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# STATEMENT

**BY DR. CHRISTOPHER LEE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL**

I am deeply honoured to serve as President of this esteemed body that champions the issues of HIV and AIDS in Malaysia. I would also like to extend my sincerest gratitude to every community member, Partner Organisations, and MAC's secretariat for the never-ending support of what MAC and its Partner Organisations have been doing to provide better healthcare channels for the community members.

In the face of a changing world and new challenges, we must remain steadfast in our commitment to maintaining a high standard of excellence in health and medical care for the people of Malaysia, especially the marginalised community members. To this end, as an umbrella body of HIV and AIDS in the country, MAC has done much to prepare for the Covid-19 pandemic by ensuring a safe and healthy environment without neglecting our main focus, the continuous battle against HIV and AIDS. We have put in place rigorous screening protocols to prevent the spread of HIV and STIs among the community members. We have also ramped up our efforts to reach out to those who are still considered 'hard-to-reach individuals' so that they too can benefit from these prevention programmes.

The challenges we face have been, in part, caused by the lack of provision of services for key populations back then. The main point of this report is to maintain resilient and holistic HIV programmes by being more responsive to the needs of PLHIV and other affected key populations. It is important to maintain a healthy balance between winning the war against HIV and winning the peace. Integration and partnership will be key elements for achieving this in the future.

In line with the National Strategic Plan for Ending AIDS in 2030, MAC will support commitment and advocacy efforts toward a future when there is no more HIV. To achieve this, MAC and its Partner Organisations have more than 30 years of spearheading the works of HIV treatment and prevention. Our strategic partners, community health workers, community members, and funders have been instrumental in achieving this milestone thus far, and we look forward to working together toward a foreseeable future where we end AIDS in 2030.

"Thank you previous EXCO for your services and hard work for the last 2 years, we assure you that programs that is beneficial will continue on. Commitments and promise needs to be fulfilled towards the members on the ground. The new EXCO will make an effort to speak to the individuals on the ground to add value and build the capacity of MAC. We should never forget our main constituents – those people living with HIV, those effected with HIV and the key marginalised people. In addition, MAC as an umbrella body should focus on facilitating our Partner Organisations."

*~Datuk's speech in the BGM 2020*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Lee', written over a faint, stylized outline of the letters 'CB'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Dr. Christopher Lee**  
President, Malaysian AIDS Council

# MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL

The Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) was initiated by the Ministry of Health (MOH) in 1989 and was registered in 1992 and has since been fulfilling the function of an umbrella organisation to support and coordinate the efforts of non-governmental and other organisations working on HIV and AIDS response in Malaysia.



MAC works in partnership with government agencies, the private sector, and international organisations in ensuring a committed and effective response to HIV and AIDS issues in Malaysia. Currently, MAC has 42 affiliated Partner Organisations. MAC and its Partner Organisations serve as the forefront voice for communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in the nation.

## VISION

A society free from negative impacts of HIV/AIDS, where the AIDS epidemic is under control through comprehensive prevention, treatment, care, support, and impact alleviation services, particularly for the most vulnerable and marginalised populations.

## MISSION

To represent, mobilise, and strengthen non-governmental organisations and communities to ensure political commitment and effective response in a supportive environment at national and local levels. In scaling up its unified efforts, MAC will work in partnership with the government, private sector, international organisations and people living with HIV.

## CORE VALUES

Values are standard, principles, or qualities that will outline how the EXCO, management, staff, and other relevant parties will conduct themselves in doing their business. It is important for the key stakeholders to be involved in defining these.

The two most important values amongst others that need to be determined are as follows:

### INTEGRITY

Integrity is a core value in all aspects of our professional and personal life. It includes impartiality, fairness, honesty, and truthfulness in all matters affecting our services. These qualities provide a basis for ethical decision making when members and staff face situations where a conflict between professional and private interest arises or where special concessions are requested.

### RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

Take pride in the diversity of the organisation's members and beneficiaries which encompasses people of different backgrounds, cultures and experiences. We should show respect and tolerance in the interactions with others and work together with openness and develop trust.

# OVERVIEW OF THE HIV & AIDS EPIDEMIC IN MALAYSIA

128,638

Total reported HIV cases  
(1986-2021)

2,760

New HIV Infections  
reported in 2021

519

AIDS-related deaths  
in 2021

45,969

Total reported AIDS  
related deaths  
(1986-2021)

67,822

Current number of people  
living with HIV in Malaysia  
(1986-2021)

8.5  
/100,000

HIV notification rate  
in 2021

10

Reported HIV in children  
<13 years in 2021

1,219

Total reported HIV  
in children <13 years  
(1986-2021)

279

New HIV infections  
in women & girls  
in 2021

14,429

Total reported HIV  
in women & girls  
(1986 – 2021)

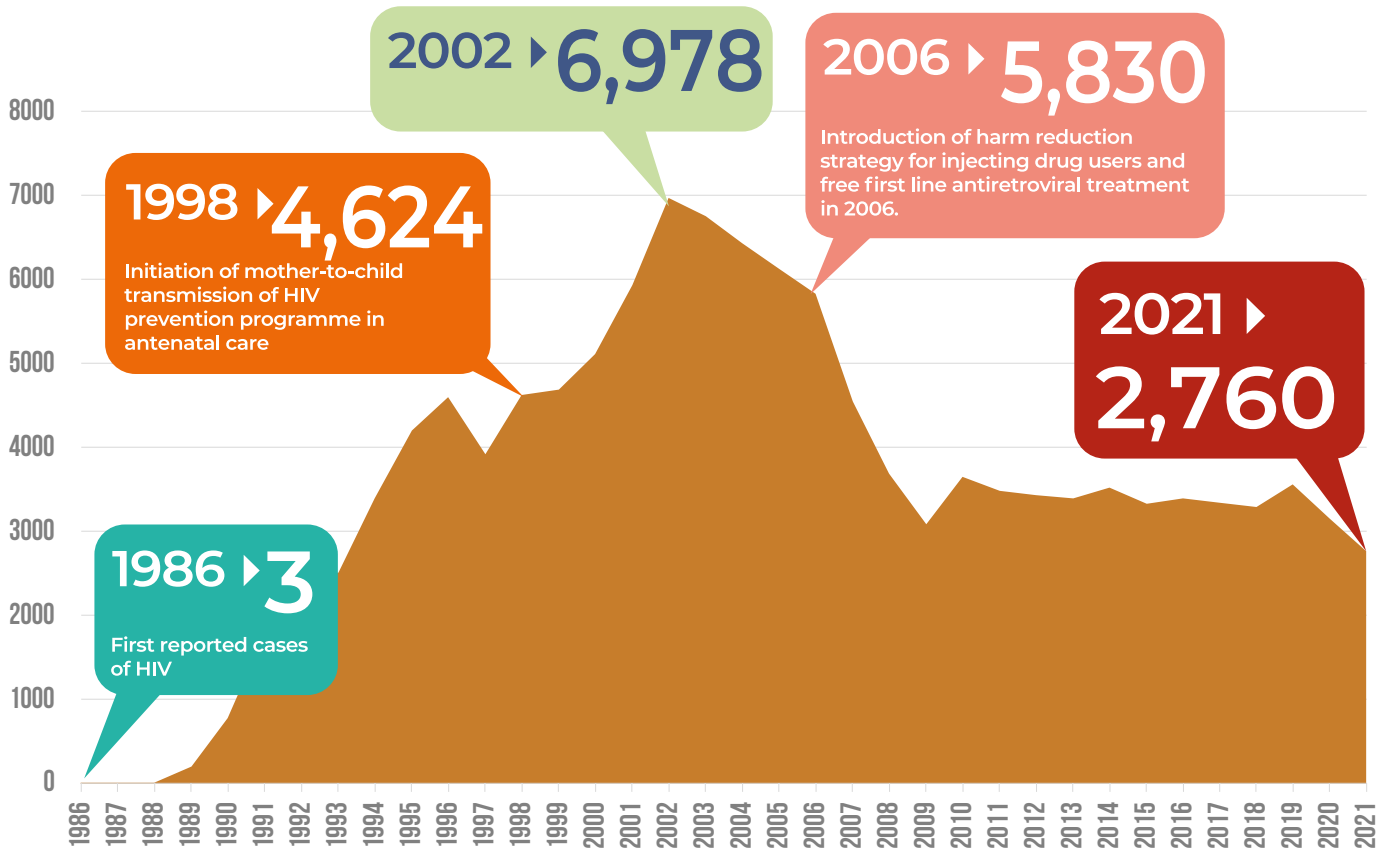
68,956

Total reported HIV  
in people who inject  
drugs (1986-2021)

