

Analytical Report

Results obtained within implementation of Sub-Projects funded by Regional AIDS Fund on Grant Round II in the Kyrgyz Republic

1. General information

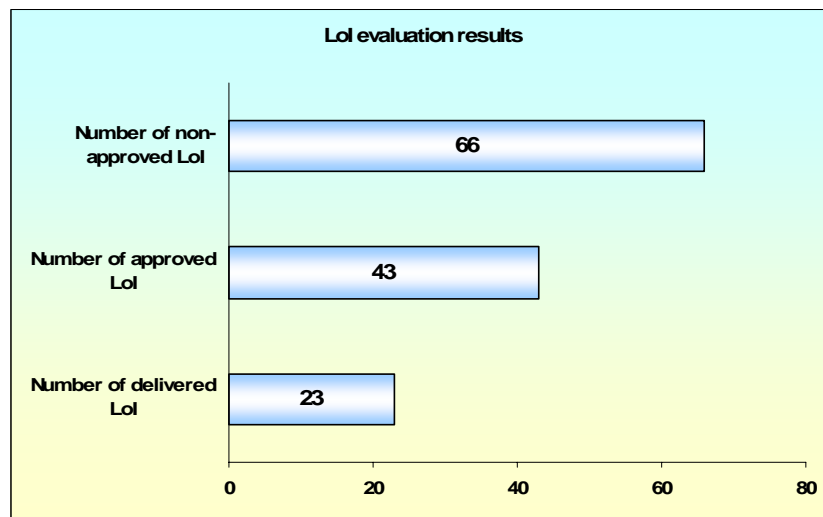
The information campaign within implementation of the organizational events related to implementation of RAF Grant Round II in the Kyrgyz Republic has been conducted as per the specified schedule and started June 10, 2007. The information campaign on the beginning of the regular grant round consisted of a number of consistent stages.

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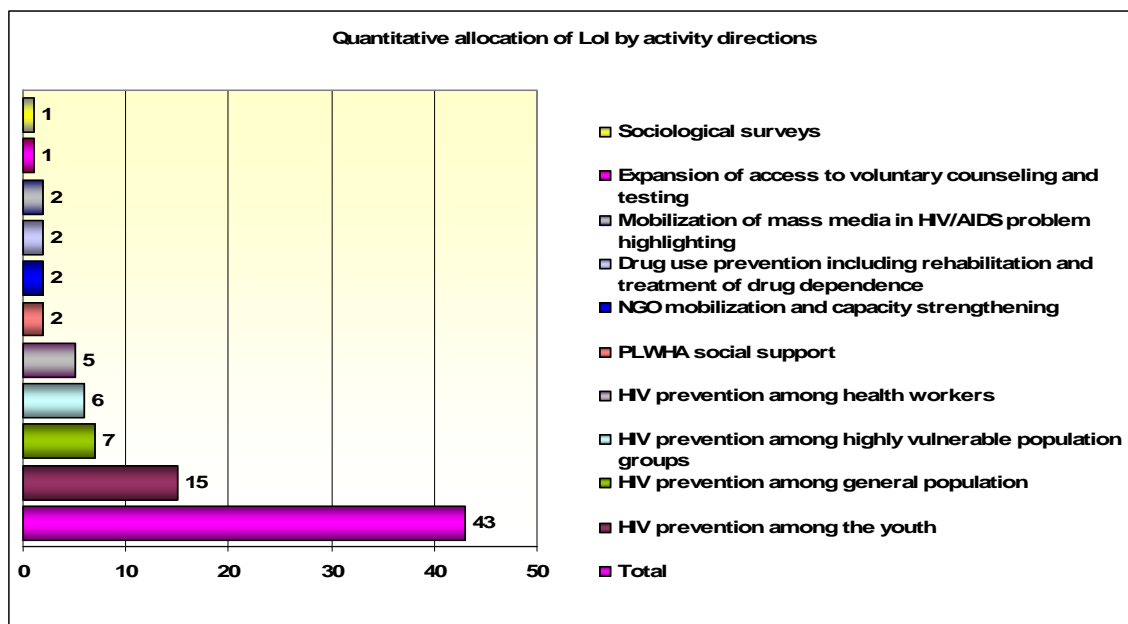
- Announcements in two printing presses in Kyrgyz and Russian languages (“Slovo Kyrgyzstana”, “Kyrgyz Tuusu”);
- Distribution of the audio and video rolls in the ether of National Broadcasting Corporation of the KR (in Kyrgyz and Russian languages);
- Announcements in the Information Agencies web-sites (“Akipress”, “Internews Kyrgyz Republic”, “Kabar” Information Agency);
- Distribution of the information to all partner organizations (including the Ministry of Health of the KR and subordinate institutions).

