


20 Years of Education, Care & Advocacy

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2007: Hopeful Signs and Greater Commitment - But Expanding Epidemic Requires Innovation and Change

There were over 400 newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2007. While we have had some success in reaching out to those at highest risk of infection and blunting the rate of increase of infections, it is clear that there is still some way to go before we can say that transmission has been successfully reduced and is under control.

Education – Over the past few years the Health Promotion Board has become our most valued partner and funding agency in efforts to upscale AIDS educational and awareness programmes. Strategic funding has enabled the implementation of greater range of materials and media, and heightened presence of intervention activities at embarkation points for the Riau islands, in high-risk venues in destinations on the Riau islands, as well as in bars and pubs in Singapore. The MSM programme now covers almost all venues, Internet portals, newsgroups, chatlines and community groups serving the gay community and MSM in Singapore. A significant first this year was the Hope concert, a public event catering to a mainly gay audience that was coorganised with SafeHaven. We also embarked on a major project to provide free anonymous HIV tests at venues, this project brought testing out into the community and reached hundreds of MSM who had never before had an HIV test. The project was extremely well received and was probably the first anywhere in the world that provided immediate HIV results to those who took the test.

The 2 editions of the Act in 2007 featured special editions on MSM and PWAs in Singapore. World AIDS Day 2007 was marked by 2 large public events – Line Dancing at Millenia walk and AIDSWalk along Orchard Road, each attracting hundreds of participants.

Care – AfA's Medication Assistance Funds provided almost \$90,000, benefitting 127 individuals and 2 pregnant mothers. With the support of Rocheby, we set up the Care for Families Fund that provides financial help to families and loved ones of people living with AIDS. Our Peer Support Groups continued to flourish. Club Genesis's positive prevention programme caters to individuals from a variety of demographics and with varying needs. The importance of this programme cannot be overstated and it should be fully supported and funded. M+ and AMPUH catering to Malay-Muslim community are being reorganized to improve coverage.

Services – There was a 14% increase in the number of clients at the Anonymous Test Site in 2007 over 2006, 6903 clients took the test at the ATS in Kelantan Lane. The Prisons Project has evolved into a comprehensive programme that provides invaluable counseling, advice on medications and support services to incarcerated PWAs. The Prisons Project is another programme that needs to be supported and it deserves strategic funding from relevant governmental agencies.

Advocacy – The following papers were circulated – a) Comments to Proposed Amendments to the Infectious Diseases Act, b) Position Paper arising from Community Consultation to the National AIDS Policy Committee, and c) Paper on Sections 377 and 377A of the Penal Code – Impact on AIDS Prevention and Control.

I was invited to represent AfA on 2 study missions organised by the Ministry of Health to visit AIDS departments, community organisations and clinical facilities in Sydney, Australia and in 4 cities in the USA. These study trips provided the opportunity to learn from some of the most effective prevention programmes around. AfA is also represented in the National HIV Policy Committee as well as on the MOH Working Group on MSM & HIV. The inclusion of representatives from AfA is a sign of increasing official recognition of the vital role that communities play in all aspects of HIV programme planning and implementation.

Finally I would like to thank and acknowledge our volunteers, programme coordinators, executive committee, trustees of the board, donors, sponsors and loyal staff for their contributions, hard work, talent and effort that has enabled AfA to grow and to fulfill its mission and goals.

2008 is the 20th Anniversary of Action for AIDS. To mark this milestone we are planning a number of events and projects, these include the 6th Singapore AIDS Conference in November, a special commemorative edition of the Act, several fund raising events and World AIDS Day activities. We look forward to working even more closely with our government and community partners to come up with innovative and effective approaches to stemming the spread of HIV, providing care for infected and affected people and reducing AIDS-related stigma and discrimination.

A/Prof Roy Chan

President, Action for AIDS, Singapore

Programme Management

AfA runs a plethora of education and outreach programmes aimed at high-risk groups susceptible to HIV/AIDS. The key programmes under AfA include:

- Anak Melayu Islam Melawan Penyakit Unik HIV/AIDS (AMPUH)
- Heterosexual Males Outreach Programme (HMO)
- HIV education in the Workplace (HEW)
- Men having sex with Men Outreach Programme (MSM)
- Project Streetwalker
- Action for AIDS Website

Anak Melayu Islam Melawan Penyakit Unik HIV/AIDS (AMPUH)

AMPUH was set up in November 1999 to tackle the rising numbers of Muslim patients infected with HIV virus or suffering from AIDS and has made significant progress since the inception. AMPUH's primary objective is to raise community awareness of HIV/AIDS; encourage active community participation; and enhance community support for Muslim HIV/AIDS patient.

In 2007, AMPUH continued to receive on-going public education publicity through commentaries, letters and broadcast appearances on Malay language media. The topic of HIV/AIDS and AMPUH continued to be featured on radio programmes and the Malay newspaper. AMPUH will continue to work with Malay/Muslim organizations in raising awareness of HIV/AIDS despite the many challenges. AMPUH has always proactively tried to engage the Malay/Muslim organizations to reach out to Muslim heartlanders. AMPUH is slated for a makeover in the next FY with Ustaz Fadlon Osman taking over.

~Abdul Hamid Hassan, AMPUH Coordinator 2007 ~

Heterosexual Males Outreach Programme (HMO)

The HMO programme started off in 2004, aimed at increasing awareness of HIV infection and AIDS and its modes of transmission amongst heterosexual males. It is also setup to encourage men who practice high risk sexual behaviours to go for regular HIV screening and encourage the adoption of preventative measures such as practicing safer sex through correct and consistent condom use.

The key areas of focus for HMO Programme include:

- 1) Ferry Terminals and Riau-islands Travellers;
- 2) KTV/Bars and Pubs and areas with HMO appeal;
- 3) Online

Over the last three years in 2007, the programme grew leaps and bounds. With bigger budget allocated and greater effort to enhance the programme and to reach a greater number of heterosexual males, the programme saw its first ever integrated communications and awareness campaign launched – “I am Responsible” (我有责任)

I am Responsible Campaign

The safer sex campaign directed towards heterosexual men for 2007-2008 & longer-term for the Heterosexual Male Outreach Programme (HMO), ‘I am Responsible’, builds upon previous initiatives which promotes responsibility of condom usage amongst high-risk heterosexual men, but also seeks to go further in promoting and encouraging heterosexual men to take on the responsibility to go for HIV/AIDS testing.

The ‘I am Responsible’ campaign reiterates the importance of practicing safer sex and also plans to change the attitudes and behavior of higher-risk heterosexual men to take ownership of their own actions and responsibility in terms of condom use as mean of protecting themselves, and going for regular HIV tests.

Campaign Activities

The campaign activities which concluded in 2007 include:

- Official campaign launch at Harbour Front Cruise Centre on 18 August 2007
- Advertising collaterals at Ferry Terminals
- Getai Event in Chinatown at People’s Park OG on 17 November 2007
- Collaboration with Hotel Maxilliam in Tanjung Balai with the help of Hanz Foundation to place the campaign materials in hotel room targeted at Singapore clients
- Online campaign on sammyboyforum
- Condom Vending Machines

Campaign Marketing

The communication messages through this campaign include the mascot, posters, toilet stickers, floor stickers, condom vending machines, web-banners and free HIV screening coupons in order to achieve the objectives of the campaign.

POSTERS



CONDOM VENDING MACHINE STICKERS



TOILET STICKERS



WEB BANNERS



FLOOR STICKERS



FORTUNE COOKIES



Key Achievements

With the growth of the programme, the KPIs we set for 2007 had actually increased. With the relentless efforts by very dedicated volunteers, over the one year in 2007, we had managed to distribute 7,500 pieces of safer sex materials at the Ferry Terminals to the travelers bound for Riau-islands.

On the bars and pubs front, of the 22 bars we approached, 7,000 safer sex packs were given out to the patrons at the bar while more than 110 posters and toilet stickers were posted in the toilets of the following bars/pubs.

22 Bars and Pubs participated in HMO Outreach 2007					
Legends	Skype Zone	H20	The Tang Entertainment	Checker's	Bar 5
Fling Bar	Air Force 1	Le Dolphine Pub	Club Arena	Paro Paro	Flirtatious
JJ Atlante	Fields Avenue Entertainment	Wild Hogs Entertainment	Fenwick	Spinny zone	Decades Pub
Passion 8	The Thames Pub	51 Jazzy	Action and Reaction		

For online outreach, AfA continues to park our counselors and volunteers in popular forums on Sammyboy.com as well as in chatrooms on mIRC to provide advice, sexual health information and also encourage online users to go for regular screening and to remind cyber-users to practice safer sex by using condoms. These as a result benefited 600 chatters on mIRC while 266 online forum users also benefited from the question and answers from AfA volunteers.

For AfA-Riau-island-NGO, the programme also saw the first-ever collaboration with Hanz Foundation to place materials in a popular hotel frequented by Singaporeans – a survey was also conducted in November and December to evaluate the effectiveness of the "I am Responsible" Campaign. The recall rate was close to 60% amongst the respondents.

In terms of campaign related activities, the number of people outreach were close to 3,000 for the Getai. The two-and-half hour sing-song game quizzes and talk show was a success. Survey results showed that the Getai was a favourable outreach tool to raise awareness and educate.