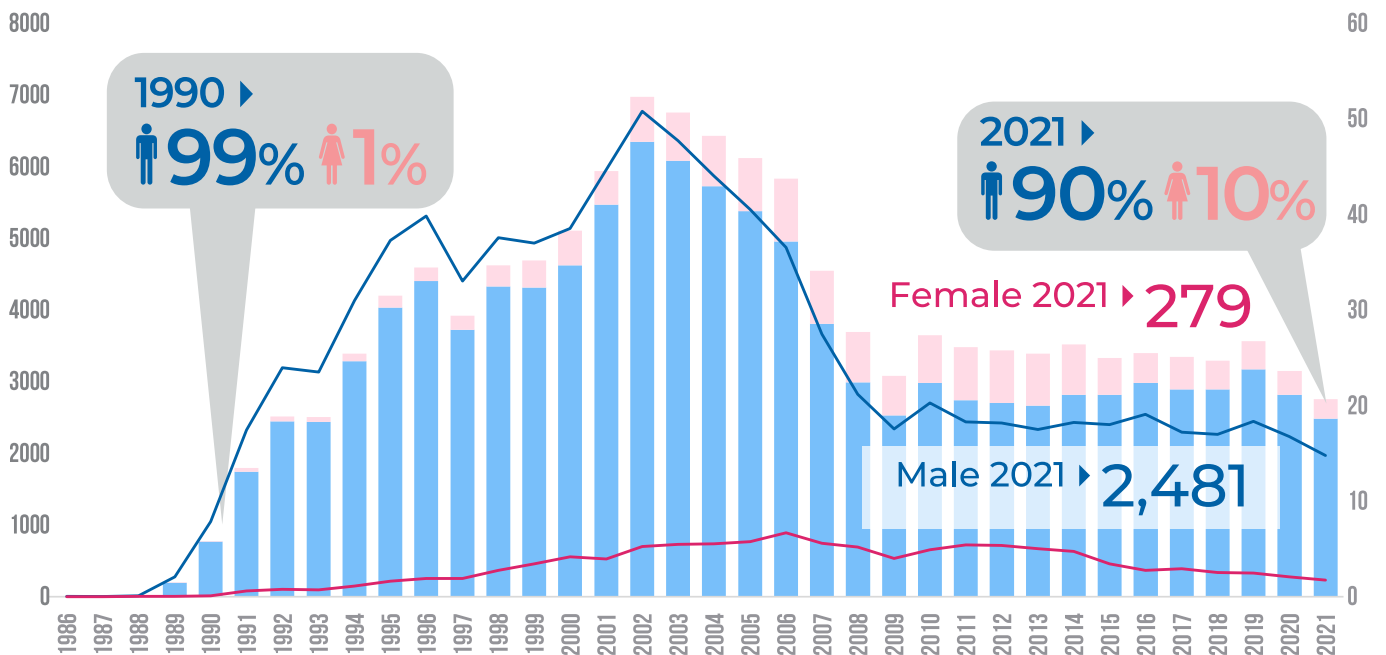
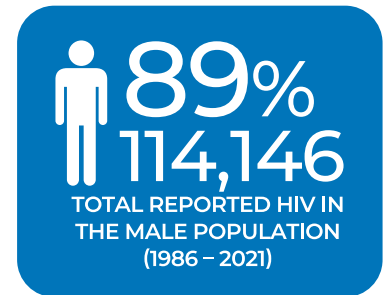
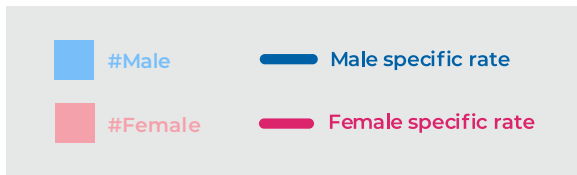
48,288

Total reported cases of  
sexually transmitted HIV  
(1986-2021)

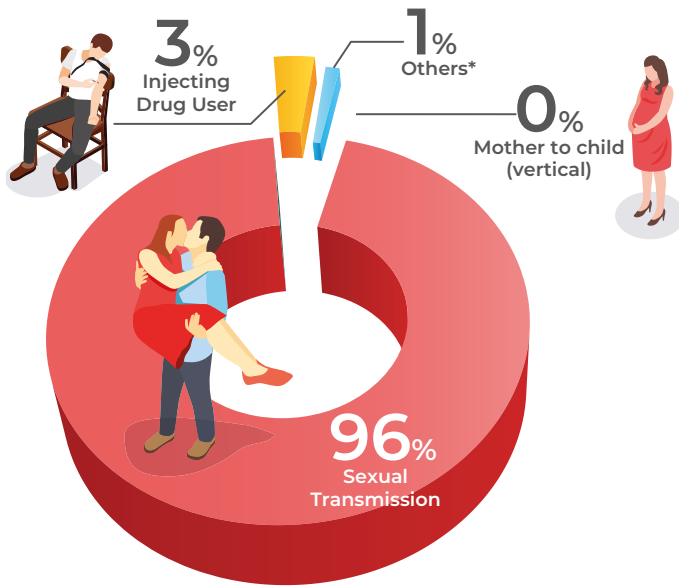
## NEW HIV CASES (1986-2021)



## HIV TRANSMISSION BY GENDER IN 2021

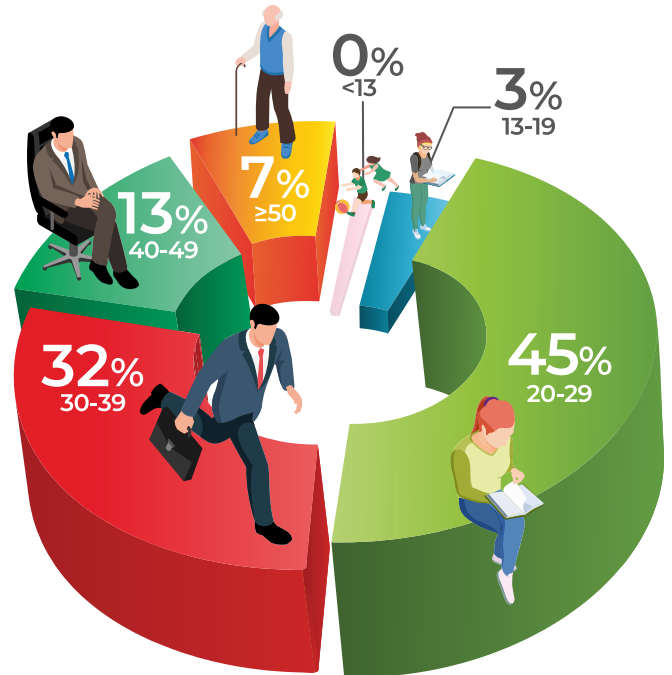


## HIV TRANSMISSION BY RISK FACTOR (2021)



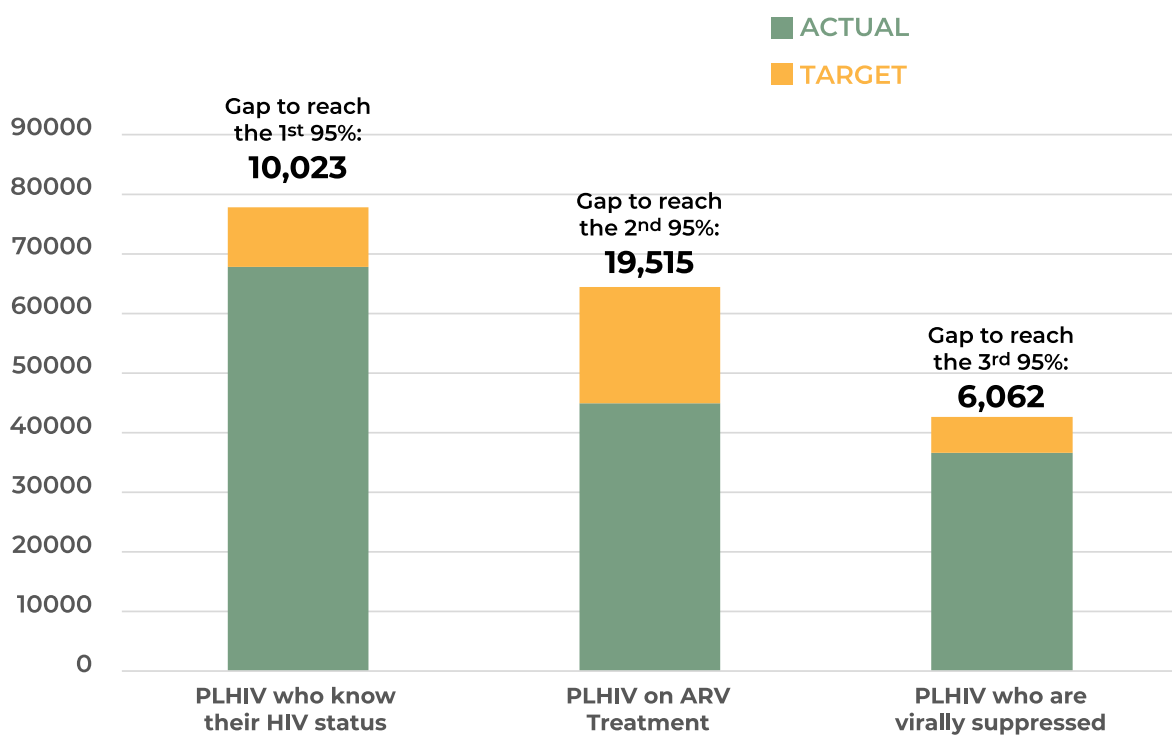
\*INCLUDE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS, ORGAN TRANSPLANTATIONS, NEEDLE STICK INJURIES AND NO INFORMATION. (% OF 2,760 NEW INFECTIONS)

