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FOREWORD

Prof. Dato' Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman
CHAIRMAN,
THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION



This year marks a significant milestone for us as we celebrate our 30th anniversary, a testament to the enduring commitment and unwavering support of our dedicated stakeholders.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our funders especially Yayasan Sime Darby, Sunway Group, Yayasan PETRONAS, SOCSO, Majlis Agama Islam Negeri, Berjaya Corporation Berhad, Karex Berhad and many other donors whose generosity and belief in our mission have been instrumental in our continued success. Your contributions have enabled us to expand our reach and impact, touching the lives of countless individuals in need.

Twenty years ago, HIV diagnosis in South Africa often meant facing early mortality. Today, we are in a transformative era where effective treatment allows People Living with HIV (PLHIV) to lead long and healthy lives. As a nation, we have made significant strides in reversing the HIV epidemic. By the end of 2022, approximately 68% of PLHIV knew their HIV status and had started antiretroviral therapy (ART), with 87% of those on ART achieving viral suppression. Over 2000 individuals have benefited from MAF's life-saving Medicine Assistance Scheme since its launch in 1998 while support for 165 people in the year 2023 costs RM1.4 million. We are pleased to have reached 81% in HIV testing, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH)

and the Global Fund in supporting and funding the Test Now initiative to reduce HIV transmission. We encourage those who have tested and know their HIV status to seek treatment promptly to effectively manage the disease and maintain their health. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Health Malaysia for their unwavering commitment in providing access to ART treatment and supporting the first-line ART at all government healthcare facilities.

A decade ago, harm reduction strategies demonstrated their effectiveness in reducing HIV/AIDS transmission among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID). Despite grappling with some of the world's toughest punitive drug laws and a deeply conservative societal backdrop, we effectively navigated these challenges and made notable advancements. Therefore, it is crucial for us now to exhibit the same level of leadership and determination in addressing the increasing challenge of HIV transmission through sexual routes. During this critical period, we must dismantle all forms of intimidation and barriers that hinder access to vital HIV prevention services, such as condoms and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

Despite the economic fragility in the post-pandemic era, MAF is grateful that our work continues to receive the trust of regular donors and new partners. The Malaysian AIDS Red Ribbon Gala stands as a

clear testament to this outpouring of support. The event raised RM1.8 million in 2023, showcasing the strong trust and support from sponsors in our collective endeavour to end AIDS by 2030.

I am delighted to announce the successful merger of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) in 2023, under a unified and dedicated leadership spearheaded by our Executive Director, Mr. Jasmin Jalil. I believe this consolidation will significantly enhance our impact on the communities we serve, fostering greater collaboration and leveraging existing strengths with our key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health Malaysia, for the projects we undertake.

While stigma and discrimination remain significant challenges, we are beyond grateful to the government of Malaysia for their ongoing collaboration with us and the NGOs under the umbrella of MAF. Their steadfast commitment in supporting HIV/AIDS initiatives through various strategies, policies, and programmes aimed at prevention, treatment, care, and support is crucial. We believe that this collaboration with the Ministry of Health Malaysia will continue to strengthen our collective efforts and make a lasting impact on those affected by HIV/AIDS.

At MAF, our commitment to improving health outcomes remains steadfast. Whether through innovative programmes or community outreach initiatives,

we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families worldwide. As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities, I am confident that together, we will continue to build a healthier and more equitable world.

Finally, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to our esteemed Patron, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, for her invaluable guidance and wisdom. I deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication of my fellow Board of Trustees, my counterparts at the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), our Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters, and Members of the Press.

Special thanks are also due to our Executive Director, Mr. Jasmin Jalil, whose leadership has propelled MAF to greater heights and my sincere gratitude also to the entire Secretariat for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Their tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure the smooth operation of our programmes and services, enabling us to achieve our goals effectively.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

Yours sincerely,

PROFESSOR DATO'
DR ADEEBA KAMARULZAMAN

Chairman
Malaysian AIDS Foundation

FOREWORD

Jasmin Bin Jalil

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION & MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL



Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2023 Annual Report of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, a testament to our collective achievements and aspirations. This year has been defined by our steadfast commitment to operational excellence and the unwavering pursuit of our mission.

Our operational efforts have not only sustained but propelled us forward, laying a solid foundation for the future of MAF. As we look ahead, the path is illuminated with opportunities to innovate and expand our impact. The future of MAF is bright, guided by a vision of inclusivity, resilience, and sustainability.

Speaking of sustainability, it remains at the heart of everything we do. We are dedicated to practices that ensure our actions today protect the resources of tomorrow, fostering a world where communities thrive in harmony with nature.

We also want to ensure that our work is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as we intensify our work to improve access to HIV treatment, prevention and care and lead efforts to reduce all forms of inequities associated with stigma and discrimination. These are significant social and public health determinants that have been recognised as major challenges within the framework of SDGs.

“What is next?” This question drives us to continuously seek new ways to empower individuals and communities. Our commitment to expanding support, specifically to Borneo, exemplifies this as we extend our reach to create lasting change and resilience in new regions.

None of our achievements would be possible without the steadfast support of our donors and partners. We are deeply grateful for your trust and collaboration which are instrumental in advancing our shared goals. Together, we continue to build bridges, forge alliances, and strengthen the fabric of our community.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated team whose passion and hard work drive our mission forward every day. Your unwavering commitment inspires us all.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the opportunities ahead, I invite you to join us in celebrating our progress and renewing our commitment to creating a brighter future for all.

With gratitude,

JASMIN JALIL

Executive Director

Malaysian AIDS Foundation &
Malaysian AIDS Council

GLOSSARY

AIDS	ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME
ARV	ANTIRETROVIRAL
COVID	CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
DHSPK	DIFFERENTIATED HIV SERVICES FOR KEY POPULATIONS
EMTCT	ELIMINATION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION
HIV	HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS
HOPE	HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR EVERYONE
MAF	MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION
MAC	MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL
MBCH	MALAYSIAN BUSINESS CONSORTIUM FOR HIV/AIDS
MAS	MEDICINE ASSISTANCE SCHEME
MOH	MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MOHR	MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES
NSPEA2030	NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO END AIDS BY 2030
PAL SCHEME	POSITIVE AUDACIOUS LIVING SCHEME
PAF	PAEDIATRIC AIDS FUND
PERKESO	SOCIAL SECURITY ORGANISATION
PLHIV	PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV
PSA	PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
PMCT	PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV
PREP	PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS
PWID	PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS
RRCS	RED RIBBON CELEBRITY SUPPORTERS
SDG	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL
SHAPE	SABAH/SARAWAK HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAMME
SRH	SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
STD	SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
STI	SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS
TEAMB	TOWARDS ENDING HIV & AIDS BY MALAYSIAN BUSINESSES
THIPS	TRIPARTITE HIV INTERVENTION PROGRAMME SARAWAK
TKTN	TERATAK KASIH TOK NAN
UNAIDS	UNITED NATIONS JOINT ACTION ON AIDS
WAD	WORLD AIDS DAY
YP	YAYASAN PETRONAS
YSD	YAYASAN SIME DARBY
WHO	WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

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 levels 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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MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION SECRETARIAT 2023



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PROGRAM ASSISTANT

NURAMIRAH ITIN TUAR

FINANCE OFFICER

OVERVIEW OF THE HIV & AIDS EPIDEMIC IN MALAYSIA

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



3,177

New HIV Infections reported in 2022

131,815

Total reported HIV (1986-2022)

946

AIDS-related deaths in 2022

62,226

Total reported AIDS related deaths (1986-2022)

69,589

Current number of people living with HIV in Malaysia (1986-2022)

9.7

/100,000
HIV notification rate in 2022

9

Reported HIV in children <13 years in 2022

1,228

Total reported HIV in children <13 years (1986-2022)

336

New HIV infections in women & girls in 2022

14,828

Total reported HIV in women & girls (1986 -2022)

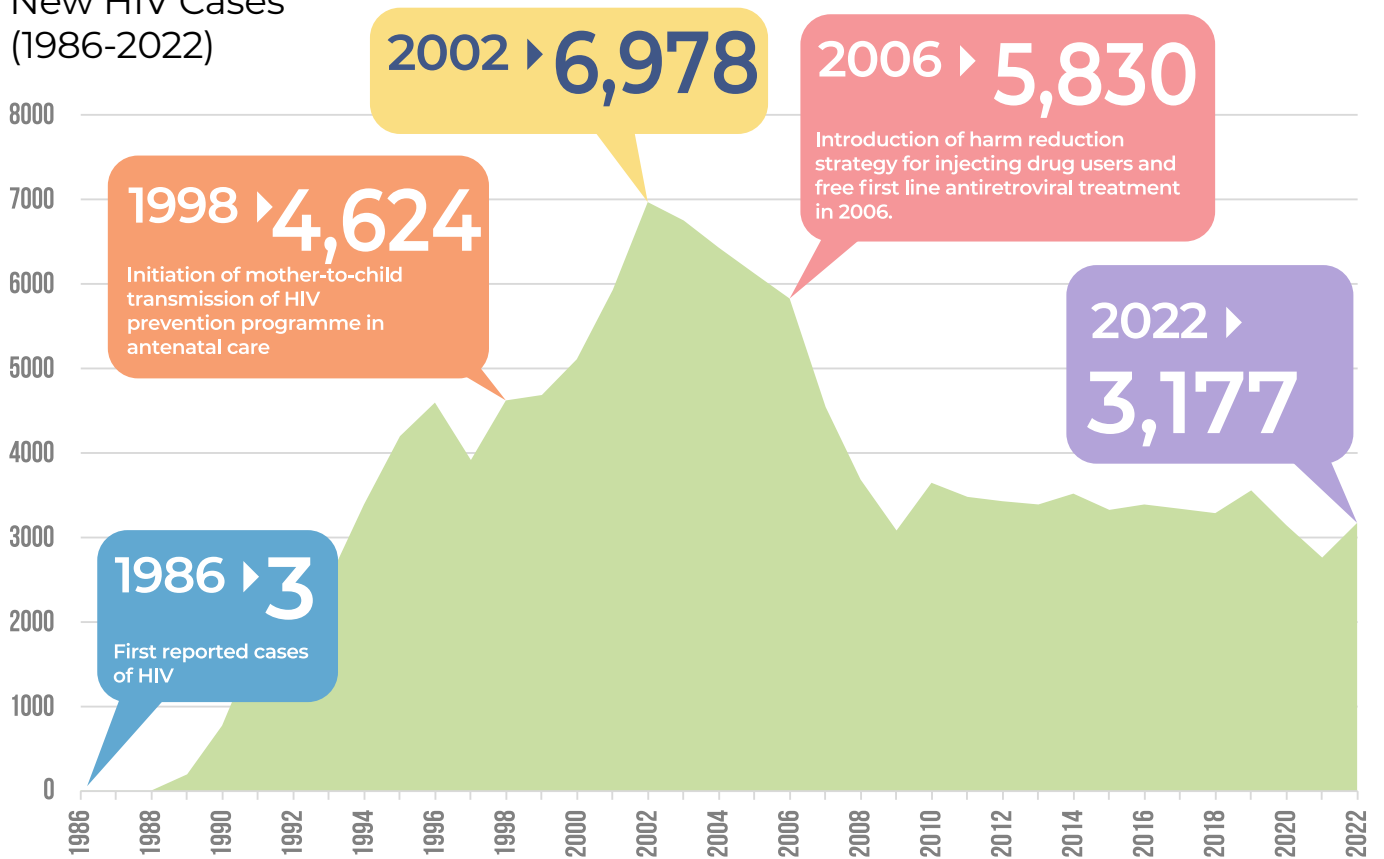
69,030

Total reported HIV in people who inject drugs (1986-2022)

