



Community Based Family Planning Services

Under the project that started in 1989, intensive trainings on family planning, prenatal care and contraceptive methods were provided to selected women in Gümüşpala, Yamanlar, Güzeltepe, Göksu-Gediz, Kuruçeşme, Kozağaç, Karabağlar, Çiğli and Bayraklı regions of Izmir. Upon completion of the 3-week training successfully, these field workers visited women in their neighborhood to share the knowledge. Of the women visited, those in need were referred and sometimes accompanied to the nearest health facilities to receive services and counseling on contraceptive methods. Contraceptive methods that did not require medical examinations were provided to the families by the field workers. Throughout the project period a total of 90,000 women in Izmir were reached by 190 trained field workers; use of modern family planning methods reached 70% and rate of pregnant women decreased by half.

Project activities continued by training 52 field workers in three shanty towns of Gaziantep. More than 35.000 women were reached and use of modern contraceptive methods showed 35% increase.

Objective _____

To provide reproductive health and family planning information and training to families living in slum areas through trained women living in the same neighborhood; and to ensure their full utilization of the health facilities.

Date of Implementation _____

1989-1996

Funding Organization _____

Pathfinder International (USAID-United States Agency for International Development)



Contraceptive Technology Training

A series of activities were implemented between 1989 and 1993 to improve the knowledge of family planning service providers on contraceptive technologies.

The results of a study carried out with a sample population of more than 2000 physicians and pharmacists in 31 provinces indicated that their training on contraceptive technology were not sufficient. In order to support FP education to meet these needs, seminars at medical faculties and meetings with FP training center authorities have been conducted. Cooperation with the relevant professional associations was established to implement trainings specifically developed for pharmacists and health center physicians.

An internationally respected resource book on contraceptive techniques and family planning entitled "Contraceptive Technology-International Edition" was translated and 10.000 copies were printed as the first resource book in Turkish. A newsletter titled "Kaynak" was prepared as a source of continuous training on the issue and 18 volumes were published and sent to 8000 service providers regularly. A booklet on Contraceptive Methods was prepared and published for pharmacists and a total of 30.000 booklets were distributed in three editions.

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A total of 35 training seminars were organized on contraceptive developments for the students of 17 medical faculties, pharmacists in 3 big cities, and physicians and health service providers in 6 provinces. Total number of participants reached 3.000.

Control lists facilitating service providers to choose the suitable contraceptive methods (pills, IUDs and injections) were prepared, printed and distributed to service providers and trainers.

Objective _____

To assess the needs of family planning service providers and to enable them benefit from innovations in contraceptive technologies and access the most updated information.

Date of Implementation _____

1989-1993

Funding Organization _____

Pathfinder International (USAID-United States Agency for International Development)



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GELİŞTİRME VAKFI

Development of Family Planning Service Standards

The project aimed to improve the knowledge of health service providers and other related professionals on reproductive health issues. Internationally accredited reference books have been adapted to Turkish. National Family Planning Service Guidelines (Volume I / Family Planning and Reproductive Health and Volume II / Contraceptive Methods) and Family Planning Clinician's Handbook were prepared, printed and 4.000 and 15. 000 copies respectively were distributed. Additionally, "Essentials of Family Planning", a book to serve as a major resource for health service providers, was developed by national experts and published.



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Objective

To contribute to the implementation of quality family planning services with up-to-date standards.

Date of Implementation

1992-1996

Funding Organization

JHPIEGO-Johns Hopkins Population Information and Education for OB/GYN (USAID-United States Agency for International Development) in cooperation with Ministry of Health General Directorate of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning



Voluntary Vasectomy Counseling and Service

Voluntary vasectomy counseling units were established and clinical service was provided at Ankara Dışkapı, İstanbul Okmeydanı and İzmir Tepecik SSK (Social Security Agency) Hospitals as well as various maternity hospitals and dispensaries. In-service trainings on family planning and “non-scalpel vasectomy technique” were provided to a total of 22 urologists and 22 psychologists who were providing these services.