## HIV TRANSMISSION BY AGE (2021)

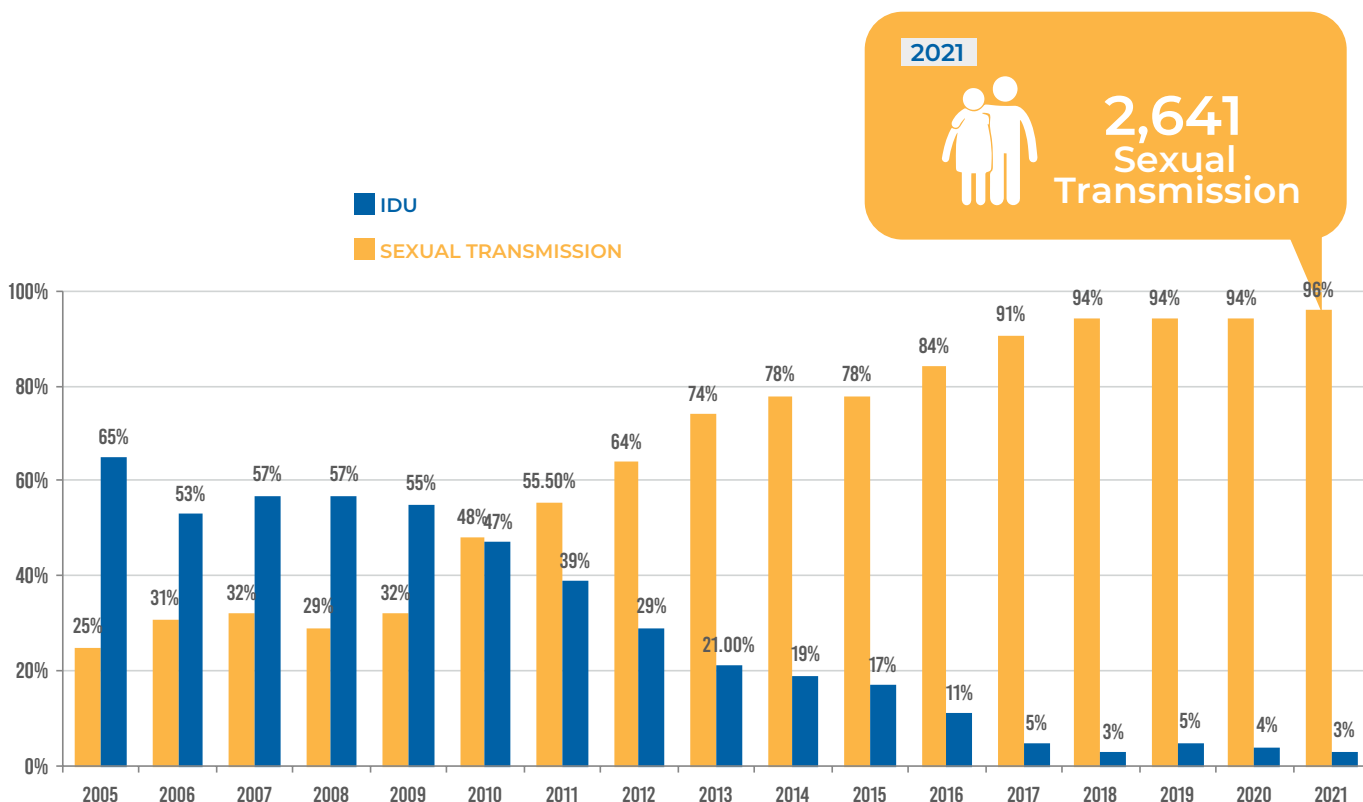


(% OF 2,760 NEW INFECTIONS)

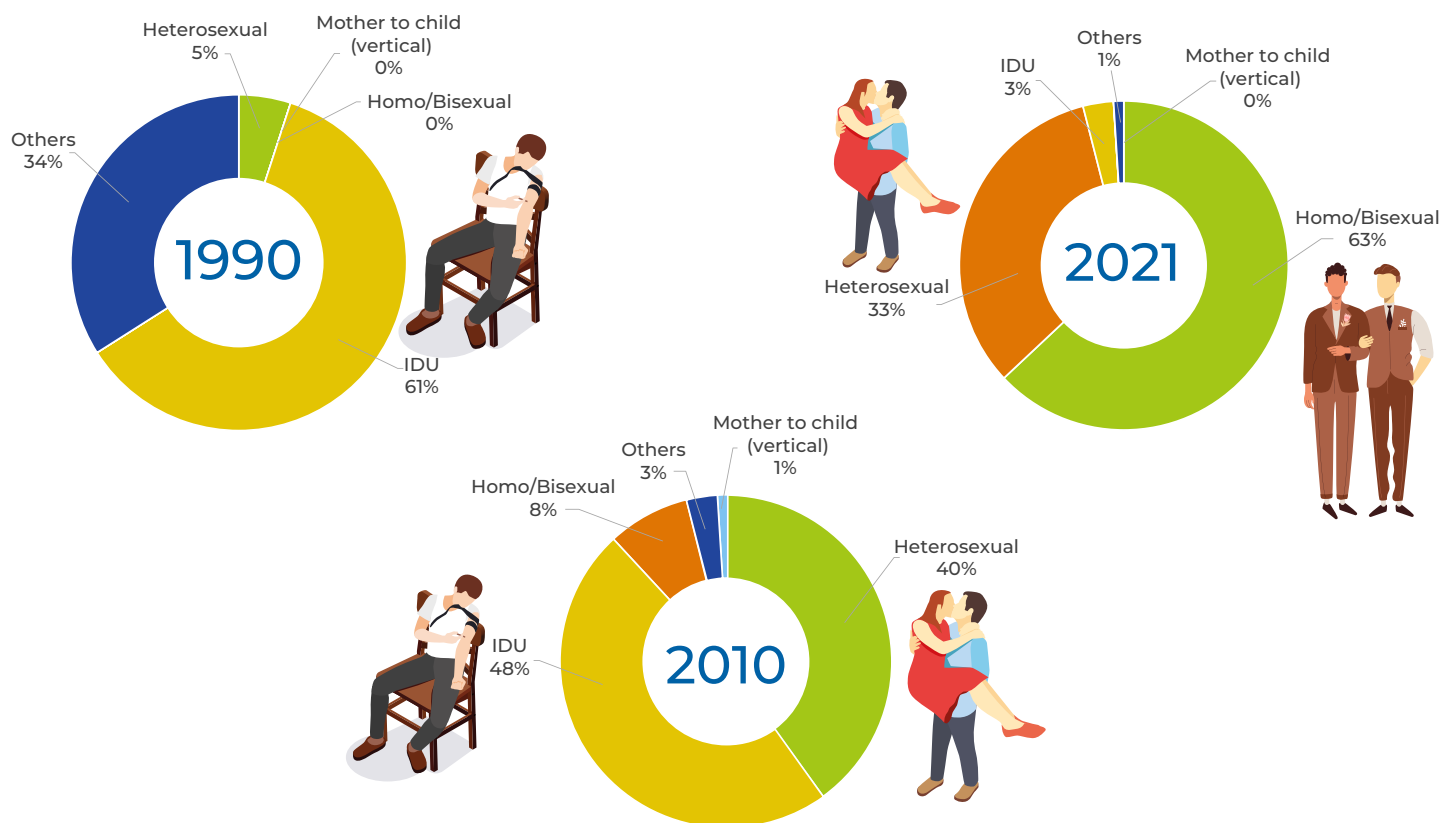
## HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT CASCADE (2021)



# COMPARISON OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS BETWEEN INJECTING DRUG USERS (IDU) & SEXUAL TRANSMISSION (2005-2021)



## CHANGES IN HIV LANDSCAPE (1990 – 2021)





# Strategy 1

Building a Value  
and Principle-driven  
Organisation

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020-2022



**DATUK DR.  
CHRISTOPHER LEE  
KWOK CHOONG**  
PRESIDENT



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MAHMUD**  
VICE PRESIDENT  
*(RELINQUISH THE POSITION ON  
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**NAZIRA ROSLEE**  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

# TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

MAC Technical Working Group (TWG) is an ad hoc group of experts on particular topics who work together in achieving specific goals related to HIV programmes or initiatives. These meetings are often meant to encourage stakeholders to discuss the state of advances on a topic and or to identify gaps among the key populations and act purely advisory.

In the 1st EXCO Meeting for the term 2020 – 2022, dated 5th of September 2020, a discussion on the formation of the technical working groups and the appointment of the EXCO members to the respective TWG was made. The EXCO has decided to group Female Sex Workers (FSW) and Transgenders (TG) and create Treatment, Care, and Support (TCS) as a new limb of TWG.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop evidence-based recommendations for a national strategic direction to guide the processes and approaches needed to achieve national targets for scaling up HIV Prevention and Treatment programmes.
- Review evidence and programmatic implications and make recommendations on key technical areas related to key populations.
- Identify and explore opportunities and platforms to bring in innovations such as PrEP, HIV Self-Testing, and programs currently being implemented across the country.
- Strengthen data collection and evidence base to guide future decisions on the implementation of programmes under MAC.
- Identify the cost implications of the future expansion of the program.
- Ensuring effective dissemination of information and standards relevant to programmatic issues to the Partner Organisations.



The EXCO TWG Members for the term 2020 – 2022 are shown below:

NUMBER	GROUP	MEMBERS
1	<b>Men who Have Sex with Men (MSM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Prof. Madya Dr. Raja Iskandar Bin Raja Azwa</li> <li>■ Mohamad Shahrani Bin Mohamad Tamrin</li> </ul>
2	<b>Transgenders (TG) / Female Sex Workers (FSW)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dr. Zaiton Yahya</li> <li>■ Minisha Deepu</li> </ul>
3	<b>People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dr. Nur Afiqah Mohd Salleh</li> <li>■ Nazira Roslee</li> </ul>
4	<b>Treatment, Care, and Support (TCS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Treatment</li> <li>■ Shelter Home</li> <li>■ Stigma &amp; Discrimination</li> <li>■ Hepatitis C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Datuk. Dr. Christopher Lee</li> <li>■ Dr. Dinesh Mahalingam</li> <li>■ Pn. Jubaidah Bee</li> </ul>

# MALAYSIAN AIDS COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat of the Council carries out day-to-day operations, focusing on the core business of managing grants of both the Ministry of Health and external parties, Partner organisations' engagement, capacity building, and strengthening partnerships. The responsibilities of the Secretariat include:



