

Collaboration between the harm reduction organisation Karisma and Sex-Workers project OPSI in Jakarta (Collaboration PWUD and SW partners in Indonesia)

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During the harm reduction pilot project for meth users in 2016, Karisma experimented with different peer-driven outreach strategies to establish contact with often hidden sub-groups of meth users. Confronted with questions from the field, Karisma has identified a need to strengthen its understanding of SRHR in order to better serve female clients and asked Mainline for technical assistance. With this in mind, and as a follow-up from the regional call, Mainline and Aids Fonds SW programme saw the opportunity to link their respective partners in Jakarta. As a result, the first joint meeting with OPSI and Karisma took place during Mainline's monitoring visit in January 2016.

During the meeting, respective needs and interests were discussed. While Karisma wanted to know more about SRHR and have more access to female SW, OPSI wanted to know more about crystal meth and harm reduction interventions in general.

OPSI team: "We know that a lot of our clients use drugs and especially crystal meth. However, we don't know how to start the conversation about meth use and, therefore, we don't have full insight into how big the issue is."

Karisma team: "We have access to sex workers based in dorms, but the owners allow only group sessions and not one-to-one contacts. Therefore, we haven't been able to get full insight into personal issues."

Both Karisma and OPSI estimate that drug use is high among SW, especially those who are not based in dorms – online SW or street-based SWs. Both partners were keen to work together and share data and knowledge on harm reduction and SRHR.

The meeting ended with concrete action plans:

- A two-day joint training and brainstorm session was planned;
- Karisma team would get training based on OPSI training module on SRHR;
- A one-day brainstorming session would be planned to discuss how the SRHR and the harm reduction training modules could be combined and both partners can integrate knowledge into each of their modules.
- After this new training, dates will be planned in which Karisma will train the OPSI team on harm reduction and shabu (crystal meth) in a sexual context.

The training and follow-up meetings were planned for the beginning of March.

Brainstorming sessions to discuss the trainer's module was planned for the beginning of March and several partners were invited from IPPI (Positive Women Association), Atma Jaya, LKI (Outreach organisation), YSS (Transgender organisation), PKNI, YPI, OPSI and Karisma.

All of the participants agreed to develop a companion book extracted from the current training module and outreach workers will use the book during fieldwork, which will allow them to better inform beneficiaries about harm reduction and SRHR issues.

Karisma on OPSI training:

"Yes, the training was great... The training was participative, giving everyone the time to ask questions and express their opinions. The team learned a lot."

This is a prime example of cross-linking different projects within the Bridging the Gaps 2 programme. The collaboration of the SW project and PWUD project in Jakarta allowed partners of different programmes to 'build-in' knowledge and services into the existing projects.