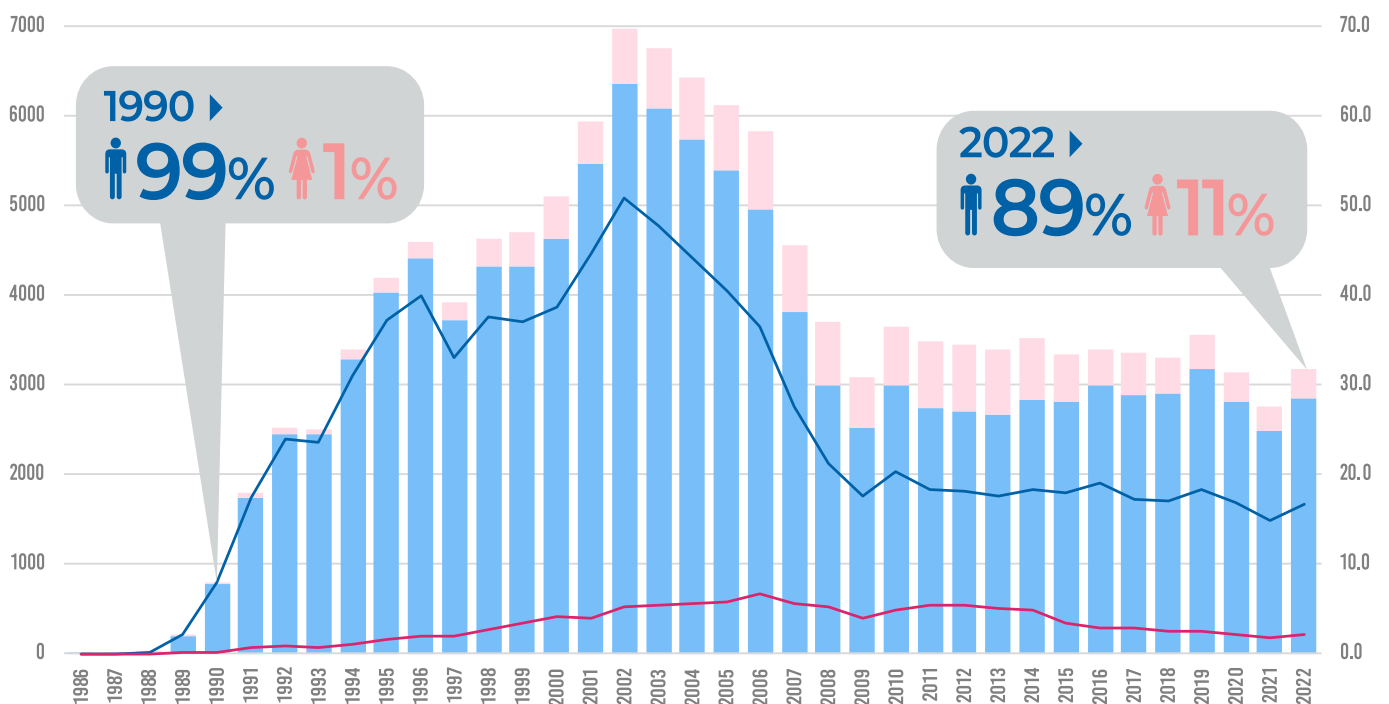
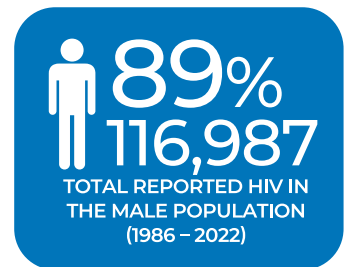
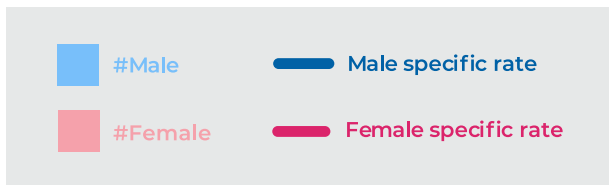
51,321

Total reported cases of sexually transmitted HIV (1986-2022)

New HIV Cases (1986-2022)

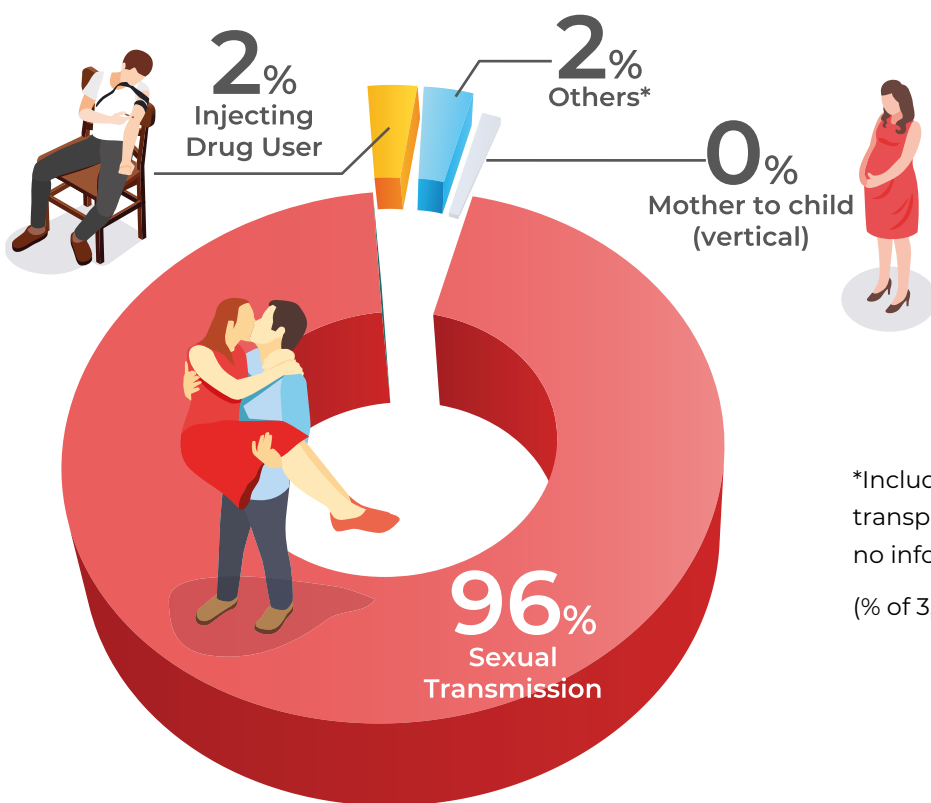


HIV Transmission by Gender in 2022



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

HIV Transmission by Risk Factor in 2022

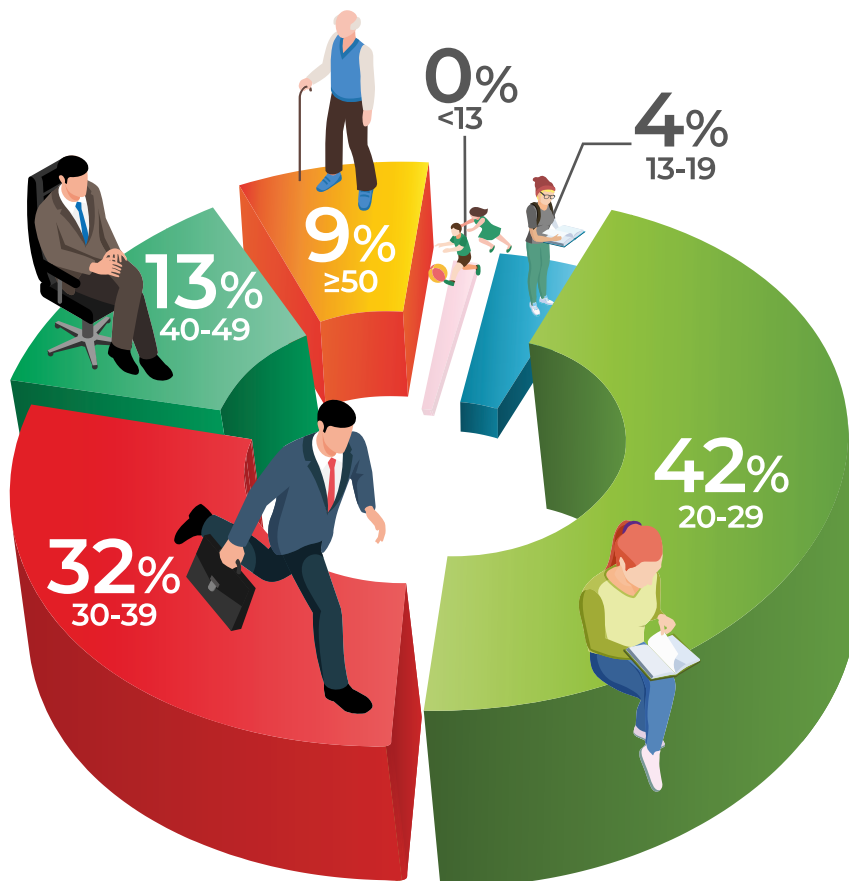


*Include blood transfusions, organ transplantations, needle stick injuries and no information.

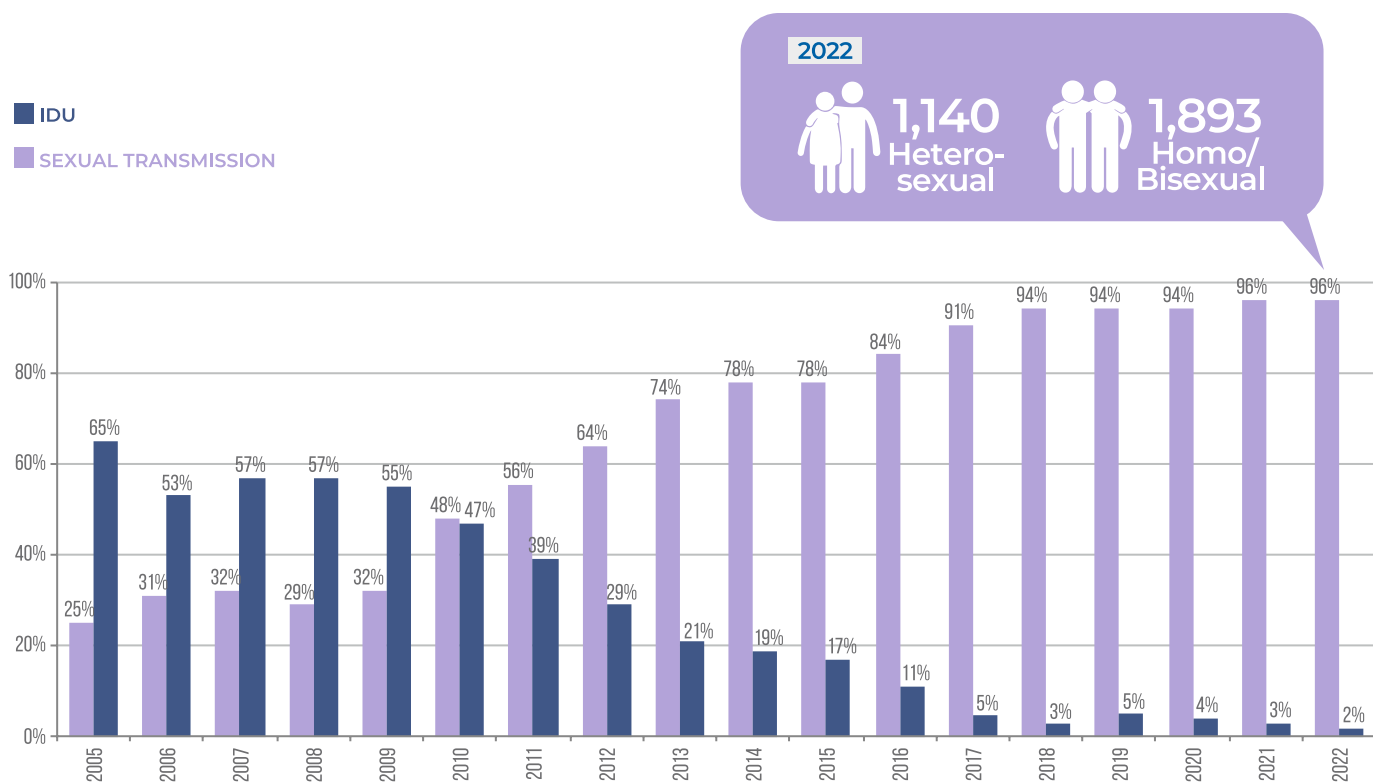
(% of 3,177 new infections)

