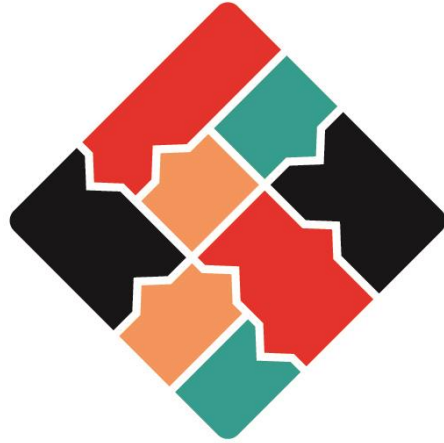




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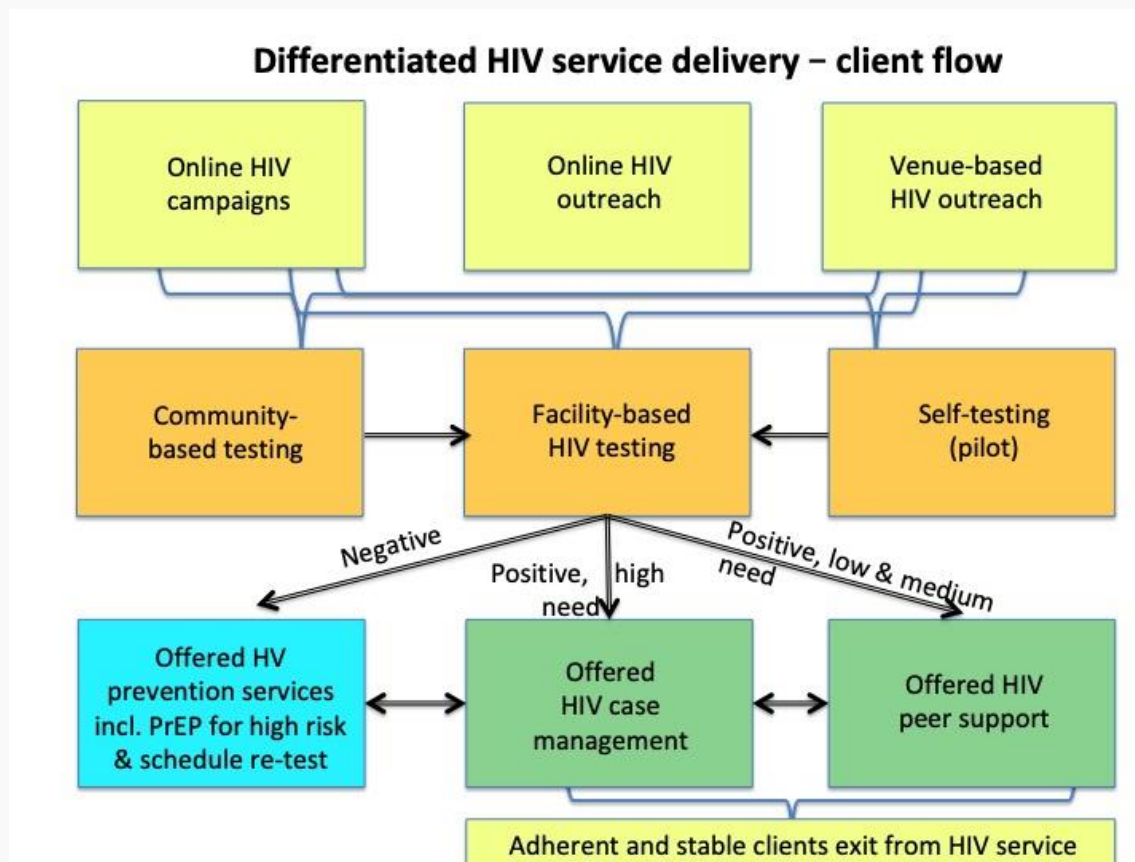
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JOM TEST – HIVST

HIVST as part of Differentiated HIV Services for Key Populations in Malaysia





- Making HIV testing easier and friendlier
- Linkage to care; online to offline



Stay HOME and Take Your Test

GET IT NOW

1

REGISTER

Complete your details.