Finally, with the kind help from Ripple Vending and the Singapore Cruise Centre, we have managed to install our first five condom vending machines in the public from 2007. This condom vending machine project is a social-marketing project to encourage the use of condoms and the machines are entirely managed by Ripple Vending and sponsored by AfA.

Condom Sales Report

Harbour Front Ferry Terminal	Condom Variants	October Sales	November Sales	December Sales
Lobby 1C Male Toilet	Classic	1	2	3
	S'berry	1	1	3
Lobby 2C Male Toilet	Classic	3	4	4
	S'berry	4	11	7
Lobby 2D Male Toilet	Love	12	3	14
	Fetherlite	5	3	7
	Subtotal	26	24	37
Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal	Condom Variants			
Main Hall	Love	3	4	6
	Fetherlite	3	4	2
Dep Hall	Classic	0	4	4
	S'berry	4	0	1
	Subtotal	10	12	13
Total Sales	4 variants	36	36	50

~Lionel Lee, HMO Coordinator~

HIV education in the Workplace (HEW)

In 2006, the AIDS Business Alliance was formed to carry out HIV/AIDS education and awareness creation in workplaces. It was in response to a warning that Singapore could face an immitigable HIV/AIDS epidemic if HIV/AIDS was not addressed immediately and forcefully in the workplace.

To support this effort, Action for AIDS offered its assistance to carry out HIV/AIDS Educational Presentations in workplace under the 'LOVE' and 'RESPECT' brand names

As done previously, the presentations focused on HIV transmission, prevention options and HIV testing & treatment in Singapore with additional information on respecting one's health and the health of sexual partners and respecting one's right to work.

The presentation sessions included a video screening, power-point presentation and "Question and Answer". In all, about 45-60 minutes for the whole session.

All talks were done in English with educational videos in a choice of any of Singapore's four official languages.

Unilever Singapore

In 2007 a total of 3 talks were conducted at Unilever Singapore. A total of 150 staff attended the sessions.

The talks were conducted in collaboration with the Health Promotion Board and under Quotation No: AHP 79/04 – Provision of medical or health professionals to source, market and conduct educational talks at workplaces.

All sessions were conducted at the Unilever's offices.

Singapore Prison Service

As an extension of Action for AIDS' support for the Yellow Ribbon Project, HIV/STD prevent talks have been conducted with the pre-release inmates of Changi Prison Cluster "A".

The purpose of these talks was to educate the soon to be released inmates on HIV/STD transmissions, prevention and treatment. As instructed by the Prison Service, we also provide information and advice that it was okay to work with people who were HIV positive.

Inmates were also strongly encouraged to have both STD and HIV testing done upon their release.

From January to December, 2 talks were held per month reaching out to 60 inmates per session.

~Benedict Jacob-Thambiah, HEW Programme Coordinator~

MSM (Men having Sex with Men) Programme for 2007

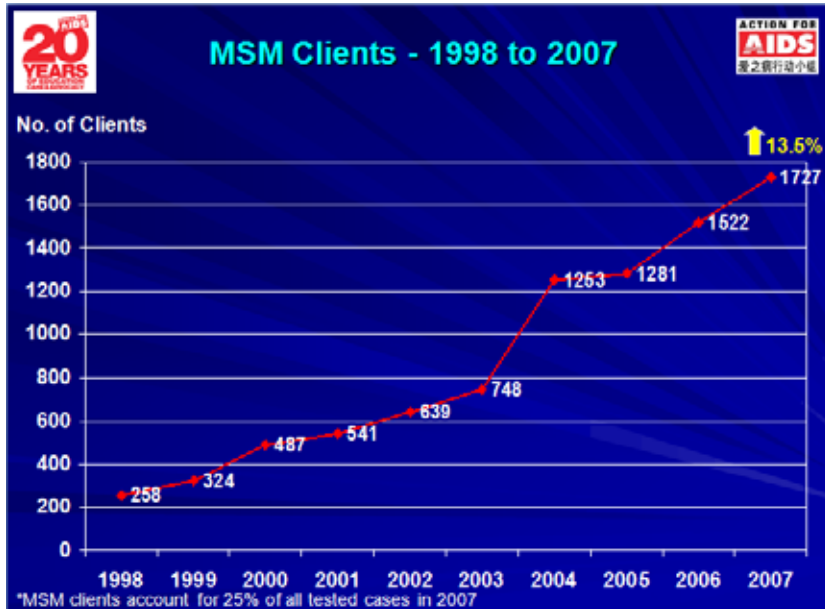
As the MSM Community is relatively large and diverse, AfA seeks to collaborate with the various MSM organizations and establishments. Three sessions of MSM Stakeholders' Meetings were held to allow organizations to update their programmes and events, and also to brainstorm ideas to better educate the MSM Community. A Young MSM outreach effort was conducted in collaboration with a club. 800 free HIV testing cards were distributed to the young MSM. However only six MSM returned to check their HIV status. It appeared that more interesting programmes need to be developed to engage the young MSM.

AfA hit the MSM community with a big bang on World AIDS Day. Three performances were conducted at various MSM establishments. A talk show with condom demonstrations, where audience was invited to join in, was well received by the patrons of a sauna. Two drag performances were conducted at a pub and a club. Using skits, songs and dance, safer sex messages were brought to the audience. Free Anonymous Testing cards were distributed on 2 December 2007 at another club to encourage regular testing among the MSM Community. More than 2,000 MSMs were reached through the World AIDS Day outreach events. During the 2007 World AIDS Day Event, AfA conducted a sero-prevalence study among the MSM Community.

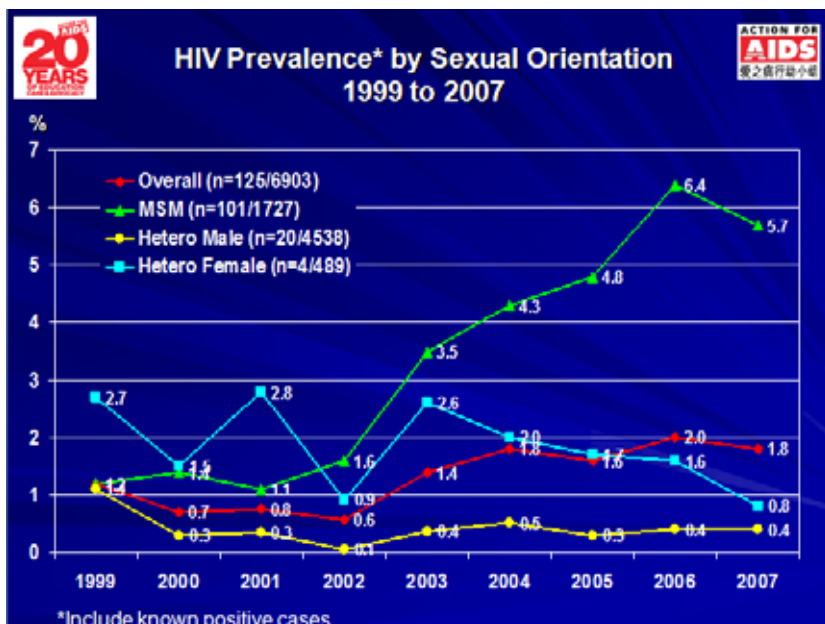
For 2007, AfA achieved the following in the MSM community:

- No. of MSM clubs reached: 6
- No. of MSM reached through clubs: 9,800
- No. of MSM saunas reached: 8
- No. of condoms distributed: 62,500
- No. of lubricants distributed: 31,250
- No. of MSM reached through internet outreach: 600

At the Anonymous Test Site, we saw a 13.5% increment of the number of MSM coming forth for test.



Despite of the larger number of MSM clients, the prevalence rate among the MSM clients was 5.7%, which was lower than 2006.



While it would be too early to say that transmission rate is decreasing among the MSM, it is an encouraging sign. It could be translated that AfA is moving along the right direction in working with the stakeholders to educate the MSM community. AfA will continue to play its pivotal role in years ahead.

~ Daniel Tung, Programme Director ~

Project Street Walker

Project Street Walker (PSW), was first launched in July 1997 with the objective of monitoring and controlling, through education and health screening, the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), among the free-lance sex workers (SWs) who solicit along the streets in red light districts.

The free-lance SWs are considered to be a high-risk target population because they are transient, mobile, and do not follow any organised mode of operation. In the past, outreach efforts took the form of educational leaflets and condom distribution, offer of free health screening, brief sharing of STI and safer sex information on the streets and SW profiling through survey questionnaires. However, engaging the SWs and getting them to come for free health screenings proved difficult mainly due to the short contact time volunteers had with the SWs on the streets, the workers' preoccupation with making successful transactions and their simultaneous need to stay alert to police arrests.

In FY 07/ 08, new initiatives were introduced to address these challenges. In August 2007, the Women's Care Centre was set up in the heart of Geylang, at Lor 20, in rented premises above Anteh Dispensary Clinic. The purpose of the drop in centre was to provide a safe haven for the SWs so that sexual health information, condom usage and negotiation skills could be imparted effectively and the support given may encourage sexual health seeking behaviour.

Four salient strategies were implemented:

1. Bringing health screening services to the SWs in Geylang, through Anteh Dispensary Clinic.
2. Making the centre available to SWs in weekday afternoons when they are least occupied with transactions.
3. Providing holistic support and care to SWs as opposed to solely promoting condom usage and health screening.
4. Providing interested SWs the chance to be involved in PSW work as volunteers, creating a sense of belonging to the PSW safe sex culture.