Informative videos on family planning and vasectomy were shown on TVs placed at the waiting areas of these hospitals. The application of the vasectomy procedure was explained to a total of 32.000 people through meetings organized at factories and workplaces. The method was promoted in clinics and exhibitions. Vasectomy posters were displayed on 400 city buses and almost 50.000 brochures and fliers were distributed. At the hospitals, one-on-one counseling was provided to 8.500 men and 5.000 women; and 1700 men accessed vasectomy services.

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Objective _____

To enhance and expand the existing FP services to also include men and to introduce vasectomy method.

Date of Implementation _____

1992-1994

Funding Organization _____

Pathfinder International (USAID-United States Agency for International Development)



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Establishing Women and Child Health Training and Research Unit in Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine

The Unit was established within the campus of Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine to provide quality services with the cooperation of Departments of OBS/GYN and Child Health, and a total of 15.000 mothers, babies and women were monitored.

A total of 19,000 applications were made for fertility regulation including contraceptive methods (IUDs, Pills, DMPA, Mesigyna, Norplant, Implanon, BOM, Diaphragm, tubal ligation, vasectomy); voluntary termination of pregnancy; laboratory examinations including smear testing; initial assessment for babies-children and follow-ups; breastfeeding counseling for mothers; evaluation of school age children; initial evaluation for adolescent health and follow-ups.

Awareness raising activities on reproductive health were provided to all clients using informative sources developed. A total of 200 participants were provided "mother – father support programs" and a total of 1200 participants were provided "mother to be – father to be programs". Local health personnel from health facilities in Çorlu, Çerkezköy, Tekirdağ, Şırnak, Bartın and GATA, Kocaeli, Adnan Menderes and Cumhuriyet Universities were trained to provide similar programs at local level.



More than 2500 people including doctors, nurses, psychologists, pharmacists, teachers, trainers, adults, youngsters, students, parents and sex workers attended the trainings provided at the unit. Also a group of doctors working in obstetric care in Azerbaijan were trained for 2 weeks on clinical family planning implementation.

Collaborations with various NGOs, municipalities, schools and hospitals and medical school departments were made for trainings.

Many researches were conducted for quality service-provision, introduction and follow-ups of new contraceptives, training development, evaluation of services and trainings. These researches were supported by the World Health Organization, Population Council, USAID, European Union and Willows Foundation.

The Unit is still operational in limited areas.

Objective _____

To establish a model family planning and reproductive health training and research unit that provides services with a holistic approach at a University in Istanbul; and to conduct research and in-service trainings for health workers from different levels of health care.

Date of Implementation _____

1992-1998

After the project period was over, the Unit stayed functional until 2005 with the support from the University.

Funding Organization _____

European Union and in cooperation with Istanbul University Child Health Institute





ISTANBUL TIP FAKÜLTESİ

KADIN VE ÇOCUK SAĞLIĞI
EĞİTİM VE ARAŞTIRMA BİRİMİ

Istanbul Küçükköy Community Center Family Planning Implementation Center

At the center, one full-time midwife-nurse and one part-time physician provided family planning counseling and effective methods to the families in the region. Antenatal care and counseling on breastfeeding were also provided. More than 500 clients applied to the center and they were provided with appropriate services during the project period.

Objective _____

To provide quality family planning services to families in Küçükköy Municipality region and to establish a unit at the outpatientclinic.

Date of Implementation _____

1992-1993

Funding Organization _____

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality



Istanbul – Alibeyköy Community Based Safe Motherhood Program

A total of 10.000 women were reached following the training of 16 field workers in Alibeyköy, Istanbul. Information on contraceptive method use, antenatal care and infant care were promoted and it was recorded that contraceptive method use at the very least doubled.

Objective _____

To provide counseling and information on reproductive and family health to women as well as antenatal, postnatal and infant care under the Country Program of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Date of Implementation _____

1994-1996

Funding Organization _____

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)







Advocating Cairo Conference

The preparations and expected results of the 1994 United Nations Cairo Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) have been introduced to a total of 183 press members for 3 months by sending newsletters. A total of 40 senior press executives have been visited for this purpose and a press seminar was also organized.