2

TEST

Choose your preferred test kit.

3

RESULT

Send us your test result

4

WHAT'S NEXT

Make a healthy choice today.

GET IN TOUCH

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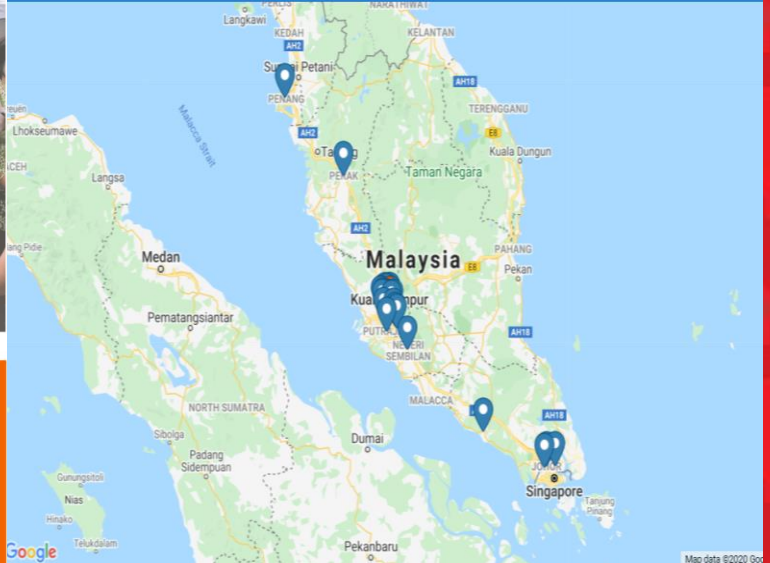
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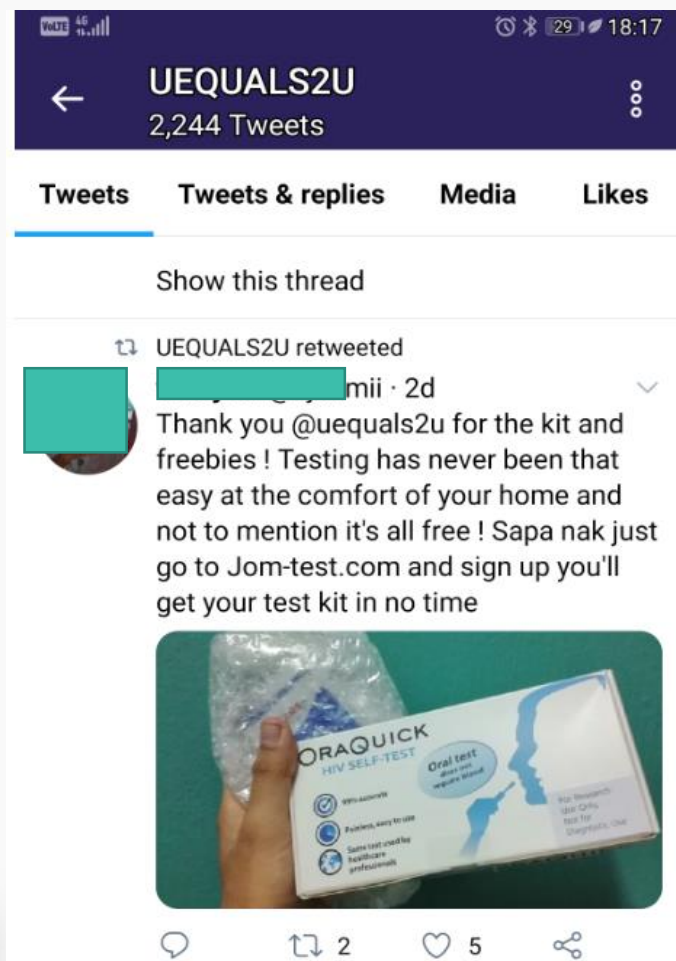
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Community feedback creates peer motivation