Outcome achieved	FY(05/06)	FY(06/07)	FY(07/08) as at 10 Feb 08
No of Streetwalkers reached	1,999	7,933	9,195
No of condoms given out	3,812	23,671	24,232
No of Health coupons given out	1,999	7,769	9,195
No of Health check done	5	10	42
No of visits to drop- in centre	NA	NA	224
No of Annex 1B short surveys done	NA	NA	250

Out of the 42 cases screened, 4 cases of Chlamydia infection and 1 case of Gonorrhoea infection have been detected. Overall, the preliminary rate of infection among SWs is 11.9%. The preliminary rate of Chlamydia infection is 9.5% and that for Gonorrhoea is 2.3%. This is significantly higher than the infection rates for other target groups such as the massage workers (Chlamydia diagnosis rate is 4.5%, Gonorrhoea diagnosis rate is 0.2%). A more accurate and representative infection rate of the free-lance SW population can only be obtained after a longer period of time when SWs of various ages have been screened.

From the survey responses collected, the mean age of the SWs in Geylang is 28 years old. The majority are from China (105/ 250 = 42%), Thailand (52/ 250 = 20.8%), and Indonesia (38/ 250 = 15.4%). Two thirds of SWs surveyed (66.1%) always initiated condom use with clients even though a fairly high proportion of SWs (16.1%) did not know that STIs can have no symptoms in women. Even though the majority of SWs say they practice protected sex, it is disturbing to find that a significant number of SWs (11.5%) never initiate condom use in all transactions and (8.9%) did not see the benefits of regular STI screening. There are still 5.2% of SWs who do not see the benefits of negotiating condom usage with clients.

Project Streetwalker will continue to raise the SWs' awareness of STI/ HIV, encourage and empower them to use condoms, equip SWs with skills to negotiate for condom use, provide support for SWs' physiological, social and emotional needs, so as to develop a culture of condom use among SWs that will be exemplified by the Women's Care Centre.

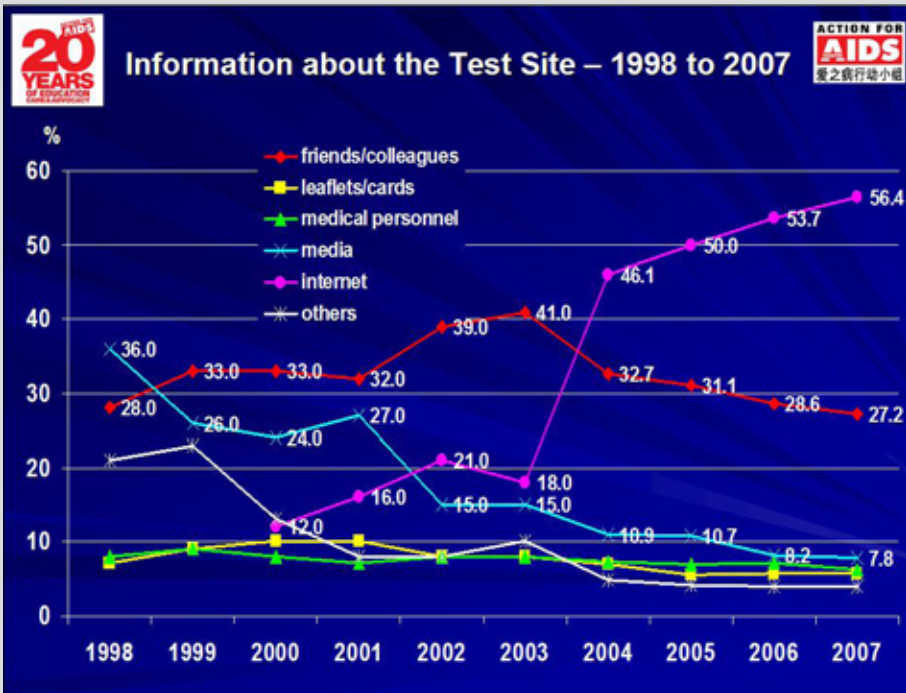
~Ms Vivienne Lim, Project Coordinator~

AfA Prison Outreach Programme

Since 2006, AfA in conjunction with the Singapore Prison Services launched two programmes within the Singapore Prison in Changi for the male prisoners. One programme targets the inmates that are about to be released. This programme provides vital information on HIV and STI prevention, safe sex and condom use. Inmates are also encouraged to get a HIV test after they are released. The other programme is specifically for HIV positive inmates within the prison. The programme provides HIV information, onward prevention efforts, counselling and care to inmates in the prison and their families. Training and education are also given to the the prison staff who handle HIV inmates

AfA Website

After almost a decade, the AfA website finally got its brand new look in January 2007. The much needed facelift was necessary in order for AfA to stay relevant with the burgeoning importance of information technology in public health education. With up to date and accurate information provided, online users can expect 24 x 7 services – i.e. they are able to find out information on HIV and AIDS readily anytime. This was also substantiated from our ATS data that about 60% of all clients in 2007 found out about our testing services via our website. We have also included a Chinese information page to cater to the growing number of Chinese-speaking clients in Singapore.



We have also proved our point that a good website will definitely attract visitors and meet our key objective to outreach to the online community. Between October to December 2007, Action for AIDS, website was award the Hitwise Top 10 Online Performance Award 2007.

Each quarter, Hitwise, the world's leading online competitive intelligence service recognizes the Top Ten websites across each industry we monitor, with a Top Ten award! From October - December, 2007, www.afa.org.sg was ranked #10

in the Hitwise Singapore 'Health and Medical - Organisations' industry based on number of visits. This ranking relates to Singapore based users visiting Singapore websites.

Clinical Services - Anonymous Testing and Counselling Service

The Anonymous Testing and Counseling Service (ATS) runs on courtesy of the DSC Clinic premise, is one of the most important public services provided by AfA - it is a valuable component for comprehensive HIV/AIDS programming.

AfA recognises that voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for HIV is an effective and important strategy for both prevention and care. Testing and being aware of 'sero-status' can facilitate behavior modification and risk reduction. Proper support mechanisms are also in place – this is made available to those who are tested positive at the ATS. The service caters to Singaporeans and non-Singaporeans alike and since 1991 it has conducted over 30,000 HIV rapid tests to date in 2007.

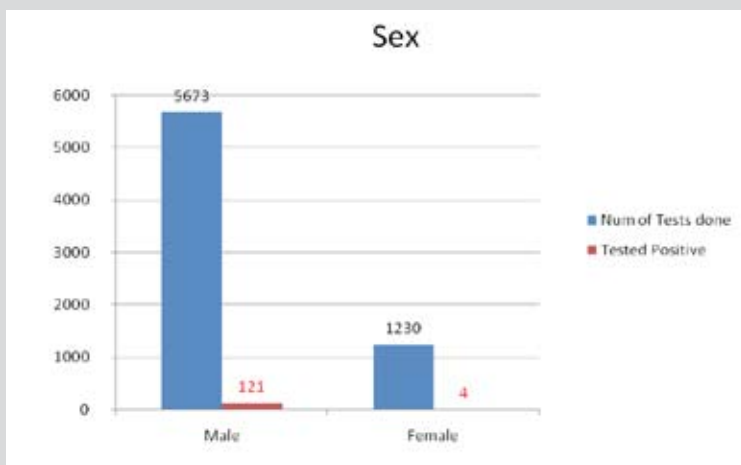
Apart from providing HIV rapid tests at the ATS, AfA is also constantly reviewing the need of incorporating other rapid tests, in view that STIs may co-exist with HIV infections. In September 2006, AfA launched a new rapid test service available only on Saturdays along with HIV for Syphilis. The service is also offered in view that it will be a useful tool to detect cases that would not otherwise go for screening. The service has so far been well-received. By the end of December 2007, there were a total of 1286 clients who took up the test and 13 were found to be positive. All clients with positive results, those with symptoms, and those who would like additional STI screening were referred to DSC/NSC for further evaluation

ATS in numbers

In 2007, a total of 6903 tests were conducted. This is almost 15% more than the number of people tested in 2006. Over the years, the number of people coming forward to be tested has increased steadily.

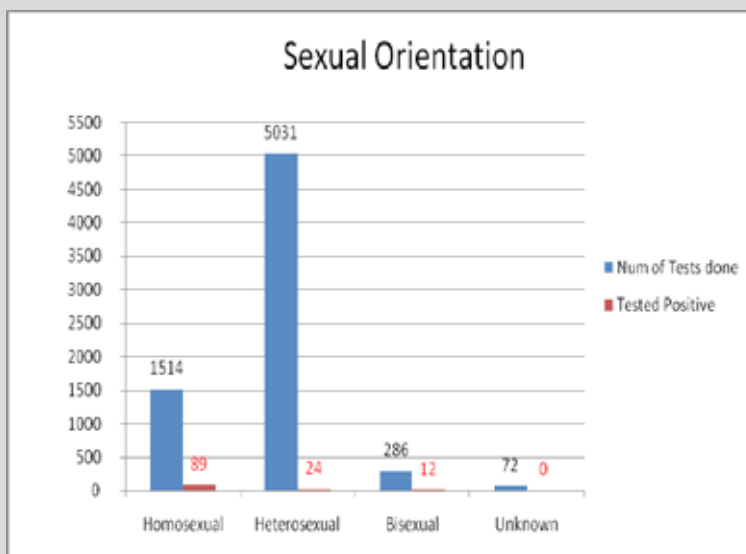
Out of the 6093 HIV test conducted, 125 tested HIV positive: 17 of these cases had tested positive at other testing facilities.

