



WORLD AIDS DAY 2020

National Workshop to build capacity for HIV/Viral Hepatitis response during COVID-19 pandemic

Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility



HIV, Epatit ek KOVID-19: Annou dyaloge

Adolescent Girls and Young Women/Adolescent Boys and Young Men

- Ministry of Education
- Seychelles National Youth Council
- Ministry of Health- Youth Health Centre
- Family Department





Services: Prevention

Section	Services Offered	Target Group	Issues/Topics
Ministry of Education	Comprehensive education about HIV to ensure they have the knowledge & support to develop healthy sexual behaviour during adolescence and into young adulthood.	Secondary Schools and Professional Centers	Teenage Pregnancy, Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Risky Behaviour, Substance Abuse
	Counselling	Primary & Secondary Schools and Professional Centres	Teenage Pregnancy, Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Risky Behaviour, Substance Abuse



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Seychelles National Youth Council	Increasing youth knowledge of sexual health, healthy relationships, HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infection	Secondary Schools and Professional Centers	HIV/AIDS, Teenage Pregnancy, Substance Abuse, Consequences of Early Sex, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Method of Contraceptives (use of condoms); Life Skills; Decision Making Skills
	Counselling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one • Group • Phone 	In Schools and Out of School youths	Reproductive health, Risky Behaviours, the use of condoms, taking responsibility for their own health, providing up to date information on youth sexual health and prevention & treatment; Self-Esteem and Body Image

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Ministry of Health Youth Health Centre	Provide Sexual Reproductive Health Services and counselling	Secondary Schools, Professional Centers, Out of school youths and parents	Health talks & Health promotion. Distribution of condoms. HIV/AIDS Tests. Papsmear Test, Breast Examination, Teenage Pregnancy, Relationships, Abortions, Method of Contraceptives, Sexually Transmitted Infections



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Family Department	Holiday Program	100 children/youths from south west Mahe	
	Sensitisation to the members of the public on Media, Newsletter and other visual media.	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Family Day • World Population Day • Gender based Violence against women/girls. • Positive Values



What went well?

- Effective networking and cooperation of partners though limitations due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The services of reproductive health and counselling were provided to the targeted groups.
- Parents were able to collect their child contraceptives through the refilling procedures.
- Provided counselling one to one and by phone.
- Psychosocial support were provided to the vulnerable and other groups.

What went less well ?

- Drop outs.
- Access to the school compound was restricted both Secondary and Post secondary.
- Decrease in number of talks at school level due COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Limitations and restrictions of outsiders on the school premises.





What can we do to improve the HIV, AIDS & Viral Hepatitis response?

- Increase youth access to the use of condoms.
- Creative ways to pass on information -; Role plays, videos
- Social media -; Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, TV, Radio
- Increase more Youth friendly services/approach
- Safe and conducive environment
- Confidentiality
- Decentralisation of services offered
- Accessible spot for condom distributions



Way forward

- Parenting sessions to sensitize parents about the different available services.
- Sexual related topics should be introduced earlier in the school curriculum.
- Training for Peer Educators.
- Sponsorship for face masks, flavored condoms for youths.
- Effective networking amongst partners.



THANK YOU

