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Project News

Expansion of Multi-sectoral involvement

15 New Activity Support Facility (ASF) Projects Designed and Endorsed

During this quarter, 15 new projects have been designed and endorsed by the Project Working Group (PWG). This is a major expansion of multi-sectoral involvement and this will greatly enhance the potential depth, scope and impact of the ASF fund. The new projects involve implementers at all levels – Regional, Urumqi City and Yili and Kashgar Prefectures. In addition the Bureau of Health will be supporting the development of two projects in Hetian.

At the end of December there was only 52.4% of the fund committed into ASF project funding. This latest round of proposals brings the total funding commitment of the fund to over 90% of the 30,960,000 RMB (\$5,160,000 AUD) originally allocated for XJHAPAC at the beginning of the project. This is a truly remarkable achievement.

To get to this point a huge effort has been required from the PWG, the proposing agencies, the expert reviewer and the XJHAPAC Project Management Office (PMO) team. This really is a great milestone!!!

The projects recently endorsed include:

Regional level projects:

- ♦ Expansion of education to **healthcare workers**. In this area two new projects have been developed to expand existing projects and improve the impact of the pilots.
- ✓ **In-service nurse training** in the Regional People's Hospital will be expanded to other hospitals in Urumqi, Yili and Kashgar. This project will be closely linked to another project which is building capacity in hospitals to implement structured infection control programs.
- ✓ The Xinjiang Medical University pilot project for students of public health and general practitioners will be expanded through the Universities links to pre-service nurse training at the Medical University and at sites in Yili and Kashgar. The curriculum developed in the pilot project will be adapted for use by nursing students and medical assistants undertaking **three** year training programs at Prefecture training schools.
- ♦ For **closed settings** there were two projects endorsed this quarter.
- ✓ The first is the establishment of a support network in the community for inmates released from Re-education through Labour Camps. Centres will be established to provide referral support to health services, employment and also for skills development. The Centres will be staffed by police and

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released inmates who will receive training in counselling and peer education.

- ✓ In Prisons there will be an expansion of the current pilot project to cover all prisons in Xinjiang and provide training for police and inmates. Also further support for the development of health services. This project will pilot the provision of HIV and AIDS related care in closed settings. This is very innovative and supportive of continuing care.

piloted a condom promotion/condom social marketing network in Tian Shan District in Urumqi (with great success). The expanded project will include additional districts in Urumqi and focus effort in supporting the development of a network in Kashgar. To support the promotion of condoms (which is a high priority in Hetian City) the Regional Family Planning Commission will support the development of a small sales network there which will link to the project being implemented by the Hetian City CDC (outlined below).

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- ♦ HIV and AIDS health education for **workers travelling overseas** is an emerging concern. Many workers travel to countries outside of China where they may be working in very remote areas. Health education support is being integrated into the work of the Foreign Trade Enterprise Association (under the jurisdiction of the Regional Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation). This organisation provides **health education** training to all workers leaving Xinjiang to work overseas. The sustainability of this project will also be strengthened through the implementation agencies work with the organisations that send workers to work in their companies overseas. In five of the largest companies the implementing agency will work with the leaders of the companies to promote HIV and AIDS education in the workplace.

- ♦ Expansion of the **women's networks** to include additional sites in Urumqi and expand the networks in Yili and Kashgar. The work of this expansion will be in developing a wider range of leadership within the Women's Federation to respond to HIV and AIDS and will also expand the networking opportunities for women affected by HIV and AIDS or drug use. These networks will be based on the provision of psychological support, information sharing about HIV and AIDS and services such as VCT and home based care, referral to services such as NSP and MMT and skills development.

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- ♦ Harm reduction initiatives expanded and extended:
 - ✓ Continuation and expansion of **NSP services** providing clean needles and syringes to injecting drug users in Urumqi and Yining Cities. As basic services have been established in the previous phase of the project, this phase will focus strongly on improving the services and reaching more drug users.
 - ✓ A project for the expansion of the **Condom Promotion/Condom Social marketing network** has been discussed by the PWG and is awaiting endorsement. This project expands the work undertaken by the Regional Family Planning Commission which

In Urumqi:

- ♦ An expansion of the **Red Ribbon Centre** support network in Urumqi to provide information to the general public and social support for people living with, and affected by, HIV and AIDS in the community.
- ♦ **Religious leaders** working in mosques in Urumqi will also be included in a wide ranging project to promote HIV and AIDS information sharing and reducing stigma and discrimination in the community. This is an extension of the successful interventions piloted in Tian Shan District in Urumqi and as part of the social mobilisation for the NSP in Yining and Urumqi Cities.

