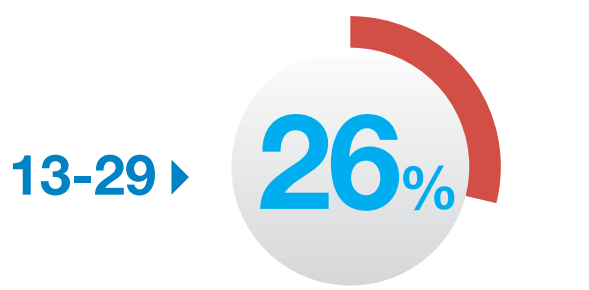
The number of annually reported new HIV cases has been on a steady decline over the past decade.



From the peak of 6,978 new HIV cases in 2002, the 3,438 new cases reported in 2012 were approximately half of what was reported ten years ago.



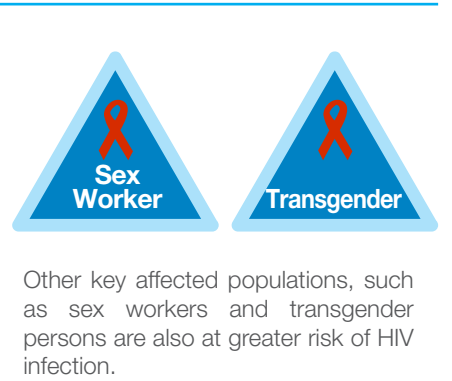
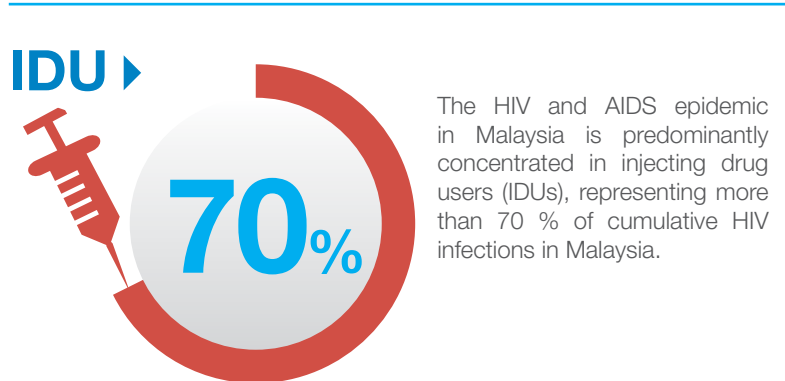
The notification rate of HIV continues to experience a decline from 28.4 cases per 100,000 persons in 2002 to 11.17 cases per 100,000 persons in 2012.



About 26% of cumulative HIV infections were reported in young people aged between 13 to 29 years.



Children aged below 13 years contributed approximately 1% of cumulative total of HIV infections from 1986 to 2012.



Statistic provided by HIV/STI Section, Ministry of Health Malaysia.

Malaysian AIDS Council

Overview



Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) was established in 1992 to serve as an umbrella organisation to support and coordinate the efforts of organisations working on HIV and AIDS issues in Malaysia. MAC works in partnership with government agencies, the private sector and international organisations to ensure a committed and effective community-based response to the HIV epidemic.

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Highlights

Of The Year 2012

Winners of Red Ribbon Media Awards 2012

Outstanding Achievement in Broadcast Media

“360: Jangan Pisahkan Kami”
by TV3
Mohd Said Abdullah Thani
(Executive Producer)

Outstanding Achievement in Print Media

“Don’t Blow Your Future”
by The Star
Ivy Soon, Melody L. Goh, Niki Cheong, Sharmila Nair, Nasa Maria, Entaban, Ian Yee, and Qishin Tariq (Writers)

Outstanding Achievement in Non-Traditional Media

<http://akuhivpositif.blogspot.com>
Blog containing personal accounts and ruminations of a person living with HIV *Mohamad Bin Wahid* (blog author)



20th Anniversary Celebration Of Malaysian AIDS Council & The Red Ribbon Media Awards

In 2012, MAC celebrated its 20th anniversary. To mark this important milestone, a reception was held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre on May 12, 2013.

The celebration concluded with the presentation of the **Red Ribbon Media Awards**, given out in recognition of excellence in journalistic and creative responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Malaysia. The Awards were presented to members of the media under three categories; Print Media, Broadcast Media and Non-Traditional Media.





International AIDS Memorial Day

“Promoting Health and Dignity Together” was the global theme of the International AIDS Memorial Day 2012. The theme aimed to raise awareness around HIV and to promote respect for the human rights of people living with HIV.

Throughout the month of May, MAC and its Partner Organisations organised multi-faith memorial services to remember the lives of more than 12,000 Malaysians lost to AIDS. Dialogues between key players in the National HIV response and political and religious leaders were also initiated to mobilise the movement to improve access to HIV and AIDS treatment and to protect the basic human rights of people living with HIV.



World AIDS Day

In 2012, MAC, through its Red Ribbon Youth Club led the World AIDS Day Celebration at the Berjaya Times Square in Kuala Lumpur. The event was held in partnership with the Medical Students Society of University Malaya (UMMedSoc) and the PT Foundation, with support by Berjaya Times Square, the Embassy of the United States of America in Malaysia, Reckitt-Benckiser (M) Sdn Bhd, the Malaysian Rubber Export Promotional Council (MREPC) and other corporate donors. The chosen theme was *ERASE, Rise Up and Getting to Zero*. *ERASE*, which stands for ERadicate - (AIDS + Stigma) = Equality also described the aspiration of UMMedSoc in fighting stigma against people living with HIV.