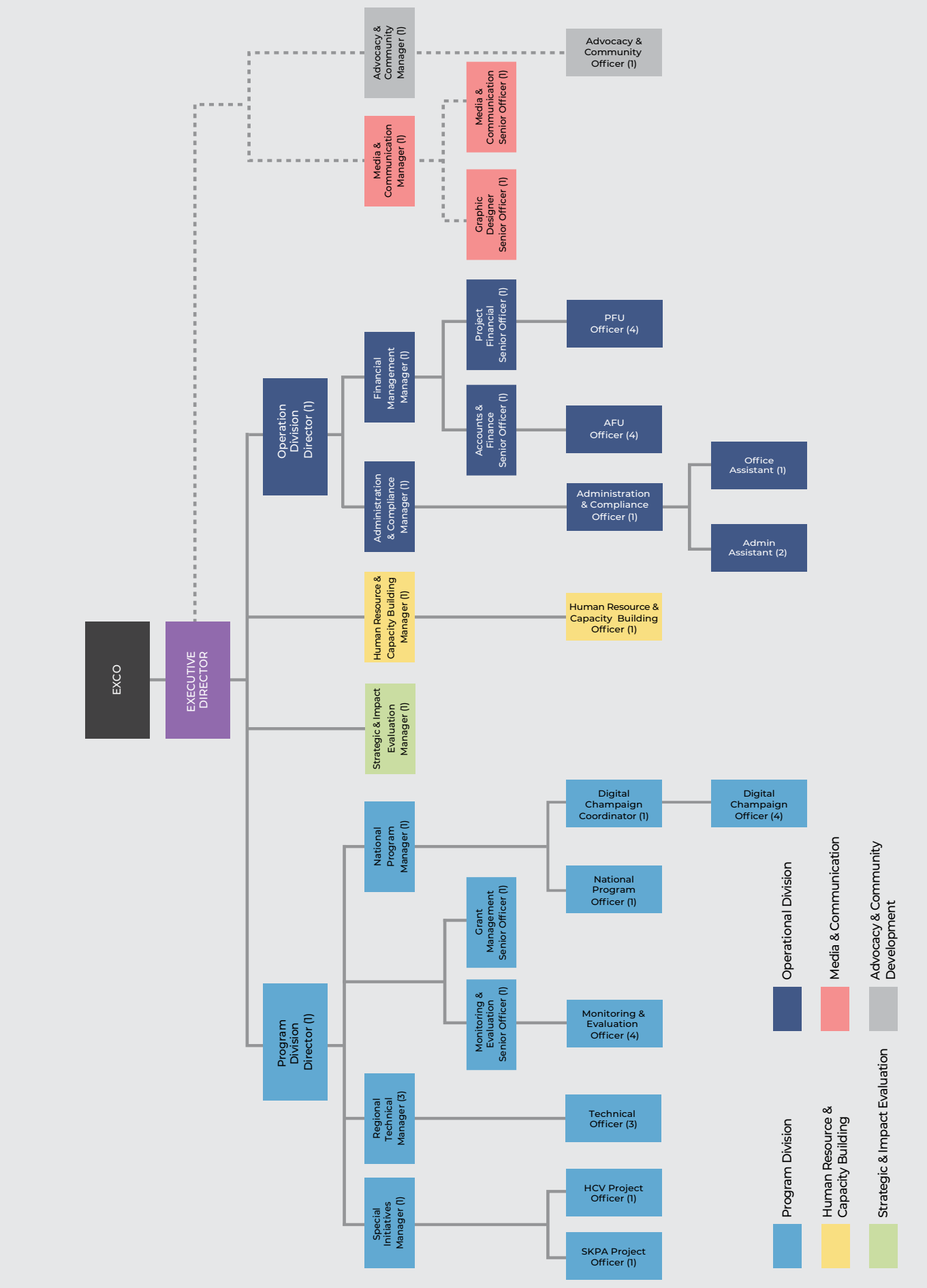
- Project Management (Grant, Implementation, M&E, and New Initiatives)
- Finance, Compliance, Accounting, and Auditing
- Advocacy, Incidence Management, Policy, and Strategy Development
- Capacity Building (Project Implementers, Stakeholders, and Staff)
- Risk Management and Mitigation
- Partner Organisations Management
- Stakeholders' Engagement
- Community Participation and Empowerment
- Integrating Gender, Human Rights, and KPs issues into programs
- Supporting and Coordinating the work of the Executive Committee
- Human Resource Management

The manpower planning and development at MAC are dealt with efficiently and effectively whilst working in partnership with POs to enhance the delivery of best practices in human resource processes.

Human Resource Management's priority is to be in line with MAC's vision and mission. The Management supports every step related to the growth of MAC in favour of the community.



# ORGANISATION CHART



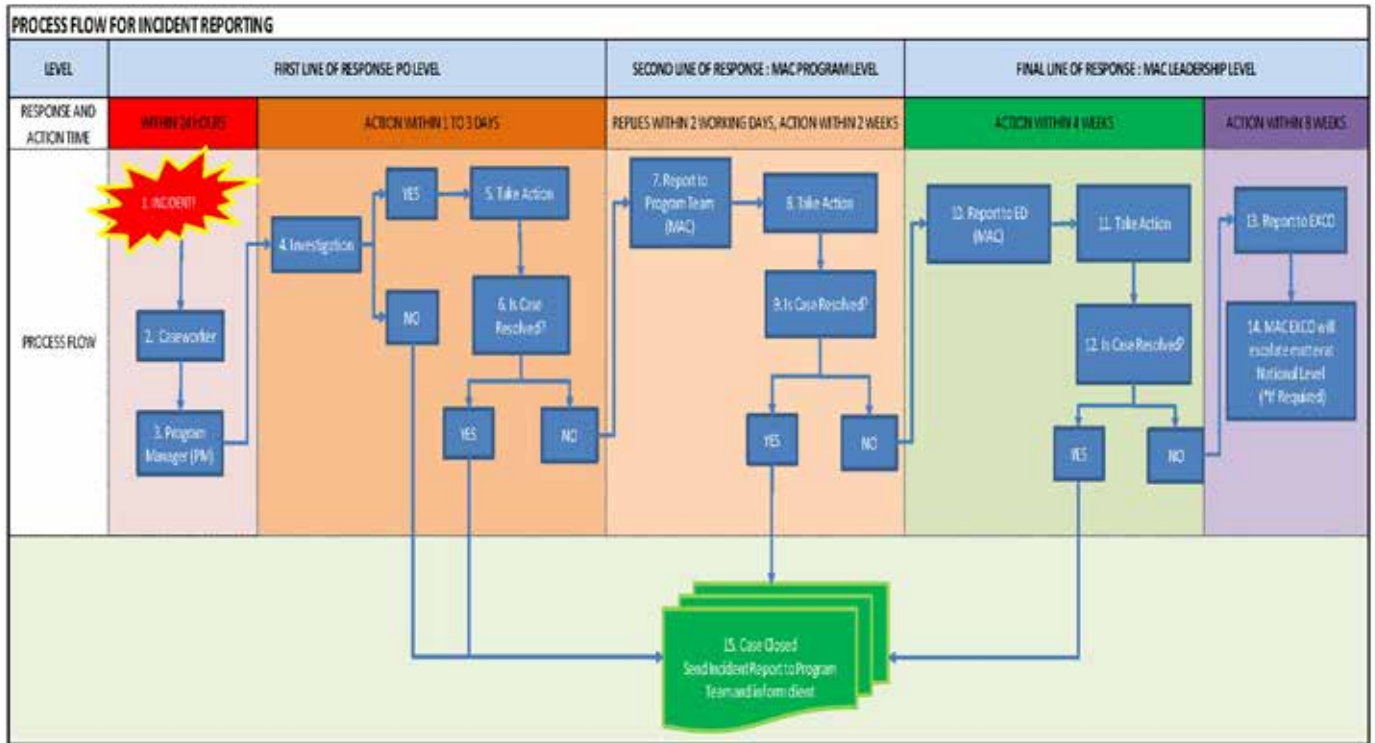


# Strategy 2

Providing Leadership,  
Political & Organisational  
Commitment to the  
AIDS Response

# INCIDENT REPORT MANAGEMENT (IRD)

Given the utmost importance of addressing the violation of human rights for key populations, MAC has prepared an 'Incident Report Mechanism' (Process Flow for Incident Reporting).



This mechanism can help those affected to channel their grievances and, in the process, assist in building cases for higher-level advocacy, involving multiple stakeholders. **From January to October 2021, a total of 85 cases were reported to MAC.** The type of incidents and the number of cases is illustrated in the figure below:



Approximately 38% of the reported cases are workplace-related issues (healthcare setting). This is followed by workplace-related issues with 29% and 10% at institutions of higher learning. It is also important to note that the cases related to stigma and discrimination for raid & arrest key population were also reported amounting to nearly 3%.

MAC advocates for the rights of PLHIV by engaging with the relevant stakeholders. Dialogues with relevant Government agencies and other stakeholders to increase sensitization, awareness, and commitment to HIV and AIDS.

