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Foreword Message from the **President**



Assoc Prof Dr Raja Iskandar Shah bin Raja Azwa President, Malaysian AIDS Council

been a year of profound 2023 has transformation and strategic evolution for the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC). It was a year defined by resilience, innovation, and the strengthening of partnerships, as we navigated monumental shifts and embraced new opportunities to advance our mission. At the heart of this progress was the strengthening of our collaboration with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), partnership that has redefined governance, resource mobilisation, and programmatic strategies, setting a new standard for our collective efforts.

The realignment of MAC and MAF marked a pivotal moment in our journey. By uniting our efforts, we have transformed into a more cohesive, efficient, and forward-thinking organisation. This strategic partnership has enabled us to leverage our collective strengths, streamline our operations, and enhance our governance standards. More importantly, it has fortified our resolve and positioned us for long-term sustainability, agile ensuring that we remain responsive to the evolving challenges of the HIV epidemic. Together, we have laid a stronger foundation for the future, one that will enable us to continue driving meaningful change and achieving our mission.

Throughout the shared year, our commitment to innovation was evident in the strategic initiatives we undertook. In partnership with MAF, we focused on expanding our resource mobilisation efforts, particularly from the private sector, while cultivating a broader and more diverse donor These efforts network. have instrumental in sustaining our programmes and ensuring their scalability.

Simultaneously, we continued to strengthen our collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and our global partner, the Global Fund, as we worked tirelessly towards achieving the ambitious 95-95-95 global target and the ultimate goal of ending AIDS by 2030.

One of the standout initiatives of 2023 was the Differentiated HIV Services for Kev Population (DHSKP), which exemplified our adaptability in addressing the shifting dynamics of the AIDS epidemic. This programme underscored commitment to tailoring our services to unique the needs of populations, ensuring that no one is left behind. Another significant milestone was the full-scale rollout of the Testnow HIV Self-Testing (HIVST) initiative, which has been a game-changer in reaching individuals who previously lacked access to traditional testing methods. empowering individuals to take control of their health, we have expanded the reach of our testing services and brought us closer to our goal of universal access to HIV testing.

Equally transformative was the expansion of the national Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) programme across government primary care facilities. With over 95% of HIV cases linked to sexual transmission, PrEP has emerged as a critical intervention in our prevention efforts. The strong community uptake of this programme highlights its importance and underscores the need for continued scaling up to ensure its accessibility to all who need it.

In 2023, we were privileged to host Coalition Plus in Malaysia for International Testing Week (ITW), a global initiative that brought together experts, advocates, and communities to highlight the critical role of testing as the gateway to treatment and prevention.

This event reinforced our commitment to expanding access to testing services and ensuring that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has the opportunity to know their status and access life-saving treatment and prevention.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our Executive Committee, the tireless efforts of the MAC Secretariat, and the resilience of our community health workers. Your commitment has been the quiding force behind our progress, and your passion has inspired us to push boundaries and strive for excellence. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Health for their steadfast leadership and to the Global Fund for their invaluable support. To Coalition Plus, our donors, and supporters—your contributions have been transformative, enabling us to achieve what once seemed impossible.

Finally, to our 42 partner organisations: your tenacity, solidarity, and unwavering commitment have been the backbone of our efforts. Through every challenge, you have stood with us, demonstrating the power of collective action and the strength of unity. Together, we have made significant progress towards ending AIDS

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and determination. The road ahead may be challenging, but we are confident in our ability to overcome obstacles and achieve our goals. With the support of our partners, the dedication of our team, and the resilience of the communities we serve, we will continue to push forward, innovate, and advocate for a world free from AIDS.

Foreword Message from the **Executive Director**



Jasmin Jalil
Executive Director
Malaysian AIDS Council &
Malaysian AIDS Foundation

The integration of the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) and the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) has marked a pivotal transformation in our collective efforts to combat HIV in Malaysia. This strategic alignment was not merely an operational decision—it was a necessity. By fostering closer collaboration, we have strengthened our capacity to deliver life-saving services to communities affected by HIV, maintaining operational efficiency, responsiveness, and resilience.

This consolidation has allowed us to enhance collaboration with our principal donors—the Ministry of Health (MOH) and The Global Fund—reinforcing the trust and confidence they have in our collective efforts. At the same time, we have also expanded our engagement with the corporate sector, recognizing the critical role that publicprivate partnerships play in sustaining our HIV response. This synergy has led to a more streamlined yet resilient operational structure, one where expertise is shared, best practices are exchanged, and challenges are addressed collectively. It is this spirit of unity and adaptability that has enabled us to navigate an increasingly complex landscape while ensuring that the communities we serve remain at the heart of our mission.