Thousands of visitors thronged the two-day event to learn more about HIV and AIDS at exhibition booths set up by MAC and its Partner Organisations. Visitors were also entertained by stage performances of MAC’s Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters and volunteer artists who educated the public about HIV and AIDS through performing arts.



National Stakeholder Meeting

MAC organised the inaugural National HIV and AIDS Stakeholder Meeting in October 2012. The meeting received overwhelming response, attracting more than 100 participants representing various key agencies from the public sector and civil society members working in the field of HIV and AIDS. Besides fostering mutual understanding between both parties, the meeting also worked to identify pragmatic approaches that could effectively address the emerging challenges in HIV response in Malaysia.

Advocacy

Promoting greater access to HIV medication

In 2012, MAC continued advocacy work to exclude TRIPS-plus provisions from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), a free trade agreement led by the US which was designed to maximise corporate profit. At the crux of this agreement are provisions that delay entry of lifesaving generic medicines into the market. Part of MAC's advocacy in this regard included leading the coalition of health groups in drafting and endorsing a Joint Statement on Medicines and the TPPA. The coalition included the Breast Cancer Welfare Association (BCWA) and the Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS). MAC also attended the 15th round of negotiations held in Auckland, New Zealand and hosted by the New Zealand government. MAC presented to negotiators on prices of medicines in Malaysia and effects of TRIPS-plus provisions on upcoming third line HIV medicines.



Engagement with law enforcement agencies

In early 2012, the Policy Department travelled with members of the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) and the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) to Switzerland and Germany to observe effective and pragmatic drug policy. They visited the health authorities in Zurich and Berlin respectively, and toured centres where drug users received comprehensive health services.

Mid-2012, MAC collected data on the incarceration of drug users in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC). This data included type of laws applied to drug users in Malaysia, frequency and lengths of incarceration, and data on ketum use. This report will be published in the year 2013. In October 2012, MAC and IDPC co-hosted a drug diversion workshop, with representatives from the Narcotic Crimes Department at the PDRM headquarters, Dang Wangi police station, and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development.

MAC participated in a qualitative research workshop organised under the Community Action on Harm Reduction (CAHR), where qualitative research specialist Professor Tim Rhodes trained CAHR countries on interviewing techniques. MAC's advocacy personnel also participated in a study tour to Kyrgyzstan prisons, where it was observed that inmates were well protected from tuberculosis, and that inmates had numerous educational and income-generating activities inside prison.

Engagement with Ministry of Higher Education

MAC received two reports of discrimination in institutions of higher learning. These included events where degrees were withheld pending disclosure of mode of transmission, and HIV status was spread by word of mouth in violation of individual's right to privacy. MAC proceeded to discuss this with the then Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah. MAC will continue to work with the Ministry of Education in drafting a circular for the attention of university staff.



Red Ribbon Youth Club

The Red Ribbon Youth Club (RRYC) is an advocacy initiative by MAC which aims to raise HIV and AIDS awareness and promote volunteerism among Malaysian youth.

Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter Aaron Aziz was appointed as the spokesperson to promote the club, especially among college students. Effort to set up RRYC was described by Aaron Aziz as “*very timely, in view of increasing number of HIV infections among the Malaysian youth.*”

Recent statistics by the Ministry of Health revealed that young people between 12 to 29 years constituted one in every four new HIV cases in Malaysia.

RRYC was officially launched in October 2012 at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) campus in Sintok, Kedah. From just 50 members enrolled during the pilot initiative, RRYC membership has since grown to nearly 4,000 members. Recruitment drive is currently ongoing. An activation tour to major university campuses across Malaysia is planned for 2013 and beyond.

Media Empowerment Workshop Series For PLHIV

The Media Empowerment Workshop Series aimed to empower people living with HIV (PLHIV) with confidence and knowledge to speak up against AIDS-related prejudice and stigma in the media. The programme was organised by MAC's Media & Communication Department, with support by MyPlus and MSM Poz of PT Foundation.

A total of 30 grassroots community leaders were trained on effective communication and advocacy skills during the three-part workshop series. Participants were also trained by senior journalists on PR skill and how to develop media engagement strategy when asked with delicate and difficult questions.



As a result, six participants from this programme ‘came out’ on national television during the World AIDS Day to openly share their experience living with HIV.

The Media Empowerment Workshop also paved the way for the formation of Positive Warriors, a support network for PLHIV initiated by workshop participants; with the mission of promoting acceptance of PLHIV and addressing issues that concern them.

HIV & Islam

In 2012, religious authorities, particularly the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), along with various State Religious Departments assumed greater leadership of addressing issues concerning HIV in the Muslim population.

To complement this effort, MAC maintained its advisory role in the HIV and Islam initiative; providing guidance on content for policy development, and technical assistance for implementation of activities.



Highlights of HIV and Islam in 2012:

Training on HIV & Islam Manual with local Imams

JAKIM led the effort to promote the adoption of HIV & Islam manual at the grassroots level. Through partnership with MAC and various State Religious Departments, they have embarked on a series of workshop with local imams and village elders at various locations in the states of Perak, Johor and Kelantan.

Empowerment for Muslim People Living With HIV

An Empowerment workshop for Muslim people living with HIV was held at Nur Lembah Pangsun, Hulu Langat on 12-14 October 2012. The programme attracted 40 participants, comprising mostly young people newly-diagnosed with HIV.

