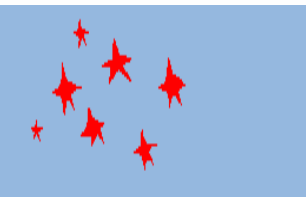




Outreach work in the context of prevention

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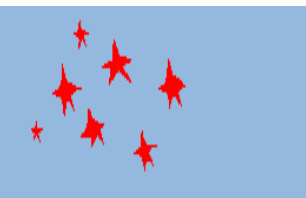
Regional Public Organization of Social Projects in Sphere of Population's Well-Being "Stellit"

Since 1998 – in St. Petersburg

Since 2000 – in North-West Russia

Since 2005 – in Moscow and other regions of Russia

1. Social Research
2. Preventive Programs
3. Social Work
4. Organizational Consulting
 - Scientific Work
 - Governmental Relations

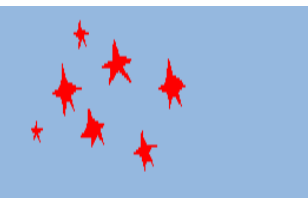


Social work

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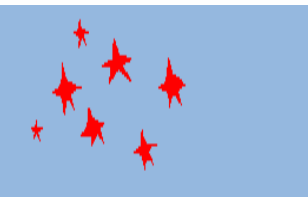
- Women and men involved in sex work
- Children involved into commercial sexual exploitation



Social work (continue)

We work with

- “Individual” sex workers (streets, roads, Internet)
- “Organized” sex workers (brothels and hotels)



Social work (end)

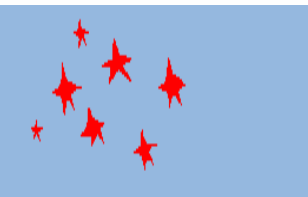
Main directions of social work

- Outreach (street, brothels) by foot and by bus
- Phone consultations
- Internet consultations
- Social escort
- Actions
- Peer education programs



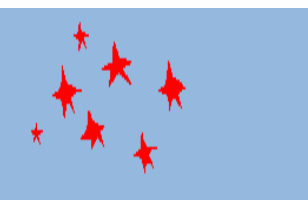
Sex workers in brothels are victims of trafficking or at risk of being trafficked

- There are different kinds of brothels and each of them has its own level, secrecy, clients etc.
- The mean age of women is 23 years old
- Women usually have secondary education (mainly humanitarian subjects)



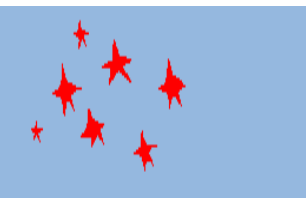
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- About 90% of women came from North-West Russia or other Russian regions
- Recruitment to brothels:
 - mainly recruitment of women who came to St. Petersburg to get a new job
 - trafficking of women from other Russian regions and CIS countries to St. Petersburg with sexual purposes
 - students could be involved in brothel prostitution in some cases
- There are cases where women go other countries to sell sex (they are recruited by brothel owners)



Main directions of work in brothels

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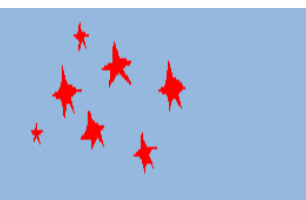




Preventive work in brothels

Outreach

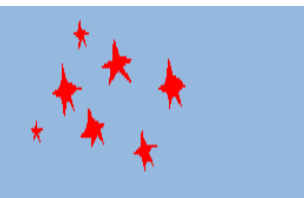
- HIV/AIDS prevention
- Motivation of sex workers to healthy behavior
- Providing with necessary social, medical and psychological rehabilitation services
- Referral and/or accompanying of sex workers to social and medical organizations when needed



Preventive work in brothels

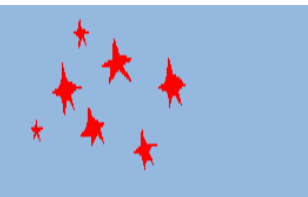
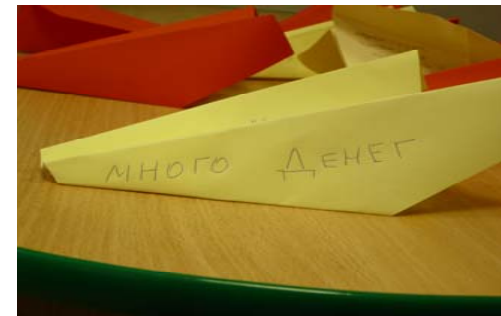
Peer education

- Initiation of spreading information on HIV/ AIDS prevention by sex workers for sex workers
- Trainings developed and conducted by sex workers for sex workers:
 - “Commercial sex workers keep national health”
 - “Legal issues” (registration in St. Petersburg, dialogue with police etc.)



