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Private Clinic and CSOs Collaborate in Film Festival

Get Tested, Get Treated and Move on with your Life!

Angsamerah Foundation and SUM II established a private clinic in the mega entertainment area of South Jakarta known as Bloc M to provide HCT and STI services for most-at-risk populations. Yayasan Inter Medika (YIM) is a SUM II CSO partner serving the MSM community in Jakarta, and the Gay and Transgender National Network (GWL-INA) is a national organization dedicated to ensuring the issues of transgender, gay men and men who have sex with men (MSM) are reflected in the implementation of HIV and AIDs programs.



“Our work with CSOs is enabling us to reach most-at-risk populations in new and innovative ways. The individuals who tested positive were mostly under age 20. We need to reach young people at risk for HIV so they are getting the information they need to help them reduce risk behavior.”

— Dr. Jacqueline, Director of the Angsamerah satellite clinic

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Angsamerah Foundation, Yayasan Inter Medika (YIM), and the Gay and Transgender National Network (GWL-INA) collaborated together to provide free HIV counseling and testing (HCT) to men who have sex with men (MSM) during the Q! Film Festival, held September 29 to October 6, 2013. The purpose of these eight days of free testing was to increase the numbers of MSM who know their HIV status, and if positive, enable them to access treatment. The motto during the festival was "get tested, get treated and move on with your life!"

Free HIV testing was available at two different sites throughout the festival: at the Angsamerah clinic in the Blok M area of South Jakarta, established in July 2013 in partnership with the USAID Scaling Up for Most-At-Risk Populations (SUM II) Program; and at the Inter Medika Drop-In Center in Central Jakarta, supervised by clinical staff from Angsamerah. YIM is a recipient of SUM II small grants and technical assistance to strengthen its organizational effectiveness and community mobilization. GWL-INA was very supportive of the initiative and approach to HCT services, and provided funds to the clinic for consumables during the festival.

The Angsamerah clinic was a venue partner for the Q! Film Festival, and provided the third floor of the clinic for festival activities. People attending the movie screenings were encouraged to undergo free testing at the clinic. A total of 142 persons accessed the free HCT services at the two sites – 135 MSM and seven females. Thirty-one individuals (all MSM) tested positive for HIV, which means a staggering 23% prevalence rate among tested MSM. Even though such high prevalence rates might not apply to all MSM populations across Jakarta, it nevertheless indicates an ongoing and increasing HIV epidemic among MSM in Jakarta. All newly diagnosed men were offered CD4 testing and they received professional counseling. Patients with a CD4 level below 350 were recommended to start ART, which can be accessed at the Angsamerah clinic. However, Angsamerah clinic may consider providing the patients with early treatment as per national guidance on scaling-up access to ARVs.

Angsamerah Foundation and SUM II expect the clinic to become a center of excellence for CSO partners in STI and HIV clinical services and management, and for the design of CSO networking approaches with community organizations from within sub-populations of female sex workers, MSM, transgender (*Waria*), and other most-at-risk populations. Angsamerah Foundation and SUM II will be collaborating this year to develop clinical services models for female sex workers and MSM in East Java. SUM II plans additional partnerships with private clinics to expand coverage (access and quality) of STI and HIV services.