One of the most important outcomes of this integration has been our ability to expand service delivery. With joint funding from MOH and The Global Fund, we have continued rolling out the DHSKP program, which provides crucial HIV prevention and treatment services to key populations across Malaysia. Through an ever-growing network of implementing partners, we have been able to increase the reach and impact of these services, ensuring that no one is left behind in our national HIV response.

While our core approach remains highly relevant in Malaysia's concentrated epidemic, we are also witnessing a critical shift in the nature of the epidemic itself. With sexual transmission accounting for a growing proportion of new HIV infections, it is imperative that we adapt and innovate our prevention strategies. This reality has driven the introduction of game-changing interventions such as HIV Self-Testing and the nationwide rollout of the PrEPGOV project, which has made pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) more accessible to individuals at higher risk of HIV. These initiatives represent a new frontier in our efforts to curb HIV transmission, giving people the tools to take control of their health while reducing barriers to testing, prevention, treatment.

At the same time, MAF has placed a strong emphasis on long-term sustainability, embedding it into every facet of our operations and strategic direction. We are actively working to improve staff retention, attract top talent, and forge new partnerships—particularly within the corporate sector. Additionally, we are increasing the digitalization of our programs, repositioning MAC as a regional leader, and stepping up our fundraising efforts while exploring new avenues for sustainable income generation.

Our commitment to sustainability also extends to our Partner Organizations, most notably through the reimagining of our Shelter Home Programme. With a renewed focus on community sustainability, we are empowering shelter residents to achieve self-sufficiency and independence, while remaining compassionate and responsive to their needs.

As we embrace these changes, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the dedicated individuals who have made this progress possible. To our colleagues in MAC and MAF, our EXCO Members. MAF Trustees, and. importantly, our Partner Organisations the backbone of the Malaysian AIDS Council—I extend my deepest appreciation. Your resilience, commitment, and collective determination have been instrumental in ensuring that the integration and operational transitions were executed seamlessly, with minimal disruption to the communities we serve. Your efforts have strengthened our organization, equipping to face future challenges with confidence and clarity of purpose.

As we look ahead, it is crucial that we maintain the momentum we have built and remain steadfast in our shared mission. The fight against HIV is far from over, and the challenges we face will continue to evolve. However, we must never lose sight of the fundamental reason we do this work: to create a Malaysia where no one is left behind in the fight against HIV. Together, we have the power to shape a future where stigma and discrimination no longer hinder access to healthcare, where prevention and treatment are accessible to all, and where every individual has the opportunity to live a healthy, fulfilling life, free from the burden of HIV.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment, passion, and tireless efforts. Let us continue to push forward, united in purpose and vision.

About the Malaysian AIDS Council

Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) was established in 1992 as an umbrella organisation to support and coordinate the efforts of NGO and other organisations working on HIV/AIDS issues in Malaysia.

MAC works in partnership with government agencies, the private sector and international organisations to ensure a committed and effective response to HIV/AIDS issues in Malaysia.

Besides coordinating and streamlining the programmes of its Partner Organisations, the MAC Secretariat also provides these organisations with the necessary training, funds and other resources to implement effective HIV/AIDS programmes within various communities in Malaysia.

mac.org.my



Aligning HIV/AIDS efforts with **ESG Principles and SDGs**



HIV/AIDS remains a pressing global health challenge, and addressing it effectively requires alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. Combating HIV/AIDS goes beyond healthcare—it is deeply connected to social equity, human rights, and sustainable development.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources and key private stakeholders, we are integrating HIV/AIDS responses into corporate governance, supply chains, and community programs. This approach fosters economic resilience. workforce well-being, improves promotes ethical business practices. By implementing transparent health policies building strong public-private partnerships, we aim to enhance social impact and ESG performance, attracting responsible investors and strengthening corporate reputations.

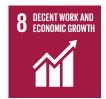


The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognize the fight against HIV/AIDS as a critical component of global progress, emphasizing that health and well-being are fundamental to sustainable development.

Specifically, HIV/AIDS is directly linked to the following SDGs















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(YWAM)

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artner Organisations



Bagaikan aur dengan tebing

TOGETHER, WE STAND **UNITED**

MAC Family

Every staff member, past and present, of the Malaysian AIDS Council who has dedicated their efforts to advancing our mission to end AIDS in 2023.