Actions: “Airplane”

- During outreach sex workers are asked to make a paper airplane and write their dreams on its wing
- During the process the conversation is started about what sex worker could do for her dream to come true, and about the need for a sex worker to take care of herself
- About 60 airplanes have been collected.



Actions: “My Message to the World”

- During outreach it is suggested that sex workers draw a picture or record a voice message: “My Message to the World”. During this process discussions about life, safe sex, the need for care are conducted.
- More than 50 pictures were put together and 4 exhibitions were organized at universities where besides the messages there were posters about the situation of HIV/AIDS in St. Petersburg and Rus



На сегодняшний день **ВИЧ** – инфекция все еще остается неизлечимым заболеванием.

От вируса пока **нет** вакцины, но разработаны и успешно применяются **препараты**, которые значительно **улучшают** качество жизни **ВИЧ** – инфицированных, т.е. **тормозит** дальнейшее **развитие** **вируса** в человеческом организме.

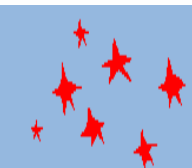
При приеме таких лекарств **ВИЧ** – инфицированный **многие** **годы** может быть трудоспособным и **социально-активным**.

Это является свидетельством того, что специфическая терапия позволила перевести **ВИЧ** – инфекцию в разряд инфекционных заболеваний с хроническим течением, и поэтому **диагноз «ВИЧ – инфекция»** не является смертельным приговором.

Сегодня Россия занимает одно из **первых** мест по темпам распространения заболевания.

За все годы развития эпидемии в стране зарегистрировано **380 тыс. случаев ВИЧ – инфекции**, хотя по оценкам специалистов истинное число больше в 4-5 раз.

Actions: “My Message to the World”



Actions: “Why I don’t sell sex without condoms?”

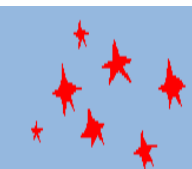
- During outreach sex workers were asked to write in a special copybook:
 - why they don’t sell sex without condoms
 - the phrases they say when clients ask them to have sex without a condom.
- At the end of this action the most interesting phrases were put on a big paper which was shown in brothels.

я говорю, что если он в себе уверен, то я нет, в конце концов мы оба знаем кем я работаю.

Я не спрашиваю
„Ты знаешь где я работаю?“
„Ты себе веришь?“
Он отвечает Да.
Представь себе?! А я тебе
нет” - говорю я ему
Тупо и тупо
с их стороны
предлагать такое!

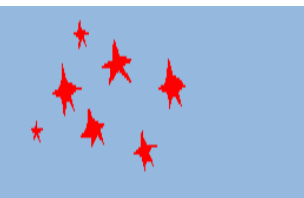
Actions: “Present for client for “Men day””

- For 23 February postcards were made with condoms and message to motivate clients to have safe sex
- Sex workers gave postcards to their clients and began to speak with them about the necessity of having safe sex and prevention of risky behavior. The postcards were very popular



Actions: “Voices of silent”

- We plan to conduct this action in the near future. Twice a year, Russia’s President answers citizens’ questions in a special TV program. Each citizen may ask question by phone, e-mail etc.
- We will ask sex workers what they would like to ask the Russian President, and will send their questions to the President by e-mail.
- We don't expect that the President will answer their questions, but we consider it is very important that sex workers’ voices will be presented with other voices.



Our staff

Internal staff

- Psychologists - 2
- Social workers – 3
- Driver - 1
- Volunteers - 6

External staff

- Supervisor - 1
- Gynecologist - 1
- Expert on drug abuse -1

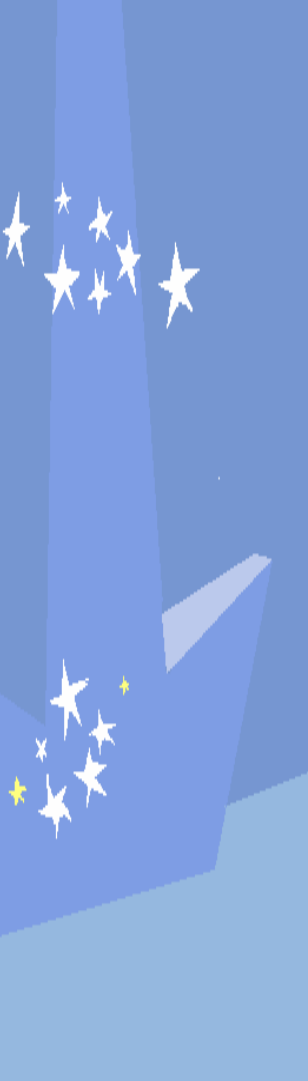
Stellit's statistics

For the period
from 1 October 2006 to 1 September 2007
2177 contacts were made during outreach
work.

Among them

- 840 contacts are new
- 1767 contacts with street sex workers
- 410 contacts with brothel sex workers





**Thank you very much
for your attention!**

**We will be glad to work
together!**