HIV Transmission by Age in 2022

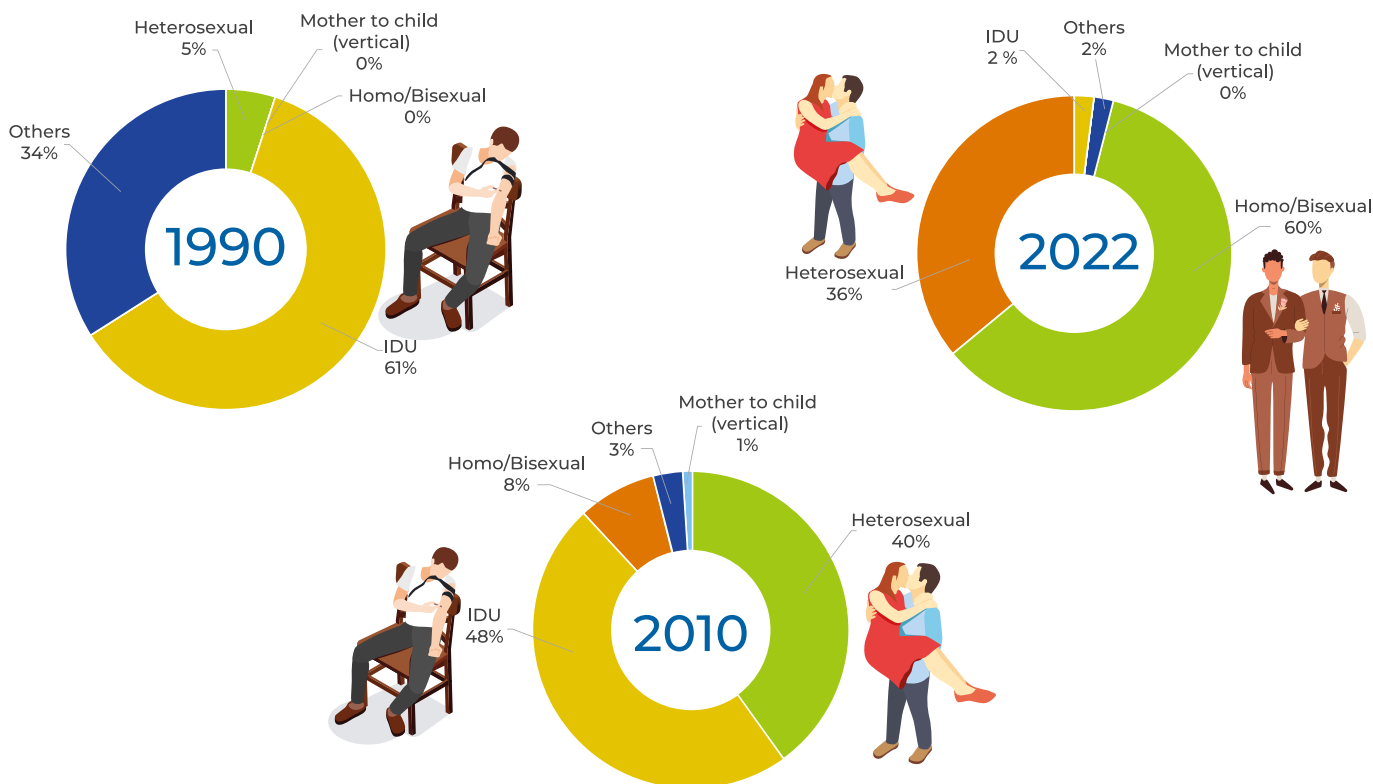
(% of 3,177 new infections)



Comparison of New HIV Infections between Injecting Drug Users (IDU) & Sexual Transmission (2005-2022)



Changes in HIV Landscape (1990 – 2022)



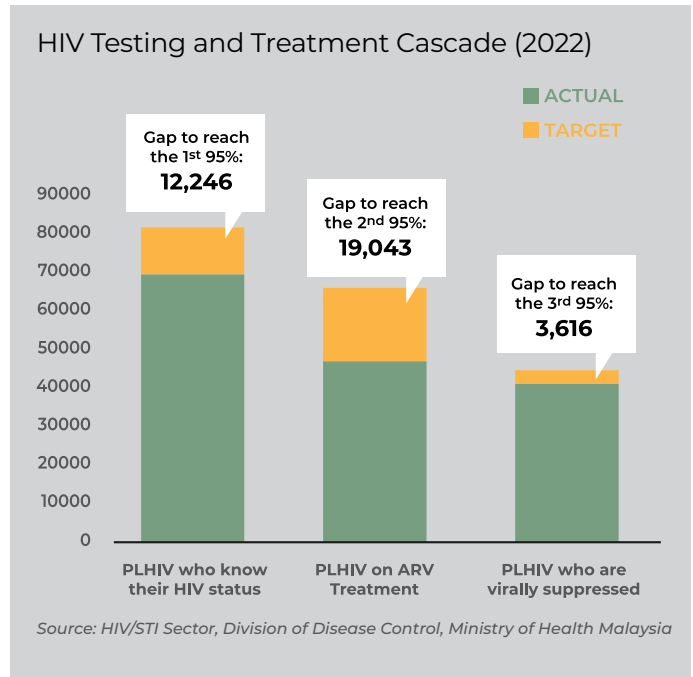
Source: HIV/STI Section, Division of Disease Control, Ministry of Health Malaysia



SUSTAINABILITY IN THE 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 95-95-95 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



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 3

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



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 16

Promote a peaceful and inclusive society, reducing exclusion, stigma, discrimination and violence against adults and children living with HIV

FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS



MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION RED RIBBON GALA 2023



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) successfully raised RM1.8 million via its 14th Red Ribbon Gala in its effort to eradicate HIV/AIDS in the country. The Gala took place at Sunway Resort Hotel, Sunway City Kuala Lumpur and was held in conjunction with MAF's 30th Anniversary and World AIDS Day.



The black-tie event was attended by over 400 guests including royalties, government officials, public and corporate figures, celebrities and other personalities.

Among them were His Highness Tengku Amir Shah Ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj, The Crown Prince of Selangor, Tan Sri Sir Dr. Jeffrey Cheah, Founder and Chairman of Sunway Group, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, Patron of MAF, and Professor Datuk Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Chairman of MAF.

At this event, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was represented by his political secretary, Datuk Azman Abidin. In a speech delivered by Datuk Azman, he voiced strong support for ending workplace discrimination against PLHIV and urged all employers in Malaysia to re-evaluate their

hiring standards and other related human resource practices that may have unknowingly discriminated against People Living with HIV. He also emphasised that PLIHIV should be allowed to pursue careers and build their own lives without being burdened by prejudice and discrimination.

The funds raised from this Gala will play a direct role in supporting essential HIV treatment programmes for underserved individuals living with HIV. This contribution will be channelled through the Medicine Assistance Scheme, guaranteeing that focused assistance reaches those most in need.

KEY FIGURE

**RM1.8 million
raised**

SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

- Social Security Organisation (Perkeso)
- Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan
- Sunway Resort Hotel
- Sunway Group
- Karex Berhad
- Berjaya Corporation Berhad
- Pertama Digital Berhad
- Prime Minister's Office
- Pemandu Associates
- Sunway Constructions
- Tina Fazlita & Marcus Chan
- Sime Darby Berhad
- Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali
- Majlis Agama Islam & Adat Resam Melayu Pahang
- Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat Melayu Perak
- Duopharma
- M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia
- MD Events Asia
- Fleur by RLD
- PPM
- Malay Mail
- The Edge
- The Sun





MIRI GALA 2023



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) succeeded in raising RM923,000 for the 2023 Miri Gala, held at Pullman Miri Waterfront Hotel.

The purpose of the Gala was to raise funds to support critical HIV/AIDS Programmes in Miri which will facilitate equitable access to essential healthcare by removing the travel cost barrier through the provision of travel allowances to underprivileged HIV or chronic diseases patients living in remote areas of Sarawak.

The proceeds from the Gala will be used to support the operation of the One-Stop Support Centre for People Living with HIV in downtown Miri, namely Teratak Kasih Tok Nan, following the establishment of a similar centre in the State Capital, Kuching, in 2017.

The prestigious event was officiated by YB Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew, Deputy Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts of Sarawak, a representative of the Premier of Sarawak, YAB Tan Sri

Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Abang Haji Openg. The Premier of Sarawak described the fight to end AIDS is critical from the viewpoint of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), which his administration is fully committed to.

In his speech, YAB Tan Sri Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Abang Haji Openg expressed that the Sarawak State Government did not take the fight against HIV lightly despite the relatively small number of cases considering the State's population size.

"Not only that, but we also wish to be at the forefront of HIV response and we warmly welcome any form of collaboration and strategic engagement with capable civil society partners like the Malaysian AIDS Foundation in leading this effort," he said.



Also in attendance were Deputy Minister of Health, YB Tuan Lukanisman Awang Sauni, Sarawak Minister of Transport, YB Datuk Sri Lee Kim Shin, Patron of MAF, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, Patron of the Sarawak Branch of MAF, Datin Patinggi Datuk Amar Hajah Jamilah Haji Anu, and Patricia Ongpin, UNAIDS Country Director for Malaysia, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia.

KEY FIGURE
RM923,000

SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

- CIMB Foundation
- Interhill Group
- Pos Ar Rahnu Sdn Bhd
- Office of the Premier of Sarawak
- Sunway Group
- Sarawak Energy
- Sunway Healthcare Group
- YB Tuan Lukanisman Awang Sauni
- Yayasan Sime Darby
- YB Datuk Sri Lee Kim Shin
- Mayor Sarawak
- SABATI
- Dayang Group
- Prof Datuk Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman
- Tina Fazlita
- Pekat Energy Berhad
- Dato' Usop Sani
- Sunway Education Group
- YB Rosey Yunus
- Land Custody and Development Authority
- Samling Group
- Datin Patinggi Puan Sri Datuk Wira Lorna
- Petronas
- Yayasan Jaznan
- Dato Hajah Dayang Morlich
- Penan Women Project
- Malay Mail
- Gaya Travel
- Utusan Borneo
- The Sun





MERCHANDISES



In 2023, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, in a continued collaboration with renowned designer **Datuk Professor Jimmy Choo, OBE**, introduced two eye-catching merchandises - the signature Tote Bag and Thermos Flask that has been given a refreshing new look - to mark our 30th Anniversary.



The tagline “Celebrating 30 years of Hope, Love and Support” says it all as it underlines our commitment to protect the human rights of people in Malaysia who may suffer discrimination due to their HIV status.

What’s more, they definitely make ideal and attractive gifts for family members and friends as well as corporate clients.

