



CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL

*HIV/AIDS, and STIs prevention among
uniformed services and family members*

Project title: *HIV/AIDS, and STIs prevention among uniformed services and family members*



- Starting date: 01.01.2004
- Donors: US Ministry of Defense (2004-2006), GFATM/UNDP (2007-till present)
- Implementing agency: Central Military Hospital
- Implementing partners: Ministry of Health, AFEW, PSI, local NGOs (to conduct awareness sessions, peer-to-peer education, S&D sessions)

MAJOR OBJECTIVES



- **Develop policies on HIV/AIDS for uniformed services (5 ministries)**
- **Increase awareness of conscripts and servants on HIV/AIDS and STIs**
- **Offer prevention and treatment means for HIV/AIDS and STIs**

PROJECT ACTIVITIES



- Awareness sessions with staff
- Training for high level staff, soldiers and conscript
- Training for family members of staff and soldiers (wives)
- Developing and introducing HIV module at Military Institute and Military Lyceum
- Public events (including theater show and movie demonstration (especially shoot)
- IEC – newspapers, TV, informational materials

Focus on HIV based violence



- 95% of staff is men
- Coerced MSM contacts
- Men and women believe domestic violence is part of Tajik culture
- Women rarely report on sexual harassment and violence

Planned activities



- Proposal to UN Women on women friendly services in MoD
- Increasing number of training for family members, with focus on wives and girls
- Establishing special body at MoD to provide medical, psychological, legal, and social support to women (including family members)

RECOMMENDATIONS



- Two years term in army is a good time to approach young men and change their health and social behaviors
- Senior uniformed servants need to be educated to be strong promoters of HIV prevention and non-violence messages
- Peer-to-peer approach need to be strengthened in uniformed structures
- Especially designed IEC materials on HIV based violence (including coercive MSM contacts), stigma and discrimination needed
- Public events, quizzes, gatherings to jointly watch theater show and movies are very effective to deliver key messages

Thank you! Tashakkur!