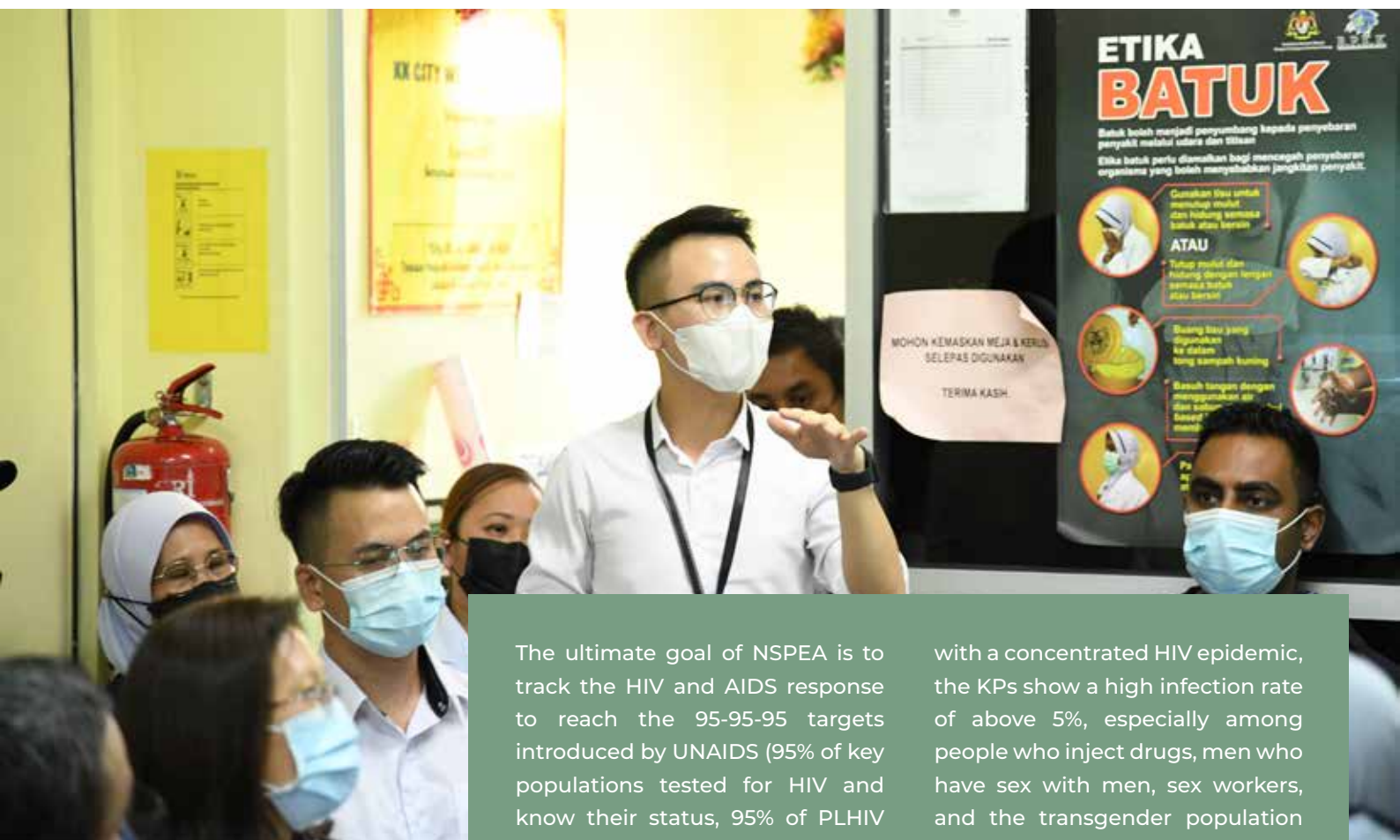


# Strategy 3

## Community Systems Strengthening

# PREVENTION, TREATMENT, SUPPORT & CARE PROGRAMMES FOR KEY POPULATION (KP)

The National Strategic Plan on Ending AIDS 2016-2030 has been a strategic enabler in guiding the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and its partner organisations in delivering high-impact prevention programmes for the key populations in the country.



The ultimate goal of NSPEA is to track the HIV and AIDS response to reach the 95-95-95 targets introduced by UNAIDS (95% of key populations tested for HIV and know their status, 95% of PLHIV on ART and 95% of PLHIV on ART adhering to treatment with suppressed viral load).

The overarching principle of the strategies and resulting interventions is to establish a continuum of prevention, treatment, and care services.

In the year 2021, combinations of cost-effective, evidence-based, and scalable interventions were directed to the KPs in geographic areas where HIV prevalence was evident. Classified as a country

with a concentrated HIV epidemic, the KPs show a high infection rate of above 5%, especially among people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, sex workers, and the transgender population while the infection rate among the general population is estimated to be less than 0.5%.

The aim in 2021 remained to craft effective linkages to HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support services with the emphasis to detect as many people as possible with HIV early in their infection and link them successfully to care and treatment services. Those who tested negative to be referred to prevention services.

# DIFFERENTIATED HIV SERVICES FOR KEY POPULATIONS (DHSKP)

In 2019, the Ministry of Health (MOH) adopted a new model which is Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP). The projects funded by various funders have been transitioned and integrated with the DHSKP model.



The DHSKP model has delivered multiple options for clients based on clients' needs at every stage of the HIV service continuum. Unlike the previous model which was segmented by projects such as Treatment Adherence Peer Support Programme (TAPS), HIV Continuum of Care Home, Needle and Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP), and prevention program for Sex Workers, Transgender & Men Who Have Sex With Men. The DHSKP model which combines all the projects has three different modalities as below:

## Non-Governmental Organisation/ Community-Based Organisation based DHSKP in collaboration with Klinik Kesihatan (KK)

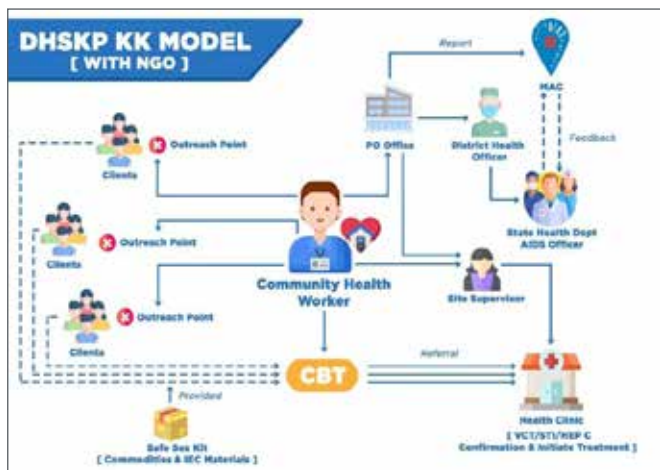
- Distance between NGO/CBO office, clinics, and outreach area is nearby.
- Outreach workers and Case Workers are based in NGO offices.
- Daily activities are supervised by NGO management.



UNDER THE MOH FUNDING  
**45**  
 PROJECTS

UNDER THE GLOBAL FUND FUNDING  
**7**  
 PROJECTS

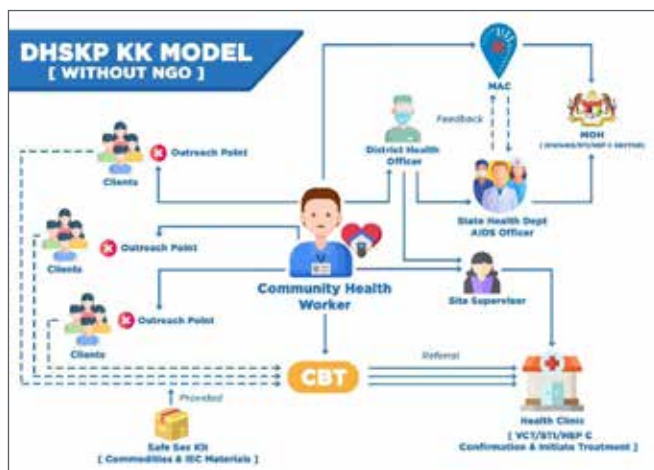
## Clinic-based DHSKP (KK Model) with NGO assistance



- A strong partnership between MOH and CBO
- KK will absorb the administration cost of managing ORWs and CWs.
- The model is implemented in small towns.
- Daily activities of ORWs and CWs are supervised by clinic staff (site supervisor)
- NGO will recruit and train ORWs and CWs.
- NGO will do reporting (Program Manager / Program Coordinator)

## DHSKP KK Model without NGO/CBO involvement

- No NGOs in the state
- Technical supervision is conducted directly by the State Health Dept –States AIDS Officer and MAC
- Recruitment, Training & Support: State AIDS Officer & MAC
- Temporary model (longer time sustainability and local NGO ownership)
- It is envisioned that by the end of GF funding in 2022, there will be two models funded by MOH:
  - NGO/CBO-based DHSKP in capital cities
  - KK model with NGO/CBO involvement in smaller districts



### KEY PLAYERS

#### OUTREACH WORKER

Reaching out to KP's at risk of HIV to:

- Raise Awareness
- Enabling access to community-friendly HIV counselling & Testing & CBT
- Promote and facilitate access to Harm Reduction program as well as STI, Hep C testing, and treatment
- Provide Information on prevention services.

#### CASE WORKERS

The bridge between individual clients and clinical staff providing Case Management:

- Assist PLHIV – access to treatment
- Linking PLHIV to local service providers for counselling and other forms of psycho-social support
- Refer PLHIV to other relevant services

- Empowering PLHIV to be independent and take charge of their health.

#### PEER SUPPORT

Social Support System:

- PLHIV provided support to newly diagnosed person
- Trained Peer volunteers providing support offline and online settings

#### SITE SUPERVISOR

Medical Assistants in the clinic who provide direct supervision on ORWs and CWs.

#### DOCTOR

Provide HAART treatment and supervise patients' health.

# KEY FIGURES FOR 2021

## PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OF 52 DHSKP PROJECTS

### ▶ PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS (PWID)



**8,922**  
**UNIQUE CLIENTS**

KK MODEL-BASED: 2,559  
NGO MODEL: 6,363



**3,993**  
**TOTAL HIV SCREENING**

COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING: 3,417  
VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING TESTING: 576  
TESTED REACTIVE: 44  
ON ARV TREATMENT: 11



**METHADONE THERAPY IN HEALTH CLINICS**

OPIATE CLIENTS: 5,146  
MMT REFERRAL: 507  
ENROLLED IN MMT: 483  
MMT RETENTION CLIENTS: 334  
(INCLUDING CLIENTS ENROLLED IN MMT JUL - DEC 2020)

### ▶ SEX WORKERS (SW)



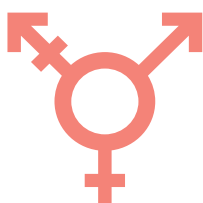
**2,444**  
**UNIQUE CLIENTS**



**1,753**  
**TOTAL HIV SCREENING**

COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING: 1,365  
VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING TESTING: 388  
TESTED REACTIVE: 9  
ON ARV TREATMENT: 6

### ▶ TRANSGENDER (TG)



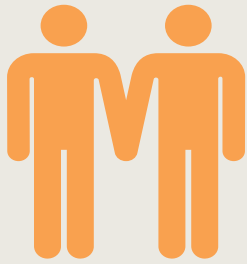
**4,196**  
**UNIQUE CLIENTS**



**3,156**  
**TOTAL HIV SCREENING**

COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING: 2,351  
VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING TESTING: 805  
TESTED REACTIVE: 88  
ON ARV TREATMENT: 48

▶ MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)



**11,640**  
**UNIQUE CLIENTS**




**7,928**  
**TOTAL HIV SCREENING**

COMMUNITY BASED-TESTING: 6,079  
VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING TESTING: 1,849  
TESTED REACTIVE: 608  
ON ARV TREATMENT: 438

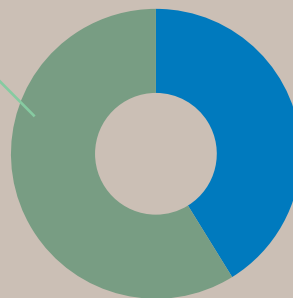
PROCUREMENT DISTRIBUTION

▶ NEEDLES DISTRIBUTION



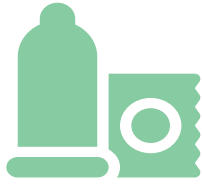
**781,073**  
**NEEDLES**  
**DISTRIBUTE**  
TO THE CLIENTS

