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Partnership Building among AIDS Organizations

In October, CAPACITY representatives participated in the 2nd Partners Forum, organized by the CAAP and held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. During the plenary sessions, CAPACITY presented its main accomplishments in 2007 and plans for 2008, as well as the partner supported Communication Database template and status report on the Unified Application Forms.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Uzbekistan. The CAPACITY Seconded M&E specialist actively participated to develop a list of program indicators to measure implementation of the HIV Strategic Program for 2007-2011 and the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Guidelines. The UNAIDS M&E Advisor reviewed all the developed materials and recommended them for implementation.

Educating and Empowering High Risk Populations Regional.



Photo by K. Matiko

In September-October, CAPACITY organized and implemented several site visits to assess local organizations' capacity to implement prevention activities among IDUs and SWs, and to identify organizational needs for technical assistance. During these visits, CAPACITY Regional and Country specialists met with representatives from local administrative offices, health authorities, NGOs and law enforcement agencies involved with the future implementation of the TUMAR Project (Reaching High Coverage in 7 Prevention Model Sites of Central Asia: Implementing an Essential Package of HIV Prevention Services for Vulnerable Population in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan). This project is funded by the CAAP and John Snow Research and Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) is the main grant recipient. TUMAR will be implemented by JSI in cooperation with 8 sub-recipients who will work for 15 months at 7 sites in 4 countries of Central Asia. More than 30 organizations, including NGOs, AIDS Centers, health facilities and law enforcement agencies will be involved in the implementation of the TUMAR Project.

Kazakhstan. On 22-24 October, CAPACITY provided technical assistance and helped to facilitate the Regional Workshop, organized by JSI with the financial support

from the CAAP. During this workshop, all the details involving TUMAR Project implementation were discussed. **Kyrgyzstan.** In October, CAPACITY/PSI volunteers and trainers organized an educational campaign for more than 100 students at the night club "Apple". This campaign included interactive contests on HIV/AIDS and drug use prevention topics. Trainers also organized discussions with students about HIV/AIDS/STI's, drug use and healthy lifestyles. Contest winners and the most active participants received the FAVORITE branded T-shirts.

Kazakhstan. On October 10, CAPACITY/PSI Educational Programs Coordinators M. Matveeva and M. Chernova participated in a Coordination Committee on Population Health Protection meeting under the Almaty City Akimat and the Healthy Lifestyles Working Group, and organized by the Almaty City Healthy Lifestyles Center. During this meeting, they presented the CAPACITY/PSI Youth Power Centers activities that are based at the Students Polyclinic and Polyclinic #10.

On October 15-16, CAPACITY/PSI volunteers implemented a training of trainers for 20 students at the Turksib Raion School #100.

On October 19, at the Youth Power Center based at the Student Polyclinic, CAPACITY/PSI awarded certificates to the previously trained volunteers from the Almaty Gymnasium #56, who are actively working on HIV/AIDS and drug use prevention activities among students of their school.



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Improving the Quality of HIV/AIDS Services

Uzbekistan. In October, regular visits to monitor implementation of the HIV and TB Services Interaction Model were conducted. National M&E team visited 123 medical facilities in two pilot regions (Tashkent city and Tashkent oblast). During these visits, newly developed quarterly reporting forms have been tested. With technical assistance from CAPACITY, these forms were developed by a group of national experts to facilitate a more efficient and effective monitoring process. In November, the M&E results will be presented and discussed during the TWG meeting.

CAPACITY Introduces New Staff

In October, **Kseniya Matiko** joined CAPACITY as the CAPACITY Communications Specialist to be seconded to the Kazakhstan Republican AIDS Center. Welcome to the CAPACITY Team, Kseniya!