From June 10 to June 30, 2007 the applicant organizations were registered in the Project web-site (<http://www.caap.info>) which took interest in the grant program by submitting the design letters. Out of total number of the registered design letters (72), 6 – registered a second time, 23 (32%) – rejected, 43 (60%) approved. The information regarding design letters evaluation is presented in *Chart 1*.

Chart № 1.

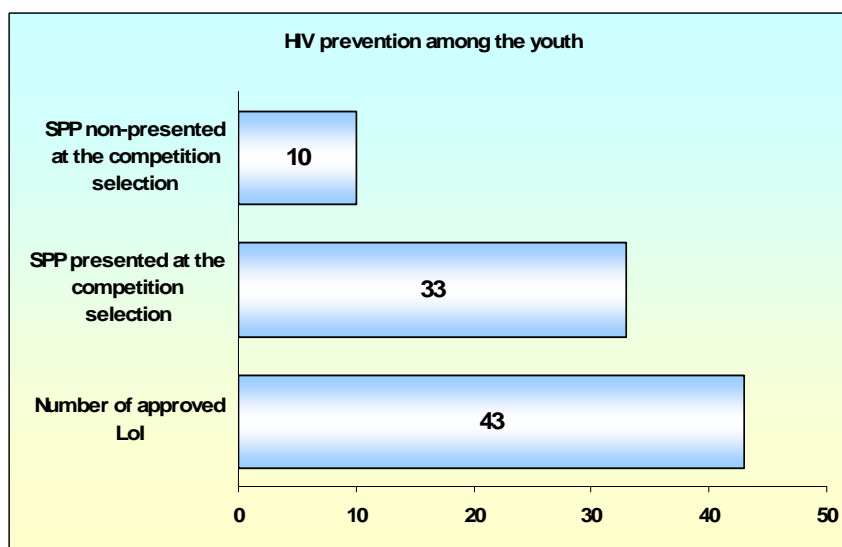


Allocation of the approved design letters by activity directions is presented in *Chart 2*. A large number of the approved design letters is related to the events referred to HIV infection prevention among the youth (35%), general population (16%), highly vulnerable population groups (14%), and health workers (12%).



From June 30 to July 10, 2007 National office of the Project in the KR conducted a prescreening of proposals. The results of the SPP prescreening are presented in *Chart 3*.

Chart 3.



October 9-10, 2007 SPP were considered at the session of members of KR National Technical Evaluation Committee. In total, 33 SPP were submitted for evaluation at the amount of US\$ 718313,7 requested from RAF. As per the results of the conducted technical evaluation of the submitted SPP, NTEC members approved 11 SPP for consideration by ISCC at the amount of US\$ 180810,0 requested from RAF.

One of the important criteria upon selecting SPP by NTEC members was an existing situation in the south of the country related to HIV-infection outbreak in health facilities. In this connection, a special attention was paid to the initiative of health organizations which submitted their grant proposals referred to HIV prevention in health facilities and among health workers as well as SPP related to donor blood.

In cases of difference of NTEC members opinions, the final decision was made on the base of majority of votes during the general voting at the NTEC session.

Out of 11 approved SPP 9 were submitted by non-government organizations and 2 – by government organizations.

As per the results of grant proposals technical evaluation conducted by KR NTEC members 11 SPP were approved for CMC.

On November 27, 2007 a session of Country Multisectoral Committee on socially significant and extremely dangerous infectious diseases under the Government of the Kyrgyz republic was conducted. One of the issues on the agenda was listening to small SPP selected by NTEC on RAF GR 2.