**560,043**  
NEEDLES  
DISTRIBUTED TO  
THE CLIENTS FROM  
KK MODEL BASED

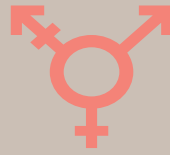


**221,030**  
NEEDLES  
DISTRIBUTED TO  
THE CLIENTS FROM  
NGO BASED

▶ CONDOMS DISTRIBUTION



**484,821  
CONDOMS**



TRANSGENDER (TG):  
**220,073**



MEN WHO HAVE SEX  
WITH MEN (MSM):



FEMALE SEX WORKERS  
(FSW):



PEOPLE WHO INJECT  
DRUGS (PWID):

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS



**1/**

**ENGAGING AND  
COLLABORATING WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS IN HIV-  
RELATED PROGRAMMES**

**2/**

**WORKING CLOSELY  
WITH STAKEHOLDERS  
ON:**

**3/**

**ENGAGING WITH  
MULTILATERAL  
AGENCIES ON HIV-  
RELATED PROGRAMS**

Community-Based  
Testing

World AIDS Day  
Celebration

Klinik Kesihatan Model –  
MMT, HIV & STI Screening  
& Treatment in Health  
Clinic Settings



# Strategy 4

## Mobilising Resources

# MOBILISING RESOURCES

The Ministry of Health Malaysia, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GFATM), and the Coalition Plus are the major donors that are currently funding the implementation of HIV and AIDS programmes in Malaysia through MAC's funding mechanism.



KEMENTERIAN KESIHATAN MALAYSIA



**The Global Fund**  
To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



# BEST PRACTICES

## COMMUNITY BASED TESTING (CBT)

Community-Based Testing (CBT) was introduced in partnership with the Ministry of Health Malaysia to complement the existing healthcare provider-initiated HIV testing and counselling by providing HIV testing and counselling to KPs outside of healthcare settings.

HIV testing and counselling are critical gateways to prevention, care, and treatment. By adopting a community-based approach, social, structural, and logistical barriers that impede access to and uptake of HIV testing and counselling are effectively eliminated.

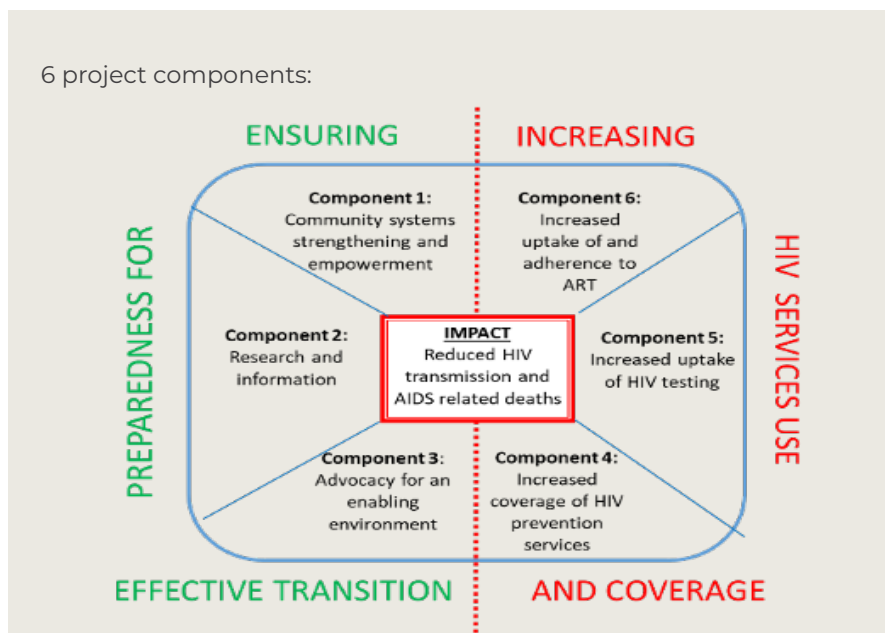
Outreach/case workers from Partner Organisations were trained on the ethics of HIV testing and counselling as well as on how to encourage referrals to HIV-related prevention, treatment, care, and support services. With CBT, HIV testing is now more accessible especially to those who do not access mainstream health services. CBT was implemented at the sites in August 2017, and in 2021, the number of CBTs conducted was over 13,000. The outreach workers who are accredited as CBT testers are 131 from 2018-2021.

## KK MODEL – EXPANDING PROJECTS UNDER KK BASED

Klinik Kesihatan Model was initiated in 2015. The first Klinik Kesihatan was Klinik Kesihatan Kuala Sg. Baru located in Melaka. In 2021, this model has expanded to 23 Klinik Kesihatan and 1 hospital that aims for a sustainable and cost-effective model, designed to increase Key Population access to health services through the development of partnership agreements between the Government and Non-Governmental Organisation.

## THE DIFFERENTIATED SERVICE DELIVERY FOR KEY POPULATION (DHSPK) – TRANSITION MOST OF THE PROJECTS TO DHSPK MODEL

Differentiated service delivery provides multiple options for clients based on the client's needs at every stage of the HIV service continuum. Unlike the previous model which was divided into multiple projects such as the Treatment Adherence Peer Support Programme (TAPS), HIV Continuum of Care Home, Prevention of HIV Through Injecting Drug Use with Needle and Syringe Exchange Programme (NSEP), and Prevention of HIV Through Sexual Transmission amongst Sex Workers, Transgender & Men Who Have Sex with Men. In the year 2021, most of the projects were transitioned into the DHSPK model for more cost-effectiveness.



# DIGITAL MARKETING AND MEDIA RELATIONS



Malaysian AIDS Council has its digital marketing and media relations wing with the branding - @UEQUALS2U. This is the name used on all of our social media platforms where the team's focus is mainly on conducting digital campaigns and online interventions. Campaigns such as PrEP Pilot Project as Prevention, National HIV Self-Testing Program, Online Intervention for Polydrug Users, TEMAN Project, Stigma and Discrimination Workshops, and Media Sensitization Workshops are actively promoted on our social media platforms for the benefit of our Partner Organizations as well as community members online.

The contents done in 2021 includes Daily Trivia on social media on HIV, AIDS & Sexual health in general. The team has gained a good amount

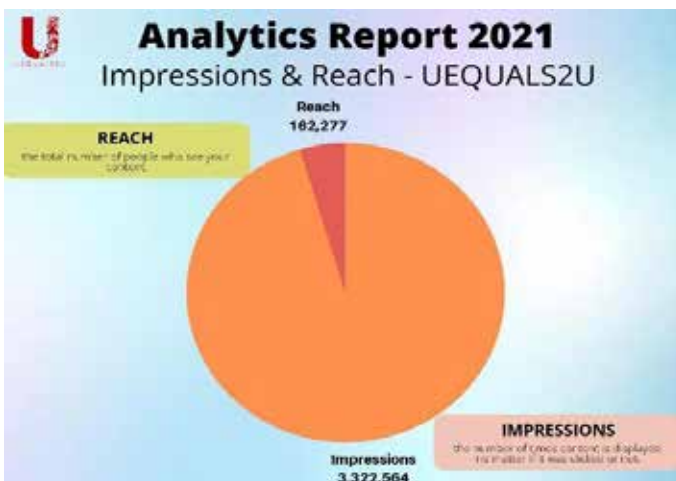
of recognition online, especially on Twitter where this type of content (infographics) is easily shared in the form of Retweets and Likes. This has been a key contributor to @uequals2u's high engagement and impressions on Twitter alone.

During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Movement Control Order was still in place, the team fully utilised the online mechanism of conducting advocacy works through Facebook LIVE sessions with all of MAC's Partner Organizations. This was done with the hope to highlight the numerous non-governmental organisations (42 NGOs) working hand-in-hand with MAC in combating the negative effects of HIV and AIDS on Key Populations and the general public.

The team has also done some collaborative efforts with external stakeholders such as P'sang, which is a condom company. The mechanism of engaging our audience was done through a giveaway of ang pow and condoms in conjunction with Chinese New Year as mutually agreed between the team and P'sang.

Apart from active engagement on social media, the team has also come up with a series of online talk shows called Uequals2U TV, discussing various topics within the context of HIV, AIDS, Stigma and Discrimination, and public health issues in the local setting. Many representatives from the community members and partner organisations were made available to be involved in the process as guest speakers.

The team has also done several online sessions talking about U=U and PrEP among both the general young people and the young key population. This was done in line with the focus to highlight the prevention among the Young Key Population (YKP) due to the increasing trend of HIV prevalence among the said community.



## COALITION PLUS GRANT

Coalition PLUS is an international network of community NGOs fighting against AIDS and viral hepatitis founded in 2008. Coalition PLUS works in 52 countries with more than a hundred civil society organisations.

Through the principle of shared governance, the coalition involves 16 member organisations, from the North and the South, in strategic decision-making. MAC joined the Coalition PLUS network in 2019 as an observer and will become its official member in April 2020.

MAC has been selected as a board member during the extraordinary board meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. MAC is the only member from the Asia region in the Coalition PLUS network.

Below are some of the activities conducted in 2021 from the UNITAID grant through Coalition PLUS:

### HCV Treatment Review Workshop

The HCV treatment review workshop at the state level was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in Ipoh, Perak. The workshop was a collaboration with Datuk Dr. Muhammad Radzi bin Abu Hassan (Head of Internal Medicine Department, Ministry of Health Malaysia), MAC, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), and the State Health Department. The objective of this workshop is to discuss and address the Hepatitis C screenings and treatment gaps among the targeted population in Perak state. A total of 45 participants from the MOH, the Prison Department, the State Health Department, DNDi, and NGOs attended the workshop.