Islam and HIV/AIDS International Conference

The Islam and HIV/AIDS International Conference (IHIC) was held in Kuala Lumpur on 19-21 November, 2012. The conference was organised by JAKIM, in partnership with MAC and Yayasan Ihtimam Malaysia.

The IHIC brought together eminent Islamic scholars, social scientists and community leaders from Islamic countries, who convened to discuss the best strategy to develop an HIV and AIDS responses that are not only sustainable, but also in harmony with the principles of Syariah. The three-day conference concluded with a resolution containing 13 principles pertaining to HIV and Islam.



Spreading messages of hope and compassion for people living with HIV

Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters (RRCS)

In 2012, RRCS programme welcomed the addition of leading actor, Aaron Aziz and singer Bob Yusof. They were appointed as the spokespersons for the Red Ribbon Youth Club and HIV Education programme respectively.

MAC is greatly indebted to the thirteen RRCS talents, for their immense contribution in spreading the messages of hope and compassion for people living with HIV, as well as their active engagement in community outreach programme and fundraising activities led by MAC's sister organisation, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.



Participating in fundraising activities for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation



Involvement in community outreach programme



Code Of Practice On Prevention And Management Of HIV/AIDS At The Workplace Workshop

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), under the Ministry of Human Resource and MAC conducted a one-day workshop entitled *Code of Practice on Prevention and Management of HIV/AIDS at the Workplace* at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in Bandar Baru Bangi. The workshop managed to attract the participation of 24 companies including major players in the market such as TM Berhad, Nestle, and Proton Berhad.

The Code of Practice on Prevention and Management of HIV/AIDS at the Workplace was developed to ensure a uniform and fair approach to the effective prevention of HIV and AIDS among employees and their families, and provide social protection within the workplace to employees directly impacted by HIV. The principles of the code include the recognition of HIV as a workplace issue, non-discrimination in employment, screening and confidentiality, social dialogue, gender equality, prevention and care, treatment and support as critical components for addressing the epidemic in the workplace.



Corporate Social Responsibility

MAC intensified its call for corporate support to foster meaningful partnerships with civil society to pool resources for a more concerted HIV/AIDS response. The following are some of the partnership highlights:

Shell Malaysia

In 2012, Shell Malaysia Trading Sdn Bhd continued its support for MAC and its Partner Organisations through the Shell cooking gas (LPG) sponsorship programme. Entering its third year, the programme saw 19 shelter homes run by partners of MAC nationwide benefiting from the sponsorship of 936 cooking gas cylinders.

Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council

The Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council donated rubber mattresses, pillows and female condoms, along with RM 55,000, for distribution to shelter homes operated by MAC's Partner Organisations.

Partnership with ASTRO

Leading multimedia corporation and satellite TV provider ASTRO continued their support to the MAC through sponsorship of airtime for radio and TV Public Service Announcements during the World AIDS Day celebration in December.

ASTRO was also the media partner for the Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball held earlier in March 2012.

PKF Internal audit service

As part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programme, PKF Accountants & Business Advisers assisted MAC in reviewing the Governance Manual and Standard Operating Procedures, covering all relevant key internal control processes for the disbursement of funds from MAC to Partner Organisations.



Legal Issues for People who Inject Drugs and Sex Workers

The Global Fund Project conducted a series of legal issues workshops for injecting drugs users and sex workers, with the aim of empowering them about their basic legal rights (upon arrest, during remand and bail).



The specific topics discussed included drug users' rights with respect to arrest and detention, the carrying of drug paraphernalia, the rights of people who use drugs recreationally with respect to detention centres, and the right to health. The right-based workshop also empowered female and transgender sex workers on local laws and regulations, which have direct impact on sex work and access to legal counsel. Specific topics included sex workers' rights with respect to arrest and detention, the carrying of condoms and the right to health. A total of 22 workshops for 554 beneficiaries were conducted throughout Malaysia in 2012.

Harm Reduction Programme

For Key Affected Populations

Guided by the National Strategic Plan for HIV and AIDS 2011 - 2015, MAC continues to oversee the implementation of high-impact HIV prevention programme, with the aim of providing 80 % service coverage for the key affected populations, where 60 % of those covered practice safe behavior by 2015.



Injecting Drug User Programme

The **Needle Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP)** and the **Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MMT)** are the two key initiatives that have been jointly developed and implemented by MAC and the Ministry of Health in order to address HIV and AIDS among Injecting Drug Users (IDUs). These measures have resulted in the 50 % reduction of new HIV infections among the IDUs in the past decade (73% in 2002 to 38% of new cases in 2012; Statistics by the Ministry of Health Malaysia).

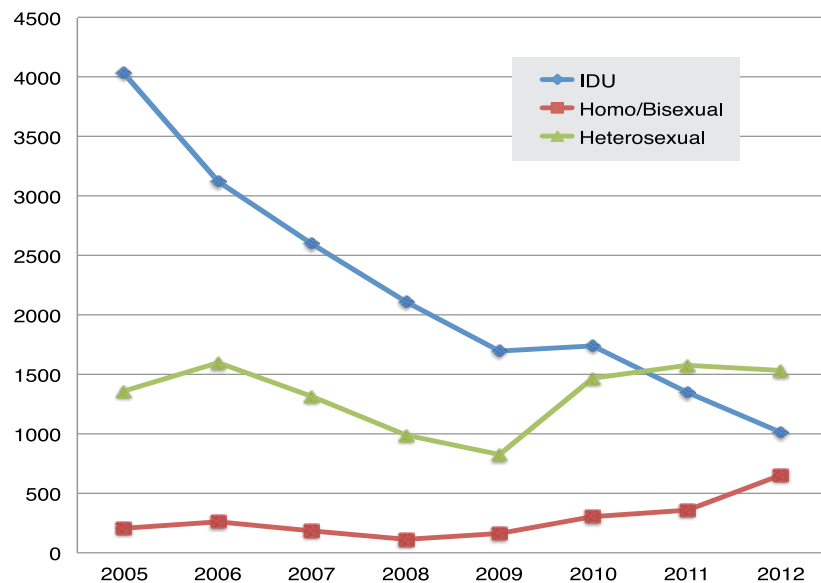


Figure 1: Comparison of HIV infection rate between different mode of transmission