For this special occasion, we celebrated the tremendous progress that has been made in HIV treatment, remembered the lives we lost, and reflected on how we have evolved to respond to the ever-changing landscape of HIV and the changing needs of our community.

We approach the future with hope, knowing that our passion and ingenuity can bring positive change. We work hard to ensure that People Living with HIV receive fair, equitable treatment access.

We act boldly and bravely to ensure that social justice and health equity are achieved for every person living with or affected by HIV. We used our 30 years of experience to continue the fight to end AIDS by 2030.

REGULAR GIVING



grassroots campaign as it showcases the incredible power of collective action and the transformative change that can be achieved when we unite. Together, we have the ability to make a tangible difference in the lives of those impacted by HIV in Malaysia, fostering a stronger and more inclusive community that uplifts and empowers every individual.

As a non-profit organisation, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) relies solely on funding and donations from organisations and generous individuals to continue providing humanitarian assistance to our beneficiaries.

MAF sincerely thanks the dedicated group of over 1,300 compassionate individuals whose unwavering support through regular donations has profoundly impacted our HIV/AIDS cause. Their acts of generosity and solidarity, starting from just RM 30 per month, embody the true spirit of giving.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who participated in this

KEY FIGURE

RM68,000



AIDS SOLIDARITY FUND HIGHLIGHTS

JEFF LAU'S SWISS ULTRA DOUBLE DECA ULTRA TRIATHLON IN SWITZERLAND



MAF takes great pleasure in extending our heartiest congratulations to **Jeff Lau**, a truly prolific ultra-marathon runner and dedicated volunteer with MAF.

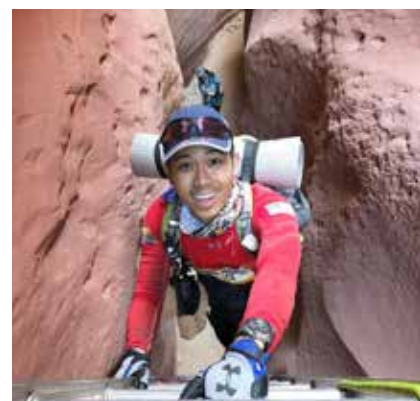
Jeff had achieved an extraordinary feat by successfully completing the Swiss Ultra Double Deca Ultra Triathlon in Switzerland, demonstrating remarkable resilience over the course of 721 hours, 19 minutes, and 7 seconds.

It is worth noting that Jeff holds the distinction of being both the first finisher from Asia and the youngest male to achieve this remarkable milestone in the race's history.

This remarkable accomplishment encompassed a series of formidable challenges, including a 76-kilometer swim, a gruelling 3,600-kilometer bike ride, and an impressive 844-kilometer run, resulting in an astounding total distance of 4,520 kilometres. Jeff's

unwavering commitment and exceptional perseverance are truly praiseworthy.

His remarkable achievement serves as a shining example of what dedication and determination can achieve, inspiring us all. Once again, heartiest congratulations to Jeff for this outstanding display of resilience!



SPECIAL PROGRAMMES



MAF 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



of People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

We honour our community leaders, both seasoned veterans who have witnessed the evolution of our movement and their younger counterparts whose vibrant enthusiasm and unwavering dedication have revitalised our mission. We express our deepest admiration and gratitude to Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, the foremost HIV/AIDS activist in our nation and who is also the Patron of MAF, whose visionary leadership laid the foundation for our growth.

The anniversary celebration was presided by Datuk Dr Norhayati binti Rusli, the Deputy Director-General of Health (Public Health), who represented the Deputy Minister of Health, YB Tuan Lukanisman bin Awang Sauni.

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) celebrated its 30th Anniversary this year.

We are what we are today because of the trailblazing efforts of our community leaders and dedicated activists who made the courageous stand to take up the battle in fighting AIDS during the earlier days of the epidemic.

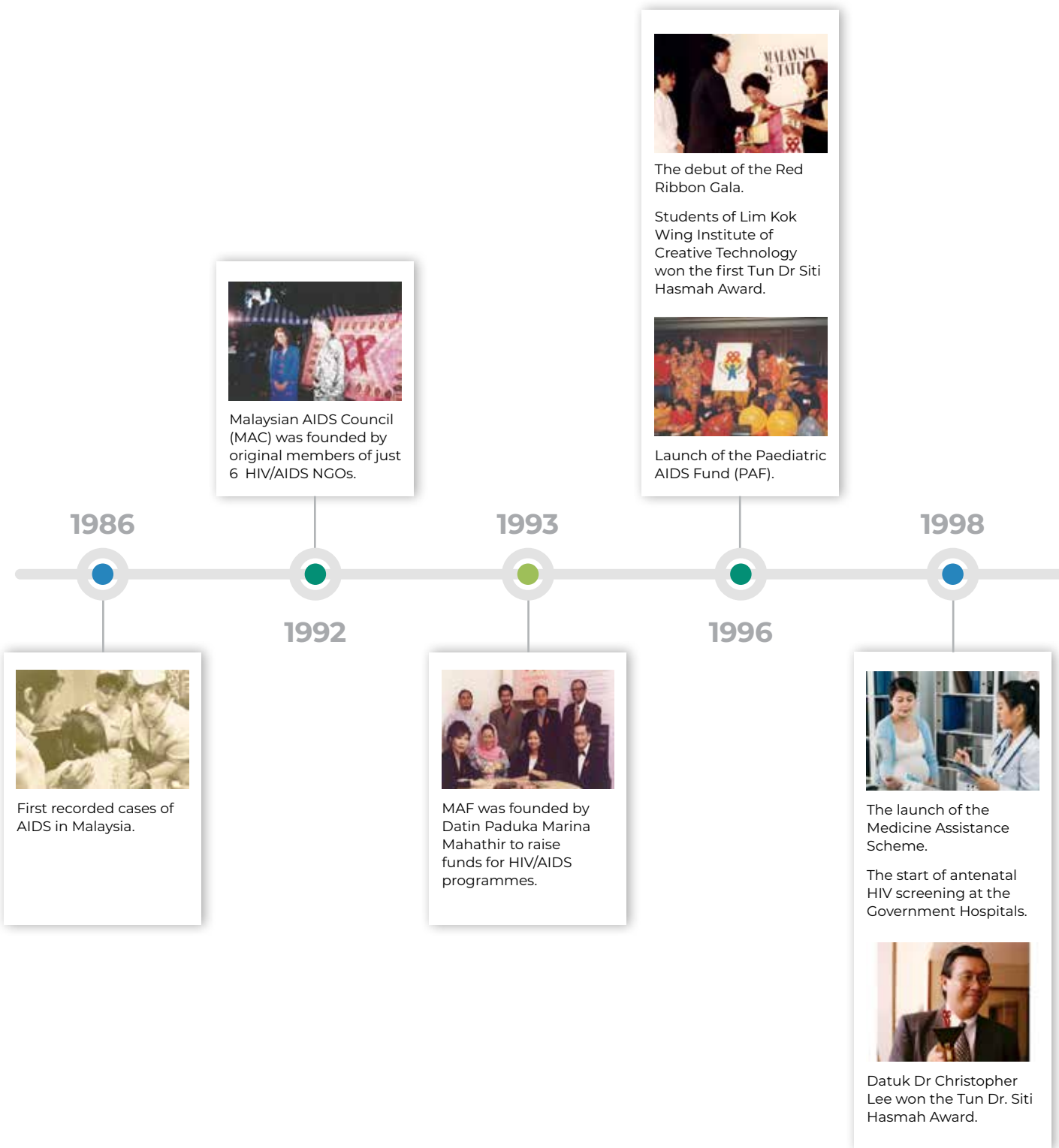
We take great pride in dedicating our 30th Anniversary to the countless unsung heroes who have wholeheartedly devoted themselves to upholding the rights and preserving the dignity