### Ministry of Health & National Anti-Drugs Agency (NADA) Joint Webinar on Hepatitis C Screening and Treatment Programme Roll-out at NADA Detention Centres

The Hepatitis C screening and treatment webinar was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 through zoom conferencing. The workshop was a collaboration between MAC, MOH, and NADA. The objective of this webinar is to support the discussion between MOH & NADA on the collaboration of Hepatitis C diagnosis & treatment roll-out for PWID clients at NADA's detention centres. A total of 51 participants attended this virtual meeting from various agencies such as MOH departments, NADA headquarters, state departments, state health departments, MAC, DNDi, and NGOs.

### Workshop on the Revision of Guideline for Comprehensive Prisoner Health Care Program for HIV and Hepatitis C In Prison

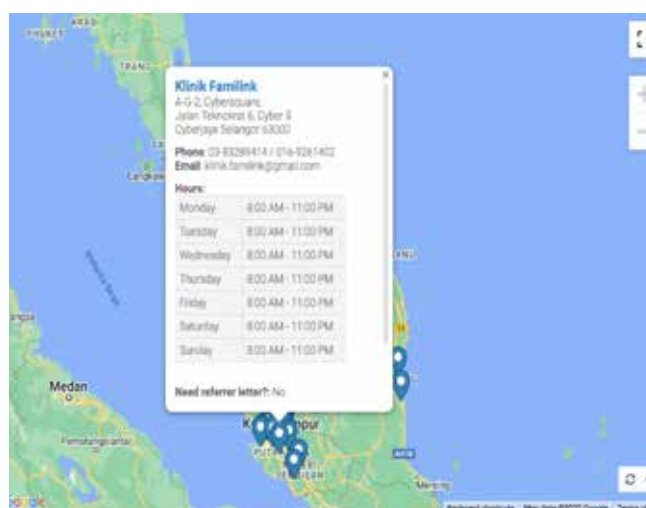
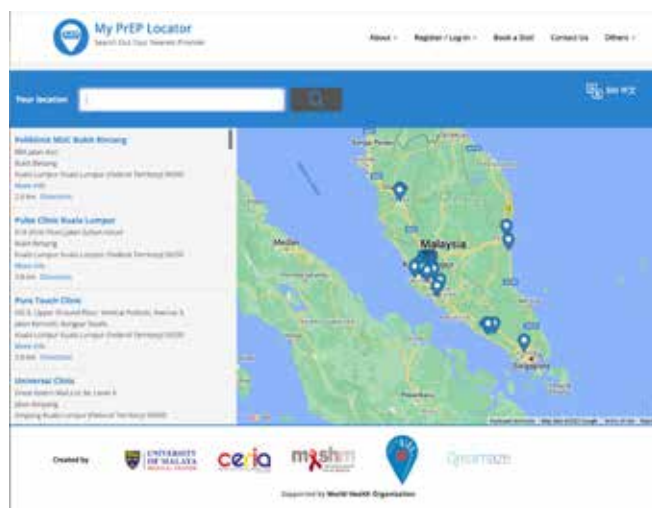
The workshop on the revision of guidelines for comprehensive prisoner health care programs for HIV and Hepatitis C in prison was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 through zoom conferencing. A total of 44 participants from various agencies such as MOH, the Prison Department, the State Health Department, Family Medicine Specialists, MAC, DNDi, and NGOs attended the workshop. A pilot project with the revised guideline will be initiated at Kajang

## THE SUSTAINABILITY OF HIV SERVICES FOR KEY POPULATIONS IN ASIA (SKPA)

The Sustainability of HIV Services for Key Populations in Asia (SKPA) Program is an eight-country initiative to scale up and promote HIV prevention services for communities most affected by HIV, to stop HIV transmission and AIDS-related deaths by 2030.

The program aims to promote sustainable services for key populations at scale by addressing gaps and barriers in the national strategies for achieving gaps and barriers in national strategies for achieving 95/95/95 targets among key populations. Key Activities conducted in 2021 under the SKPA Program are:

## PREP SCALE-UP ACTIVITIES



### PrEP Annual Consultations with stakeholders.

- to share PrEP initiatives by the various stakeholders from 2016 – 2020.
- to showcase success stories and the outcome of the PrEP Demonstration Project among the MSM population.
- to highlight the ongoing service delivery models of PrEP & PEP in Malaysia.
- to brief on updated WHO guidelines for PrEP.
- to discuss implementation gaps in PrEP implementation, and
- to propose ways to move forward, including the reduction of drug prices.

### Enhancement of the MyPrEP Locator website

- Increase function of the website – linkage to other services
- Include Private Pharmacies in the directory

### PrEP Demand Generation

- Community sensitisation and online campaign for Young Key Population.

## HIV SELF-TESTING PILOT PROJECT

- Integrated HIV self-testing (HIVST) service delivery in Malaysia for policy and service development via the JOM TEST Program
- Implementation of the study until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, collaborating with MAC, CeRIA, University of Yale, and The Love Foundation.
- Dry-Run from Sept 2020-Oct 2020, JOM TEST website went LIVE on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and collected study data until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.
- HIVST kits implemented in the study are OraQuick® HIV Self-Test (oral fluid) and INSTI® HIV Self-Test (finger prick).

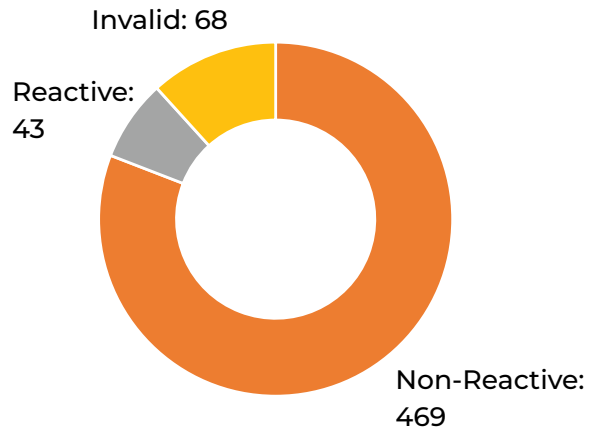
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**TOTAL  
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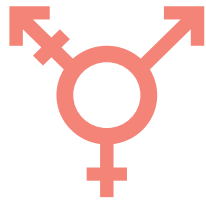
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Reactive: 45  
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MEN WHO HAVE  
SEX WITH MEN  
(MSM):  
**580**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS



SEX WORKER (SW)  
**2**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS



TRANSGENDER  
WOMAN (TGW)  
**8**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS



PEOPLE WHO USE  
DRUGS (PWUD):  
**5**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS



PEOPLE WHO  
INJECT DRUGS  
(PWID):  
**1**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS



ENGAGE WITH SEX  
WORKER (SW)  
**14**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS



GENERAL  
POPULATION  
**105**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS

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Reactive: 45  
Invalid: 83

## Result by Type of Test Kit

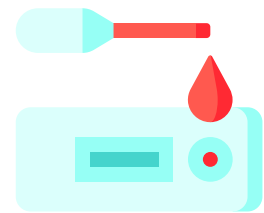
**TOTAL  
715  
CLIENTS**

Non-Reactive: 587  
Reactive: 45  
Invalid: 83  
Sent But Not Tested: 1246



ORAQUICK HIV SELF-TEST  
(ORAL-BASED):  
**549**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS

