

Name of project: Comprehensive Civilian HIV/AIDS Prevention and Home Based Care (CCHP-HBC) Program.

Focus of Project: To reduce new incidences of HIV Infections to the community by delivering HIV/AIDS prevention services (Prevention), Voluntary HIV Testing Services and Community Based HIV/AIDS Services (CBHS) mostly to Key and Vulnerable Population (KVPs) including Sex Workers, People who inject drugs, Men who have Sex with Men, Index clients as well as Adolescent Girls and Young Women. By the use of the Seed model, peer educators, Mwanaume Jitambue (MJ) seeds, Community Based HIV/AIDS Service Providers, Men/women ambassadors, use of famous people to reach targeted population when delivering Preventive measures, provide community based HIV/AIDS services and tracing lost to follow up clients and escorting HIV Positive clients to Care and Treatment Services.

Coverage of the project: Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT), funded by MHRP/HJFMRI covers 16 Wards out of 19 total wards (84%) of Mbinga town council. In Mbinga district council, the program covers 22 wards out of 30 wards of the district which is equal to 73%. The covered wards in Mbinga Town Council are Mbambi, Masumuni, Mbinga Mjini A, Mbinga Mjini B, Bethlehem, Luhuwiko, Kitanda, Mbangamao, Myangayanga and Mpepai, Kihungu, Kikolo, Luwaita, Kilimani, Kagugu and Utiri wards, while in Mbinga district council the program covers Ruanda, Litumbandyosi, Ukata, Ngima, Amanimakolo, Kigonsera, Matiri, Kitumbalomo, Linda, Kitura, Langiro, Mapera, Nyoni, Litembo, Mkako, Kihangimahuka, Namswea, Mbuji, Maguu, Kambarage, Kipapa and Mpapa wards. HDT Ruvuma office has employed 10 program staffs who are responsible for day today implementation of program activities, more importantly to supervise and monitor Peer Educators and Community Based HIV/AIDS Service Providers.

Project Results to date: HJFMRI through HDT in Ruvuma region has complemented government efforts towards HIV prevention education to KVPs in hard to reach areas as well as in town hotspots and has also managed to Identify and link HIV positive clients with CTC services, traced lost to follow up clients and re-connected them with CTC services, provided community based HIV/AIDS services to clients in the catchment area, as well as created PLHIV support groups in the community whereby participants collectively discuss various issues including ARV drug adherence and income generating activities.

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Duration of the project: March, 2016 to date

Picture 1: HTS Counselor conducting HIV Testing and Counseling during World HIV/AIDs Day



Picture 2: Adolescent girls who travel long distance in search of market to sell sugar cane; are exposed to HIV infection due to their nature of working