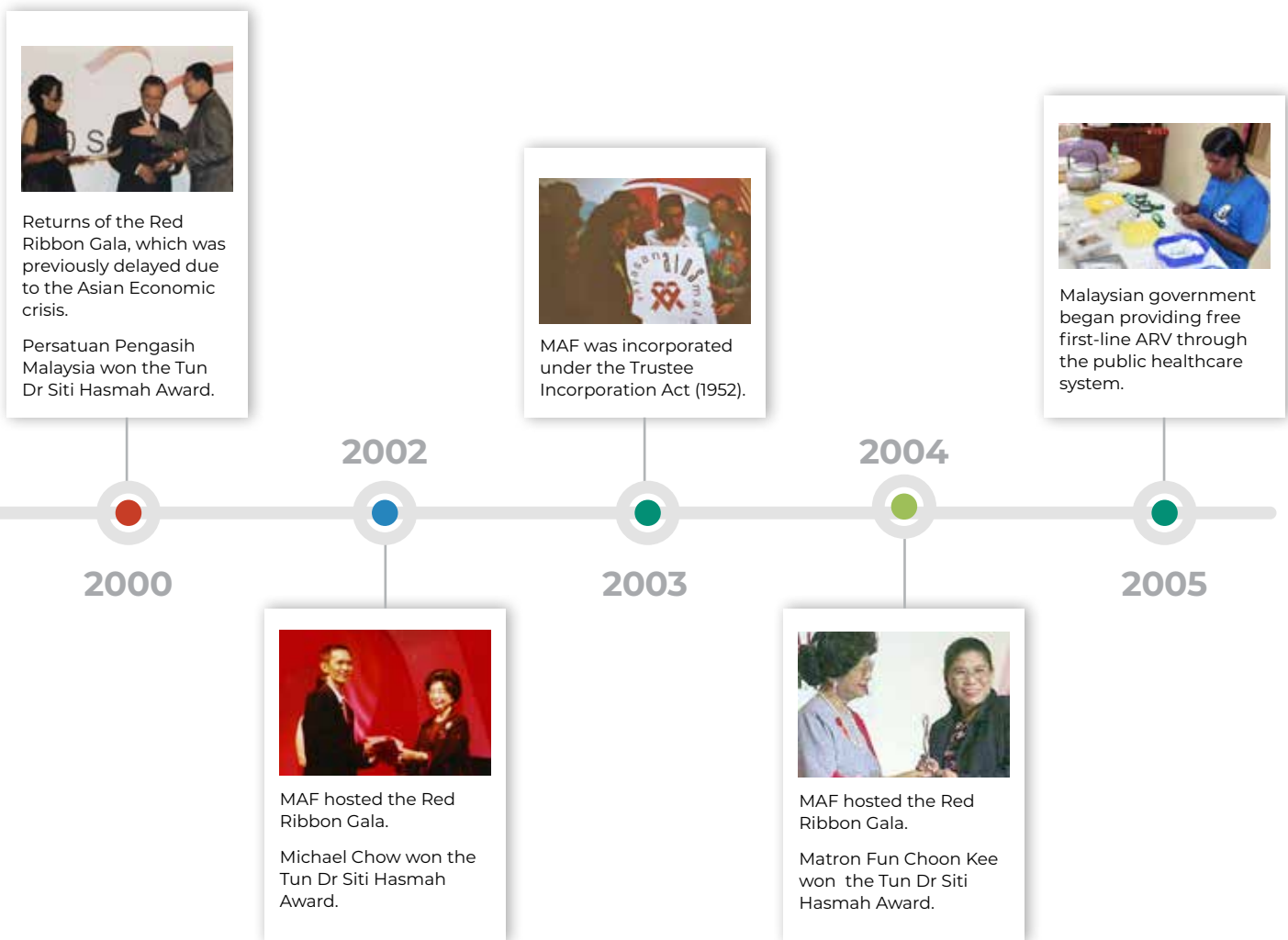
OUR JOURNEY

1993 - 2023
HISTORY IN THE MAKING



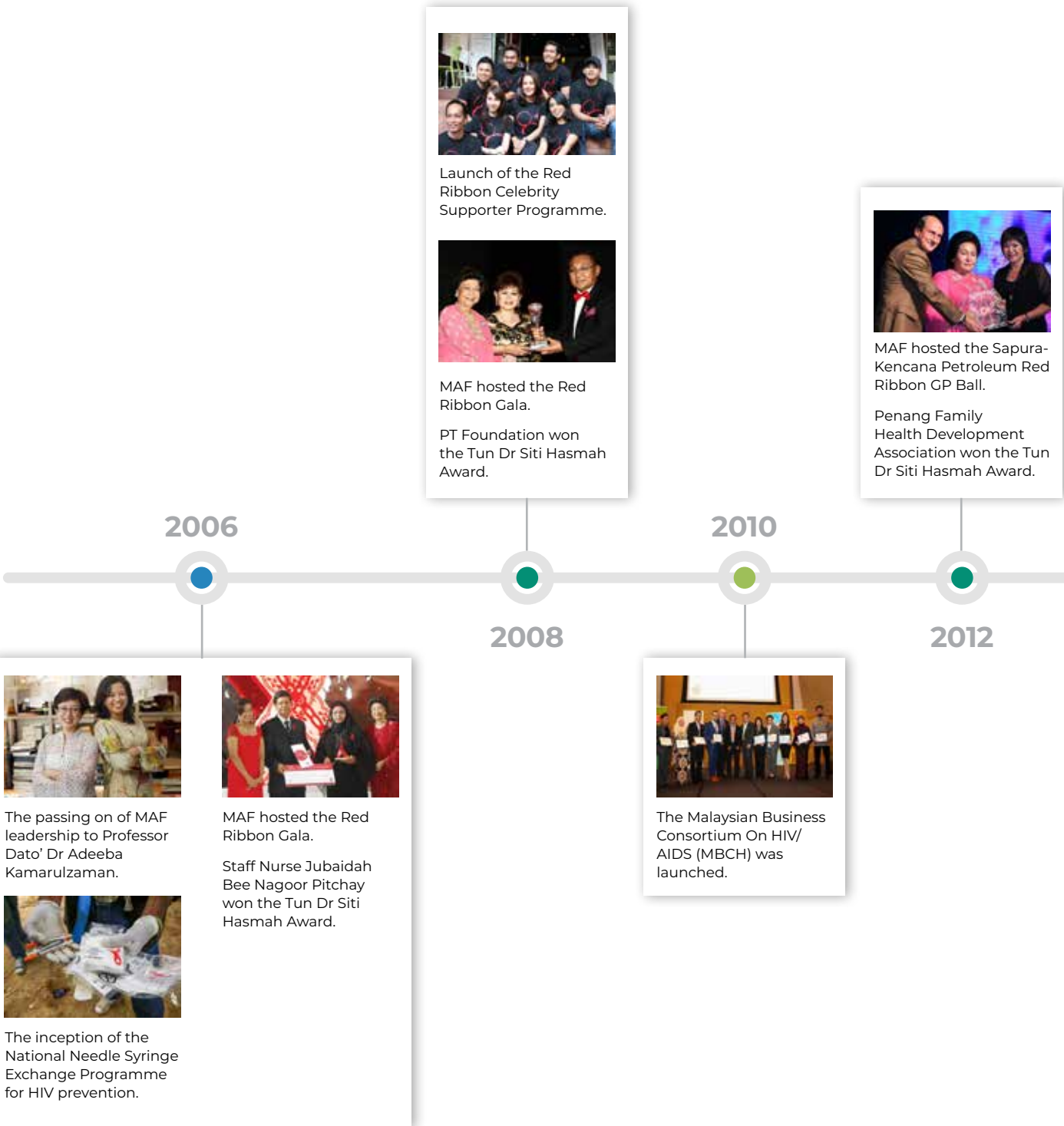


The world has definitely changed since 1993, but we remain committed to the cause – with the end goal now to completely eradicate the AIDS epidemic in our lifetime. To all our supporters who have been with us through this journey, we thank you for your staunch support and trust in us.



OUR JOURNEY

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING



2013



The launch of the partnership with Yayasan Sime Darby to strengthen the national HIV/AIDS advocacy works.

2014



Launch of Yayasan Sime Darby partnership for PAL Scheme.

2017



MAF began its large-scale foray into Sarawak through the Teratak Kasih Tok Nan and SHAPE Programme.



The launch of HIV Connect, an HIV training programme for the General Practitioners.

2018



MAF Hosted the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner.

Matron Fadzilah Abdul Hamid won the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award.

RM 1.68 million was raised from the Gala.



Sabah Health Access Programme (SHAPE) was launched.

2019



MAF hosted the Berjaya - Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award Gala Dinner. Dr Zaiton Yahaya won the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award.

RM 2.4 million was raised from the Gala.



Launch of MyLady Assistance Scheme, an economic empowerment scheme for women living with HIV.

OUR JOURNEY

1993 - 2023
HISTORY IN THE MAKING



Partnership with PERKESO for the Medicine Assistance Scheme and Return to Work Programme.



Launch of the Sunway HOPE Borneo Project.



Prof Dato' Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman and Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah appointed as the Co-Chairs of the MAF Sustainability Committee.



MAF hosted the Red Ribbon Gala and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award.

Dr. Mahani Nordin won the Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Award.

RM 1.49 million was raised from the Gala.



Launch of MAF partnership with the Ministry of Health for HIV prevention programme for Key Population.



30th Anniversary of MAF.

2020

2021

2022

2023



Malaysia was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAF continue to provide support for the PLHIV community during this challenging time.



Launch of the MAF Sarawak Branch.



The beginning of the Yayasan Petronas partnership with MAF.



MAF Chairman, Professor Dato' Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman was appointed as the first Asian President of the International AIDS Society.



MAF hosted the Sunway- Red Ribbon Gala and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award.

Mohd Raffi'e Jaafar won the Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Award recipient.

RM 2.5 million was raised from the Gala.



MAF Sabah Branch launched.

QUOTES



For 30 years, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation has been a beacon of hope, resilience, and compassion, transforming lives and communities. As we honor this milestone, we renew our commitment to end HIV/AIDS and build a future of health and equality for all.”

~Mohd Razif Zainuddin
Head of Operation



“The fight against HIV/AIDS is not just a health issue but a social justice issue. Our commitment to ending this epidemic reflects our dedication to equality, dignity, and hope for all.”

~Safirani Sanusi
*Senior Officer
Account & Finance, Financial Management*



Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. Take action now to make a difference. Give generously, expecting change, not applause.”

~Fatin Mizan
*Assistant Manager
Resource Mobilisation & Resource Development*



I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute to MAF's mission. The past year has been filled with growth and meaningful impact, paving the way for an even more promising future.

~Kenny Yap
*Country Liaison & Trainer
International Relations & Special Initiatives Division*



The greatest moments in life are not concerned with our own achievements, but rather with the things we do for others.”

~Jasalinda Saad
*Officer
Grant Management Department*



QUOTES



All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”

~Nagappa Subramanian
*Director
Operations Division*



Mengetahui perkara yang betul tidak memadai dan bermakna jika kita tidak melakukan perkara yang betul.”

~Sharifah Suhartini
*Admin Assistant
Admin, Risk & Compliance Department*



As we celebrate 30 years of unwavering commitment, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation remains dedicated to empowering the community and fostering hope. Together, we continue to strive for a future free from HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination.”

~Anushiya Karunanithy
Head of International Relations and Special Initiatives



In the realm of community work, to unearth the most effective solutions for addressing pressing issues like HIV and public health concerns, one must plant their feet firmly on the ground, where the heartbeat of the community resonates, for it is there that true understanding and impactful change take root.”

~Yusralhakim Yusoff
*Manager
Grant Management*



Managing key populations with empathy and soul allows me to truly understand their struggles and provide the necessary support, treatment, and care to enhance their overall wellbeing.

~Rosyati Zaini
*Assistant Manager
Grant Management*





OUR CELEBRATION

MAJLIS RUMAH TERBUKA HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI



Approximately 1,000 guests, mainly comprising our community members and MAF partners, were feted to a sumptuous spread of traditional Hari Raya delicacies, courtesy of Sunway Group, Yayasan Sime Darby and Yayasan Petronas, who came on board as sponsors alongside other donors. MAF is deeply grateful for their incredible display of generosity and solidarity with the community affected by HIV.

This joyful affair took place on the 14th of May 2023 at the Dewan Serbaguna Taman Melati Impian in Gombak Setia, Kuala Lumpur, in conjunction with MAF's 30th Anniversary celebration.

The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) marked this important milestone by organising a community event that coincided with the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.



HIV/ STI/ HEPATITIS C PREVENTION PROGRAMMES GRANT

BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA



Datuk Dr Norhayati binti Rusli, the Deputy Director-General of Health (Public Health), Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), presented the grant to MAF, which was represented by its Chairman, Dato' Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, the Patron of MAF, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, and the President of the Malaysian AIDS Council, Associate Professor Dr Raja Iskandar Shah Raja Azwa.

MOH allocated RM 7 million to finance healthcare service packages for key populations in 45 locations nationwide under the Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP) modality.

It also provided an advance fund of RM 2,007,341.00 to the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), while MAF received a grant of RM 4,992,659.00 starting in May 2023 onwards.



In recognition of MAF's ability to drive the concept of smart sharing, the MOH has given its complete confidence to MAF to manage government grants for the implementation of national HIV and AIDS prevention programmes amounting to RM7 million per year.

~Dr Norhayati Rusli
the Deputy Director General of Health (Public Health),
Ministry of Health Malaysia

CONDOM SPONSORSHIP FOR DHSKP PROGRAMME

BY KAREX BERHAD



The DHSKP programme also received support from Karex Berhad which donated 700,000 condoms worth RM 1.05 million to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH).

Deputy Health Minister, YB Dato' Lukanisman, highlighted the importance of collective responsibility and underscored the critical role of both MAF and the corporate sector in the fight against AIDS.

MOH highly appreciates MAF's efforts to diversify resources to support HIV and AIDS programmes

- not as competitors, but to complement the government's efforts to more effectively and holistically address this epidemic.

The role of MAF as a platform for local corporate sector to participate in the agenda to end AIDS is crucial. The more visible involvement of the corporate sector can have a huge impact on efforts to eradicate stigma and discrimination against People Living with HIV (PLHIV).



The close collaboration between non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society ensures that interventions aimed at controlling the epidemic reach their target groups, particularly the key populations at risk of HIV infection.

~Dr Norhayati Rusli
the Deputy Director General of Health (Public Health),
Ministry of Health Malaysia

CELEBRATING WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

WITH COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS



Damanik, the Brand Manager of M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia. The outing also saw the presence of influencers Ain Ramli, Aiman, and Sarah, adding to the sporting and fun atmosphere.

During the outing, M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia employees dedicated half day to engaging with the children. They explored multi-sensory exhibitions, forged meaningful connections, and nurtured empathy for the challenges confronted by the children from shelter homes who may encounter isolation due to their distinctive circumstances.

The Annual World AIDS Day tradition continued with our longtime partner, M.A.C Cosmetics Malaysia, joining hands to organise an educational outing at Pusat Sains Negara, the nation's largest institution for informal learning in science and technology.

On this occasion, 30 children from Rumah Solehah and Rumah Pakat had the opportunity to enjoy the activities and the event was graced by Mr. Nagappa Subranmaniam, the Operations Division Director, representing Mr. Jasmin Jalil, the Executive Director of the Malaysian AIDS Council and Malaysian AIDS Foundation, and Ms. Sarah



GRANT MANAGEMENT PROJECTS



PAL SCHEME

BY YAYASAN SIME DARBY



The subsidised ARVs are prescribed and dispensed at 18 government hospitals throughout Malaysia. This marks the third cycle of YSD's grant support for the PAL Scheme, valued at RM 1.2 million. The funding period began in 2020 and concluded in October 2023.