Non-Reactive: 469  
Reactive: 36  
Invalid: 44  
Sent But Not Tested: 1046



INSTI HIV SELF-TEST  
(BLOOD-BASED)  
**166**  
UNIQUE CLIENTS

Non-Reactive: 118  
Reactive: 9  
Invalid: 39  
Sent But Not Tested: 200

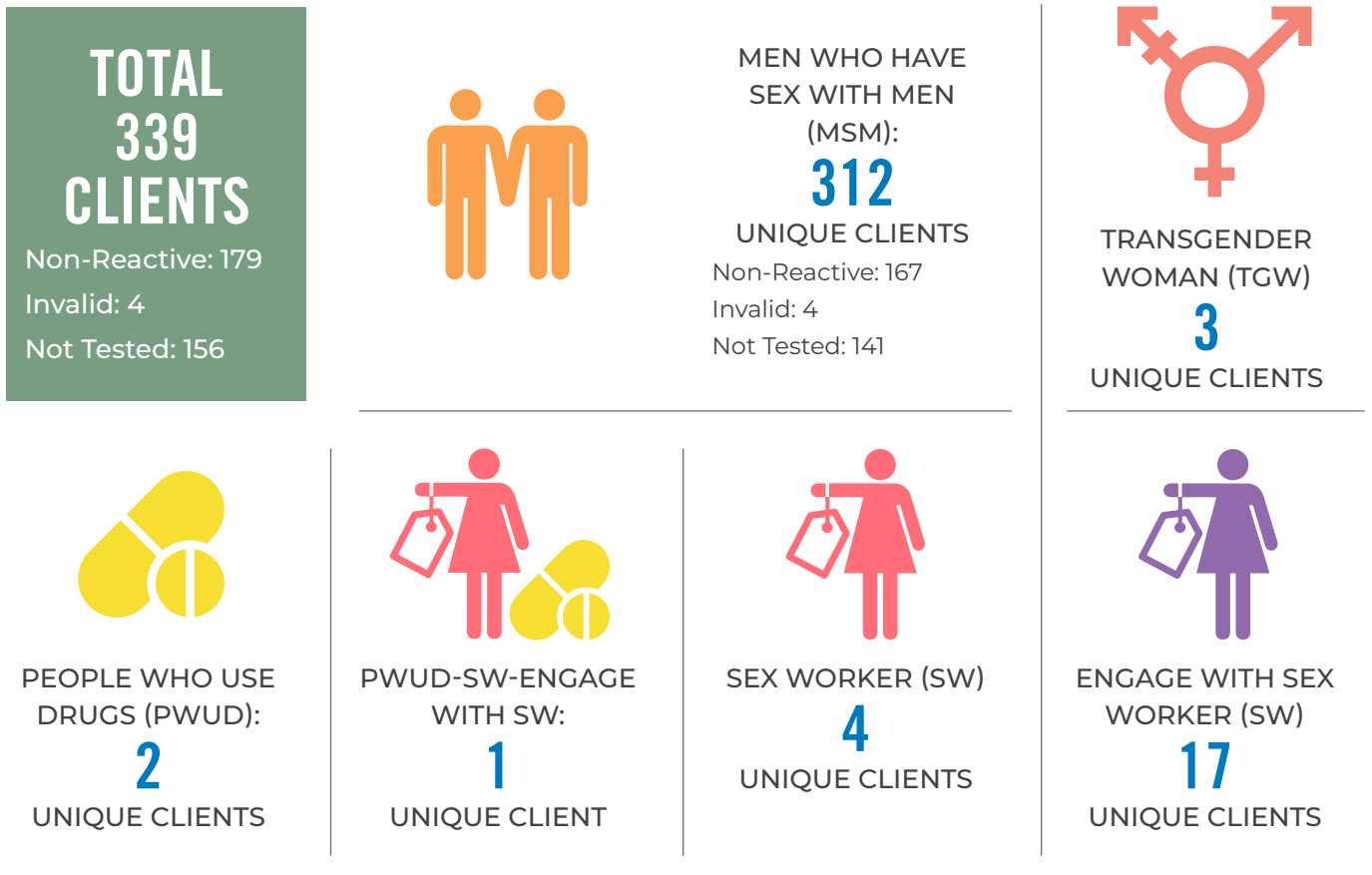
# HCV SELF-TESTING IN MALAYSIA

The study aims to assess the impact of home-based HCV self-testing via the existing JomTest platform (developed for HIVST earlier). The study is assessing the uptake rate for oral-based, blood-based, and conventional HCV screening at local health clinics (Control) among the key populations residing in Malaysia (randomised ratio 1:1:1).

1. 6 months project (Jul 2021 – Dec 2021), MAC as the study implementer.
  - Extending the duration to Feb 2022.

2. Protocol planned to recruit 750 participants from key populations [MSM, SW, TG, People who engaged SW, PWID, and People who used drugs (PWUD)] to enrol online for access to HCV screening services/devices.
3. The home-based test kits used in the study are OraQuick® HCV rapid antibody test (Oral-based) and First-response® HCV Card Test (Blood-based). Control groups are conventional testing in health care clinics.

## Result by Key Populations



## Results by Randomised Control Group





# MAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2021

The Sustainability of HIV Services for Key Populations in Asia (SKPA) Program is an eight-country initiative to scale up and promote HIV prevention services for communities most affected by HIV, with an aim to stop HIV transmission and AIDS-related deaths by 2030.

The sharp decrease in the actual income was attributed to Global Fund – Differentiate HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP) received in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 in the year 2020 and reduced from RM8,030,161 in YR 2020 to RM 2,731,830 in year 2021.

Notwithstanding other grants reduction and closures, Operational Grant MAF was reduced from RM 690K in the year 2020 to RM 500K in YR 2021, the SKPA grant was reduced from 1 Mil in YR 2020 to 700K in YR 2021, the HCV grant reduced from RM 585K in YR 2020 to RM282K in YR 2021 and CCM grant reduced from RM 117K in YR 2020 to RM 71K, SHIFT project was closed but replaced with SKPA Grant.

The new grants received are from Coalition for EPIC & Secretariat Sustainability, FIND for Hep C Self Testing Study & UNDP for – Asia Pacific HIV & Health.

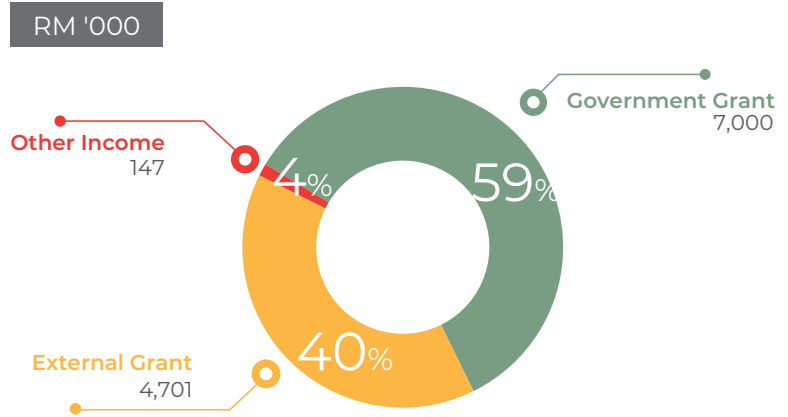
The actual expenditure for the year 2021 stands at RM14,582,279 compared to 2021 of RM16,275,207 decreased by RM 1,692,928 (10%).

The reduction in the actual expenditure is primarily due to the HCV Grant & Global Fund – Differentiate HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP).

The actual income compared to the actual expenditure budget, recorded a net deficit of RM 2,735,157 compared to the 2020 surplus of RM 2,060,350. The deficit is mainly attributed to the reduction of the grant received due to project closure and YR 2021 Q1 GF grant received in the prior year.

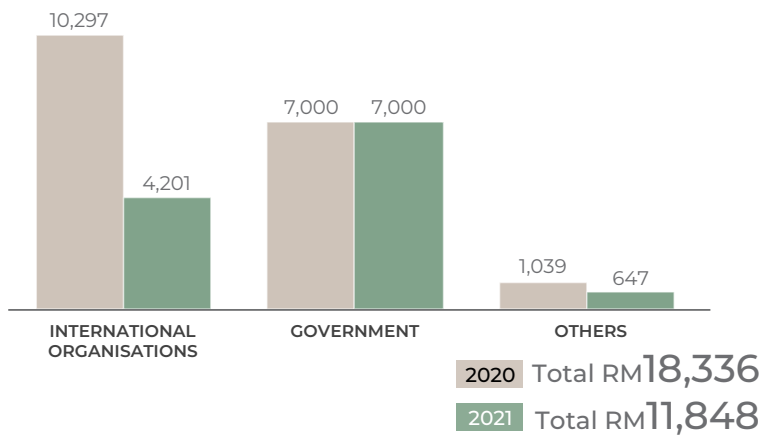
In the Auditor's opinion, the audited financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as of 31 December 2021.

## REVENUE



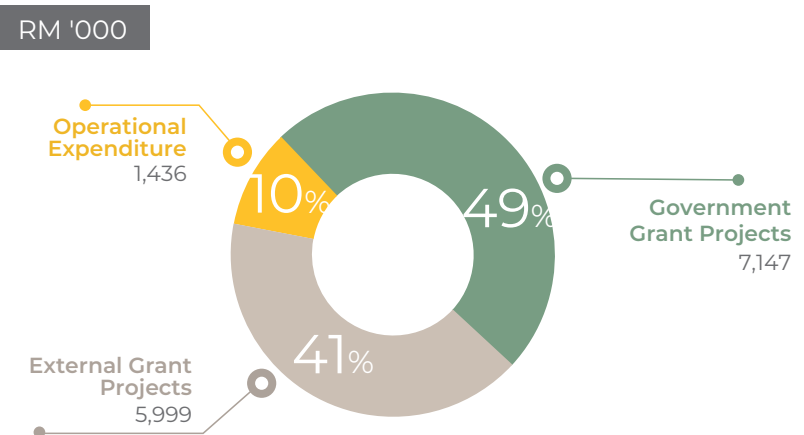
Total RM11,848

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## SOURCE OF REVENUE BY SECTOR

## THE OVERALL EXPENDITURE



Total RM14,582

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PRISON DEPARTMENT OF MALAYSIA

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SUHAKAM)

NATIONAL ANTI-DRUGS AGENCY (ADK)

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THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR RESEARCH IN AIDS (CERIA),  
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THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF HIV MEDICINE (MASHM)

THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND  
MALARIA (GFATM)

THE COALITION PLUS

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF AIDS ORGANISATIONS (AFAO) –  
SKPA GRANT

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) – WESTERN PACIFIC  
REGION

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP),  
MALAYSIA

STATE & DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE HEALTH CLINICS

MALAYSIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (MRCS)

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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Buddhist Missionary Society Malaysia (BMSM)	Kuala Lumpur
Catholic Welfare Services (CWS)	Kuala Lumpur
Community AIDS Service Penang (CASP)	Penang
Drugs Intervention Community Malaysia @ KOMITED Malaysia	Pahang
Federation of Reproductive Health Association Malaysia (FRHAM)	Selangor
Harapan Komuniti Bhd	Selangor
Kelab Sahabat META (KSM)	Negeri Sembilan
Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services Society (KLASS)	Kuala Lumpur
Majlis Belia Malaysia (MBM)	Kuala Lumpur
Majlis Kebajikan Kanak-Kanak Malaysia (MKKM)	Kuala Lumpur
Majlis Peguam /Bar Council Malaysia (Bar Council)	Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Christian Association for Relief (Malaysian Care)	Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Consultative Committee of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST)	Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Indian Youth Council (MIYC)	Selangor
Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)	Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS)	Kuala Lumpur
National Council of Women's Organisations Malaysia (NCWO)	Selangor
Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM)	Kuala Lumpur
Penang Family Health Development Association (PFHDA)	Penang
Persatuan Cahaya Harapan Negeri Kedah/Perlis	Kedah
Persatuan Insaf Murni	Selangor
Persatuan Kebajikan Karisma Malaysia (KARISMA)	Pahang
Persatuan Pembantu Perubatan Malaysia (PPPM)	Putrajaya
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Persatuan Perubatan Islam Malaysia (PPIM)	Kuala Lumpur
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Pertubuhan Pembangunan Kebajikan Dan Persekutaran Positif Malaysia (SEED)	Kuala Lumpur
Positive Living Community (PLC)	Selangor
PT Foundation (PT)	Kuala Lumpur
Sabah AIDS Awareness Group Association (SAGA)	Sabah
Sabah AIDS Support Services Association (KASIH)	Sabah
Sarawak AIDS Concern Society (SACS)	Sarawak
Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Family Reproductive Health Association (SWP FREHA)	Kuala Lumpur
St. John Ambulance Malaysia (SJAM)	Kuala Lumpur
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The Estates Hospital Assistants Association Malaysia (EHAAM)	Johor
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