Abdullah Ariffin Bin Mohamad Akhir | Amarjit Kaur A/P Mahinder Singh | Anushiya Karunanithy | Azahari Bin Said | Azahemy Abdullah | Chella Sri | Davindren A/L Tharmalingam | Goweri A/P Munusamy | Intan Suhana Binti Mahamad Nor | Jasmin Bin Jalil | Kalaichelvi A/P Marimuthu | Kasthuri A/P Shanmugam | Kavindharan A/L Venugopal | Kesavan A/L Joseph Emmanuel | Kesheen Raj A/L Govindasamy | Lee Sook Foong | M.Suntaram A/L Muniandy | Md Yusralhakim Bin Yusoff | Mohamed Yusoff Fasri Bin Abdullah | Mohd Fakrul Razi Bin Pauzi | Muhammad Ashraf Fitri Bin Ismail | Nadrah Binti Yusoff | Nagappan A/L Subramanian | Noor Aliah Binti Saiful | Nor Farah Binti Md Noor | Nur Areffah Binti Mohd Redzuan | Nur Hazimah Binti Jalaluddin | Nur Nazilie Binti Mohd Nazri | Nursalsabila Zuhdi Binti Zolkifli | Nurul Hidayah Binti Zulkipli | Nurul Izzatie Binti Muhammad | Parimala Devi A/P Selvaraj | Parimelazhagan A/L Ellan | Premeetha A/P Madhavan | Puvaneswari A/P Pannayaselvam | Raudhah Najwa Binti Idris | Safiran Ghazalee Bin Sanusi | Salsabilah Binti Mohamad Mukhtar | Sangeran A/L Panjasaram | Sharifah Suhartini Binti Engku Lambak | Siti Amira Binti Mohd Shukeri | Siti Rosyati Binti Mohd Zaini | Sutha A/P Velayutham | Syafina Darlila Binti Ahmad Jaidi | Syahirah Jhan Binti Abdul Halil Khan | Tamayanty A/P Kurusamy | Thana Seelan A/L Lechumanan | Vijaya Purushothaman A/L Krishnan | Yap Kok Fei

Overview of the HIV & AIDS Epidemic in Malaysia (2023)

3,220

New HIV infections in 2023

135,035

Total reported HIV cases (1986 – 2023) 882

HIV/AIDS-related deaths in 2023

63,108

Total HIV/AIDS -related deaths (1986 – 2023)

71,927

Total people living with HIV (1986 – 2023) 9.7

HIV notification rate in 2023 (per 100,000 people) 330

New HIV infections in women & girls in 2023 10,969

Total reported HIV in women & girls (1986 – 2023)

8

New HIV infections in children (<13 years old) in 2023 1,236

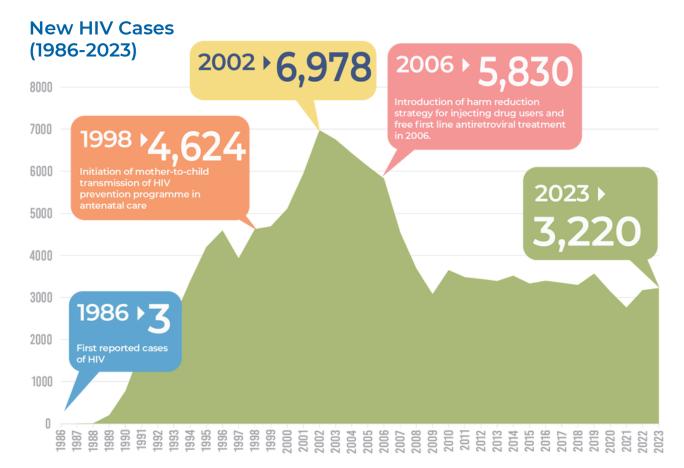
Total reported HIV in children (<13 years old) (1986-2023)

69,117

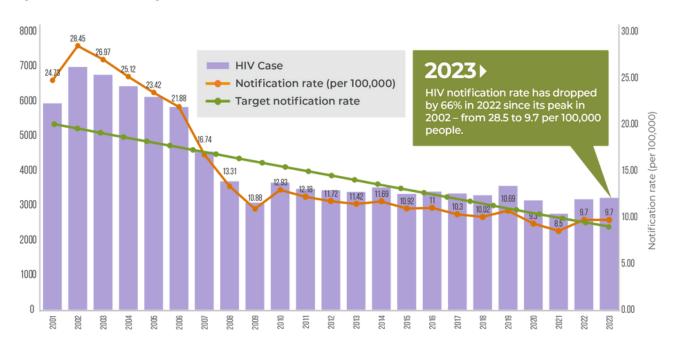
Total reported HIV in people who inject drugs (1986-2023)

54,365

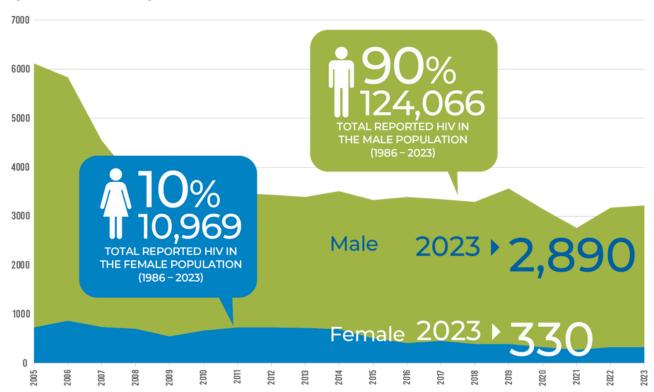
Total reported cases of sexually transmitted HIV (1986-2023)