Women Testing Gone Up



In FY2006, I reported that not enough women were testing and in fact the numbers had gone down. In 2007, a total of 1230 women tested or about 18% of the overall tests done. This is more than double the 8.5% of FY 2006.

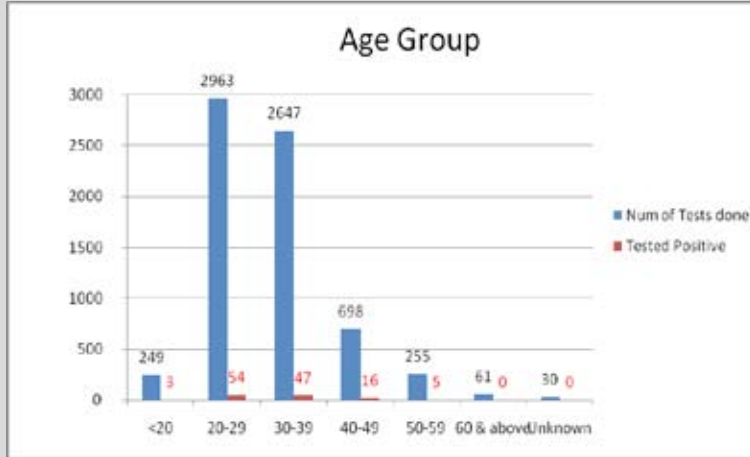
Homosexual and Bisexual Tests and Sero-status – not compatible



In 2007, 26% of those who tested indicated that they were either homosexual or bisexual. 81% of those who tested positive were either homosexual or bisexual.

This trend has not abated and more focus needs to be given to encourage more at-risk homosexuals and bisexuals to come forward to be tested.

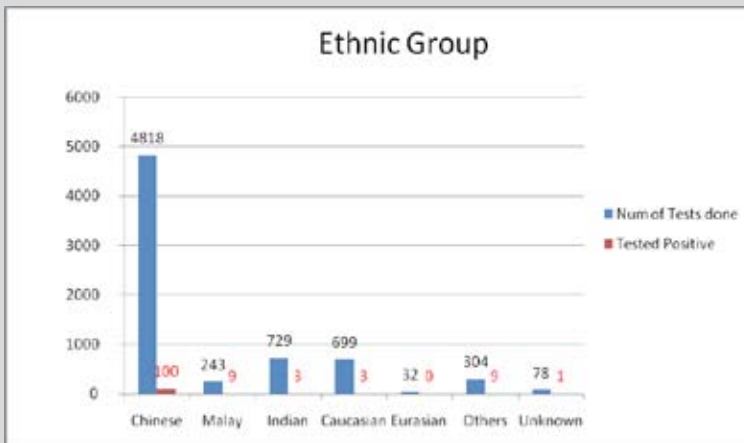
Age group



48.6% of tests were conducted on those in the age group 20-29 and 43.4% for the 30-39 range. 43.2% of those tested positive was in the 30-39 and 37.6% in the 20-29 range.

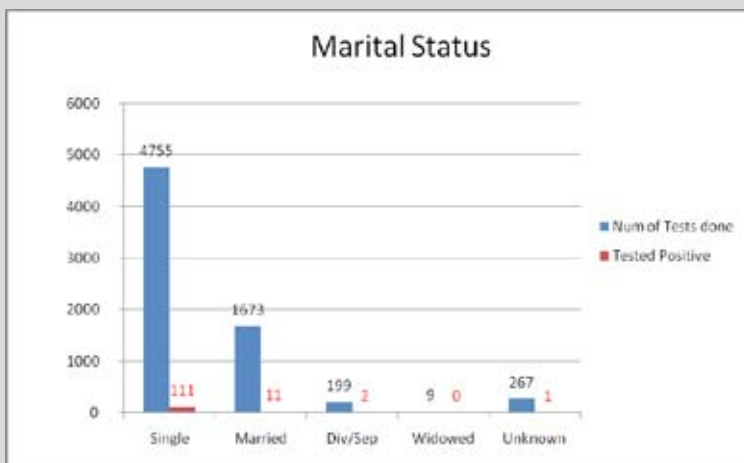
There are no significant fluctuations from FY2006 and it is indicative of the fact that these two age ranges need to have an increase in HIV awareness and risk reduction efforts.

Ethnic groups



The racial profile of people testing at the Anonymous Testing and Counseling Service is similar to that of Singapore's general ethnic make-up. However, there are significant differences with the positive results.

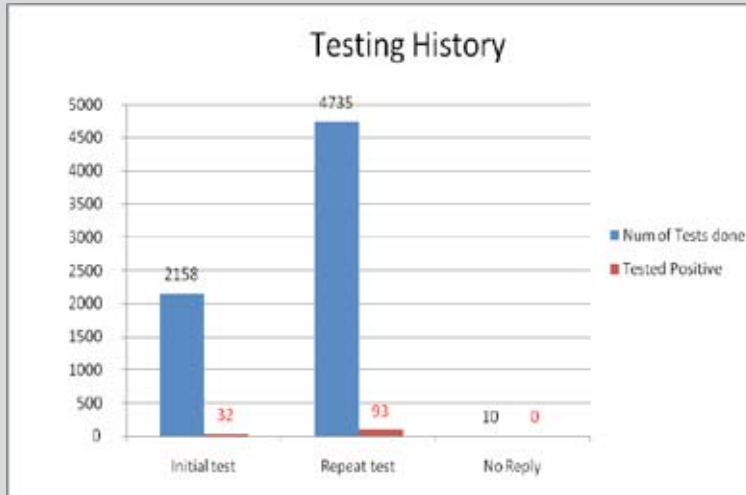
Marital Status



68.9% of those who tested at Anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing service were single, 24.2% were married and the rest were either divorced, separated or widowed.

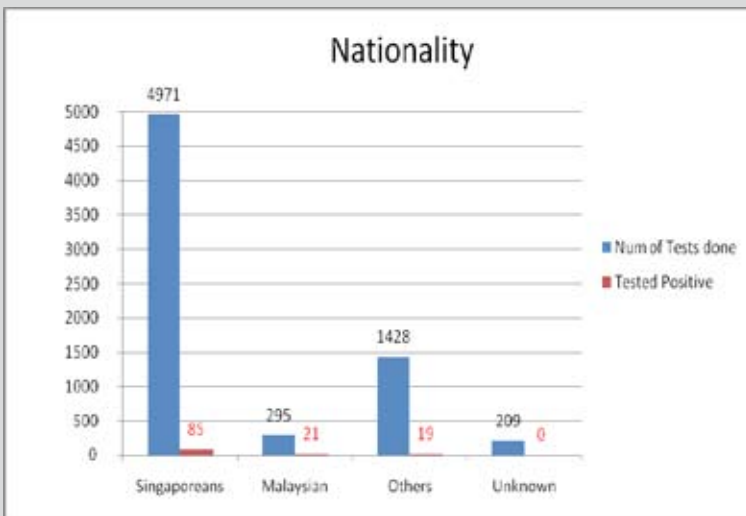
For those who test positive, 88.8% were single, 8.8% married.

Testing History



68.6% of all tests were conducted on clients who had had a prior test done at either AFA or other testing facilities. 60.8% of the total number of positives were diagnosed the repeat tests. This percentage does not include the numbers who were known cases.

Nationality



Singaporeans continue to form the bulk of those testing; however we are also seeing a significant number of foreigners using the facility.

Future plans

The Anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing continues to provide good quality and reliable service. Volunteers will continue to be trained and updated on counseling and testing information.

In order to maintain the credibility of the ATS service, steps are now taken to tighten procedures including inventory control, scale-up the knowledge pool of all counseling and testing volunteers and to

improve service standards. These steps include having an independent audit and evaluative committee and continued training and refresher courses and modules for all volunteers. There are also plans to introduce test kits that use oral fluids in order to meet the demand of clients.

~ Data collated by Lionel Lim, AfA Office Administrator ~

~ Report by Benedict Jacob-Thambiah, Project Coordinator ~

Care Management & Support Groups

Care management for 2007 proves to be even more challenging for Action for AIDS Singapore as more Singaporeans as well as pregnant mothers are tested HIV positive in 2007. In addition, the affected population like children of infected parents and direct relatives are involved in the whole care structure as well. Under the care management programme, Action for AIDS continues with her basic four components with an addition of one new component, the Care for Families Fund which was launch on the 1st December 2007:

Medical Subsidy Programme

In 2007, Action for AIDS Singapore has paid out a total of SGD\$82,200 in medical subsidies to needy patients for the period of January to December 2007. This is an increase of SGD\$6,200 over fiscal year 2006 after the Executive Committee of AfA approves to increase the Medical Subsidy budget to SGD\$20,000 per quarter. AfA Medical Subsidy scheme is paid out on a quarterly basis. AfA Medical Subsidy programme is extended to any persons living with HIV who is on highly active anti-retroviral treatment (HAART) to apply. Besides staffs, EXCO members and those involved in media and educational talks, all other subsidy applicants are subjected to a ballot in view of the limited funds available. Since its inception, AfA has paid out close to SGD\$613,300 since 1998 to date to our needy patients but this figure will continue to climb as the number of HIV+ patient increases through the years. On behalf of Action for AIDS, we appeal to corporate donors and private donors to contribute generously into this care programme as it's a life saving device for our needy patients.