MAC currently operates 39 NSEP through 491 outreach points nationwide. These include unique sites that provide gender-sensitive services to women, families and partners of IDUs. Additional grants to complement and expand the programme were provided by international corporation agencies, namely The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the Community Action on Harm Reduction.

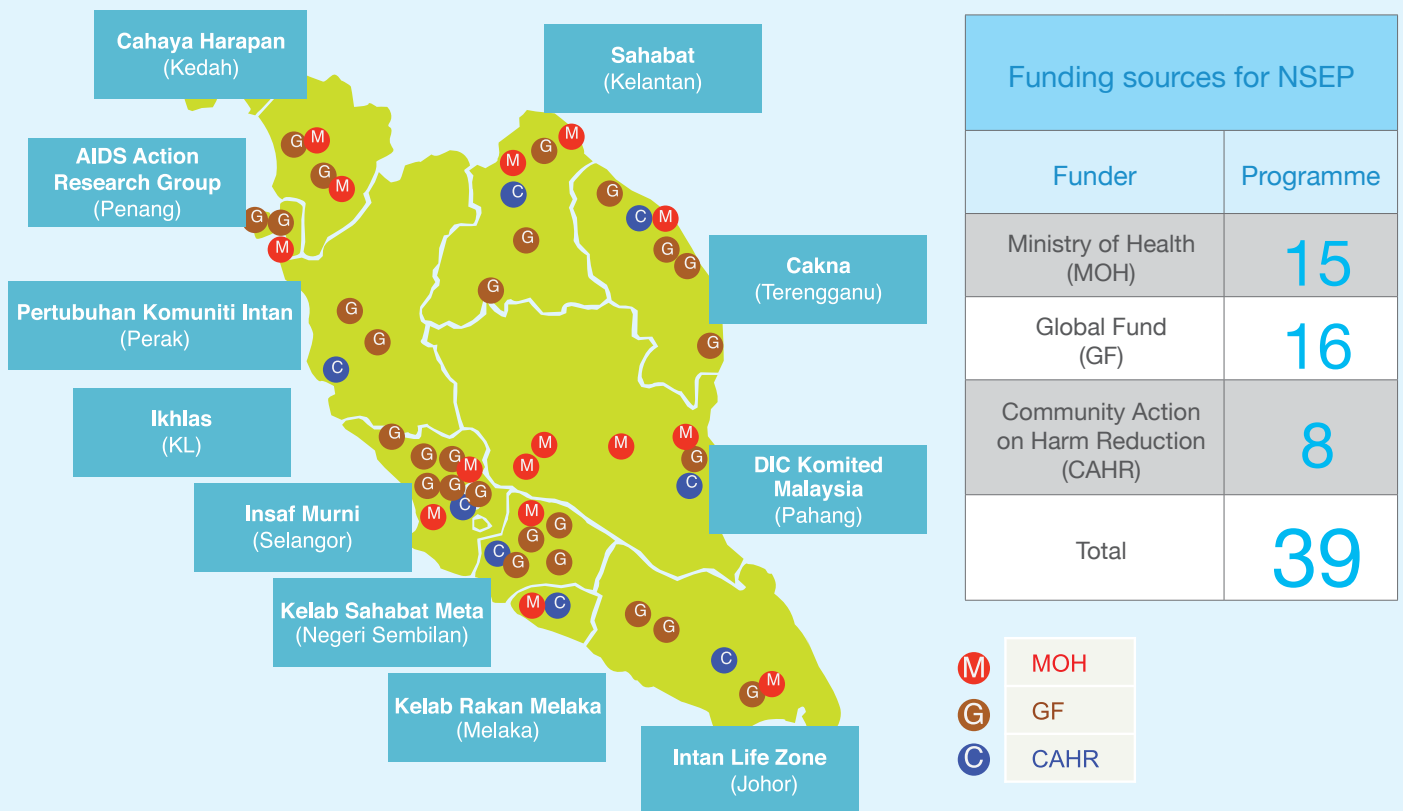


Figure 2: Geographical distribution of IDU programme in 2012

Key figures for 2012

21,066	Number of new clients registered
1,139	Number of clients referred to MMT Programme
3 million	Number of clean needles distributed to clients
65%	Recovery rates of needles
54,410	Cumulative number of NSEP Clients (2006 - 2012)

List of services offered to IDU clients

- Primary health care
- Information Education Communication (IEC)/ Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) and community sensitisation
- Access to clean needle and syringes
- Outreach and peer education
- Condom distribution
- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)/Voluntary Counseling & Testing (VCT) services and referral link
- Counseling and psychosocial support
- Referral to detoxification and rehabilitation services
- Referral to MMT programme

A continuum of support services was provided by the Community Action on Harm Reduction (CAHR), where more than 67,000 beneficiaries were reached and with CAHR supported services, which included rapid testing for HIV, Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B and sexually transmitted infections, legal services and family support.