Throughout the period between July and September, when the campaign intensified, approximately 900 newspaper articles, 50 TV news and 4 discussion programs of duration from 10 minutes to 3.5 hours were broadcasted. HRDF executives have participated at these TV programs.

Two seminars were organized to introduce the Action Plan that was prepared with the cooperation of 200 countries during the Conference and to advocate for its implementation. The first was in April 1994 and was entitled "Woman, Population and Development", and the second in November 1994, and entitled "Youth, Sexual Health and Reproductive Health".

Objective _____

Promotion of 1994 Cairo World Population and Development Conference in Turkey.

Date of Implementation _____

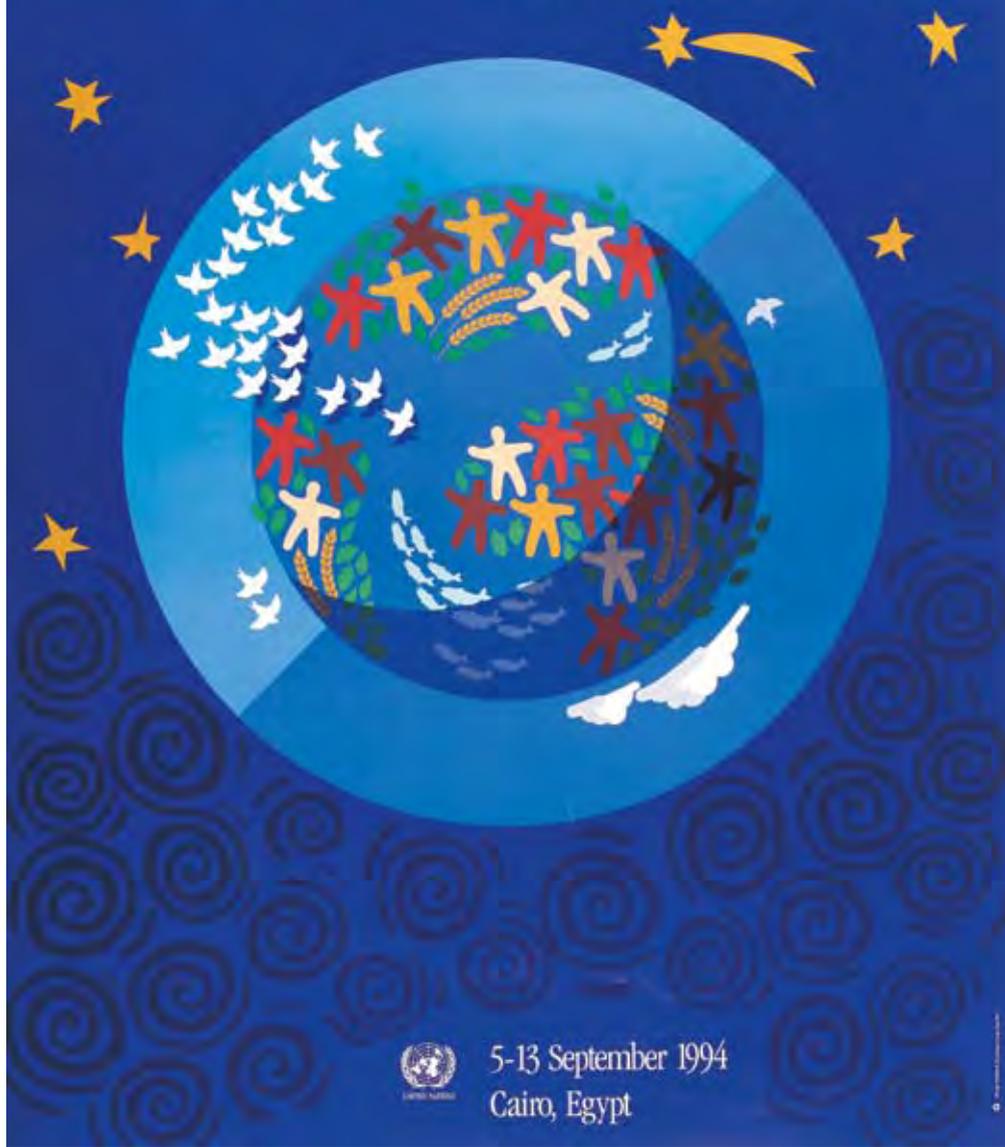
1994

Funding Organizations _____

JHU (Johns Hopkins University) Population Communication Services Program;
Pathfinder International