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In Yili:

- Students in vocational schools in Yili will also have the benefit of structured health education related to HIV and AIDS. This project will be implemented by the Yili Prefecture Bureau of Education and will cover all of the vocational schools in the Prefecture including the Teachers College and the Remote Learning College.

other XJHAPAC project sites. It will be implemented through the Hetian Prefecture Bureau of Health.

The second project is a community mobilisation project based on the project previously implemented in Kashgar City by the CDC there. This project will link to the one being implemented through the Regional Family Planning Commission supporting extended availability of low cost, high quality condoms.

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In Kashgar:

- Expansion of **community based education** in Kashgar City. This project will cover all street administration offices in Kashgar and will also focus on improving community support for services to injecting drug users (such as NSP). The project also includes a **community care** component which will support the expansion of current basic care support in these vulnerable communities.
- Continuation of leadership development in Kashgar will also be implemented by the Kashgar Prefecture Bureau of Health. This project is a continuation of the project previously implemented through the Kashgar Prefecture CDC. This project will include an expansion of the current project to include three counties affected by HIV and AIDS. These are Bachu, Shufu and Shache counties.

ASF Project Updates

Project Completion Reporting:

This quarter sees the finalization of 12 projects out of the current 20 that continue their operations. Four projects have submitted Project Completion reports to the PMO. The Project completion reports from the first phase of the Red Ribbon Center project and training for pre-service medical students have been summarized and these appear on the XJHAPAC website (www.xjhac.com). The projects yielded valuable lessons learned and these have been used to inform the next steps in the expansion of these two projects.

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First Aid Kits Provided to Police:

As part of the final steps of the Regional Public Security Bureau's police education program (funded through the ASF and implemented to improve police awareness of occupational exposure) first aid kits were provided for police vehicles used to attend arrests related to narcotic control. Following the successful implementation of first aid training for outreach workers from the NSP first aid training will also be provided as part of this intervention.

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In Hetian:

The long awaited mobilisation of ASF funded projects in Hetian (a Prefecture in the south of Xinjiang) is getting closer with the endorsement of two projects. Hetian is an extremely poor area with significant public health problems. The Regional Bureau of Health will be directly supporting the development of these projects. These will form the basis for future interventions supported through other funding sources.

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One of the projects will support multi-sectoral leadership development which expands and develops this model implemented at each of the

Other Activities

XJHAPAC Continues to Support Capacity Development and Responses to Social Gender
During this quarter our national gender specialist (Dr Huang Yingying) visited to support the development of capacity in responding to gender in

HIV and AIDS. She worked closely with the Regional Women's Federation who are now undertaking training in this area. All of the ASF project implementers have participated in the training. One agency has reported that the April edition of their newsletter (disseminated widely to multi-sectoral agencies in Urumqi City) will be based on the theme of women's vulnerability to HIV and AIDS.

training through the Regional Women's Federation). To add to this range of technical capacity development initiatives the XJHAPAC team will provide some basic information technology training to local agencies. Our office manager, Fan Xuemei, has a strong IT background and she will provide this training based on the needs of implementing agencies.

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Mosque Based Interventions to be Published
A paper documenting the findings of the Tian Shan District Mosque based pilot project, to be printed in the September version of an international journal called "Development". This is the journal of the Society for International Development. The September edition of this journal will feature development in China. The Tian Shan District mosque based project has received much acclaim nationally and internationally most recently receiving mention from the Australian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Mr Alexander Downer, in his article published on World AIDS Day (1 December 2006).

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XJHAPAC to be Televised

In April, DOFTEC, the Regional Bureau of Health, Regional CDC and implementing agencies in Urumqi and Yili will host a visit from the Australian Broadcasting Commission "Focus" program. The production team will develop a program for broadcasting on national television in Australia and will film the work of XJHAPAC in Urumqi and Yili and the Xinjiang Red Cross in Yining City.

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Capacity Development Activities in IT for XJHAPAC

XJHAPAC supports a range of capacity development activities in technical areas relevant to the needs of ASF implementing agencies. This is provided by our local staff, national and international technical advisors and local agencies (such as the Red Cross first aid training for outreach workers, IEC training provided by an IEC expert from the Urumqi City CDC and social gender

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