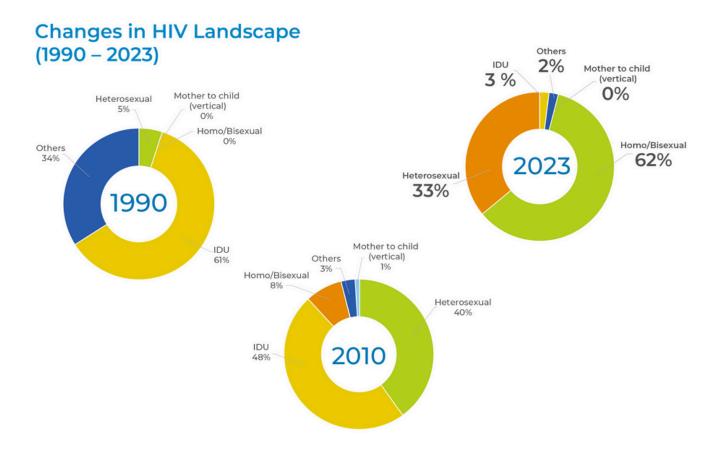


HIV Notification Rate Per Year (2000 - 2023)

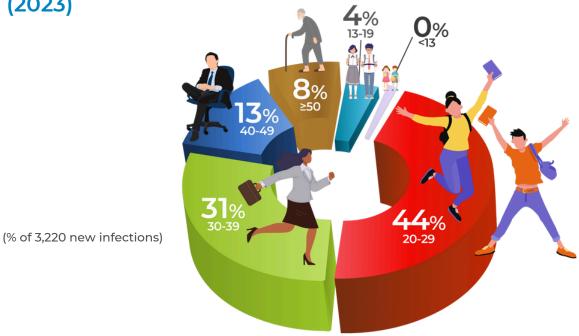


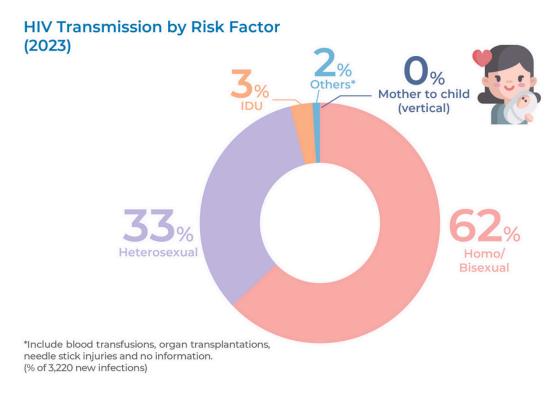
HIV Transmission by Gender (2005 – 2023)



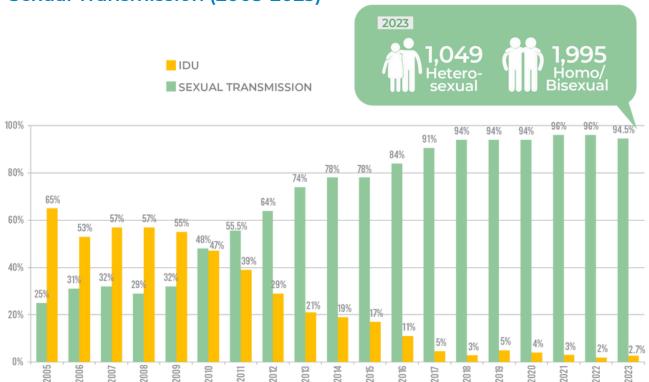






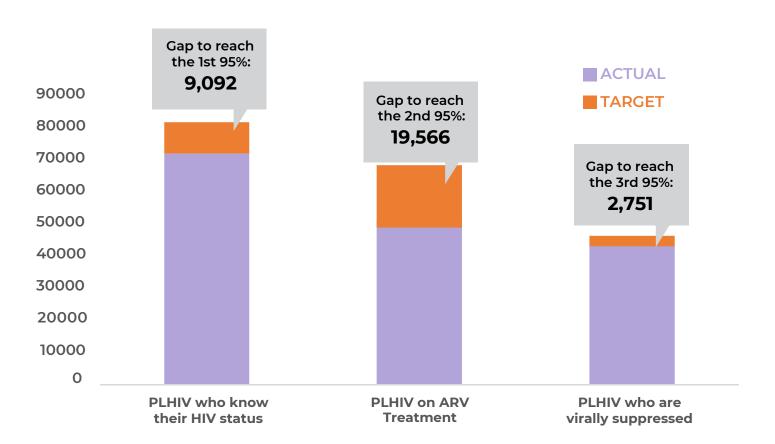


Comparison of New HIV Infections between Injecting Drug Users (IDU) & Sexual Transmission (2005-2023)



Closing the ending AIDS gaps

HIV Test & Treatment Cascade (2023)



To end AIDS in Malaysia, urgent efforts are needed to address the largest gap: linking diagnosed individuals to ARV treatment. This requires a multifaceted approach, including reducing barriers such as stigma and discrimination, expanding access to affordable and decentralized healthcare services, and enhancing community support systems to encourage treatment uptake.