Number of awardees from support groups

- 43 – Club Genesis
- 35 – Malay - Muslim Plus
- 31 – Life Goes On
- 4 – Family Support Group
- 14 – Staff

Total - 127

HIV+ Pregnant Mothers' Fund

The AfA HIV+ Pregnant Mothers' Fund was set up through the generosity of some anonymous donors who believe strongly in the cause of PMTCT (Prevention of Mother-To-Child-Transmission). PMTCT is a programme set up by UNICEF to save lives of innocent babies from being infected by their HIV+ mothers. The HIV+ Pregnant Mothers' Fund provides financial aid to any HIV+ Pregnant Mother under the Prevention of Mother-to-Child-Transmission programme. These are HIV+ Pregnant Mothers referred to AfA by MSW (Medical Social Workers) at CDC (Communicable Disease Center) for financial support to save their unborn child from being infected with HIV. In 2007 alone, AfA supported 2 HIV+ Pregnant Mothers with a total of SGD\$5,200.00 for their highly active anti-retroviral treatment (HAART) to prevent their babies from being infected. To date, AfA has paid out a total of SGD\$57,999.33 under its HIV+ Pregnant Mothers' Fund.

Care for Families Fund

AfA's Care for Families Fund was created with the objectives of filling up the gaps of the affected community besides assisting the infected ones. The Care for Families Fund idea was created both by AfA and Rockerby Bio-Med (Singapore) Pte Ltd who contributed SGD\$5,000 as a start-off for this fund. This fund was launched on World AIDS Day 2007 by AfA and Rockerby Bio-Med (Singapore) Pte Ltd with an aim to assist children and families of infected patients during their most difficult times. This fund helps to pay for school fees and transport of children of infected individuals from low income families where both parents are infected. It also helps to pay for other incidences like public utilities bills and household telephones bills. AfA works closely with MSW (Medical Social Workers) on the recommendation for the disbursement of this fund. The payout currently is capped at S\$200 per family to a maximum of two times a year.

PWHA (People With HIV/AIDS) Support Groups

One of the most successful Care programmes within AfA is the creation and setting up of this support network structure. Recognizing the need for empowerment of positive people and believing in the GIPA Principle (Greater Involvement of People With AIDS), AfA has created 4 official support groups under its auspices. They are: LGO (Life Goes On), a support group that comprises of infected heterosexual men; CG (Club Genesis), a support group for infected MSM (Men Having Sex with Men); M+ (Muslim Plus), a support group for infected Muslims and their community; and FSN (Family Support Networks), a support group for women and children affected and infected with HIV. Each group is given a budget to operate their activities but each group is allowed to generate ad hoc projects to be submitted to AfA EXCO for approval. Each group generates its own projects and expenditures to be submitted to AfA on a quarterly basis. Details of each PWHA Support group are reported individually by their respective coordinators in this annual report.

~ Paul Toh, Director, Fund-raising & Care Management ~

Club Genesis - MSM HIV/AIDS Support Network

Membership

The membership of Club Genesis (CG) currently stands at 70 or thereabouts. Active membership, defined by those who attend meetings and programs regularly, is slightly over 30. For the year 2007, the group saw an increase in new membership and a decrease in older members who have since left the support network.

The monthly meetings are held every last Friday of the month at the AfA premises. The new members are aged 18 to 48. All new members have signed the CG membership form and agreed in principle to the guidelines. The form stresses the importance of confidentiality and a code of conduct for members pertaining to how they should interact with the media should they need to as well as practicing safer sex. This has been done since 2005.

Updated Membership Guidelines

Any male person who is HIV has been diagnosed HIV positive and who is MSM (men who have sex with men) is allowed to join CG. However a confidentiality form need to be sign and basic rules of CG must be adhered to. CG committee can expel any member from the Club who has shown to have hostile behaviour and has violated indiscriminately the rules set down in the membership form.

CG has encouraged member's partners and family members to attend special activities. This is to encourage better understanding amongst partners and family members to the challenges of PLWHIV and de-stigmatise HIV/AIDS. This must be cleared first with the CG Coordinator and CG committee just to make sure all is adhered to.

The Role of the CG Coordinator and CG Committee

CG chairman, vice chairman or secretary are no longer positions held in CG. CG is run by a committee of passionate and dedicated volunteers and a CG coordinator. This was enacted in January 2007 and approved by CG members present at a meeting.

The CG committee is voted in by current active members of CG. In order to be eligible to be on the CG committee you must be present for a minimum of 1 year CG activities and meetings and be involved in the running of these activities.

The position of CG coordinator, voted by the CG committee, will be in charge of finance claims and liaising with AfA in regards to CG affairs. CG coordinator will also be in charge of the Cell programmes and complaint matters arising in the support group and the CG Yahoo groups. However all decisions regarding membership and complaints will be discussed within the CG committee and a decisions will be made by the committee. The position of CG coordinator will change each year.

Update on CG Monthly Meetings

As with last year, the format of the monthly meeting has a structured educational segment along with a social aspect and dinner provided by CG. There is also a sharing session where each member would introduce themselves and update the group on their health status. The group also covered informative subject matters which included disclosure, legal issues (especially with regards to the Infectious Diseases Act), new anti-retroviral (ARV) medication and areas concerning health which were of interest to members. The average attendance for each meeting has increased to over 30, a 30% increase from last year.

Weekly Cell Group Meetings

CG has had 4 cell groups in 2007. The 10 session programme started in 2005 is specifically designed for newly diagnosed individuals. Members meet weekly to share their fears while learning about the basics of HIV, sexuality, disclosure, medication, financial problems and HIV law and how to keep themselves and those around them safe. These meetings are facilitated by trained facilitators who are also HIV positive.

CG has also designed a Cell Programme Manual detailing the programme, the activities and the guidelines.

Buddying & Befriending Programme

Under the buddying and befriending programme, the more experienced members continued to counsel and meet newly diagnosed individuals. CDC, CGH and ATS has been introducing newly diagnosed MSM men to CG. Many of the people in the buddying and befriending programme do not attend either the weekly or monthly meetings for various reasons. Therefore the buddying and befriending programme is essential for PWA's to talk to someone who understand their predicament and the challenges that are associated with it. There are 25 PWA's on the buddying and befriending programme.

Other CG Activities in 2007

CG also celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas, and Chinese New Year at the homes of some of its members.

Email/SMS updates

This service for members to get up to date and important information on HIV related issues, medical breakthroughs, new ARV medication available in SG and CG related activities. Some members have no internet or email access and depend on sms updates. Others prefer to have email updates only and keep their hp phone line private. Please note that all correspondence is kept in the strictest of confidence.

CG Yahoo Groups

In 2007, CG started a yahoo groups for its members to get updated on HIV news, CG events and related activities. The yahoo calendar is used to update CG members of upcoming events like the CG gatherings, our special gathering for Chinese New Year parties and Christmas parties etc, special outings, volunteer opportunities in AfA, job opportunities with business that are HIV friendly, monthly meetings and cell programmes. This yahoo groups is strictly for CG members only and will require authentication before joining the groups. (http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/club_genesis/)

Collaboration with Health Promotion Board (HPB)

In 2007, CG collaborated with Health Promotion Board in health communication and prevention strategies in a number of HIV Prevention manuals and videos for teenagers and for the public. These included written, taped and recorded testimonials, direct input in the programmes. This partnership showed and recognized that people living with HIV/AIDS are part of the solution to the impacts of the disease and should be included in prevention efforts. (GIPA- Greater involvement of people living with HIV - Principal).

International Conference of AIDS in the Asia-Pacific 2007 (ICAAP)

The 8th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) took place in Colombo, Sri Lanka on from 19 - 24 August 2007. The conference brought together more than 3,000 delegates from some 60 countries to discuss critical issues on AIDS in the region such as stigma and discrimination, access to HIV prevention and treatment and the importance of sustained political commitment on AIDS.

A representative from CG was awarded a scholarship to conduct a skills building workshop at the conference where he shared the Singaporean experience of running the Club Genesis (CG) HIV+ support group and the Cell programmes along with presenting a poster for the conference.

More involvement with CG members will be organized with the upcoming ICAAP 2009 in Bali.

Conclusion

Raphael Meyer who has been serving as the CG coordinator since 2005 will step down formally in April 2008. The new CG coordinator will be Arthur Lim.

~Raphael Meyer - CG Coordinator~

The Buddies Programme

Year 2007 continued to be a challenging year for the Buddies. We continued our work in the aim of creating a better environment for understanding and coping with HIV/AIDS by maintaining a support network of volunteers with whom PWHA and their loved ones can share their experiences and feelings and from whom they can draw emotional and practical support. These are achieved by conducting weekly Tuesday night ward visits to patients at CDC and also providing massaging services to the patients. The Buddies Programme in 2008 aims to recruit fresh blood in order to keep the programme going.