The beneficiaries included IDUs, their immediate family, sex partners, close friends, social workers/volunteers involved in service delivery and other indirect beneficiaries.

Harm Reduction Programme

For Key Affected Populations



SW / MSM / TG programme

In addressing the rise of HIV transmission via sexual transmission, MAC continued to work with its Partner Organisation to deliver appropriate sexual and reproductive health services and education to key affected populations who are more vulnerable to sexual transmission of HIV, namely sex workers (SWs), men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender persons (TGs).

Key figures for 2012

17	Number of HIV prevention programmes that addressed sexual transmission of HIV
159	Number of outreach points
4, 740	Number of clients reached
3 million	Number of condoms distributed during outreach

List of services offered to SW/MSM/TG clients

- Primary health care
- Information, Education and Communication/Behaviour Change
Communication community sensitization
- Outreach and peer education
- Condom distribution
- Sexually Transmitted Infections, Voluntary Counseling & Testing
services and referral link
- Counseling and psychosocial support
- Legal support

Funding sources for SW/MSM/TG programme in 2012	
Funder	Programme
Ministry of Health	4
Global Fund	11
M.A.C Cosmetics	2
Total	17

Care And Support Programme

For People Living With HIV (PLHIV)

Shelter Home Programme

In 2012, Partner Organisations of MAC operated 17 shelter homes. The programme was primarily funded by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, with additional support from M.A.C Cosmetics and the World Vision.

Services provided by the shelter home programme included basic nursing care, palliative care, medical referrals, bereavement counseling, and psychosocial and spiritual support service.

Key figures for 2012

471	PLHIV were served by the shelter homes
327	Beneficiaries on Anti Retroviral (ARV)
>90%	Treatment compliance rate
693	Total beneficiaries

Name of organisation	Client					Name of shelter home	Location
	Men	Women	Women & children	Children	Transgender		
KLASS	◆					Faith Helping Centre	Kuala Lumpur
DIC Pahang	◆					Casa Villa	Pahang
DIC Pahang	IDU					Casa Non Kasta	Pahang
DIC Pahang			◆			Casa Harapan	Pahang
DIC Pahang		IDU				Casa Femina	Pahang
CASP	◆	◆				Rumah CASP	Penang
PPIM			◆			Rumah Solehah 1	Kuala Lumpur
PPIM			◆			Rumah Solehah 2	Kuala Lumpur
ILZ	◆					Rumah Dignity 1	Johor
ILZ		◆				Rumah Dignity 2	Johor
WAKE				◆		WAKE 1	Kuala Lumpur
WAKE		◆				WAKE 2	Kuala Lumpur
WAKE					◆	WAKE 3	Kuala Lumpur
CWS	◆					Welcome Community Home	Selangor
Cakna			◆			Baitul Cakna	Terengganu
Kelab Rakan Melaka	◆					Rumah Perlindungan Lelaki	Melaka
KASIH			◆			Rumah Kasih	Sabah
Positive Living Community	◆					Rumah Perlindungan Lelaki	Selangor
Pertubuhan Harapan Kasih			◆			Rumah Perlindungan Wanita dan Kanak-Kanak	Johor

Care And Support Programme

For People Living With HIV (PLHIV)

Hospital Peer Support Programme

Hospital Peer Support Programme delivers outreach services to hospital clients who require information and education about ARV treatment and adherence, emotional management and healthy living with HIV.

In 2012, seven Hospital Peer Support Programme were conducted by Partner Organisations of the Malaysian AIDS Council, reaching out to more than 5,000 clients living with HIV and their family and friends. This was achieved through 962 support group gatherings and 318 Peer Support Counseling sessions.

Key figures for 2012

7	Hospital Peer Support Programme
318	Peer Support Counseling sessions
962	Support group gatherings
5,000	Clients living with HIV and their family and friends reached

Ministry of Health provided funding for most of the Hospital Peer Support Programme, with additional support received from M.A.C Cosmetics.

List of participating Partner Organisations in the Hospital Peer Support Programme

- CASP - Penang
- KASIH - Sabah
- PKI - Perak
- KLASS – Kuala Lumpur
- Pertubuhan Harapan Kasih – Johor
- Cakna – Terengganu

Hospital Peer Support Project Sites - Implemented by Partner Organisations In 2012

- Hospital Sultanah Nur Zahirah, (HSNZ) Kuala Terengganu
- Hospital Hulu Terengganu (HHT)
- Hospital Pulau Pinang
- Hospital Bukit Mertajam
- Hospital Seberang Jaya, Pulau Pinang
- Hospital Sultan Aminah, Johor Bharu
- Hospital Queen Elizabeth, Kota Kinabalu Sabah
- Hospital Likas, Kota Kinabalu Sabah
- Hospital Sungai Buloh
- Hospital Kajang
- Hospital Seremban
- Hospital Teluk Intan
- Pusat Perubatan Universiti Malaya (PPUM)
- Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (HUKM)