Additionally, scaling up HIV testing, especially among key populations, is vital to identify undiagnosed individuals. Strengthening retention and adherence programs is equally critical to ensure those on treatment achieve and sustain viral suppression.

Differentiated HIV Services for Key Population (DHSKP)

Differentiated HIV Services for Kev **Populations** (DHSKP) programme is designed provide tailored HIV prevention, care, and treatment services to key populations disproportionately affected by HIV. These populations include men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender individuals, sex workers, and people who inject drugs (PWID). The initiative is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Health, MAF, MAC and the Global Fund.

The DHSKP program aims to increase the uptake of HIV testing, improve case finding among key populations, and ensure timely linkage to treatment, care, and support services. It emphasizes community-based service delivery, integrating HIV testing, prevention, and treatment services, and adopting a client-centered approach to address the unique needs of these populations.









The Key Players

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)

- Raising Awareness among Key Populations at risk of HIV.
- Enabling access to community-friendly HIV counseling, testing, and care.
- Promoting and facilitating access to Harm Reduction programs, STI, Hepatitis C testing, and treatment.
- Acting as a Bridge between individual clients and clinical staff by assisting PLHIV in accessing treatment.
- Empowering PLHIV to take control of their health. Offering Social Support by supporting newly diagnosed individuals living with HIV.

SITE SUPERVISOR

Providing direct supervision to CHWs, typically a Medical Assistant in the clinic.

DOCTORS

Providing direct supervision to CHWs, typically a Medical Assistant in the clinic.

DHSKP Transition

In 2023, the Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations (DHSKP) Programme implemented key transitions to enhance its sustainability, efficiency, and service coverage

First, the Malaysian Ministry of Health (MOH) grant transitioned from the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) in May 2023. This shift aimed to boost funding through MAF's resource mobilization efforts, enabling expanded DHSKP service delivery.

Second, Global Fund (GF)-funded DHSKP sites began a three-year phased integration into MOH's financing framework. This ensured program sustainability while broadening service reach and optimizing human resource management through the establishment of a unified core team overseeing both MOH and GF projects.

Third, the data management system migrated from Syrex to MySEJAHTERA, leveraging a government platform at no cost. This improved data security and streamlined data collection, management, and analysis, enhancing program efficiency.

These transitions strengthened the DHSKP Program, expanding service coverage, ensuring efficient resource use, and improving data management, all of which contributed significantly to achieving its objectives.









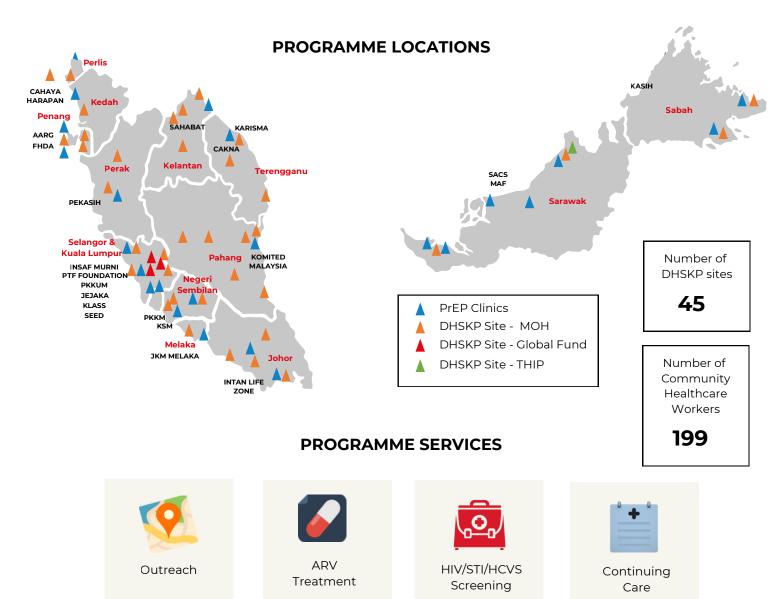
DHSKP at a glance











DHSKP is further strengthened by complementary initiatives like HIVST Test Now, the PrEP Program, the Chemsex Initiative, and Strategic Information Initiatives (IBBS, PSE, AEM, OPTIMA), ensuring a holistic and integrated approach to community health and well-being.