~ Alan Tan Chye Soon, The Buddies Programme Coordinator ~

Muslim + (M+)

This peer support group brings together Muslim patients within a safe and emotionally supportive environment. Members meet every 1st Saturday of the month and during these meetings, various activities are organized, e.g. speakers have been invited to talk on religious issues. The support group membership has increased in 2007 and members found it a useful platform to come together and share their thoughts and experiences with others especially in coming to grips with their infection from an Islamic perspective.

~ Nooraini Abdul Rahim, M+ Coordinator ~

Life Goes On - LGO

Heterosexual men continue to account for the biggest number of newly infected cases in 2007. As heterosexual men represent a diverse set of demographics, LGO II was launched to provide support to the English-speaking while LGO I continue to provide support to the Mandarin-speaking. Most of them are middle age men between 35- to 70-year old. The two LGO group members continue to face obstacle in terms of accessibility to treatment, employment problem - results of stigma and discrimination.

Email Support and Helpline Services

Information technology has taken counseling to the next step. AfA has been receiving an ever increasing number of online appeals via email for help on questions related to HIV/AIDS & STIs. On the telephone counselling front, the volume of calls have been increasing tremendously – albeit operating only during office hours.

Projects, Events Management & Fundraising

Candlelight Memorial 2007

Action for AIDS, Singapore (AfA) with various partners have been organising the Singapore AIDS Candlelight Memorial for the past 14 years. The event is traditionally held in open areas such as Bras Basah Park, Youth Park, Tampines MRT Open Area and the Botanical Gardens.

Instead of holding the memorial in an open area, AfA along with co-organiser First Hand have chosen to move the commemoration indoors for the first time with the generous support of the Singapore Management University (SMU) in 2007. The Singapore AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service was held on Sunday 20 May 2007, 1900H at the SMU Conference Hall, Level 2, School of Accountancy and School of Law.

AfA Corporate Retreat

After the last strategic planning in 2001, AfA needed another retreat to revisit its strategic directions, vision, mission and values. The 2007 retreat took place on 9 September 2007 at the Conrad Centennial Singapore. The retreat saw the full attendance of Executive Committee Members, as well as volunteers and staff with retreat facilitator, Graeme Storer.

Men 2007 Exhibition

AfA participated in the Men 2007 Exhibition at Suntec City Convention & Exhibition Hall on 8-10 Jun 2007 with booth sponsored by Health Promotion Board. The main aim of the exhibition was to provide safer sex materials to the men visiting the exhibition. Although the turnout at the exhibition were few, AfA managed to find a few new volunteers and garner some interest from the rest of the exhibitors.

Fund-raising Events

Fundraising activities were slow in the beginning of 2007 but it gradually picked up towards the third and fourth quarters of 2007.

President Challenge 2007

Action for AIDS, Singapore was one of the named beneficiaries for the President Challenge 2007 – we were very fortunate to have been chosen by the President to be part of the annual fund raising event. This was also the first time an HIV patient went on national television to detail her anguish and journey to raise her children up single-handedly. All in all, AfA was given \$70,000 from the \$1.8 million raised. The donated amount came in the first quarter of 2008.

A World Without AIDS Party at Loof, 19 May 2007

The year opened with a minor charity events like Pre-candlelight memorial gathering at Loof and FLIRT - Fabulous party at St James Powerhouse. The year 2007 also saw more contributions in terms of profits and social responsibility actions from various community groups like FLIRT Fabulous parties contributions from St James PowerStation on their Fabulous Sunday nights to Club 21 Red Armani Drive as well as smaller contributions from various outlets like health spas and bars.

Joint-flag Day: AfA & SPPA

Towards the third quarter, AfA was engaged in more high profile fundraising events like the first joint Flag Day with Singapore Planned Parenthood Association (SPPA) which raised about SGD\$6,622.77 in total.

Vegas Royale Gala Dinner

AfA has always been very fortunate to have the support of philanthropists who are willing to help in raising funds for our cause. Our only gala dinner, named 'Vegas Royale' was organized by PMR Entertainment which raised SGD\$75,420 at the Singapore National Museum. It was a glamorous event with the attendance of socialites.

Line Dancing

As the year inched towards the last quarter, Action for AIDS Singapore organised major World AIDS Day (WAD) activities ranging from the Line Dancing which was co-organized by Country Bandwagon. This event raised a total of SGD\$13,482,50 with more than 600 participants taking part. More than 80% of the participants were women and we had Braema Mathi AfA Vice-President and a veteran advocate for Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) delivering the event speech on the vulnerability of women. The event marks the beginning of the 2007 WAD.

Walking To Stop Aids: Keep The Promise

AIDS WALK 2007 is part and parcel of our World AIDS Day event which was held on the 2nd December 2007. The route of the walk started off at the National Youth Council Skate Park to the M.A.C. counter at C. K. Tangs. This was an event to mark World AIDS Day 2007 and AfA have adopted theme: Walking to Stop AIDS: Keep The Promise. The Guest-Of Honor, Senior Minister of State, Dr Balaji Sadasivan was present to flag off the event and saw participants starting the walk at 1730 hours at the Skate Park. The AIDS WALK 2007 managed to raise a total of SGD\$101,840 from M.A.C. AIDS Fund under the Estee Lauder Group.

HOPE Concert

The year ended with the HOPE Concert which raised close to SGD\$5,000 with the billboard pop chart duo as the main attraction. The event was co-organised by the Faith Community Church and the turnout was a success albeit being at an old local theatre - People's Theatre in Chinatown.

Online-donation Portal

Individual donors have also contributed more to AfA in view of the vibrant economy through our OLDLP(On-Line Donation Portal) which is currently linked and managed by NCSS (National Council of Societies in Singapore).

To conclude, the year 2007 raised SGD\$234,092.82 through events and corporate donations, On-Line Donation Portals by individual donors has increased as well for the whole of 2007.

Staff & Office Management

In 2007, AfA saw some major changes in staff. In terms of staff strength, Benjamin Xue joined AfA as the new MSM coordinator and Shaleene Suria joined late of 2007 as the Programme Executive for Women's Programme.

Volunteer Management

As of 31 December 2007, there are 300 volunteers. Of these, 58 are active volunteers rotated at the anonymous testing clinic at AfA. The rest of the volunteers are stationed at AfA's programmes and projects/events. Volunteers on regular commitment on projects or events are given a short-service contract to further develop the programmes. The volunteer management system is in the midst of revamp after the recommendation from the charity council.

~Lionel Lee, Executive Director~

Organisation Information

Formed in 1988, Action for AIDS (AfA) is a voluntary community based organization and a registered charity since 7 October 1994. We are also a registered IPC under the Ministry of Health from 15 December 2004. Our objectives are to provide support and assistance to persons living with HIV and AIDS (PWAs); to increase awareness, education and understanding of AIDS and HIV infection; to combat discrimination and stigmatisation of (PWAs) and their loved ones; and to encourage AIDS-related research activities in Singapore.

The organization is run for the most part by volunteers. Various support and welfare programmes are run for people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones. Our educational activities range from telephone counselling, public talks and exhibitions, and outreach to the community and target groups, which includes the development and distribution of educational materials and publications.

We also operate the only anonymous HIV-testing facility in the Singapore. In the research field we have been involved in behavioral research and intervention programmes for human resource managers, sex workers and other communities.

Action for AIDS is funded through donations from various agencies, private individuals, foundations, businesses both large and small and statutory board.

Mission Statement

“Action for AIDS (AFA) is a caring NGO committed to AIDS prevention, advocacy and support. Our mission is to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS through continuous education targeted at vulnerable groups; to advocate for access to affordable care and against HIV/AIDS discrimination; and to provide support for PWAs, caregivers and volunteers.”

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (Ex-co) was elected at the 18th Annual General Meeting held on 30 June 2007:

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|-----|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1) | A/Prof Roy Chan | President |
| 2) | Ms Braema Mathi | Vice-President |
| 3) | Ms Dawn Mok | Hon Secretary |
| 4) | Mr Thomas Ng | Ass. Hon Secretary |
| 5) | Mr John Woo | Treasurer |
| 6) | A/Prof George Bishop | Committee Member |
| 7) | Ms Caroline Fernandez | Committee Member |
| 8) | Dr Lee Cheng Chuan | Committee Member |
| 9) | Ms Noraini Bte Abdul Rahim | Committee Member |
| 10) | Mr Raphael Meyer | Committee Member |

Trustees

The premise at 21 Norris Rd is held in trust for the charity by the following trustees by the trust instrument of 11 September 2003:

- 1) Mr Nicholas Chan Kei Cheong
- 2) Mr Goh Eck Meng
- 3) Ms Jacqueline Khoo Pek Sin
- 4) Mr Stuart Koe Chi Yeow
- 5) Mr Howe Leong Joon Kim

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Financial Information for
Action for AIDS, Singapore 2007

Performance Review for the period from December 31, 2006 to December 31, 2007

Action For Aids, Singapore
A/C No: 8221-327379-9001

The portfolio registered a return of 6.49% in 2007, bringing total returns to 25.4% since its inception in January 2004. Net asset value of the portfolio stood at SGD1,276,993 at the end of 31 December 2007. Asset allocation, stock selection and currency management have all contributed to the return.

