

PROGRAM REPORT FOR INGRA/ HIV PREVENTION AMONG IN
SCHOOL, OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND MOST-AT-RISK-POPULATION
(MARPS) IN LOKOJA AND DEKINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
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TITLE OF PROJECT:

HIV PREVENTION AMONG IN SCHOOL, OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND MOST-AT-RISK-POPULATION (MARPs) IN LOKOJA AND DEKINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA IN KOGI STATE

- i. To mobilize and sustain support and participation of Kogi State ministry of education, kogi state AIDS control agency, Lokoja and Dekina LACA, 4 project communities and 9 project schools in HIV prevention activities
- ii. To support in strengthening the capacity of LACAs in Lokoja and Dekina LGAs to monitor and coordinate HIV interventions by October 2013
- iii. Increase knowledge and skills for HIV prevention among selected target groups in Lokoja and Dekina LGA of Kogi state by October 2013
- iv. Increase case detection and access to other HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services for selected target groups in Kogi State within one year
- v. Increase knowledge and skills for adherence, family planning, STI management, HIV prevention etc, among PLHIV using Positive health dignity (PHDP) Strategy

INTRODUCTION

The MSH Pro-Act project continued with advocacy visits to various committee leaders, Kogi Specialist Hospital, tertiary institutions, ministries of Women Affairs. Direct Interventions and HTC were carried out.

S/N	SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES/RESULTS
1.	Advocacy Visits	<p>Advocacy visits were carried out to Ministry of Women Affairs, various stakeholders, community leaders and Deans of the selected tertiary institutions (Federal University Lokoja and Salem University). The visits were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To solicit for support for the project from the stakeholders• To sensitize and introduce the INGRA/MSH/ Pro - Act project to the relevant stakeholders• To solicit for time within the school hours to carry out the step down training• To establish contact with the stakeholders and discussed possible ways of collaboration and support for the project

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that the target communities see the project as their own and also issue of sustainability • To sensitize the traditional leaders on the MSH Pro – Act project <p>A total of eight (8) advocacy were carried in the reporting month</p> <p>Advocacy to the following stake holders and gatekeepers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dean of Federal University Lokoja and Salem University. • Commissioner Ministry of Women Affairs • CRD Kogi Specialist Hospital • Traditional rulers in Lokoja • Kogi State Agency For AIDS <p>OUTCOMES OF THE VISIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dean of Federal University Lokoja welcomed the project team and is willing to support the project but requested for a re-visit. • The dean of Salem University was unavailable but the team meet a lecturer on the 17th December, 2012 • The CRD also gave their support and a convenient time will be selected for another visit. • The coordinators and managers of the various MARPS selected were all appreciative of the program and promised to support the organization. • January 2013 was fixed for the in school secondary training due to internal examination been held in the school.
2.	World AIDS Day	<p>INGRA, in collaboration with MSH, joined Kogi State Agency for Control of AIDS (KOSACA) in celebrating the 2012 Worlds AIDS Day was held on the 1st December, 2012. 2 of the trained Peer Educators and INGRA staffs were present. The celebration included a sensitization Walk in company of the State Governor, from KOSACA office to Government House back to KOSACA.</p>
3.	Direct Intervention	<p>Direct intervention with Out-of-School youth was carried out in and a total of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 146 out-of-school youths (m=82, f=64) reached with MPPI