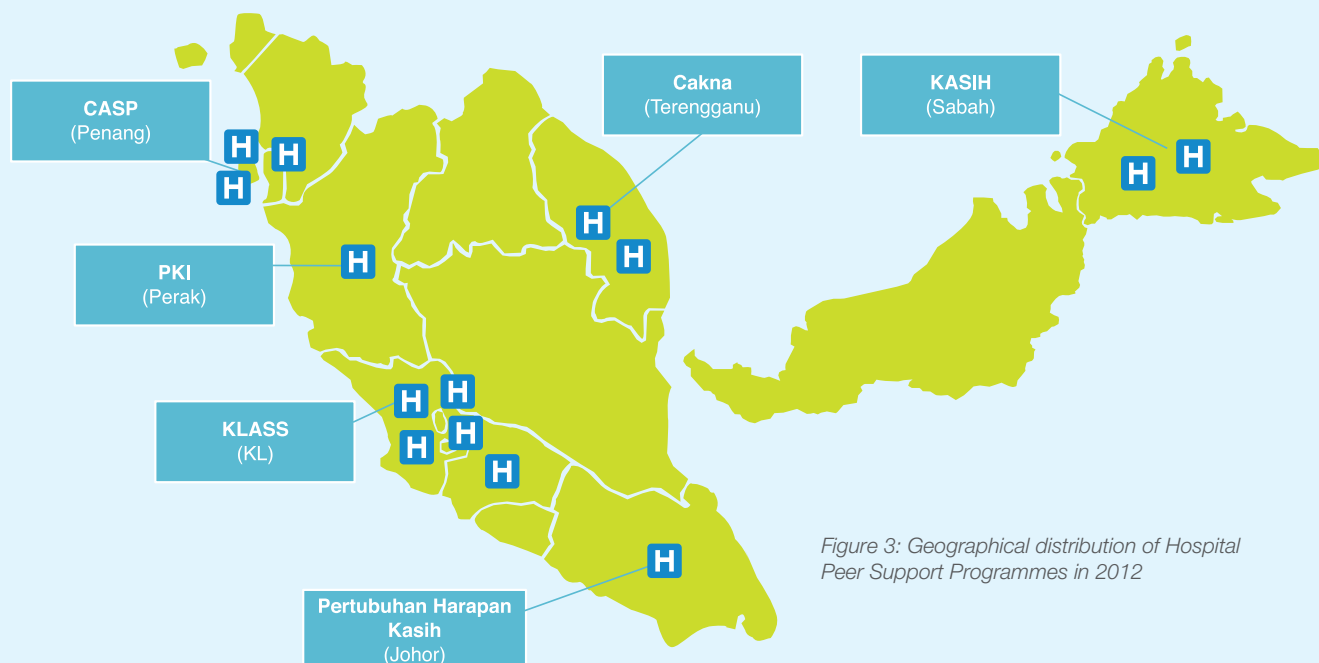
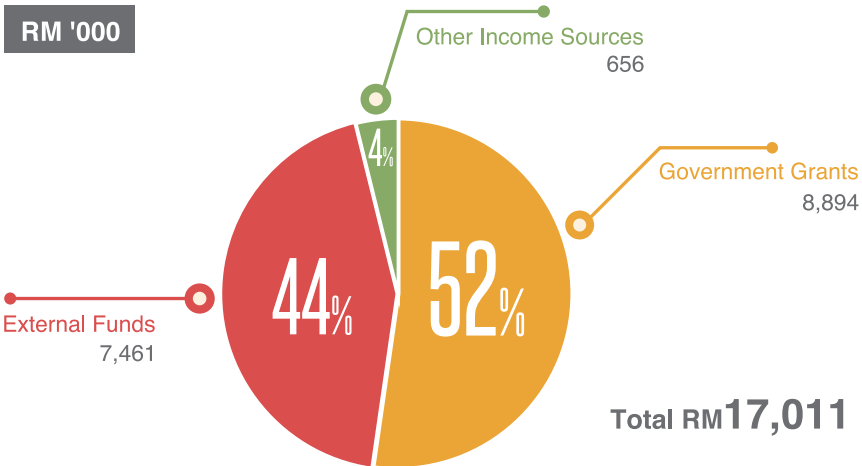


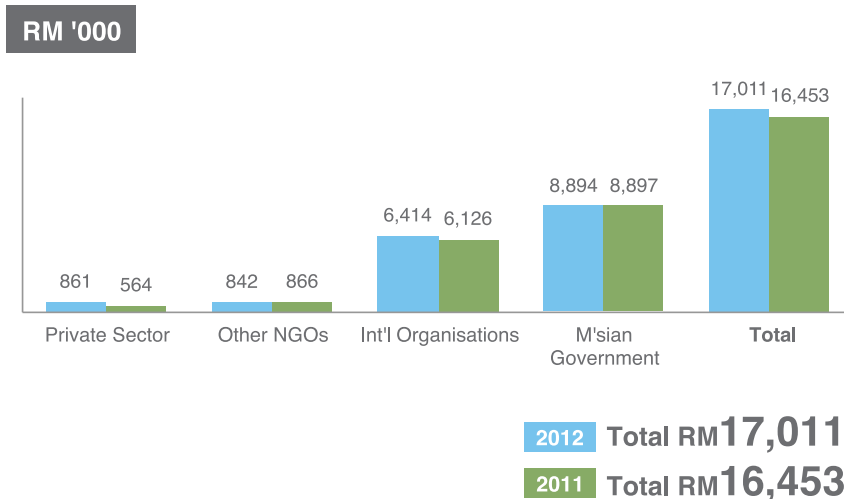
Figure 3: Geographical distribution of Hospital Peer Support Programmes in 2012