2007 was an eventful year. Global financial markets witnessed extreme volatility which was first triggered by the deterioration in the US subprime mortgage market. Excess leverage in the US that was built up over the years as a result of lax credit lending practice took its toll on the financial sector and the credit market in the US. It also halted the five-year upsurge in merger and acquisition activity. More importantly, liquidity in financial markets seized up towards the end of the first half of the year. Fears of contagion to the US and global economies dominated headlines and risky trades were being unwound. The opacity and the illiquidity of some structured products further hampered investors' confidence as the marked-to-market valuation of these products was called into question. The confidence crisis escalated as more established banks such as Citigroup, UBS and Merrill Lynch reported losses due to write offs stemming from falls in the value of leveraged loan exposures and mortgage related securities. Elsewhere, commodities prices and the USD moved in opposite directions, making new highs and lows respectively. On the currency front, SGD which is the base currency of this portfolio rallied strongly against major currencies, up 6.1% against USD, 3.78% against EUR and up 4.89% against GBP.

Against such a volatile backdrop, we had positioned the portfolio in very defensive position. Cash was raised to 31% by the end of the year, mainly by reducing exposure in equities (down from 36% the start of the year to 27% at the end of the year). There was little change in the bond portion of the portfolio as yields of SGD-denominated bonds remained unattractive. We had also hedged non-SGD exposure and prevented currency erosion to the portfolio.

Rebekah Chuan, CFA
Head of Discretionary Portfolio Management & Funds
HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) S.A.



Deloitte

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)
(Charities Registration No. 1050)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2007

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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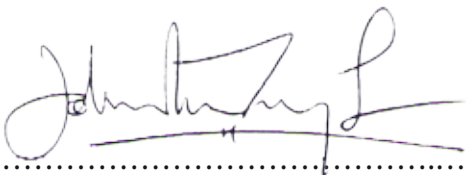
STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, Associate Professor Roy Chan and John Woo, being the President and Treasurer respectively, do hereby state that in our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related income and expenditure statement, the statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement together with the notes thereto, are drawn up according to the best of our knowledge and belief so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Action For Aids (Singapore) (the "Society") as at December 31, 2007 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the financial year ended December 31, 2007 and are in agreement with the accounting records of the Society.

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



.....
Associate Professor Roy Chan
President



.....
John Woo
Treasurer

Singapore
April 29, 2008

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Action For Aids (Singapore) (the "Society") which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2007, the income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement of the society for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages 4 to 23.

Executive Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Executive Committee of the Society is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

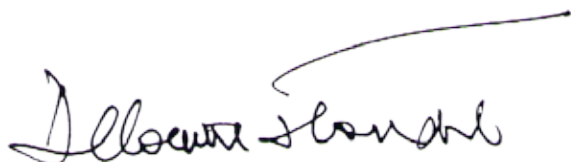
Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Executive Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at December 31, 2007 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the year ended on that date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lawrence Standaert", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the signature towards the right.

Certified Public Accountants

Singapore
April 29, 2008

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	6	1,141,521	712,788
Fixed deposits	7	165,988	342,458
Other receivables	8	66,800	29,244
Financial assets at fair value through Income and expenditure statement	10	885,177	1,022,046
		2,259,486	2,106,536
Non-current asset			
Fixed assets	9	8,541	10,449
Current liability			
Accrued expenses		94,505	53,667
Net assets		2,173,522	2,063,318
Financed by:			
Endowment fund	10	1,269,404	1,204,936
Accumulated funds		904,118	858,382
		2,173,522	2,063,318

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Year ended December 31, 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
Income			
Fund raising dinner (gross receipts)		75,420	328,271
Donations		66,630	116,048
Fund-raising campaigns		159,235	70,210
Interest on autosave accounts		4,249	4,954
Interest on fixed deposits		3,129	5,413
Interest on bonds		32,216	31,208
Anonymous blood testing income	11	85,546	85,484
Net gain on disposal of investments	10	74,992	35,331
Dividend income		16,281	11,635
Unrealised gain on fair value of investments		5,538	38,290
Aids conference fee		-	45,029
Other income		11,618	18,542
		534,854	790,415
Less: Expenditures			
Project and programme expenses	12	(296,295)	(410,652)
Administrative expenses	13	(348,646)	(276,010)
(Deficit) Surplus before grant income		(110,087)	103,753
Grant income from statutory board	14	220,291	174,454
Surplus after grant income		110,204	278,207
Tax	4	-	-
Surplus		110,204	278,207
Transferred (from) to			
Accumulated funds		45,736	(60,719)
Endowment fund		64,468	338,926
		110,204	278,207

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS****Year ended December 31, 2007**

Accumulated Surplus	Endowment fund \$	Accumulated funds \$	Total \$
Balance at December 31, 2005	866,010	919,101	1,785,111
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	338,926	(60,719)	278,207
Balance at December 31, 2006	1,204,936	858,382	2,063,318
Surplus for the year	64,468	45,736	110,204
Balance at December 31, 2007	1,269,404	904,118	2,173,522

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Year ended December 31, 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Operating activities		
Surplus for the year	110,204	278,207
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	4,972	3,298
Dividends received	(16,281)	(11,635)
Interest income	(39,594)	(41,575)
Change in fair value of investment adjustment - net	32,752	(36,557)
Operating surplus before working capital changes	92,053	191,738
Other receivables	(37,556)	(4,484)
Advances	-	(64,400)
Accrued expenses	40,838	20,123
Net cash from operating activities	95,335	142,977
Investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(3,064)	(7,991)
Sale (Purchase) of financial assets held at fair value (net)	104,117	(255,852)
Dividends received	16,281	11,635
Interest received	39,594	41,575
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	156,928	(210,633)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	252,263	(67,656)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,055,246	1,122,902
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note A)	1,307,509	1,055,246
Note A		
Cash and bank balances	1,141,521	712,788
Fixed deposits	165,988	342,458
Cash and cash equivalents	1,307,509	1,055,246

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

ACTION FOR AIDS (SINGAPORE)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2007

1 GENERAL

Action for Aids (Singapore) (the "Society") (Charities Registration No. 1050) is registered under the Societies and Charities Act with its registered address at c/o DSC Clinic, 31 Kelantan Lane #02-16, Singapore 200031. The financial statements are expressed in Singapore dollars.

The Society's mission is to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS through continuous education targeted at vulnerable groups; to advocate for access to affordable care and against HIV/AIDS discrimination; and to provide support for People With Aids (PWAs), caregivers and volunteers.

The financial statements of the Society for the year ended December 31, 2007 were authorised for issue by the Executive Committee of the Society on April 29, 2008.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below, and are drawn up in accordance with the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS").

ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS – In the current financial year, the society has adopted all the new and revised FRSs and Interpretations of FRS ("INT FRS") that are relevant to its operations and effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2007. The adoption of these new/revised FRSs and INT FRSs does not result in changes to the Society's accounting policies and has no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following FRS, INT FRS and amendments to FRS that are relevant to the Society was issued but not effective:

FRS 107 - Financial Instruments: Disclosures

Amendments to FRS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements on Capital Disclosures.

Consequential amendments were also made to various standards as a result of these new/revised standards.

Other than FRS 107, the management anticipate that the adoption of the other FRSs, INT FRSs and amendments to FRSs that were issued but not yet effective at the date of authorisation of these financial statements until future periods will have no material impact on the financial statements of the society in the period of their initial adoption.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the society's balance sheet when the society becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets

Investments are recognised and de-recognised on a trade date and are initially recognised measured at fair value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, bank balances and fixed deposits that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial instrument and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments through the expected life of the financial instrument, or where appropriate, a shorter period. Income and expense is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial instruments "at fair value through income and expenditure statement".

Financial assets at fair value through income and expenditure statement (FVTIES)

Financial assets are classified as at FVTIES where the financial asset is held for trading.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future; or
- it is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that the society manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

Financial assets at fair value through the income and expenditure statement are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the income and expenditure statement. The net gain or loss recognised in income and expenditure statement incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset. Fair value is determined in the manner described in Note 5.

Loans and receivables

Other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as “loans and receivables”. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less impairment. Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate method, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted. For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset’s carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of receivables where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited to the income and expenditure statement. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in statement of income and expenditure.

Financial liabilities and accumulated funds

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability. The accounting policies adopted for specific financial liabilities are set out below.

Classification as debt

Financial liabilities issued by the Society are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability.

Financial liabilities

Other payables are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis

Derivative financial instruments

The society invests in derivative financial instrument under the endowment fund which is managed by a fund manager. Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments are recognised in the income and expenditure statement as they arise.

Derivative financial instruments are initially measured at fair value on the contract date, and are measured to fair value at subsequent reporting dates.

Funds

Income and expenditure of the society are generally accounted for under the accumulated funds in the society's income and expenditure statement. The income and expenditure relating to a fund that is set up for a specific purpose is accounted for under endowment fund in the society's income and expenditure statement.

An endowment fund created from donations for specific purposes have been set up and disclosed separately from the society's accumulated funds. Government grant and donations, to set up or augment the capital of the endowment fund, are taken directly to this fund.

The operating results of both the accumulated funds and endowment fund maintained by the society are included in the Income and Expenditure Statement of the society.

Assets and liabilities of the endowment fund are pooled in the balance sheet.

LEASES - Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rental payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed. Contingent rentals arising under operating leases are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

FIXED ASSETS - Fixed assets are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, on the following bases:

Furniture, fittings and equipment - 33%

The estimated useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed at each year end, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Fully depreciated assets still in use are retained in the financial statements.