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 women reached
4.	Peer Sessions	<p>This was done by the peer educators with support from INGRA project Team. The following targets were reached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 LDD • 67 FSW • 10 MSM
5.	HTC	<p>Mobile HTC was carried out by the trained MARPs and INGRA staff to the cohorts. It was held between 18th and 20th December, 2012</p>
6.	Community Dialogue	<p>This was carried out in Adakolo, Kabawa and Karaworo community on the 22nd, 23rd, and 29th December respectively. The following were the outcomes from the dialogus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communities pledged their support for the Pro-ACT project • Gave commitment to always make themselves available for any and all community outreaches
7.	Review meetings	<p>Review meeting with trained Peer educators was held on the 20th of December 2012 at INGRA office to discuss their challenges in conducting the peer sessions.</p> <p>The following was the outcome from the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That they should be close mentoring from INGRA to build confidence of PEs • That personal information of PEs should not be divulged to anyone outside INGRA to reduce risk of stigma (especially with MSM and FSW) • The stipends for peer sessions should be paid on time to motivate PEs
8.	PMT	<p>3 PMT meetings were held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on when to train in school Peer Educators • To draw detailed work plan for the month • To deliberate on the planned activities • To discuss possible and realistic advocacy visits • To discuss challenges.

NARRATIVE OF ACTIVITIES

The following activities were carried out in the reporting period

Under objective 1, the following activities were carried out:

- Advocacy Visit

Advocacy visits (Dean, traditional rulers, religious leaders, Ministry of women Affairs, KOSACA)

During this period, advocacy visits were made to Tertiary Institution as regards the prevention program. The schools were rounding up and will be vacating, therefore any training or session will begin next year January. The dean of Salem University was unavailable but the team met a lecturer, who told the project team to visit when the school is back in session on January, 2012

The Director of Administration and Finance represented the commissioner of Women Affairs at the meeting. INGRA team with support from MSH made the visit. The project was re-introduced and its goal and objectives were stated. He welcomed the project asked questions on areas that were not clear. 11 persons were present in the meeting.

The visit to Kogi Specialist Hospital was carried out by INGRA, YAHWEP with support from MSH on the 17th December, 2012. The meeting was scheduled for 4:00pm. The project was introduced and the CMD welcomed the project and scheduled another meeting for January, 2012 were by he will invite all other department heads need for the project to be present.

Community Meeting:

The meeting was held in, Karaworo, Andakolo and Kabawa on the 22nd, 23rd and 29th December, 2012. 30 persons were present at Karaworo, 23 from Adankolo and 25 from Kabawa.

Achievements:

- The Dean and lecturers of the school welcomed the project.
- The CRD welcomed the project
- The members of the community were glad that their communities were selected and are willing to help and participate in the project.

Under objective 3, the following activities were carried out:

Activities

- **Special Event- World AIDS Day**

INGRA and 2 of the trained MARPs PEs participated in the world AIDS day organized by KOSACA and supported by MSH. The possession started from the government house

and ended in KOSACA office. The Governor of Kogi State joined in the walk and he appreciated the work been done by the NGOs and promised to do more to assist PLHIV.

Achievements:

- Provided Peer Educators a better understanding of issues around HIV.

Under Objective 4, the following activities were carried out:

- Peer sessions

The MARPs Peer Educators were given the PEP guide, attendance sheets and money for their refreshments. These sessions were done with support from INGRA project team. This is because some of the Peer Educators are having difficulty getting through to their Peers. The target group includes LDD and Out-of-School Youth. Topics includes

- STIs, HIV and AIDS
- HIV Counseling and testing
- Drug Abuse, Alcohol

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Challenges:

- The peer educators in central hotel were having difficulty starting their sessions because the chairlady thinks they are been paid large amount of money and she wants everything to go through her. The matter was resolved when the PEs called our attention to it.
- The trained MARPs counselors found it difficult to test their target groups because their peers do not believe or want to accept that they are actually trained.
- Due to the reduction in the number of trained peer educators, it will be a challenge to reach the specified number of target since the numbers to be met on each month/quarter is based on the number of peer educators trained.
- Due to the lack of PEP guide and the timing at which the HTC training ended, the MARPs peer educators were unable to gather their peers on time for their sessions.

Recommendation

- There is need to fast track activities in other to reach approved targets
- There is need to improve communication between INGRA and MSH to increase synergy and team work

Picture Gallery



Project team explaining the project



Taking notes



All ears



Project team, MSH team and SDA&F



Community Dialogue

