

Living with HIV/Aids in Northern Thailand



Peer to
Peer
Outreach



Migrant
Outreach



Medical
Outreach



Student
Scholarships



Counselling



Education &
Prevention

Three Men and a Truck



Gee, Arm and Wi cover over
3,500 km each month
visiting families and
communities affected by
HIV/AIDS.

Core Outreach Clinics



Visits made to over 300 patients and their families in established clinics in 6 diverse areas of Chiang Mai Province.

Home Sweet Home



Cooking
Sleeping
Living
In same room

Home Care Outreach



Home care visits are made to over 100 individual HIV/AIDS patients in isolated rural communities.

Infant Formula Milk Programme



Deliveries of formula milk to children born to HIV+ve mothers.

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (MCT)

School Scholarship Sponsorship



63 students benefit from the
School Scholarship
Programme mainly supported
by individuals on an annual
basis.

Education and Prevention Programme



Over the past 6 months,
more than 150 people
have attended meetings
designed both for HIV
patients and Youth.

Staff Training Workshops



Rejoice Team attends workshops organised by specialist NGO's such as PHPT and TTAG

Press Reviews on HIV/Aids (World Aids Day 2013)

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World Aids Day 2013 Press Articles

Below are a few articles from the English language press concerning the state of HIV/Aids in Thailand.

Discrimination still lingers Life remains tough at society



continues to not accept those living with HIV. Kai, 20, and 18-year-old Row (not their real names) both have their own dreams. Kai wants to be a soldier and actor, while Row wants to be a photographer and a dancer. ...*The Nation*

HIV sufferers bear a terrible stigma



This society still cannot accept the fact that those with the Aids virus are not a danger to them.

For HIV/Aids suffers, advancements in the drugs that treat them and prolong their lives have come in leaps and bounds. ...*English Post*

HIV, one more burden for the migrants here



Life for a migrant worker living with HIV in Thailand isn't easy. They have to see side-by-side the problems of HIV-related stigma, while facing and abusive employers. ...*The Nation*

Policy change needed to fight HIV



Region lacks schemes to prevent the spread of disease. LEGAL REFORM - including the revision and removal of some laws and policies allows people living with ... *The Nation*

Time for Thailand to 'stand on its own two feet' in HIV/Aids fight



Previously lauded as a successful country in combating the Aids epidemic, Thailand's attempt to fight HIV/Aids is facing a big challenge as funding support from international agencies continues to drop. *The Nation*

Aids conference puts Thailand back under the spotlight

Almost 30 years have passed since the first cases of HIV were reported in Thailand in 1984. Before that time it was considered a mysterious new virus, infecting thousands of people in Africa and Western.

As we now know, this was not the case. Since the early 1990s, around 800,000 Thais have died of Aids-related illnesses. In 2012, an estimated 450,000 people were living with HIV in Thailand. ...*English Post*

A few years ago the well known British actor, presenter and entertainer, Stephen Fry, made two documentaries for the BBC. These can be now seen on YouTube entitled "Stephen Fry - HIV and Me."

The documentaries, still remain very relevant in Northern Thailand, where the problems outlined in the UK are exacerbated by language, culture and problems of corruption and exploitation. Where stigma and the lack of education are turning a medical crisis into a social crisis.

Over 40% of people infected with the HIV virus don't know their status.

Thai society still cannot accept the fact that those with the Aids virus are not a danger to them.

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