The gain or loss arising on disposal or retirement of an item of fixed assets is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS - At each balance sheet date, the society reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure statement, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

PROVISIONS - Provisions are recognised when the society has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the society will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

REVENUE RECOGNITION - General donations are recognised as income as and when received.

Sponsorships and donations for fund raising campaigns are recognised as income on an accrual basis. Income from operation of the anonymous blood testing centre is recognised upon completion of service.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS - Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Society will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received. Government grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the costs for which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis. Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Society with no future related costs are recognised in income and expenditure statement in the period in which they become receivable.

RETIREMENT BENEFIT COSTS - Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense as they fall due. Payments made to state-managed retirement benefit schemes, such as the Singapore Central Provident Fund, are dealt with as payments to defined contribution plans where the society's obligations under the plans are equivalent to those arising in a defined contribution retirement benefit plan.

EMPLOYEE LEAVE ENTITLEMENT - Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS - The financial statements of the society are measured and presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The financial statements of the society are presented in Singapore dollars, which is the functional currency of the society, and the presentation currency for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements of the society, transactions in currencies other than its functional currency are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the date of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

3 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Society's accounting policies, which are described in Note 2, the Management Committee members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Executive Committee of the Society is of the opinion that:

- i) any instances of application of judgements are not expected to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements; and
- ii) there are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant effect on the amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4 TAXATION

Action For Aids (Singapore) ('Society') is an approved charity under the Charities Act, Cap. 37. As such, under the Singapore Income Tax Act, Cap. 134, the income received by the Society is tax exempt. In 2006, the income received by the Society was tax exempt provided that 80% of its income derived in the year preceding the year of assessment was utilised for charitable purposes.

5 FINANCIAL RISKS AND MANAGEMENT

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Society is exposed to foreign currency risks on investments in the endowment fund that are denominated in currencies other than Singapore dollars. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily the US dollar and Euro. The board of trustees for the endowment fund and a financial institution manages the endowment fund on a prudent and on-going basis to ensure that the net exposure is kept to an acceptable level.

Interest Rate Risk

The Society's exposure to changes in interest rates relates primarily to its fixed deposits and bank balances in financial institutions. The Society's policy is to place surplus funds on fixed deposits having favourable interest rates with financial institutions in Singapore.

Credit Risk

At the balance sheet date, there were no significant concentration of credit risk. The Society's cash, fixed deposits and endowment funds are placed with reputable financial institutions which are regulated.

Liquidity Risk

The Society practices prudent liquidity risk management by maintaining adequate liquid funds to meet its liabilities and its exposure to liquidity risk is minimal.

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The carrying values of cash and bank balances, other receivables, accrued expenses and miscellaneous funds approximates their fair value due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The fair values of other classes of financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in the respective notes in the financial statements.

The fair values of financial assets are determined at the fair values of FVTIES with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market prices.

6 CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	29	6,126
Cash at bank	1,141,492	706,662
	1,141,521	712,788

The society's cash and bank balances that are not denominated in the functional currency of the society are as follows:

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Euro	29	-
British pounds	12,236	549
Swiss Franc	-	109
Hong Kong dollars	6	-
Japanese Yen	189	-
United States dollars	187	31,965

7 FIXED DEPOSITS

Fixed deposits bear interest at an average rate of 3.7330% (2006 : 1.6810%) per annum and are for a tenure of approximately 7 days (2006 : 140 days).

The society's fixed deposit balances that are not denominated in the functional currency of the society are as follows:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Euro	49,558	18,534
Hong Kong dollars	62,599	-
United States dollars	53,832	-

8 OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Deposits	8,800	7,905
Other recoverables	6,960	4,320
Government Grants receivable	51,040	15,857
Accrued interest receivables	-	1,162
	66,800	29,244

9 FIXED ASSETS

	Furniture, fittings and equipment \$
Cost:	
Balance at January 1, 2006	5,920
Additions	7,991
At December 31, 2006	13,911
Additions	3,064
At December 31, 2007	16,975
Accumulated depreciation:	
Charge for the year and balance at January 1, 2006	164
Charge for the year	3,298
At December 31, 2006	3,462
Charge for the year	4,972
At December 31, 2007	8,434
Carrying amount:	
At December 31, 2007	8,541
At December 31, 2006	10,449

10 FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
- ENDOWMENT FUND

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Quoted investments at cost:		
Bonds and notes	562,895	572,413
Equity shares	316,744	379,604
Unit trusts	-	31,739
	879,639	983,756
Fair value adjustments	5,538	38,290
At fair value	885,177	1,022,046
Market value of quoted investments:		
Bonds and notes	541,608	560,569
Equity shares	343,569	429,588
Unit trusts	-	31,889
	885,177	1,022,046

The AFA Endowment Fund is set up in 2004 to foster and support all educational activities in relation to AIDS/HIV infection; to promote research in all fields relating to AIDS/HIV infection; and to support welfare activities in the prevention and alleviation of suffering of persons with AIDS/HIV infection. The investments under the Endowment Fund are managed by a professional fund manager.

The balance sheet and income and expenditure statement of the endowment fund are as follows:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Balance Sheet		
Current assets:		
Cash and bank balances	391,476	189,265
Non-current assets:		
Financial assets held at fair value through income and expenditure statement	885,177	1,022,046
Current liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	(7,249)	(6,375)
Net assets	1,269,404	1,204,936
Financed by:		
Original fund	800,000	800,000
Accumulated surplus	469,404	404,936
	1,269,404	1,204,936

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Income and expenditure statement		
Income:		
Fund raising dinner	-	328,271
Net gain on disposal of investments	74,992	35,331
Dividend income	16,281	11,635
Unrealised gain on fair value of investment	5,538	38,290
Interest income	32,216	31,208
	129,027	444,735
Less: Expenditures:		
Fund raising dinner expenses	-	(55,093)
Fund management fees	(14,837)	(8,263)
Exchange loss	(49,722)	(42,453)
Surplus for the year	64,468	338,926
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	404,936	66,010
Accumulated surplus at end of year	469,404	404,936

11 ANONYMOUS BLOOD TESTING INCOME

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Receipts from anonymous blood testing centre	148,916	122,570
Less: HIV test kits	(63,370)	(37,086)
	85,546	85,484

12 PROJECT AND PROGRAMME EXPENSES

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
AFA newsletter – The Act	13,402	13,927
Medical subsidy	81,900	80,500
Candlelight memorial	491	6,414
Buddies and friends	1,131	2,546
Life goes on	1,478	806
Club Genesis	3,323	6,158
Prison Outreach	4,412	2,696
MSM project	35,441	155,935
Family support network	66	33
Youth education programme	1,021	6,914
Oagachaga	4,885	9,107
HIV education workshops	1,001	600
AOC Fundraising Dinner	-	46,770
Sexpo convention expense	-	81
Muslim Group	2,892	170
Movie Charity Premiere	-	300
Sweat Party Fundraising	-	160
Playboy Fundraising Expense	-	1,052
Digital Arts	(395)	2,998
Aids conference - net	-	38,333
Women’s outreach programme	6,403	3,227
Pregnant mother’s fund	5,200	16,994
Riding for life	5,740	-
Heterosexual programme	69,527	14,929
HPB Project Expenses	1,680	-
Fabulous Flirt Fundraising	2,480	-
Vegas Royale Fundraising	1,265	-
LOOF Fundraising	49	-
Men 2007 Expenses	48	-
Line Dancing Fundraising	1,059	-
AFA/SPPA Flag Day	200	-
Singapore Fashion Week	607	-
AIDS Walk 2007	35,229	-
MOH Sero-Prevalence Project	15,760	-
	296,295	410,652

13 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Bank charges	282	718
Media advertisement	-	3,059
Rental of office premises *	36,000	33,850
Refreshments	-	2,668
Office maintenance	6,081	4,057
Purchase of office equipment	1,577	-
Postages and courier services	355	590
Printing and stationery	4,261	2,094
Staff costs (excluding CPF)**	174,363	123,879
Staff medical expenses	957	286
CPF	22,912	23,757
Telecom charges	2,246	3,545
Travelling and accommodation	4,034	944
Training	7,176	8,536
Utilities	7,778	6,723
Website maintenance	1,845	3,265
Fund management fees	14,837	8,263
Legal and professional fees	4,860	80
Anonymous test site expense	-	1,653
Foreign exchange loss on investments	49,722	42,453
Miscellaneous	3,812	2,292
Depreciation	4,972	3,298
Recruitment	576	-
	348,646	276,010

* The rental agreements are signed in the name of a member of the Executive Committee and a staff member on behalf of the society with the respective landlords.

** The key managerial personal are executive committee members are not paid any remuneration.

14 GRANT INCOME FROM STATUTORY BOARD

	2007 \$	2006 \$
MSM Outreach Programme	109,222	114,922
Hetrosexual Male Outreach Programme	103,466	47,328
Women Outreach Programme	6,403	3,139
Youth Outreach Programme	-	9,065
HIV Talks	1,200	-
	220,291	174,454

15 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense in the year	36,000	33,850

At the balance sheet date, the society has outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Within one year	36,000	36,000
In the second to fifth years inclusive	-	36,000

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the society for its office premises. Leases are negotiated and rentals are fixed for a term of two years.



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