YSD's support reflects their commitment to the National Strategic Plan to End AIDS by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), aiming to achieve 95 percent HIV treatment access rate by 2030.

It has given a new lease of life to 100 low-income People Living with HIV (PLHIV) who, without this support, would have no means to afford their antiretroviral (ARV) prescriptions which can cost thousands of Ringgit per month.

The PAL Scheme stands as the most enduring symbol of YSD's unwavering commitment to the Ending AIDS Goal.



MEDICINE ASSISTANCE SCHEME

BY FEDERAL TERRITORY ISLAMIC COUNCIL (MAIWP)

Our collaboration with the Federal Territory Islamic Council (MAIWP)

flourished with another year of extension of support for the Medicine Assistance Scheme. The cycle of sponsorship of RM210,000 benefited 25 individuals from the Al-Riqab Asnaf group living with HIV in Kuala Lumpur.



SOCIAL SECURITY ORGANISATION

BY PERKESO



2023 marked the third-year extension of Perkeso's support to this life-saving programme.

A commitment of RM306,000 was made this year to support 30 Perkeso members requiring second-line ARV treatment.

Perkeso's assistance to MAF represents a natural progression

of its dedication to safeguarding the rights of Malaysian workers, including those living with HIV.

Additionally, their endorsement of the Medicine Assistance Scheme demonstrates a strong belief in the potential and abilities of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) to regain their health and actively contribute to society, thereby supporting the nation's progress.

Their flagship Return-to-Work (RTW) programme, assists PLHIV contributors who have experienced injuries or illnesses. This initiative facilitates their recovery and enables them to return to work sooner, prioritising their welfare and productivity.

MYLADY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

BY YAYASAN PETRONAS



Kedah, Kelantan, Johor, Kuala Lumpur, Pahang, Perak, Sabah, and Sarawak. Beyond financial assistance, the scheme provides comprehensive training and mentorship programmes. These are designed to equip beneficiaries with the necessary skills, knowledge, and guidance to successfully grow their businesses.

Through this initiative, we aim to empower women living with HIV by giving them the tools and support they need to thrive in their entrepreneurial journeys.

This programme offers zero interest and favourable repayment terms, making it easier for these women to pursue their business ventures.

The MyLady Assistance Scheme is a sustainability grant supporting women living with HIV in their entrepreneurial activities through a microcredit loan programme.

Funded by Yayasan Petronas, this scheme benefits 39 women across Selangor, Terengganu,



TERATAK KASIH TOK NAN PROJECTS



been instrumental in enhancing the lives of those affected by HIV, offering them hope and stability.

In addition to providing immediate relief and support, Teratak Kasih Tok Nan offers mentorship programmes designed to equip beneficiaries with the necessary skills, knowledge, and guidance to grow their businesses successfully. These programmes are crucial in helping individuals achieve long-term economic independence and improving their quality of life.

Teratak Kasih Tok Nan continues to be a pillar of support and empowerment for the HIV community, fostering resilience and hope in the face of adversity.

Since its inception in 2017, Teratak Kasih Tok Nan has evolved from a humble halfway home for HIV patients seeking treatment at the nearby Sarawak General Hospital into a comprehensive One-Stop Support Centre.

This evolution has allowed the Centre to cater to the diverse needs of the HIV community in Kuching and beyond.

With the support of Sunway Group in 2021, Teratak Kasih Tok Nan was able to extend its reach, providing assistance to more than 1,000 beneficiaries/ clients, including their family members and dependents. This support has



SARAWAK HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAMME (SHAPE)



SHAPE services to the Miri district with support from CIMB Foundation.

In 2023, Sarawak had 172 active SHAPE beneficiaries. Of the 250 beneficiaries, 69% (173 individuals) received subsidy assistance. This included 74 HIV patients, 15 end-stage patients, 75 chronic disease patients, and 9 thalassemia patients.

MAF had received exceptional cooperation and full support from Sarawak's stakeholders, including the Sarawak State Health Department, District Health Offices, Health Clinics, and Hospitals.

SHAPE Sarawak is a subsidy programme designed to cover travel expenses for HIV and chronic disease patients needing hospital treatment, with a primary focus on the B40 group.

Its aim is to ensure patients adhere to their treatment plans despite logistical challenges such as limited infrastructure and high transportation costs.

Since January 2022, SHAPE has been operating in the Kuching and Samarahan divisions of Sarawak, funded by the Sunway Group. In November 2023, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) expanded



SABAH HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAMME (SHAPE)



Stage Renal Disease by providing transportation and cash assistance to cover high transportation and logistical costs, ensuring they have access to appropriate healthcare facilities and necessary treatment.

Through this programme, we were able to support a total of 430 patients in 2023 from the districts of Sandakan, Kunak, Lahad Datu, and Semporna.

The programme's financial assistance and transportation subsidies have been a lifeline for many HIV/AIDS patients in Sabah. These funds helped to alleviate the financial burden of living with the disease, enabling better access to healthcare and medication. This, in turn, contributed to improved health outcomes, reduced transmission rates, and an enhanced quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Access to government health facilities has long been a challenge for people living in the rural areas of Sabah.

To address this issue, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) launched the Sabah Health Access Programme (SHAPE), an initiative funded by both the Sunway Group and Yayasan Petronas.

SHAPE aims to support underprivileged individuals living with HIV and other chronic diseases such as Thalassemia and End



DIFFERENTIATED HIV SERVICES FOR KEY POPULATIONS (DHSKP)



(VCT), opportunistic infections (OIs), prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and Hepatitis B and C testing.

Adopting a decentralised approach, this strategy focuses on expanding the accessibility of healthcare services through a variety of healthcare facilities. These facilities act as nodes within a larger healthcare network, connecting clients and patients to relevant healthcare facilities and clinics throughout their journey of care. The nodes include community-based healthcare facilities, primary healthcare, and hospital-based care, forming a network that ensures continuous care for PLHIV.

The DHSKP programme supports this network and strategy by linking PLHIV to comprehensive healthcare service packages for key populations across 45 locations nationwide.

These packages not only provide HIV testing and treatment, but also include testing and screening services for HIV, STIs, and Hepatitis C.

Its primary goal is to reduce transmission and mitigate the impact of HIV among key populations in Malaysia.

Supported and financed by the Ministry of Health (MOH), the DHSKP aligns with 'Strategy 1: Testing and Treatment to End AIDS' under the National Strategic Plan for Ending AIDS 2016-2030 (NSPEA 2016-2030), aiming to end AIDS by integrating HIV treatment and testing services with other related services such as tuberculosis (TB), voluntary counseling and testing

The Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP) is a comprehensive intervention programme that addresses prevention, treatment, and support for HIV, STIs, and Hepatitis C.



RESOURCE MOBILISATION & ADVOCACY



LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY GRANT



The Leadership in Advocacy Grant by Yayasan Sime Darby supports the operational costs of a joint advocacy secretariat for MAF and MAC.

This funding covers the salaries of three key team members who play a crucial role in HIV/AIDS advocacy efforts and Tripartite HIV Intervention Programme Sarawak (THIP Sarawak) in Miri, in line with Malaysia's National Strategic Plan for Ending AIDS by 2030.

The partnership aims to expand HIV prevention treatment, ensure the long-term sustainability of AIDS response, and reduce stigma and discrimination related to AIDS. YSD's significant investment

in this initiative represents a groundbreaking step in Malaysia's national AIDS response as it marks the first instance of a GLC committing substantial resources to HIV prevention efforts involving key affected populations.

This is the fourth cycle of YSD's grant support for this initiative, amounting to RM 1,500,000 over three years until June 2026.



TRIPARTITE HIV INTERVENTION PROGRAMME SARAWAK



to carry out the HIV prevention programmes among at-risk communities in Miri, Sarawak and nearby districts.

As a pilot project, its main objective is to increase HIV services for key populations in Sarawak, particularly in Miri and at the same time, achieve the targeted goals.

The collaboration is known as the 'Tripartite HIV Intervention Programme' aimed at supporting the implementation of a high-impact HIV prevention programme named 'Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations'.

The formation of multisectoral collaboration through the involvement of the corporate sector is one of the critical drivers identified to be able to accelerate the targets of the National Strategic Plan to End HIV/AIDS by 2030 (NSPEA).

This approach has been translated into the Tripartite HIV Intervention Programme (THIP) initiative in Miri, Sarawak. Through this initiative, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) intends to form a three-way collaboration with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD), which represents the corporate sector



TERATAK KASIH TOK NAN MIRI BRANCH



This partnership, known as the Tripartite HIV Intervention Programme (THIP), is dedicated to supporting the implementation of high-impact HIV prevention programmes under the initiative known as Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP).

This One-Stop Support Centre is conveniently located at Lot 1367, Jalan Hokkien, offering a comprehensive range of services aimed at combating HIV and providing essential care to those in need.

Launched in July 2023, Teratak Kasih Tok Nan Miri Branch stands as a testament to the powerful collaboration between the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), and Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD).



Based on the number of cases, we can interpret that there is a need to expand the prevention and treatment services to Miri, to meet the needs of key populations.

This package covers HIV/STI prevention, supports HIV treatment adherence as well as community-based HIV screening programmes that will be carried out by trained local community members.”

~YB Lukanisman Awang Sauni,
Deputy Health Minister

TOWARDS ENDING AIDS BY MALAYSIAN BUSINESSES



policies cover essential aspects such as non-discrimination, fair employment practices, management commitment, confidentiality, effective communication of information and prevention strategies.

Through the TeamB programme, employers are empowered to take proactive measures and create an inclusive work environment that prioritises the well-being of their employees. This initiative addresses the challenges posed by HIV and AIDS, enabling businesses to establish solid policies and procedures that uphold the principles of equality and fairness.

TeamB, short for Towards Ending AIDS by Malaysian Businesses, is a specialised training programme developed by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF).

Its primary goal is to provide comprehensive guidance to employers on effectively addressing HIV and AIDS within the workplace.

This innovative initiative aims to equip businesses with the necessary knowledge and resources to develop and implement robust policies. These



HIV CONNECT



Jointly organised by the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and the Malaysian Society for HIV Medicine (MASHM), two physical workshops were organised in July and September 2023, exclusively tailored for a select group of General Practitioners (GPs) with a keen interest in offering PrEP services or expanding their existing HIV services to include PrEP.

The workshop focused heavily on the practical aspects of establishing and operating a PrEP/PEP-friendly clinic.

In 2023, the HIV Connect programme significantly transformed its focus and objectives to address the ongoing increase in sexually transmitted HIV.

The main goal of this shift was to boost the number of healthcare professionals qualified to prescribe Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). Acknowledging the urgent need for these services, especially among key populations in urban areas, the programme aimed to address the increasing demand for PrEP.



#SUNWAYFORGOOD



Sunway worked with Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRC) to help MAF deliver the goods to the beneficiaries. This partnership highlighted Sunway's commitment to corporate social responsibility and inclusiveness. MAF expresses its gratitude for Sunway's support in addressing the needs of community members affected by HIV/AIDS and working towards a sustainable response to the epidemic.

In 2023, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) was again selected as one of the NGO partners for the #SunwayforGood initiative, by Sunway Group.

In conjunction with Merdeka Month, Sunway Group continued to deliver the Sunway Food Bank to MAF beneficiaries aimed at providing essential assistance such as groceries and hygiene products to around 20,000 individuals in the B40 group in the Klang Valley.



