

CHAIN 2002 Activities & Progress

CHAIN Project Activities Report According to the plan previously proposed to Unicef for establishing the China HIV/AIDS Information Network, following activities have been conducted as planned between July-December, 2002.

1. Activities:

1.1 Strategic planning and work force development:

CHAIN has already conducted several consultancy meetings with officers and experts from UNICEF, UNAIDS CHINA OFFICE, UK CHINA AIDS Initiative and Red Ribbon Center of Hong Kong as well as NCAIDS of CCDC for strategic planning, identifying needs and clarify goals and approaches. As a participatory project, CHAIN has invited and gained the support of a number of organizations and individuals including Television Trust for the Environment, German Government CIM Expert Program, EARTHVIEW Education and Research Center, MIT Intern Program and so on. Several volunteers including British Embassy Ambassador wife, graduated students from Beijing Medical University and other agencies also involved in CHAIN work

NARES has organized an expert group for developing proposals on designing and developing NARC/CHAIN website, library operation system and general proposals for fundraising.

1.2. Data and Materials Collection:

2.1 CHAIN has begun its effort to routinely & extensively collect & pack up all types of materials & information on best practice, policies, treatment, intervention, and education, with various raw data of all kinds including magazines, conference materials, video tapes, books, posters, newsletters, etc into three collections: i) Policies: national strategies and policies, action plans; ii) Medicine: therapy and intervention, best practices for prevention and control; iii) Public awareness and education. Specific collection activities conducted as follows:

- 1) Obtained UNAIDS BetacamSP Duplicates of all HIV/AIDS films transferred from the EARTHVIEW library.
- 2) Developed three directories: HIV/AIDS related international organizations, domestic expert network, national AIDS hotline network divided, divided geographically and thematically.
- 3) Collected materials, best practice digest, theme reports through signing agreement with relevant agencies such as UNAIDS, Unicef, UK-China project for information share, donation and cooperation.
- 4) Collected materials through order, purchase from bookstores, using website searching engine and electric business.
- 5) Collect posters, leaflets, booklets previous developed by all levels for public awareness nationwide through news media announcement and distributing circular to local health bureaus, CDC and health education agencies.

1.3. Education Service

- 1) Opened Library space for CHAIN and equipped with computers, room furniture, material shelves, internet access (IDSL), local network, telephones.
- 2) Keep providing service-material coping, borrowing, making critical analysis and professional consultancy service such as writing review report of the Epidemic and influence of AIDS in Henan and Jiangxi province (report has been submitted to UNICEF), providing consultancy for developing guidelines and training manual for antiretroviral therapy and clinical care to policy-makers researchers, Scholars, Officials, Journalists. CHAIN has accepted more than 50 visitors since its establishment in August 2002.

1.4. Development of management and operation system

- 1) Assigned staff and set up calendar for librarian service, data collection and edition.
- 2) Set up service regulations for registering, recording and borrowing materials, classification/coding of library materials collection, key words.

1.5. Capability building

- 1) Provided training on resource center and CHAIN library, categorizing and inputting data, website development, local network, and using computer software by experts.
- 2) One staff from CHAIN has attended an oversea training on resource center in Philippine and Hong Kong in September this year.
- 3) CIM and MIT experts have conducted several sections of training workshop on IEC and development of education material and campaign for all staff of CHAIN and National Inst. For Health Education, the activity will last for at least one year to contribute a long-term capability building bound in contracts signed between CHAIN and CIM as well as MIT.
- 4) A resource center training workshop assisted by Worldwide Health Links.

2. Outcomes

Achieved Outcomes:

1. Identified the needs and target clients, defined sort-term goals, strategies, and working procedures for CHAIN;
2. Gained supports and technical supports & cooperation from several international organizations and individuals;
3. Established work force with terms of reference and daily calendar for duty;
4. Collected nearly 1 thousand of various materials (books, posters, etc.);
5. Opened the CHAIN room for service and equipped with computers, internet access, local network;
6. Set up procedure, regulations, operation system for CHAIN.
7. Improved capability of CHAIN personnel on library management, standard service, and operation of Resource Center;

As the activities and evaluation are still in progress, it is still too early to summarize all outcomes for the time being, a full project summary report will be submitted at a later date.

3. Follow-up activities

- 3.1. Website—Available key messages on health education, directories & categories of relevant organizations, downloadable files, selected posters and pictures.
- 3.2. Preparing to develop operation of library computerization and website-based service by the end of this year.
- 3.3 .The publicity for CHAIN on Mass Media: National Institute for Health Education and NCAIDS have submitted a report to CCDC for formal approval to establish CHAIN before issuing and disseminating an announcement circular to different sections, NGOs and social groups nationwide; then a mass media publicity could be hold to draw more attention and clients not only from professional, but also from mass media.