The expanded staff of CMC has made a resolution to approve 8 SPP for financing in the frame of RAF grant program at the total amount of US\$ 131 225,40. (*Table 1*)

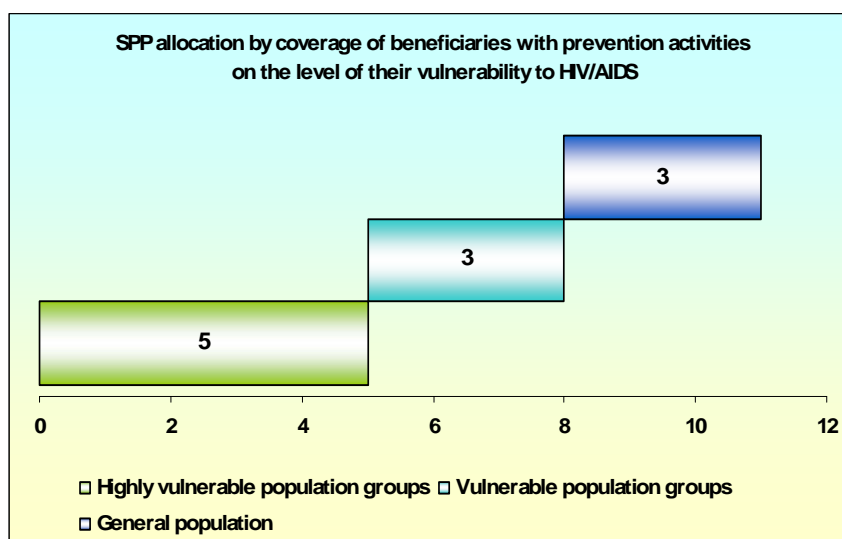
Table 1.

Small grants (less than USD\$ 50 000,00)	
Number of submitted letters of proposal	43
Number of SPP submitted to competitive selection	33
Number of signed contracts	8
Total amount of grant, \$	USD\$ 131 225,00
Grant funds used in USD\$	USD\$ 131 225,00
Grant funds used,%	100%

It is important to note that a shared percentage in using RAF funds has been allocated as follows: 60% of RAF funds is referred to financing of the sub-projects working with highly vulnerable population groups (PLWHA, PABHA, prisoners, IDU, migrants) and 40% - to vulnerable population groups (health workers, youth).

Allocation of SPP by coverage of beneficiaries depending on their belonging to the risk groups is presented in *Chart 4*.

Chart 4.



In accordance to the signed trilateral (RPSG, UNDP, GR) Agreements on small grants delivery on RAF grant program 8 sub-projects started their activities on January 1, 2008 in the frame of RAF GR 2 for the total amount requested from RAF.

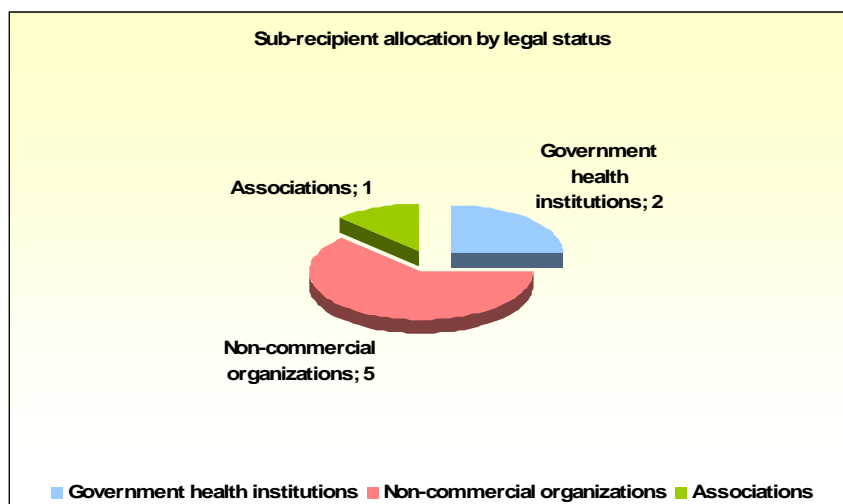
As per the summaries of GR 2 8 SPP have been implemented at the amount of US\$ 131225,4. Percent of funds use upon completion of their implementation by SPP was 100%.

Table 2 presents information on grant funds use status.