DHSKP Performance

KPI			Ø*	₽
	PWID	WAR	MSM	TG
Unique clients	20,613	3,459	12,282	6,299
Number of contacts	59,680	6,125	19,661	13,940
HIV tested	16,832	3,107	12,457	5,353
HIV reactive	114	6	449	48
STI tested	3,135	3,052	11,563	5,347
STI reactive	8	14	444	89
Hep C tested	15,790	1,200	6,161	2,470
Hep C reactice	1,973	1	31	7
Condom distributed	6,659	10,2949	260,157	241,435
Lubricant distributed	1,714	50,982	167,934	173, 752
Needle distributed	405,481			
Syringe distributed	403,719			
Syringe return rate	81 %			

PWID - People Who Inject Drugs

MSM - Men who have sex with men

WAR - Women at Risk

TG - Transgender

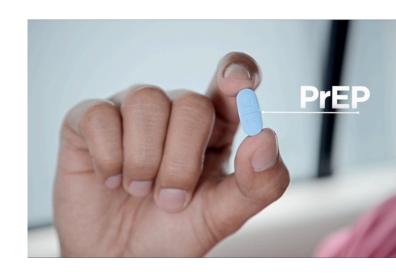
PrEPGOV

PrEP Demonstration Project

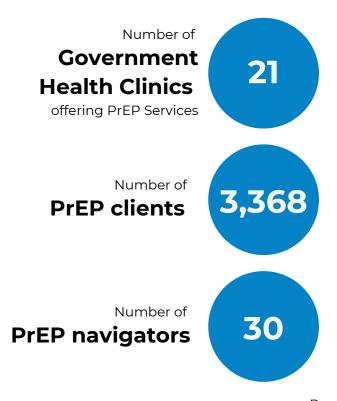
The objective of the PrEP Demonstration Project – otherwise known as PrEP Gov - under Malaysia's HIV/STI Prevention and Care Program (DHSKP) is to provide pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to key populations at high risk of HIV infection. PrEP is a medication taken by individuals to reduce their risk of contracting HIV before exposure to the virus.

The PrEP Demonstration Project aims to assess the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of delivering PrEP to key populations through selected government clinics across the country.

This project seeks to identify barriers and facilitators to PrEP uptake, adherence, and retention among key populations. Additionally, it aims to generate evidence to inform the scaling-up of PrEP within the DHSKP program.



*Data as at 31 December 2023



TestNow

HIV Self Testing





2023 saw the returns of MAC's HIV Self Testing Initiative – reintroduced as TestNow

The TestNow initiative is a collaborative effort between Malaysia's Ministry of Health, the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), and the Global Fund. It aims to increase accessibility to HIV self-test kits, allowing individuals to discreetly assess their HIV status. These kits can be purchased at selected pharmacies or ordered through the TestNow website at testnow.com.my.

This initiative is part of Malaysia's broader strategy to end AIDS by 2030, focusing on early detection and treatment to reduce transmission rates.

By providing convenient access to selftest kits, TestNow empowers individuals, particularly those hesitant to visit healthcare facilities due to stigma or privacy concerns, to take control of their health.

The initiative also offers resources and support for individuals who test positive, ensuring they receive appropriate care and counseling.



Scan here to visit TestNow website

Shelter Home Programme

Since the onset of the AIDS epidemic over three decades ago, HIV-related stigma has significantly diminished the social value and standing of people living with HIV (PLHIV) due to their HIV-positive status. This pervasive social issue has had detrimental effects on the health outcomes and overall quality of life for PLHIV.

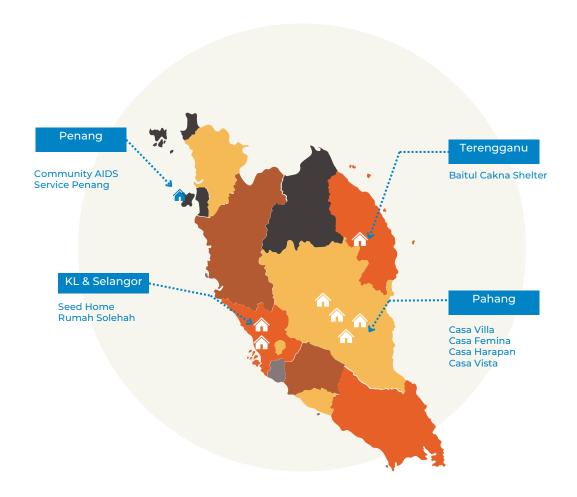
Our shelter homes program underscores the ongoing challenge of addressing and eliminating AIDS-related stigma.

These shelters exist as a necessity, providing refuge for vulnerable community members who have exhausted all other options for survival in the face of rejection and discrimination by family, friends, and colleagues.