International Conference on Population and Development



5-13 September 1994
Cairo, Egypt





AİLE PLANLAMASI VE SAĞLIK HİZMETLERİ PAZARLAMASI

SEMİNER PROGRAMI

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KAPS

KADIN SAĞLIĞI VE AİLE PLANLAMASI HİZMET SİSTEMİ

İSTANBUL
1995

Supporting “Women’s Health and Family Planning Service System”

HRDF conducted reproductive health and family planning trainings for pharmacists under this greater program. A total of 5 training seminars were organized for 110 pharmacists working in Istanbul and these pharmacists were supported by resources and monitoring tools.

Objective _____

To support the private sector network comprising of hospitals, policlinics, pharmacies and physicians’ clinics to develop and enhance Family Planning Service System (KAPS).

Date of Implementation _____

1996

Funding Organization _____

TFGI (The Futures Group International)



Community Based Reproductive Health Services and Strengthening Women's Status

This three-year project was conducted in Kaynarca, Pendik which is a transitional area from rural to urban in Istanbul. Throughout the project, a total of 25.000 women were provided with family planning, STIs/HIV/AIDS and safe motherhood counseling as well as literacy courses and vocational trainings. Under this two-phase project, activities targeting men were also carried out. A survey was conducted among 2.000 men to determine their level of knowledge on family planning and relevant issues. Following the survey, men were provided with accurate information and the importance of standing together with their wives on issues concerning their families was emphasized.

During the project activities, women from selected neighborhoods were informed about family planning methods and encouraged to choose the most suitable contraceptive method for themselves. The use of a modern/efficient family planning method, which was one third of the women population at the start of the project, rose to 55 % at the end. Also, the number of women who receive prenatal and postnatal care showed a significant increase.

Objective _____

To involve men in reproductive health area through trainings as a continuance to community based health services; and to strengthen women's status by organizing literacy courses and vocational trainings.

Date of Implementation _____

1997-2000

Funding Organization _____

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)





Reproductive Health Services in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan

Internationally accredited by the United Nations Population Fund, HRDF implemented the community based service model in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. Throughout the project, demographic and reproductive health data of 40.000 women from Azerbaijan and 80.000 women from Kazakhstan were collected; analyzed and the required counseling services were provided. HRDF worked in cooperation with both countries' Health Ministries and NGOs, namely, Women and Development Center (AWDC) in Azerbaijan and Women's Initiative Advocacy Group (WIAG) in Kazakhstan. HRDF introduced the community based model which was being implemented for many years in Turkey and provided technical support to the local partners in these countries. Medical equipments of selected health institutions in two countries were also renovated.

Objective _____

To provide reproductive health and safe motherhood information and counseling to the target population in two countries.

Date of Implementation _____

1998-1999

Funding Organization _____

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)



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İNSAN KAYNAĞININ GELİŞTİRME VAKFINA

Biz Naxçıvan M.R. "SEVİL" Qadınlar Meclisinin "Ailənin planlaşdırılması" kompaniyasının volantyorları-Abazarova Melahet və Nağıyeva Afaq, yazaraq size bildiririk ki, biz artıq proqramın birinci mərhələsinə Sizin və Sevil xanımın köməklili ilə yekun vurduq.