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№	Organization / Grant code	Sub-Project name	RAF amount / % of used funds
1	“Oluya Pirim” Public Association / 42R22S211	“Gratuitous donor – safe blood”	USD\$ 12 487,54/ 100%
2	Osh Oblast SES Center (Osh SESC)/ 118R22S211	“Prevention of hospital-acquired HIV infection and professional infection of health workers in Osh Inter-Oblast Clinical Hospital”	USD\$ 10 000,00/ 100%
3	“Ranar” Public Foundation / 162R22S215	“Assistance to IDU in forming healthy life styles, recovery of their health and social/legal status in Bishkek city and Chuy oblast. Integrated prevention of HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases among IDU”	USD\$ 19 820,00/ 100%
4	“Children Media Center” Public Association / 351R22S214	“Letters of PLWHA” cycle of movies	USD\$ 20 000,00/ 100%
5	Bishkek SESC / 361R22S111	“Let’s ensure safety to ourselves and patients”	USD\$ 10 000,00/ 100%
6	Association of Vocational Education Workers / 420R22S210	“Young hearts do not want AIDS – protect yourself”	USD\$ 18 918,80/ 100%
7	“Adilet Law Clinic” Public Foundation / 474R22S28	“Improvement of social and legal protection level of PLWHA PABHA in Bishkek city – 208 people”	USD\$19 999,06 / 100%
8	“Koz-Karash” Public Foundation / 483R22S28	“PLWHA life quality improvement”	USD\$ 20 000,00/ 100%
Total: USD\$ 131 225,40/ 100%			

By legal status of grant recipient organizations 2 SPP have been implemented by the government health institutions, 1 SPP – by Association of Vocational Education Workers, 5 SPP – by non-commercial organizations (*Chart 5*).

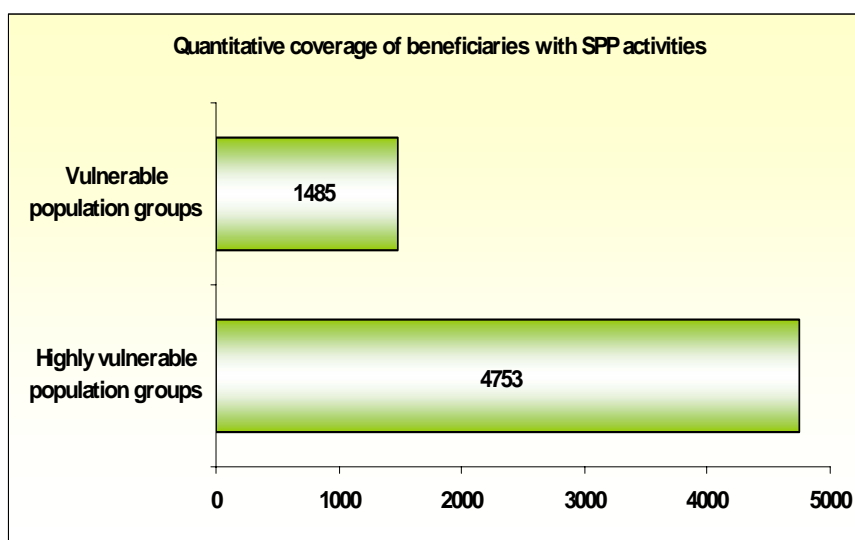


By geographic territorial localization, sub-projects were allocated as follows: in Chuy oblast – 6, in Osh oblast – 1, in Batken oblast – 1.

A key activity direction of 5 SPP (62.5% out of total number of implemented SPP) was related to conduction of preventive activities on HIV/AIDS among highly vulnerable population groups (PLWHA, PABHA, IDU, SW, prisoners), 3 SPP (37.5%) – among vulnerable population groups (health workers, general population, youth).

Out of total number of beneficiaries (6238 people) covered by sub-projects activity 76.1% (4753 people) are the representatives of highly vulnerable population groups, 23.8% (1485 people) – vulnerable groups (*Chart 6*).

Chart 6.



Agreements on small grants delivery in the frame of RAF GR 2 grant program were signed on December 31, 2007. On January 1, 2008 8 SPP started implementing their activities.

SPP completion was as per the calendar schedule of sub-projects implementation: 6 sub-projects have fully performed the specified tasks within the planned period of time with timely submission of summary reports, on 2 SPP – amendments concerning implementation period prolonging to the Agreement on small grant delivery were signed.

