

**International Seminar on
SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND MENTAL HEALTH BURDENS
OF HIV/AIDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

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Session 3: Care Delivery and Response from the Frontline

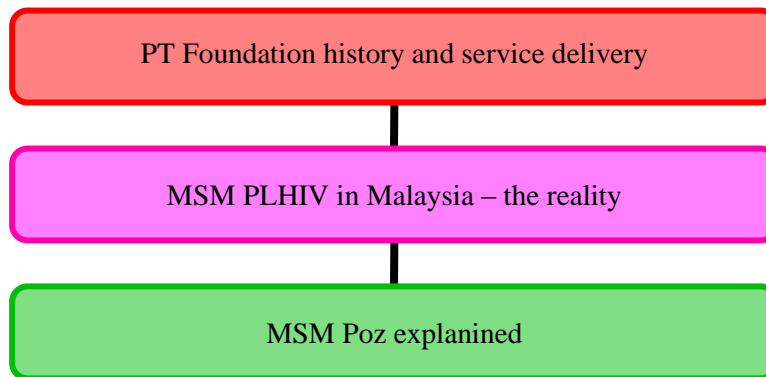
Session chair: Mr. Azrul Mohd Khalib (UNTG)

PLENARY SPEECH

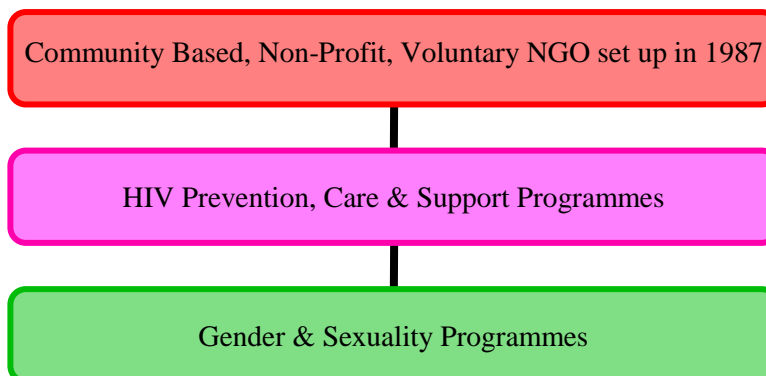
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**Running an effective psycho-social support programme for positive MSM in
Malaysia**

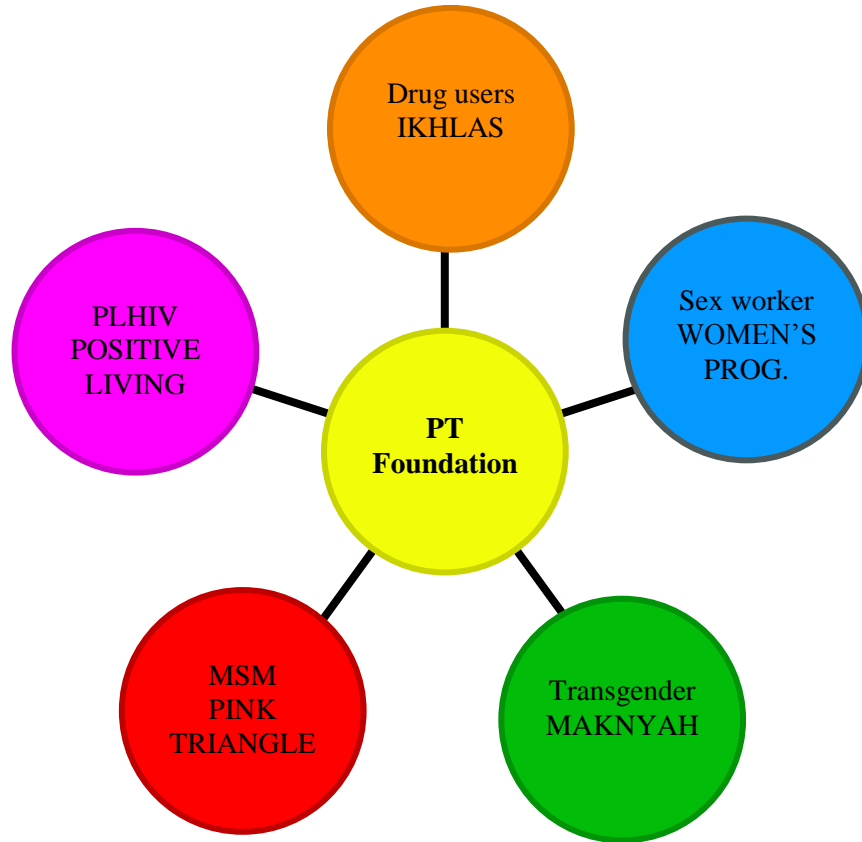
Agenda



About PT Foundation



PT Foundation



PLHIV – Positive Living

Drop-in Center	Outreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support group for people living with HIV (PLWHIVs) - Medical referral and HAART treatment - Counseling, empowerment, social & psychological support - Lobbying, advocacy & networking - Islamic religious classes - Sub-groups for transsexuals and drug users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Befriend, empower and enroll - Assistance to hospitals - HIV/AIDS prevention, support and care - Counseling & referrals - Welfare & legal aid - Media advocacy and collaboration with human rights groups and academia

MSM – Men who have sex with men

Drop-in Center	Outreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support group sessions • Telephone counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs

Drop-in Center	Outreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe sex awareness & behavioral change programmes • Anonymous HIV screening & counseling • Welfare & legal aid • Media advocacy and collaboration with human rights groups and academia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruising parks • Saunas • Massage parlors • Website & internet outreach • Counseling & referrals

MSM Poz

- Volunteer peer led monthly support group set up in 2009
- Self funded and directed
- Supported by positive living and VCT services at PT foundation
- 20 members per month
- Applied for MAC AIDS Fund funding in 2010
- Currently we have 1 fulltime and 3 part-time staff and 8 volunteer facilitators
- Have 3 clients groups:
 - New diagnosed
 - Newly medicated
 - Long term PLHIV
- Continue to be peer directed but established an advisory board in 2011

MSM Poz programmes

- Outreach in 3 clinical settings – HSB, UMMC and safe clinic
- Monthly support group
- Buddy system
- Training:
 - Newly diagnosed
 - Treatment literacy
 - Disclosure
 - Facilitator
- Communication element:
 - Brochures in hospitals promoting the service
 - Closed Yahoo group
 - Closed Facebook group with 4 facilitators and 200 active members
 - Dedicated website in 3 language
- Social events and retreats

MSM Poz result

- In 2011 we will have reached out to 630 clients with an average of 16 clients per week being supported face to face
- Over 100 clients will have been trained in 5 trainings
- Website and BCC materials developed in 3 languages
- Over 25 participants at our monthly gatherings

MSM Poz challenges

- Confidentiality and trust
- Resources – staff, finance
- Consistency of service – reach
- Expertise – drug use, legal support, positive prevention, access to tests and medicines

MSM Poz next steps

- Funding secured for 2012 from MAC AIDS fund
- Participating in national and international forums and advocacy
- Providing technical assistance to launch MSM Poz in 2 other locations in Malaysia