İşlədiyimiz müddətdə hər birimiz 500-550 qadına ziyarətə gedib qeydə alınmışıq. Bu qadınlar bizim məqsədimizi bildikdən sonra kompaniyanın işinə qatılıb və bizim kompaniyanın xidmətini bəyənib. Qeydə alınmış qadınlar adından bu işin yaradıcılarına və aparıcılarına öz minnətdarlığımızı, xüsusən Demet xanım, Tülay xanım və Füsün xanıma öz təşəkkürümüzü bildiririk. Biz eminiz ki, gələcəkdə də Mustafayev Respublikasının qadınlarına bəle bir qayğıkeşlik davam edəcək.

"Ailənin planlaşdırılması" kompaniyasının volantyorları
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Communication and Reproductive Health Rights Trainings at Willows Foundation Service Sites

Based on the results of a qualitative research conducted at Willows Foundation referral sites in Istanbul and Diyarbakır in 2001, HRDF started the implementation of “Interpersonal Communication and Patient’s Rights Trainings” project in 2002 to meet the needs of reproductive health service provision. A training program has been developed in coordination with Istanbul University Woman and Child Health Training and Research Center and the content was expanded by the experts from HRDF, Istanbul Bar Association, Xperteyes Counseling Firm and Marmara University Deontology Department. The program includes several sessions on: interpersonal communication techniques; patient rights and reproductive rights, international conventions, their implementation in Turkey, practical problems and solution suggestions. The program is conducted as two consecutive trainings, a couple of months apart, with the same participants. The evaluation of the trainings showed that the participants have greatly benefited from the trainings. Since the beginning a total of 506 health service providers from MoH facilities including the health centers and hospitals have participated at these trainings. The implementation of this project still continues in different provinces of Turkey in parallel with Willows Foundation’s program.

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Objective _____

To support health service providers working in Willows Foundation service sites about quality service provision through communication and reproductive rights trainings.

Date of Implementation _____

2002-ongoing

Funding Organization _____

Willows Foundation





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Increasing the demand for screening services of breast cancer through improving the capacity of local NGOs

HRDF, in collaboration with the Turkish Breast Foundation (MEVA) aimed to reduce the mortality of breast cancer through raising awareness within the community and increasing the utilization of early diagnosis services in six provinces of Turkey where there are Cancer Screening and Training Centers.

A total of 133 people were trained through trainings conducted in Istanbul, Diyarbakır, Trabzon, Adana, Antalya and Gaziantep. Through the awareness raising conferences conducted by these trainers, a total of 4.211 women have been provided with information and counseling. Following each training, the trainers, in collaboration with the local municipalities, also conducted public awareness raising conferences in each province and reached more than 400 women.

Audio-visual material on breast health and early diagnosis services as well as posters and brochures were developed and sent to the local partners in the CD format; also TV and radio spots were developed to be broadcasted.

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Objective

To reduce the mortality of breast cancer through raising awareness within the community and increasing the utilization of early diagnosis services in six provinces of Turkey where there are Cancer Screening and Training Centers.

Date of Implementation

2006-2007

Funding Organization

Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey, Reproductive Health Program in Turkey.







Support for Working Children

HRDF designed and provided an orientation and information program for primary school inspectors and administrators, teachers and families in areas where high levels of child labor are persistent in Istanbul. The program aimed at increasing awareness on the problem of working children and generating greater support for them within the formal education system. A research was conducted and several seminars and school activities were organized under this project to promote “International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour” of which HRDF was a participant since 1994. The research results were published and discussed at a 5-day meeting in 2005 with the participation of 205 primary education inspectors. The results of the discussion were published as a book titled “Working Children / Information Seminar for Primary School Inspectors” and distributed.

Objective

Under the framework of International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), to inform primary education inspectors and teachers in schools located in regions where there is child labor, about the problems of working children.

Date of Implementation

1994-1995

Funding Organization

International Labor Organization (ILO)





Reparticipation of Working Children in Education System

HRDF organized activities and programs to support working children reparticipation at formal or vocational education system by training their parents and employers. The target group was the working children in Pendik district of Istanbul who were mainly employed in textile, furniture and auto repair sectors. The funding was raised through a TV campaign called "Gift to Children" on 23 April 2000 and HRDF together with 10 foundations and associations were part of this process.