“Young hearts do not want AIDS” sub-project from Association of Vocational Education Workers (grant code - 420R22S210). The sub-project implementation was prolonged to September 30, 2008. The reason for that was an official request from the grant

recipient to the attention of RPSG National Coordinator in KR (incoming # 003/4-27 dated June 26, 2008) regarding the change in the work schedule of implementation of activities related to specificity of working with prisoner-students. In accordance to the amended Agreement dated June 30, 2008 the validity period ends September 30, 2008. A factual sub-project completion date was November 18, 2008. The sub-project was closed after submission of the full summary report as per the requirements specified by the WB.

“Let’s ensure safety to ourselves and patients” sub-project from Bishkek SES Center (grant code - 361R22S111). The sub-project implementation was prolonged to September 30, 2008. The reason for that was an official request from the grant recipient to the attention of RPSG National Coordinator in KR (incoming # 003/4-27 dated June 26, 2008) regarding the change in the work schedule of implementation of activities related to the prolonged process on the dry-heating shelf purchasing which is necessary for training of Bishkek Children Clinical Hospital of Emergency Care health staff. In accordance to the amended Agreement dated June 30, 2008 a factual sub-project completion date was November 18, 2008. The sub-project was closed after submission of the full summary report as per the requirements specified by the WB.

GR 2 sub-projects implementation period as per the signed agreements on small grants delivery vary from 6 to 12 months.

2. Capacity strengthening

In the frame of the first RAF GR 2 in the KR from August 20 to August 26, 2007 in Bishkek a training was conducted for 33 grant applicants submitted requests for participation in the grant program. The aim of the conducted training was to strengthen capacity of the organizations on the project proposal development, projects management including financial management. Grant applicants were given one week period to finalize SPP taking into consideration the skills gained in the training.

In November 2007 grant recipients were provided with a training. Aim: finalization of SPP for signing Agreements on small grant delivery with a full package of compulsory annexes (budget, procurement plan, SPP indicators, development of the staff members job descriptions). 16 individuals were trained (representatives of the organizations approved for financing in the person of Sub-Projects Coordinators and Accountants). The training was conducted in the frame of National Round Table on signing the Agreements on small grants delivery. The training was made possible thanks to participation of RPSG specialists.

3. Monitoring and evaluation

Within the period of sub-projects implementation 19 monitoring visits were made including 11 current visits within the sub-projects implementation period, 8 – on final evaluation and closure of the sub-projects (summary monitoring visits). Monitoring on SPP closure was conducted November 20-21, 2008. (Osh, Batken as per RPSG order #341) and January 28-29, 2009 (Bishkek), current – as per SPP M&E schedule.

The detailed information on monitoring visits results was provided according to their conduction in the reports for Regional M&E Specialist, Component 2 Coordinator, National Coordinator in the KR.

4. Performance of the planned SPP program activities and indicators, coverage of beneficiaries with sub-projects activities in the frame of HIV/AIDS prevention.

8 SPP program activities were implemented as per the activity directions in accordance to the set tasks of the sub-projects. The sub-project activities covered representatives of highly vulnerable population groups (76.1%) – PLWHA, PABHA, IDU, prisoners, as well as – vulnerable population groups (23.8%) – health workers.

Within the period of SPP implementation various preventive activities covered 6238 beneficiaries in 3 oblasts of the Republic (Chuy, Osh, Batken oblasts), in Bishkek city, Osh city, Batken town.

Consultative, social and psychological, information and training services were provided in the frame of sub-projects activities as well as re-referrals to health workers on the needs of the target groups.