CRISIS MITIGATION EFFORT

In response to the ongoing funding crisis affecting the Shelter Home Programme, MAC has launched a new fundraising campaign in collaboration with our partner organization, KOMITED Malaysia. This initiative aims to establish a partnership platform that unites donors from both the private and public sectors. The goal is to ensure the operational continuity and long-term sustainability of the eight shelter homes previously supported by MAC.

The campaign, which commenced in Q4 2023, will extend through 2024.



Coalition Plus

Coalition PLUS is a global network comprising 16 community-based organizations and associations operating across 52 countries, dedicated combating HIV/AIDS and advocating for the rights of individuals living with HIV. Established in 2008 and headquartered in France, the organization collaborates with over 100 partners, including NGOs, governments, and international institutions, to address the HIV epidemic on a worldwide scale.

The core mission of Coalition PLUS centers on community screening, capacity building, sexual health initiatives, advocacy, awareness campaigns, and providing support to those affected by HIV/AIDS, with a strong emphasis on upholding the rights of people living with HIV. The organization is committed to advancing access to HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support services, while also championing policies and programs aimed at reducing the spread of the virus and enhancing the quality of life for impacted communities.

Since 2020, MAC has been a proud and active member of Coalition PLUS, contributing to its vital efforts in the global fight against HIV/AIDS.



COALITION PLUS Members

AIDS (France)

ALCS (Morocco)

COCQ-SIDA (Quebec)

ANCS (Senegal)

ANSS (Burundi)

ARAS (Romania)

Fundación Huésped (Argentina)

GAT (Portugal)

Groupe Santé Genève (Geneva)

HDI (Bolivia)

Kimirina (Ecuador)

Malaysian AIDS Council (Malaysia)

PILS (Mauritius)

REVS PLUS (Burkina Faso)

CO 100% LIFE (Ukraine)



SASEA Platform





The South Asia – Southeast Asia (SASEA) Platform is one of ten international networks within Coalition PLUS, an internationally recognized NGO focused on key populations and care for people living with HIV and viral hepatitis across four South and Southeast Asian countries, involving six member associations.

In November 2023, the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) was appointed to lead the SASEA Platform, which was officially launched during the International Testing Week Celebration hosted by MAC.

As the leader of the SASEA platform, MAC coordinates with fellow platform member countries to strengthen their organizations in three key thematic areas: capacity building in HIV and HCV, community-based research, and support for advocacy work.

Activity highlights by platform members



Yayasan Peduli Hati Bangsa Indonesia

Yayasan Peduli Hati Bangsa conducted multidisciplinary training to improve HBV micro-elimination services for key populations and pregnant women. The program, benefiting 40 caregivers from Indonesia's Ministry of Health, covered adult care, maternal and child health, and community-based strategies. Participants gained valuable insights into HBV's public health impact, enhancing elimination efforts.



Community Network for Empowerment India

The Community Network for Empowerment (CONE) in Manipur, India evaluated a rapid HBV vaccination regimen for PLHIV and PWID, involving 372 participants. The study provided baseline data to inform scalable vaccination strategies for high-risk groups and advocated broader implementation.

International Testing Week

INTERNATIONAL
TESTING WEEK
20-26 NOV. 2023

International Testing Week was launched by Coalition PLUS in 2020 to encourage increased testing efforts and promote awareness of the benefits of earlier testing and linkage to care. MAC was honoured to host the 4th edition of International Testing Week (ITW 2023 KULMY) from November 20-26, 2023, at various locations in Malaysia, with the main celebration taking place in the nation's capital, Kuala Lumpur.

ITW 2023 KULMY provided a unique opportunity for partners across South Asia and Southeast Asian nations to unite in Malaysia for one week to raise awareness about the benefits of HIV, hepatitis, STIs, and NCDs testing. The event helped more people become knowledgeable about their risks, understand that effective treatment is available, and become aware of their HIV and hepatitis status.









ITW Highlights

The campaign #WeGetTested – emphasises the importance of integrated testing and other related activities focused on increasing awareness and access to testing and treatment of HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections.



Testing locations

- Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Subang Jaya
- Pertubuhan Kesihatan Dan Kebajikan Umum Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur
- Intan Life Zone, Johor Bahru
- Teratak Kasih Tok Nan, Kuching, Sarawak.





List of Tests

- HIV
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Syphlis
- HPV



Testing Partners

- Ministry of Health
- Pertubuhan Kesihatan dan Kebajikan Umum
- MAF Sarawak Branch
- Intan Life Zone
- Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services
- SEED Foundation
- Persatuan Insaf Murni



On-site test activities

- Number of screening: 491 pax
- Reactive results
 - HIV 3 pax
 - Syphilis 2 pax
 - Hep C 6 pax







Southeast Asia Harm Reduction Association

The Malaysian AIDS Council is a founding member of the Southeast Asia Harm Reduction Association (AHRA), a regional initiative dedicated to advancing harm reduction services, health strategies, and policies across Southeast Asia. AHRA's mission is to improve the health and quality of life of people who use drugs by advocating for accessible healthcare, comprehensive support services, and the removal of barriers that affect this community.

response to the rising production, trafficking, and use of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) in Southeast Asia, AHRA has regional capacity-building several programs. These initiatives include community-based mental health interventions, best practices for working with ATS users, and targeted interventions addressing chemsex.