HRDF project team conducted more than 1.000 interviews with families and workplace owners. During the implementation period 232 children were registered to Apprenticeship Education Center. Also 213 secondary school drop outs were encouraged to register at the "open high school". HRDF and Sabancı University signed a cooperation agreement for this project and 13 university students were involved in the project activities by providing literacy, language, science, mathematics and computer courses to the working children who were enrolled in school.

Objective _____

To encourage children working in textile, furniture and auto repair sectors in Pendik to enroll in formal or vocational education system.

Date of Implementation _____

2000-2001

Funding Organization _____

NTV-donor pool



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Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Training for Adolescents

The aim of the project was to provide accurate information and responsible behavior training in sexual and reproductive health to adolescents. The activities were implemented under the framework program of Ministry of Health, and coordination of Ministry of Education in cooperation with Departments of Education of universities.

Trainers from HRDF and Istanbul Medical Faculty Child Health Education and Research Unit developed a participatory training of trainers program. The program was implemented 5 times between the years 1999 and 2003. A total of 75 academicians and 7 lecturers from 26 faculties and departments participated at these trainings. A reference book entitled "Sexual Health Education Teacher's Handbook" was developed and used in further trainings and practices. An elective course called "Sexual Health Education" was incorporated to the curriculum in 17 high education institutions. The course was lectured by academicians who have attended the trainings. About 5.000 candidate teachers have benefited from this course. A total of 14 educational faculties as well as schools of social work, nursing and health education offered these courses.

Another component of the program was prepared for school teachers at the primary schools. The trainings improved the knowledge of a total of 385 teachers about the changes during adolescence and its effects on life and equipped them with necessary skills to teach the subject in their courses. . The project outcomes were shared with the stakeholders during a final meeting in December 2004, and also a book that summarized the project activities and the experience was developed, printed and distributed.

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Objective _____

To develop a model for in-service and pre-service trainings for trainers who will implement sexual health education in formal education and to advocate for this model.

Date of Implementation _____

1997-2004

Funding Organization _____

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)



Sex Wise

HRDF collaborated with BBC Turkish Section to inform young people on conscious sexual behavior through a 10-day Turkish radio broadcast and a toll-free phone number at Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine. A booklet called "Sex Wise" that has been developed by IPPF was translated to Turkish, a total of 10.000 copies were printed and distributed to places where young people have access.

Objective _____

To inform young people on sexual health.

Date of Implementation _____

1999-2000

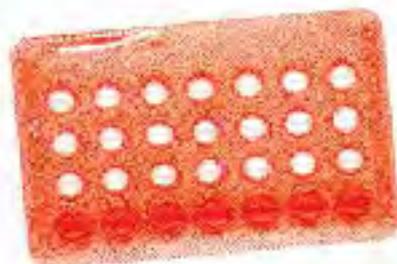
Funding Organization _____

International Planned Parenthood (IPPF)





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Music for Youth

HRDF, in collaboration with UK's famous band Asian Dubb Foundation's Education Department, HIP Productions and Sisli Municipality, coordinated and modified a model used in Europe to support talented youngsters from low socioeconomic backgrounds with very few opportunities. Under this project, selected teenagers from the poor neighborhoods of Sisli Municipality were provided with a training program that contained courses on music technology, knowledge and skills development. The instructors were actually the DJs working in the music sector. A workshop/music studio was established in cooperation with Sisli Municipality for this purpose and students practiced using the equipments bought for this project. The activities of the project were sustained for two years with different funds and a total of 120 teenagers benefited from the trainings.

Objective _____

To establish music workshops and to provide music trainings to some youth groups from the slum areas of Istanbul.

Date of Implementation _____

2002

Funding Organization _____

Şişli Municipality; HIP Productions; Asian Dub Foundation; British Council; Prime Ministry Social Risk Mitigation Project



Strengthening the Quality of the Reproductive Health Services through Provision of In-Service Trainings for Residents

A total of 83 specialists from the Departments of Ob/Gyn, Family Practice, Public Health, Urology and Pediatrics of the training hospitals in Istanbul, Ankara, İzmir and Adana were trained on reproductive health through five training of trainers programs. The trainers who received the training of the trainers organized training seminars for the residents from 5 different departments at the hospitals they worked. HRDF provided logistical support for the training of the residents. Initially a total of 16 resident trainings were conducted; following the evaluation and necessary adjustments; these trainings continued with local facilities and a total of 215 residents from 25 different hospitals were trained and received their certificates.