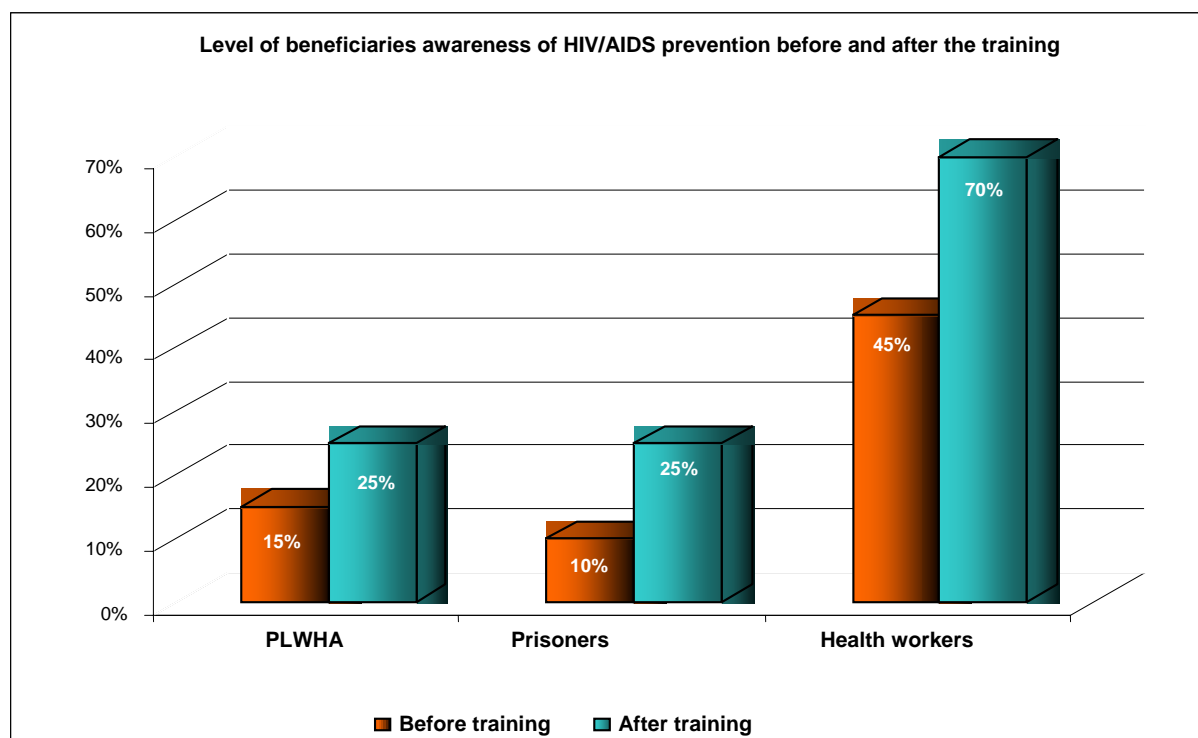
PLWHA and PABHA were provided with legal consultations (217), psychological assistance (186); workshops on HIV/AIDS prevention were conducted for 196 PLWHA and PABHA; material aid was provided (45); information and training materials were distributed (1055), condoms were distributed (1600).

IDU were provided with legal services (45), rehabilitation services (44), drug dependence care and treatment services (136), information and training materials were distributed (525).

Cultural and sports events were conducted for prisoners (175), physicians provided consultations (395), 472 prisoners were trained on HIV/AIDS prevention.

Health workers were provided with tests to determine medical tools sterilization quality (7000), first-aid sets for self-protection from HIV/AIDS as well as volumes for medical waste management (380), gloves (8946), training was conducted for 1825 health workers on health procedures safety ensuring, information and training materials were distributed (4505).

6 SPP (75%) were provided with a training on HIV/AIDS prevention, that is one of the goals of this sub-project was to increase the awareness level of the target groups on HIV-infection prevention issues via conducting the training workshops by both, “Equal trains equal” principle and trainers participation. 41 workshops were conducted covering 1567 people from the target groups. The evaluation of the target groups awareness level is presented in Chart 7.



In the frame of SPP implementation 23 types of information and training materials (ITM) have been developed, 2 radio rolls have been prepared, 5 movies (“Letters of PLWHA” cycle of movies), 1 methodic guideline on healthy life styles lessons conduction in the educational institutions of elementary vocational education under Head Punishment Execution Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, 1 information and law brochure on “Rights of people living with HIV/AIDS”, 1 web-site (www.pozlife.org). 6788 copies of ITM have been distributed.

7 donor committees have been created in the base of 7 territorial hospitals of Batken oblast. On a monthly base food rations were purchased and distributed to 20 needy PLWHA within implementation of SPP from “Koz-Karash” Public Foundation upon preliminary decision-making on assorting necessary food products.

With the aim to ensure safety of health procedures the test indicators ИТПІС-120 and ИТПІС – 180, ИТПІС-132 have been procured in the frame of Osh SES Center sub-project. Within Osh SES Center SPP a dry-heating shelf was procured to disinfect the used medical material and its partial dissolution.