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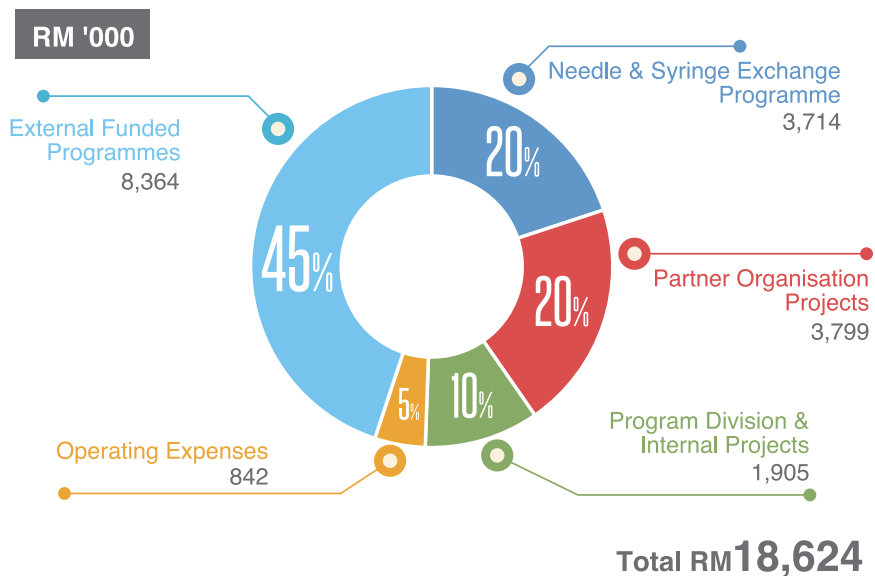
Incoming Resources



Source of contribution by sector



How we spent



Malaysian AIDS Foundation

Overview



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) was formed in 1992 to raise and administer funds to support the activities and programmes of Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and its Partner Organisations. These activities include efforts to

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

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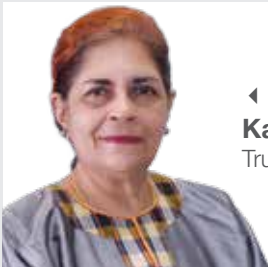
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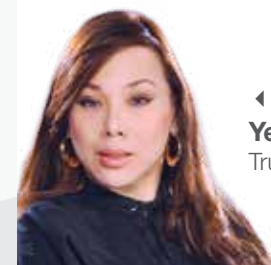
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Highlights

Of The Year 2012



Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball 2012
22 March 2012, Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur





Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball 2012

The Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball 2012, held on 22 March, 2012 at the Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur, successfully raised more than RM 1 million ringgit for MAF and Global Poverty Project, an international education and advocacy organisation. The event was headlined by British superstar, Leona Lewis.

The VIP guests of honour for the event were the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Haminah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and wife Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor.

At the event, MAF also awarded the Penang Family Health Development Association (FHDA) with the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award 2012 for its contribution to HIV response in the country. FHDA received RM10,000 and a specially-designed trophy by luxury watchmaker Richard Mille.



Patron Community Service Visit To University Malaya Medical Centre

The Women and Children Health Complex of the University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC) became the centre stage for a community service visit led by the wife of the Prime Minister and Patron of MAF, Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor.

The high-profile visit on 22 March, 2012 was made in conjunction with the Sapura & Kencana Petroleum Red Ribbon GP Ball 2012 held later in the evening to raise funds for MAF and the Global Poverty Project.

M.A.C. Cosmetics Viva Glam Campaign

In 2012, M.A.C Cosmetics donated RM 630,000 to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation - all from the sales of its Viva Glam product. The donation benefited five Partner Organisations of MAC: Persatuan Wahidayah Malaysia, Komuniti CAKNA Terengganu (CAKNA), Kota Kinabalu AIDS Support Services Association (KASIH), Women and Health Association of Kuala Lumpur (WAKE), and Sandakan AIDS Support Group Association (SAGA).

Maybank Treats Fair

MAF was once again selected as the charity partner for the annual Maybank Treats Fair. More than RM 72,250 was raised through Treats points donation and charity auction, conducted by Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporter throughout the four-day event.





Veemer Motor Charity Ride 2012

The Veemer Motor Charity Ride was a non-competitive inner-city cycling tour organized by Veemer Motor Sdn Bhd and the Pedalhollic Cycling Club. The charity ride raised RM 15,000.00 for PAL Scheme, a charitable initiative by MAF that provides HIV medication for underprivileged Malaysians living with HIV.



L'Oréal Charity Hair Cut Against AIDS

In conjunction with L'Oréal's 10th anniversary of Hairdressers Against AIDS Campaign, the Professional Products Division of L'Oréal Malaysia conducted a charity hair cut drive at the 1 Utama Shopping Mall for three days in November 2012. The campaign managed to raise RM 45,000 for MAF, channeled to Home Visit Programme benefiting children infected or affected by HIV.



Malaysian Business Consortium On HIV And AIDS (MBCH)

The Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV and AIDS (MBCH) was established to provide guidelines for employers and employees on appropriate and effective ways of preventing and managing HIV at the workplace. Among the programmes and services offered by MBCH are the workplace policy development, education and training.

Until December 2012, MBCH has attracted the participation of 24 local and international companies operating in Malaysia. A brand new website for MBCH was also launched in 2012.

L'Oréal Malaysia Keep In School Scheme (K.I.S.S)

In 2012, L'Oréal Malaysia contributed RM 120,000 to the Keep In School Scheme (K.I.S.S).

Since 2009, L'Oréal Malaysia has been providing financial aid to adolescents affected by HIV between 12-17 years through the K.I.S.S programme, enabling them to continue pursuing their secondary education.

Standard Chartered Paediatric AIDS Fund

Standard Chartered Bank stepped up to support Malaysian children made orphaned or vulnerable by AIDS with a financial aid worth RM660,000 through the Standard Chartered Paediatric AIDS Fund (SCPAF). The programme was set up in collaboration with Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and the Bank's foundation, Standard Chartered Trust Fund (SCTF).