Objective _____

To improve the knowledge of the residents on comprehensive reproductive health during their training.

Date of Implementation _____

2001-2004

Funding Organization _____

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with Ministry of Health General Directorate of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning





Introduction of Model Youth Reproductive Health Services At Selected Universities

The experiences show that young people need to have awareness and accurate knowledge on sexual behavior in order to make conscious choices. Therefore, it is an essential need to establish and disseminate youth friendly health units that provides services with a confidential and exclusive approach. As a response to this demand for youth health services, where young people receive adequate information and services in reproductive health and meet with health staff who is able to meet the needs of this special group of clientele, HRDF with the support of UNFPA and in collaboration with International Children Centre (ICC) started a program in 2002. HRDF developed and sustained the project activities of the Reproductive Health Units with the Medico-Social Centres of Boğaziçi, Ege, Koç ve Yeditepe Universities, where young people received adequate information, counseling and services in reproductive health as well as IEC materials and contraceptives. Trainings for new service providers at the units were conducted by HRDF on a regular basis and the activities at the universities were monitored by HRDF via monthly forms; telephone calls and routine visits to the units.

The "Peer Education" component was added to the project in 2004 and 13 students in 4 universities were trained by UNFPA as "peers". After that, Youth Counseling Center service providers and peer educators organized joint trainings and promotion activities at the universities.

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Objective _____
To establish Reproductive Health and Sexual Health Units with the Medico-Social Centers of selected Universities and to protect and improve youth health through trainings to service providers.

Date of Implementation _____
2002-2005

Funding Organization _____
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)







Prevention of STIs and HIV/AIDS in Azerbaijan

Project activities started with a research to identify health personnel's skills for diagnosis, treatment and counseling on STIs/HIV/AIDS. Based on the findings, the book entitled "Sexually Transmitted Diseases Diagnosis and Treatment Guidelines" that contained up-to-date and correct information was developed in 1997 and distributed to relevant people and institutions. To meet the training needs of physicians, a two-day training (Training Program on STI Diagnosis, Treatment and Counseling) was implemented the same year with the participation of 30 physicians to improve their diagnosis, treatment and counseling skills. Also a one-day training was organized for pharmacists as part of the project activities and 30 pharmacists were trained on STIs counseling.

In parallel with the project objectives, a descriptive research with a sample of 300 registered and unregistered women and transsexual sex workers was carried out. A training program to improve sex workers' knowledge on STIs and safe sex behavior was developed with a "peer education" method. A training module was developed for the training of trainers for "peer education" method. A total of 21 peer educators were provided with training skills so that they could give trainings on issues like reproductive health, safe sex, STIs and condom use.

Peer educators reached almost 5000 sex workers and clients and provided trainings on safe sex. Peer educators used the materials that they designed and produced. For this objective, two brochures on STIs and condom use were printed and a magazine called "GACI" was published. A center to build up communication with sex workers and give them counseling on legal, social and health problems was established as a part of the project activities. The center is called "Women's Door" and it is still functional.

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Objective _____

To prevent sexually transmitted diseases and HIV by supporting safe sex behavior among sex workers and by providing in-service training to health service providers.

Date of Implementation _____

1995-1997

Funding Organization _____

European Community



Prevention of STIs and HIV/AIDS in Azerbaijan

With this project, HRDF transferred its national experience to Azerbaijan. All training materials (manuals, service guidelines, training programs) that HRDF developed to be used in formal education and national health services in Turkey, were translated to Azeri language and adapted to the conditions of the country. Moreover, new information, education and communication materials on prevention of STIs were prepared for Azerbaijan and trainings on STI counseling were implemented.