In order to support events conducted within SPP implementation with the aim to regulate understanding, collaboration and support there were meetings with representatives of government, health, non-commercial, international organizations, local self-government, health and public education departments. A total number of 8 SPP key indicators is 55; 45 of them have been performed at 100% except the following:

1. “Gratuitous donor – safe blood” sub-project by “Oluya Pirim” Public Association (grant code - 42R22S211): indicator on donor-capable population coverage with the sub-project activities has been performed at 97% due to the difficulties related to availability of services.
2. “Prevention of hospital-acquired HIV infection and professional infection of health workers in Osh Inter-Oblast Clinical Hospital” sub-project by Osh SES Center (grant code - 118R22S211): indicators on the target group coverage with questionnaire

- design and based on number of the trained individuals have been performed at 76%-91% correspondingly due to the staff discharge.
3. “Let’s ensure safety to ourselves and patients” sub-project by Bishkek SES Center (grant code - 361R22S111): indicator on the target group representatives coverage with a training has been performed at 99%. The reason was the staff discharge of Bishkek Children Clinical Hospital of Emergency Care.
 4. “Young hearts do not want AIDS – protect yourself” sub-project by Association of Vocational Education Workers (grant code - 420R22S210): indicator on the target group coverage with questionnaire design has been performed at 97% due to difficulty to work with prisoner-students, at 55% on this group’s awareness level increase due to low education level of prisoner-students, some of whom were not trained on literacy.
 5. “Improvement of social and legal protection level of PLWHA PABHA in Bishkek city – 208 people” sub-project by “Adilet Law Clinic” Public Foundation (grant code - 474R22S28): indicator on training coverage of NGO staff working on HIV/AIDS has been performed at 97% due to instability of human resources. Concerning number of printed copies of the information and law brochure the indicator has been performed at 63% due to printing service prices increase.
 6. “PLWHA life quality improvement” sub-project by “Koz-Karash” Public Foundation (grant code - 483R22S28): indicators on coverage of PLWHA with English language training have been performed at 47%. The reason was difficulty of working with the target group consisting of former prisoners, prisoners and IDU.

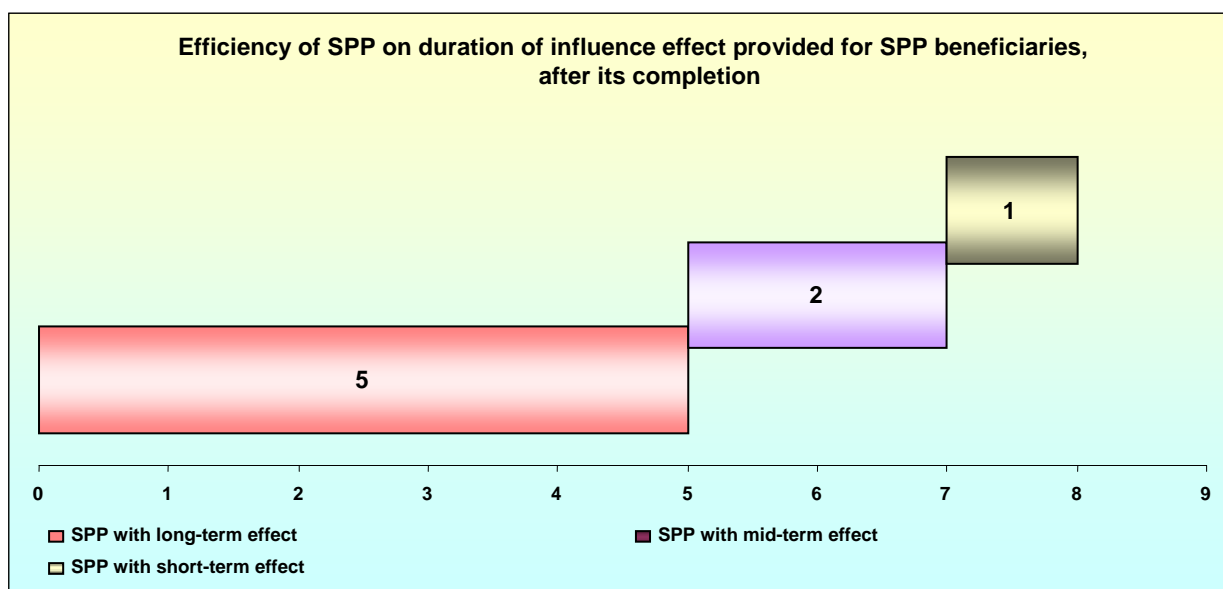
A detailed information on the project indicators performance in the frame of RAF GR 2 sub-projects implementation is presented *in Annex 1 on “RAF GR 2 sub-projects key indicators performance”* to this report.