FLOOD ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HIV AND AIDS



To ease the immediate financial strain, MAF extended cash assistance totalling almost RM 45,000 to those impacted.

Again in 2023, the heavy monsoon floods from December 2022 to early 2023 had a significant negative impact on our Partner Organisations and communities affected by HIV in Selangor, Terengganu and Pahang.

In response, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) promptly launched relief efforts to support over 200 clients impacted by these floods which caused significant damage to the offices of our Partner Organisations, as well as Drop-in Centres and Shelter Homes.



IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS PROJECT SITE VISITS



where MAF visited the Pertubuhan Perantaraan Pesakit Kelantan (SAHABAT), Pertubuhan Komuniti Cakna Terengganu (KCT), and Komited Malaysia (DIC).

These tours have not only strengthened the relationship between MAF and our Implementation Partners but also provided a platform for partners to share the challenges they face and the constraints they need to overcome. Additionally, the tours facilitated discussions on long-term plans, including strategies for future sustainability.

Since the allocation of prevention programme funds from the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) was transferred to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), the higher management initiated a series of tours across various states, including Sarawak and the East Coast area.

These tours aim to gain a deeper understanding of the projects implemented by our Implementation Partners.

The tours commenced in May 2023 with a visit to the sole Implementation Partner in Sarawak, the Sarawak AIDS Concern Society. It continued in the East Coast region in June 2023,



THE LAUNCHING OF UPLIFTING LIVES HOMES

FOR THE CAKNA CHILI PROGRAMME
BY PERTUBUHAN KOMUNITI CAKNA TERENGGANU



Cakna Shelter in Kuala Berang. This shelter serves as a refuge for communities affected by HIV/AIDS.

The social integration programme and vocational training offered at the shelter aim to help former injecting drug users and other marginalised community members regain their footing and make meaningful contributions to society.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our corporate partner, Yayasan PETRONAS (YP), for the launch of the Uplifting Lives Homes for the Cakna Chili Programme by Pertubuhan Komuniti Cakna Terengganu.

This programme is designed to support sustainable initiatives in welfare homes throughout Malaysia.

The event was inaugurated by YBrs Puan Tengku Noraida, the Head of Yayasan PETRONAS, who was represented by Puan Shariah Nelly Francis, the Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan PETRONAS, at Baitul



MAJLIS SUMBANGAN DANA MANFAAT WAKAF

BY ASNB WAKALAH SDN BHD



meaningful event held at MAF Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on December 7, 2023.

AWSB, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad, has been recognised as a Mutawalli by the Islamic Religious Council of the Federal Territory (MAIWP) to manage and administer the endowment fund of the ASNB trust unit. This Benefit Fund contribution marks the first collaboration between MAF and AWSB, and we are hopeful that this partnership will continue to flourish in the future.

Thank you, AWSB, for supporting our mission to end AIDS. Your generosity and commitment to making a positive impact are deeply appreciated.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to ASNB Wakalah Sdn Bhd (AWSB) for their generous contribution of RM 20,400 to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) Waqf Benefit Fund.

This donation will significantly support the Medicine Assistance Scheme, a second-tier antiretroviral medication subsidy programme for underprivileged PLHIV.

The cheque for the donation was graciously presented by Pn Nurul Hayati Mohd Dise, Head of AWSB Administration and Operations Unit, to MAF Executive Director, Mr. Jasmin Jalil, in a brief but



HIV WORKPLACE POLICY



Resources, YB Sivakumar, Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya, YB Lee Chean Chung, and Member of Parliament for Sandakan, YB Vivien Wong, to discuss Malaysian laws protecting HIV/AIDS employees against workplace discrimination.

In August last year, legislative efforts resumed with a roundtable discussion involving MAF, MAC, and MOHR. During the MAF Red Ribbon Gala on 1st December 2023, Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim voiced strong support for ending workplace discrimination against People Living with HIV. He emphasised the importance of allowing individuals with HIV to pursue careers and lead lives free from prejudice and discrimination.

Despite this robust support, achieving legislative objectives necessitates an evidence-based approach to educate lawmakers, stakeholders and the public about advancements in HIV treatment and prevention science. The focus lies on dispelling misconceptions and highlighting that HIV is now a manageable chronic medical condition with minimal impact on PLHIV.

While progress has been made, there is still work to be done to advance HIV workplace legislation in Malaysia. MAF and MAC remain steadfast in the advocacy efforts, relying on collaboration, education, and evidence-based approaches to address challenges and achieve their objectives.

Despite more than three decades since Malaysia's initial HIV case was reported, bias and prejudice still exist in workplaces, unfairly impacting individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

A large majority, comprising over 89% of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in Malaysia aged 20-49, are in their most productive working years. The ongoing discrimination against PLHIV not only harms individual companies, but also has repercussions on the wider economy.

In response to the ongoing challenges faced by PLHIV, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) and its sister organisation, the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), have been advocating for the implementation of legislation regulating HIV in the workplace. This proposed legislation seeks to protect People Living with HIV from encountering discrimination and stigma related to HIV in their professional settings.

In May last year, a delegation from MAF led by Executive Director, En Jasmin Jalil, had the privilege of meeting the Minister of Human

DRUG POLICY REFORM



In July 2023, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation took a significant step towards enhancing the sustainability of harm reduction programmes and improving the lives of people who use drugs by appointing Mr. Palani Narayanan, an international expert on drug policy, to establish a Drug Policy Programme.

By September 2023, Mr. Narayanan was formally employed under SKPA2 (Sustainability of Key Populations South East Asia), a Global Fund multi-country initiative, to support Malaysia. Since then, a series of advocacy activities and campaigns was set into motion, culminating in the establishment of a National Task Force on Decriminalisation by Malaysia's Ministry of Health (MOH) on June 19, 2024. This task force brings together various government, non-governmental, religious, and community stakeholders to develop a roadmap for drug policy reform in Malaysia.

For the purpose of this report, we highlight the key activities from July to December 2023:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRUG POLICY PROGRAMME

The Drug Policy Programme was officially launched in September 2023, with the Chairman of Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), Prof. Dato Dr. Adeeba

Kamarulzaman, appointed as Chairperson. The Advisory Board (AB) of the Drug Policy Programme includes nine experts in health, law, and community/social work:

- Prof. Dr. Vicknasingam Kasinather – University Sains Malaysia
- En. Abdul Rashid Ismail – Legal Expert
- Dr. Sangeeth Deo – Vice Chair of UNODC Committee on Mandatory Treatment
- En. Hafizi Harun – President of Pengasih
- Dr. Fadzli Md. Isa – Head of Psychiatry Department, HKL/ MOH
- Dr. Anne Yee – Monash University
- Dr. Nurfiqa Mohd Salleh – Vice President Insaf Murni
- Dr. Sivakumar Thuraijasingam – Monash University
- Ms. Samantha Chong – Legal Expert

Since its inception, the AB members, alongside Mr. Narayanan, have engaged in discussions with key stakeholders in both government and non-government sectors.

NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS AND MEETINGS

1. Engagement with Dato Seri Azalina Othman, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department – Law and Institutional Reform:

On September 14th, after multiple discussions with the Bahagian Hal Ehwal Undang-Undang (BHEUU), the Minister

convened a stakeholder meeting on decriminalisation and prison overcrowding. The Drug Policy Programme presented on the necessity of decriminalisation to reduce prison overcrowding, initiating discussions on this critical issue.

2. Assistance to BHEUU in Organising a Visit to Portugal:

In October 2023, the Drug Policy Programme facilitated a visit by the Deputy Minister of Law to Portugal to study successful decriminalisation measures implemented since 2001. This visit led to further discussions with Malaysia's Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) and enhanced collaboration with BHEUU.

3. Engagement with Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution – Minister of Home Affairs:

Professor Dato Dr. Adeeba and Prof. Dr. Vicknasingam held a comprehensive meeting with the Minister of Home Affairs, advocating for decriminalisation. While KDN's stance on drug policy remains unchanged publicly, there is growing acknowledgement of the need to shift towards treatment rather than punishment for drug use.

4. Movement building with community-led organisations:

Ongoing meetings with PENGASIH leadership have resulted in a greater community voice for decriminalisation of drugs for use and personal possession in Malaysia. PENGASIH President has been vocal and an effective advocate in the media, especially the important Bahasa Malaysia news outlets. PENGASIH has since undertaken its own

visits to various Ministers and Members of Parliament to discuss decriminalisation.

5. Building partnership with SUHAKAM:

In November 2023, SUHAKAM called for a National Workshop to address Prison Overcrowding in Malaysia and engaged the Drug Policy Programme as a key partner. Malaysia's prisons are indeed overcrowded and under-resourced. People who use drugs and those committing minor drug-related crimes make up about 60-70% of the prison population. Most of them are from the B40 socioeconomic group proving further that the war on drugs is indeed the war on the poor even in Malaysia. This workshop was a great opportunity to build alliances with Prison officials, the National police (PDRM) and AADK. Mr. Narayanan gave an overview of how decriminalisation could indeed reduce prison overcrowding by diverting almost 60% of the prison population into treatment in the community. This was well received.

Several follow-up discussions have since resulted, including a meeting with the Director of Narcotics at the PDRM.

6. Statewide Engagement in Johor and Beyond:

Advisory Board members from Monash University Malaysia organised a workshop in Johor Bahru, engaging civil society groups on decriminalisation policy in November 2023. This initiative garnered crucial feedback and paved the way for similar discussions in Penang in September 2024.

The activities and engagements undertaken by the Drug Policy Programme in 2023 have significantly elevated the national discourse on decriminalisation. Similar to the early days of harm reduction programmes, the debate on the benefits and risks of decriminalisation is gaining momentum in Malaysia, thanks to the concerted efforts of the Drug Policy Programme.



MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS



THE MALAYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION (MAF) IMPACT REPORT 2023



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) Impact Report 2023 highlighted the remarkable progress made towards achieving Malaysia's national goal of ending AIDS and reaching the internationally recognised 95-95-95 target.

This ambitious target aims for 95% of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) to know their HIV status, 95% of people who know they are living with HIV to receive life-saving ARV treatment, and 95% of people receiving treatment to have their viral load suppressed.

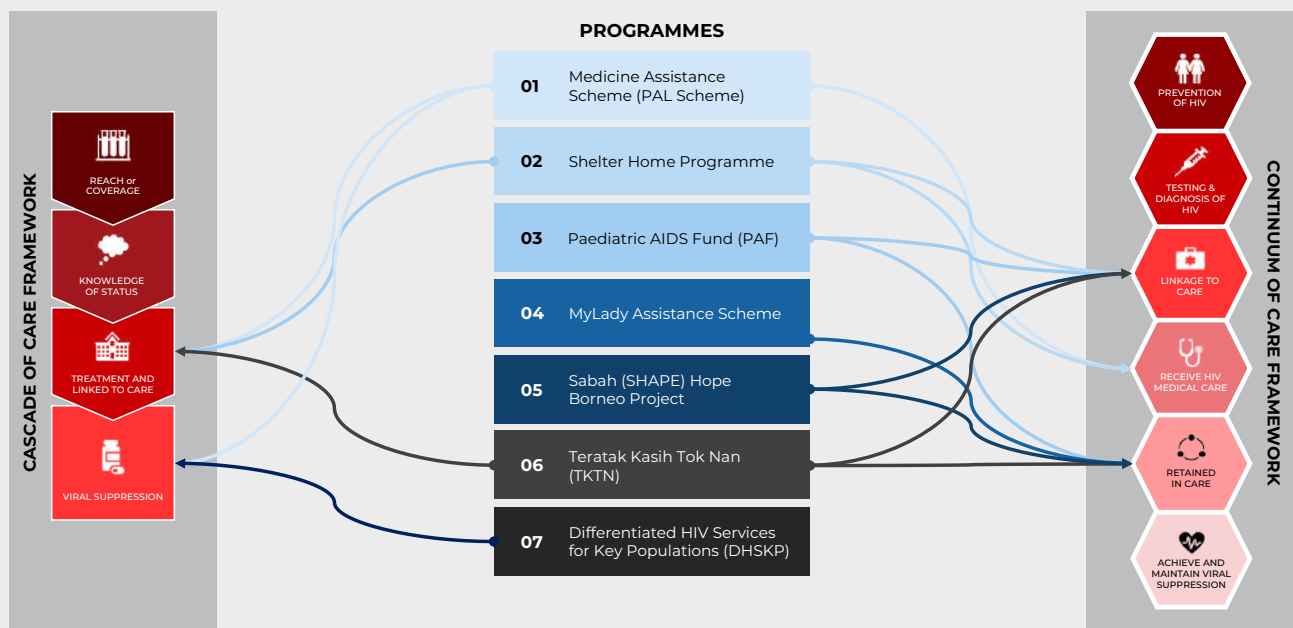
The report underscores the significant contributions of MAF's diverse programmes, including the Medicine Assistance Scheme (PAL Scheme), Shelter Home Programme, Paediatric AIDS Fund, MyLady Assistance Scheme, Sabah/Sarawak Health Access

Programme (SHAPE), Teratak Kasih Tok Nan (TKTN), and the Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSPK). These programmes have effectively addressed various aspects of the Cascade of Care and Continuum of Care frameworks, paving the way for Malaysia's advancement towards eradicating AIDS.