MAF first established the Paediatric AIDS Fund in 1996 to look after the needs of HIV infected and affected children and keep them with their families. Initially, the fund supported 238 children under 13 years from 161 poor households. The fund subsequently changed its name to SCPAF when SCTF adopted the fund in 2008. SCPAF has since been providing financial support to 300 HIV-infected and affected children across Malaysia with monthly funds disbursement of RM200 per child.

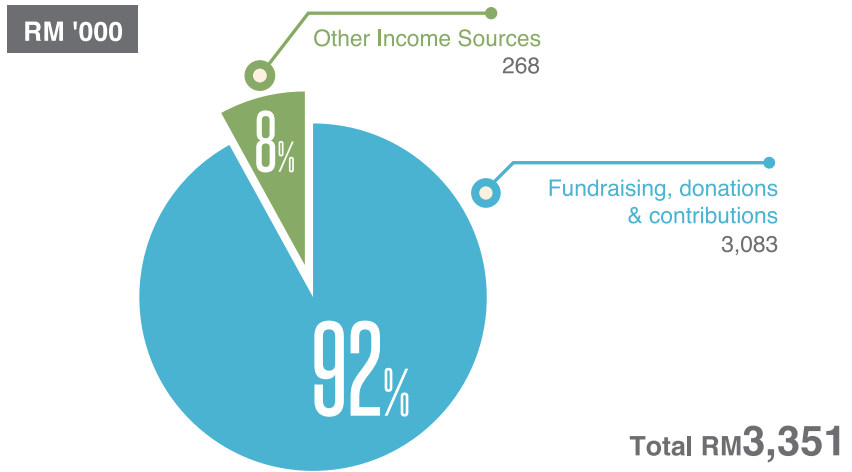
Mou Man Tai Life Night Run

The Mou Man Tai Night Run is an annual charity run organised by Tom, Dick and Harry's in Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur. The event successfully raised RM 18,000 - through individual donation of RM 10 each by the 1,800 participants.

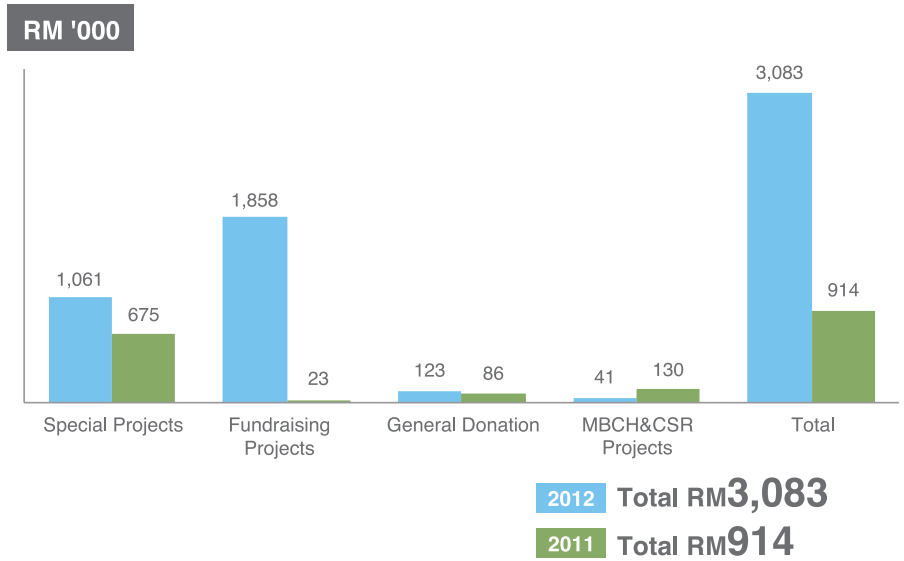


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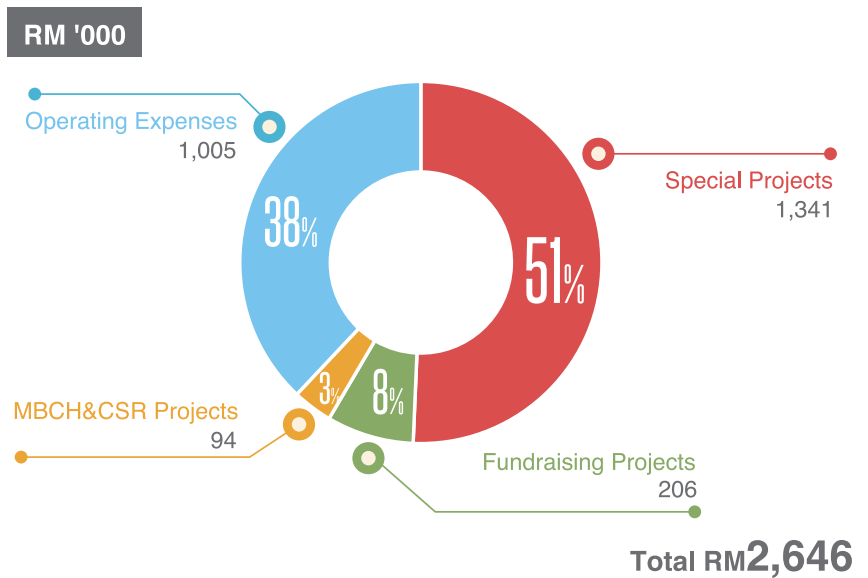
Incoming Resources



Source of contribution by sector



How we spent



PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

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