5. Inter-sectoral interaction of grant recipients in the frame of sub-projects activities implementation.

All 8 SPP (100%) were inter-sectoral, that is the sub-projects program-based activities were performed in collaboration with government and non-commercial organizations.

6. SPP sustainability – institutionalization of activities conducted in the frame of SPP.

Allocation of all SPP by sustainability and long-terms base of the effect made by grant recipients (GR) to the target groups after the completion of the activity in the frame of sub-projects implementation carries out a relative character since it is based on the results of GR self-assessment and expert evaluation of M&E Specialist on the following categories presented in *Chart 8*.



SPP with long-term effect to beneficiaries out of implementation of its activities. The criteria for this category were such facts as development of the instructions and memo for health workers; procurement and installation of medical equipment in health facility which will be used by the health facility after completion of the sub-projects (SPP by Bishkek SES Center); web-site design (SPP by “Children Media center” Public Foundation); “Houses on half-way” Rehabilitation Center capacity strengthening by “Ranar” Public Foundation via the building renovation; development and introduction of the methodic guideline on healthy life styles lessons conduction in the educational institutions of elementary vocational education under Head Punishment Execution Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, reviewed in the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic and distributed to the library funds of the educational institutions (SPP by Association of Vocational Education Workers); creation of donor councils in the base of rayon transfusiology departments of Batken oblast (SPP by “Oluya Pirim” Public Association).

SPP with mid-term effect. Selection criteria: training of social workers who will continue working with the target groups after completion of SPP; training of the target group on HIV/AIDS prevention (survivability of knowledge – carries out a mid-term character). In this connection, “Adilet Law Clinic” Public Foundation sub-projects, Osh and Bishkek SES Centers refer to the projects that have a mid-term influence effect on the target groups.

SPP with short-term effect of influence on beneficiaries regarding delivery of IDU rehabilitation and treatment services on SPP “Assistance to IDU in forming healthy life styles, recovery of their health and social/legal status in Bishkek city and Chuy oblast. Integrated prevention of HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases among IDU” by “Ranar” public Foundation in the frame of ‘House on half-way’ Rehabilitation Center activity carries out a short-term character since the Center’s activity supporting requires a continuous resource support.

7. Challenges in SPP implementation

Within the period of SPP activities implementation there were difficulties related to the fact that human resources capacity of some grant recipients did not fully correspond to performance of the specified sub-project based objectives that could have been an effect of insufficient training of potential grant recipients against the fact that some GR lacked a previous experience of working with the WB projects the requirements of which regarding projects administration are rather high.

8. Lessons learned

The gained results in relation to GR activities effectiveness in light of the specified objectives performance within the period of RAF GR 2 implementation contributed to elaboration of tools and approaches to optimizing the grant process on the base of lessons learned, in particular:

- 1) Disbursement of funds to GR will be made no later than a week after submission and acceptance of financial reports and reports on the program activities;
- 2) For optimization of monitoring and evaluation of SPP implementation a multiplicity of reports on the program activities will be reduced – quarterly;
- 3) Multiplicity of the monitoring visits on sub-projects has been determined which varies from 2 to 3 times within sub-projects implementation period. Multiplicity of visit to organizations-grant recipients was defined by sub-projects implementation duration. Thus, projects with 12 month duration are monitored 3 times (2 – current, 1 – summary), on SPP with 5-10 month implementation period – 2 times (1 – current, 1 – summary);
- 4) More universal and complete training will be organized for grant applicants and grant recipients – potential participants of RAF next grant rounds including consideration of issues on projects administration, budgets development, procurement plan, logical framework with program activity indicators etc that will lead to development of more qualitative project proposals, also it will improve the capacity of applicant organizations.
- 5) Revision of RAF guideline taking into account RTEC and NTEC recommendations.

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