AHRA has also contributed to advancing harm reduction efforts in Malaysia. Through its Country Liaison Trainer (CTL), AHRA conducted stakeholder mapping to identify local harm reduction practitioners and networks. Additionally, it carried out a needs assessment to pinpoint capacity gaps among stakeholders, ensuring targeted and effective support for harm reduction initiatives in the country.

AHRA has also conducted Exchange Visit to Kuala Lumpur as part of their mission to foster Regional Collaboration for Harm Reduction

Online portal system MAC CARE

The MAC Care Portal, operated by the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), was launched in 2023 to serve as an online platform where individuals can report issues and complaints related to HIV and AIDS in Malaysia.

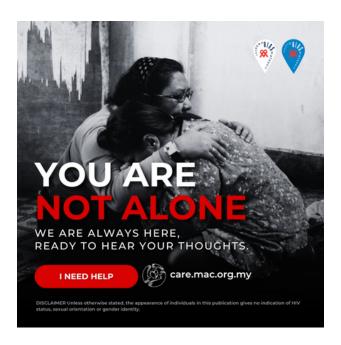
Designed with confidentiality as a priority, the portal ensures that users' personal information, including their HIV status, is not shared with third parties without explicit consent.

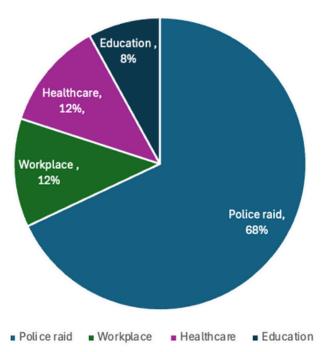
Through collaborations with the Legal Aid Bureau, MAC addresses cases involving stigma and discrimination, striving to find appropriate resolutions. The portal encourages individuals to voice their concerns, emphasizing that no issue is too minor or significant for their attention.

In addition to the MAC Care Portal, MAC offers "MyVoice," an online feedback and complaint management developed in collaboration with the HIV/STI/Hepatitis C sector of the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH). This system a dedicated provides space individuals to report incidents of stigma and discrimination encountered by people living with or at high risk of HIV, as well as their caregivers, particularly when receiving services at MOH health facilities.



Scan here to access MAC CARE





In 2023, MAC Care handled 25 cases involving discrimination in workplace, healthcare and education setting; as well as police raids involving NSEP sites across Malaysia.

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Let Communities Lead

HIV in Malaysia is concentrated in key population groups such as men who have sex with men (MSM), trans people, people who use drugs (PWUDs), and sex workers and their clients.

These are defined groups who, due to specific risk behaviours, are at increased risk of HIV infection. They often have legal and social issues related to their behaviours that increase their vulnerability to HIV.

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day, "Let Communities Lead", is a call to action to governments and health ministries to fully support and empower the important and life-saving work in the HIV response, and to remove barriers that stand in their way

This approach recognises the importance of HIV community-based organisations and communities living with, at risk, or affected by HIV as having unique insights into the challenges and needs of people they aim to serve. By giving them the platform and resources to lead, we can ensure that the HIV response is tailored to the specific demands and realities of different key and vulnerable populations.

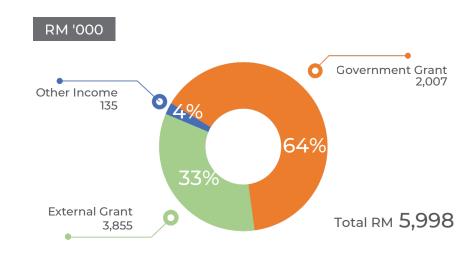


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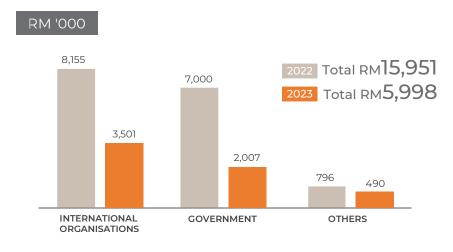
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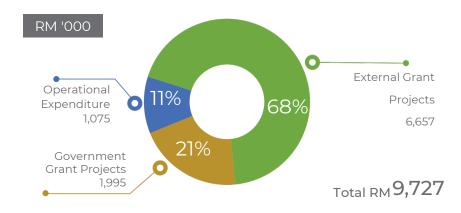
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