The report was launched by His Highness Tengku Amir Shah Ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj, The Crown Prince of Selangor, during the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Red Ribbon Gala Dinner in December 2023.



The Cascade of Care framework and the Continuum of Care framework are employed as two distinct frameworks to categorise indicators under MAF



Both frameworks share some components however the report recognises the Cascade of Care to focus primarily on pre- and post ARV treatment while the Continuum of Care is focused on holistic forms of care.

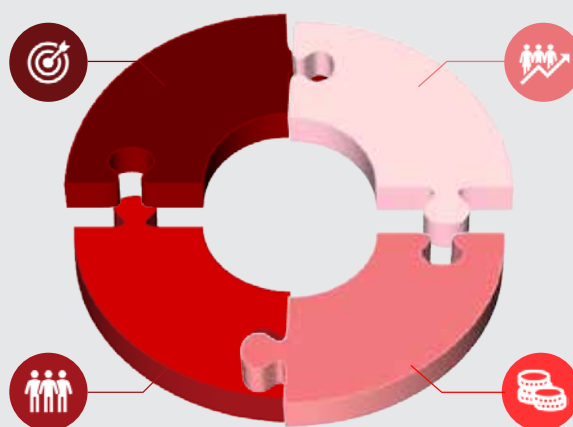
The report lays out the key findings and insights derived from thorough analysis of programmes and data collection

Addressing the 95-95-95 Target

The Medical Assistance Scheme provide second-line ARV treatment to beneficiaries directly contributing to the second '95' target of ensuring 95% of people living with HIV receive life-saving ARV treatment

Effective Collaborative Efforts

The Shelter Home, SHAPE, TKTN and DHSKP programmes demonstrated effective collaboration between MAF, funders and government in expanding the reach of services to key populations



High Penetration Rates of Programmes

MAF have successfully executed a variety of programs ranging from medical assistance to psychosocial initiatives within all 14 States in Malaysia with an emphasis on both adults and young children infected and affected by HIV / AIDS

Funding

Increased funding is essential for MAF to amplify the impact of its programmes, particularly the Paediatrics AIDS Fund and MyLady Scheme, which provide essential support services to children and women living with HIV

The report also highlights strategic recommendations for enhanced performance of the programmes under MAF

ENHANCED MONITORING SYSTEMS

Implement enhanced monitoring systems, including real-time tracking for the distribution of second-line ARV medication to optimise resource allocation and ensure timely access to treatment



STRONG COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

Strengthen collaborations between MAF, funders and government agencies to further expand the reach of services to key populations, ensuring that these individuals have access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care services



INCREASED FUNDING

Secure increased funding to expand the reach and impact of MAF's programmes, particularly the Pediatrics' AIDS Fund, MyLady Scheme and PAL Scheme, enabling them to serve a larger number of beneficiaries and make a more substantial contribution to combating AIDS in Malaysia

The MAF Impact Report 2023 underscores key strategic recommendations aimed at elevating the performance of MAF programmes, emphasising on enhanced monitoring of data, expanded collaborative efforts and increased funding. This will poise MAF programmes to drive excellence and amplify the MAF's ability to target key populations infected and affected by HIV/AIDS



RED RIBBON MEDIA AWARD 2023



The Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), in collaboration with Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD), hosted the Red Ribbon Media Award (RRMA) 2023 at The Gardens Hotel & Residences, our esteemed hotel partner.

Returning triumphantly to mark MAF's 30th Anniversary, this event celebrates our dedicated media partners who have tirelessly supported our efforts to raise awareness about HIV and combat AIDS.

The Red Ribbon Media Award recognises exceptional journalistic

contributions on the subject of HIV/AIDS, spanning three crucial categories: print, broadcasting, and web-based media.

We are excited to announce the winners of RRMA 2023, honoured for their outstanding journalistic excellence in addressing the challenge of ending HIV.

Congratulations are in order for these remarkable achievements:

1. Web-based media category:

Milad Hassan Darvish produced by Malay Mail

2. Broadcast media category:

Syed Farradino produced by Astro AWANI

3. Print media category:

Mohd Izzatul Izuan (remove comma) produced by Sinar Harian

Congratulations to all the winners!



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partners and stakeholders, they continue to champion the fight against HIV/AIDS and support our community.

The ongoing dedication of the RRCS is a testament to the power of unity and advocacy. As we look to the future, we remain confident in our collective ability to make a meaningful impact in the fight against HIV/AIDS. We thank all our supporters for their invaluable contributions and look forward to continuing this vital work together.

The Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters (RRCS) represent a diverse and dedicated group of local celebrities,

all united in their voluntary commitment to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Established in 2008, the RRCS roster has grown consistently over the years, incorporating both well-known and emerging talents from Malaysia's entertainment industry. These celebrities use their influential voices to shape public opinion and increase awareness about HIV/AIDS.

Since its inception, the RRCS lineup has expanded to include a variety of prominent figures. Presently, the list features renowned personalities such as Fahrin Ahmad, Dato' Aaron Aziz, Dayang

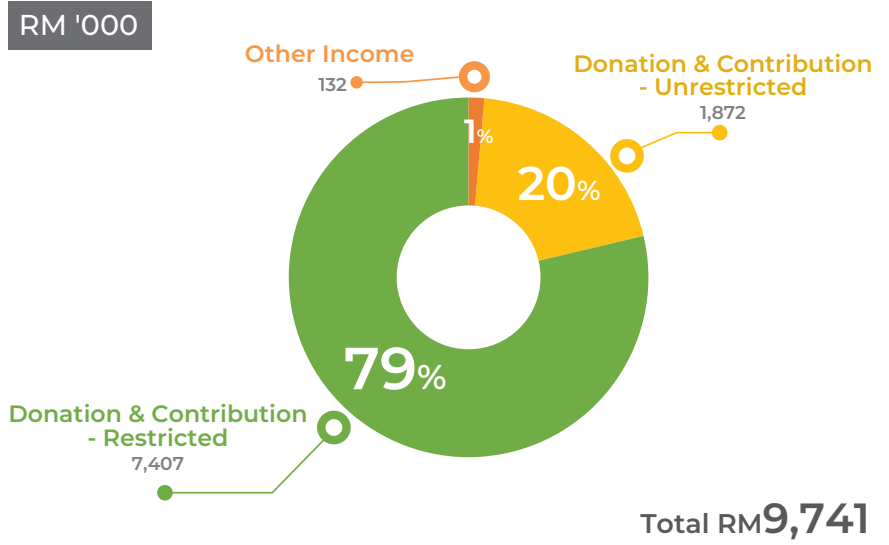
Nurfaizah, Joey G, Bob Yusof, Hafiz Hamidun, Shah Shamshiri, Winnie K, DJ Ananthaa, and others. In recent years, we have welcomed new members including Vanidah Imran, Dato' Chef Ismail, Deborah Henry, Dino Omar, Kamarul Bahrin, Sean Ghazi, and Muadz.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our RRCS for their unwavering support and advocacy. Their commitment to our cause has been instrumental in advancing our mission. Together with our

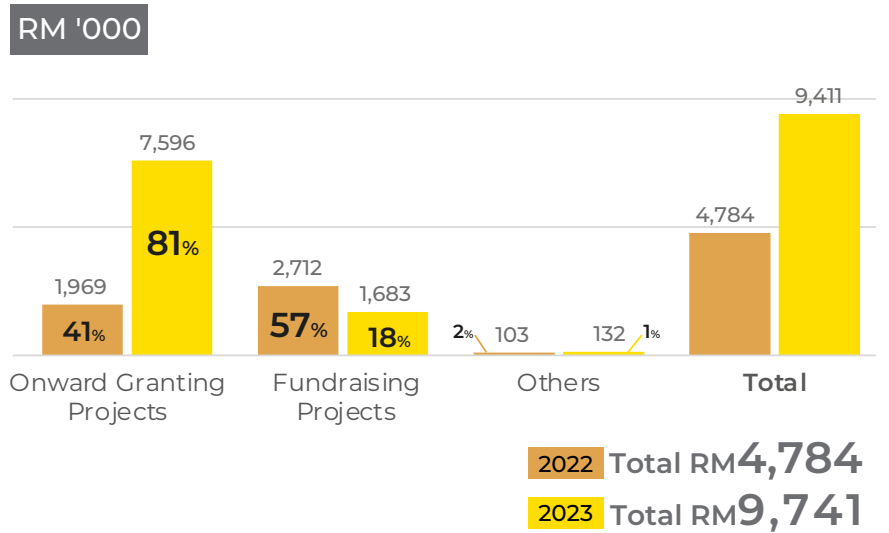


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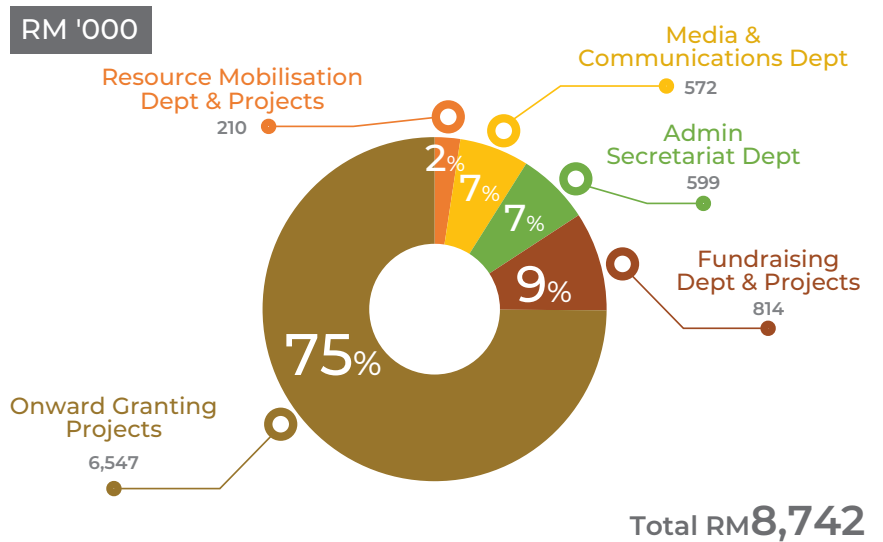
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