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Objective _____

To train health personnel who were responsible for STIs diagnosis and treatment services; to train teachers who would give sexual health education at formal education in Azerbaijan and to support the development of a National STI/AIDS Program in Azerbaijan.

Date of Implementation _____

1998-2001

Funding Organization _____

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)



Prevention of HIV/AIDS through Supporting Safe Sex Practices among Sex Workers

The project was launched in collaboration with the Association for Fight against AIDS in Istanbul in 2004. "Women's Door", a counseling center established under a previous program to provide counseling and trainings to sex workers, was reactivated and became a frequently visited place for the target group. A total of 43 sex workers were trained to become peer-educators; a total of 3,109 sex workers were provided with training, 208 sex workers received counseling; and almost 30.000 condoms and 6,000 brochures were distributed. Additionally, the peer educators provided indirect trainings to a total of 575 sex workers. In order to raise awareness within media sector and the public in general and thereby to eliminate discrimination against sex workers, press conferences were organized and press bulletins were distributed. Publication of the periodical "GACI", the content of which was prepared by the sex workers themselves, restarted.



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Objective _____

To prevent STIs/HIV/AIDS by supporting safe sex practices among sex workers in Istanbul through protecting their human/reproductive health rights

Date of Implementation _____

2004-2006

Funding Organization _____

Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey, Reproductive Health Program in Turkey



Mobile Counseling Unit to Support Safe Sex Behavior among Sex Workers

The main objective of the project was to reach sex workers working on the streets in Istanbul and to promote safe sex behavior among them by providing information and counseling. The project was basically based on the experiences from the previous project.

At the initial stage of the project, four field workers who had close relations with the target group were provided with training/counseling skills on safe sex and STIs. A van was bought and some modifications were made on the van to turn it into a training/counseling facility. The field workers provided informative and counseling services in the van while the van visited the streets where sex workers frequently work. IEC materials including brochures on "STIs", "Condom Use for Safe Sex", "For Your Safety-Safe Working Conditions", "Human Rights for Sex Workers" "Women's Door" stickers and GACI periodicals were distributed and a 5 minute-training film developed by HRDF on STIs was shown. Additionally 20-100 condoms were given to sex workers when encountered by the field workers for the first time. Almost 3000 sex workers were contacted and 20.000 brochures, 10.2000 condoms and 64.000 lubricants were distributed during the project period.

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Objective _____

To reach sex workers working on the streets in Istanbul and to promote safe sex behavior among them by providing information and counseling

Date of Implementation _____

2006-2007

Funding Organization _____

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support Program funded by Global Fund



Prevention of HIV/AIDS through Supporting Safe Sex Behavior among Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)

This project was a community based information and material distribution project for the target group. Two field workers who knew the characteristics of the target group and who had close relations with them were recruited for the project. After receiving trainings on STIs and related topics as well as counseling skills trainings, they visited the places where MSMs could be found and they provided information about safe sex, STIs and condom use to the members of the target group. More than 400 MSM s were reached and 2.100 brochures, 21.000 condoms and 21.000 lubricants were distributed during the project period.

Objective _____

To prevent HIV/AIDS through empowerment of safe sex behavior among MSM groups at specific districts of Istanbul.

Date of Implementation _____

2006-2007

Funding Organization _____

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support Program funded by Global Fund



Supporting Safe Working Conditions of Sex Workers in Istanbul

Following the finalization of “Reproductive Health Program” and “HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support Program”, HRDF raised additional funds for the sex workers projects to sustain the activities of the Women’s Door. The center was located at a rented flat during the period between 2004-2007; however after the finalization of the financial support, HRDF allocated a floor of its HQ premises for the center and the activities were sustained in this new address. In a 6-month period, approximately 1.000 sex workers were reached and brochures, condoms and lubricants were distributed. The Women’s Door is still functional at HRDF’s HQ.

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Objective _____

To reach sex workers in Istanbul to improve their knowledge, attitude and behavior about safe sex behavior.

Date of Implementation _____

2007- ongoing

Funding Organization _____

Global Dialogue, UK (first 6 months)