Continuous engagement normalize HIV testing

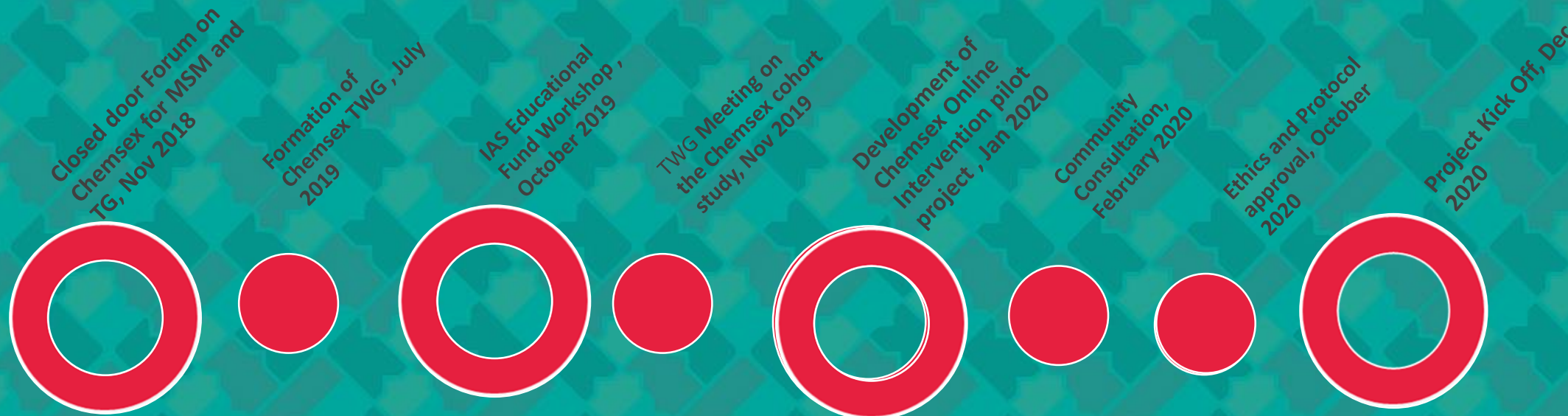


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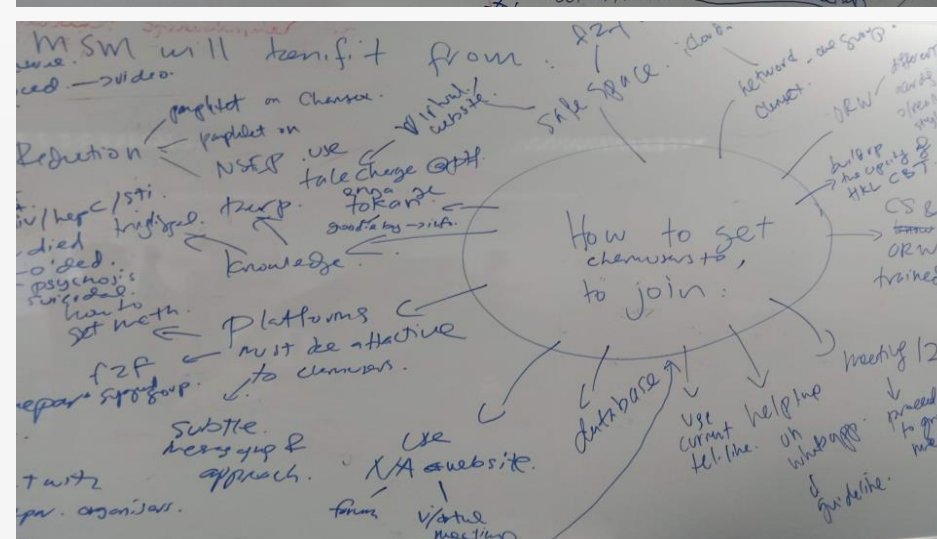
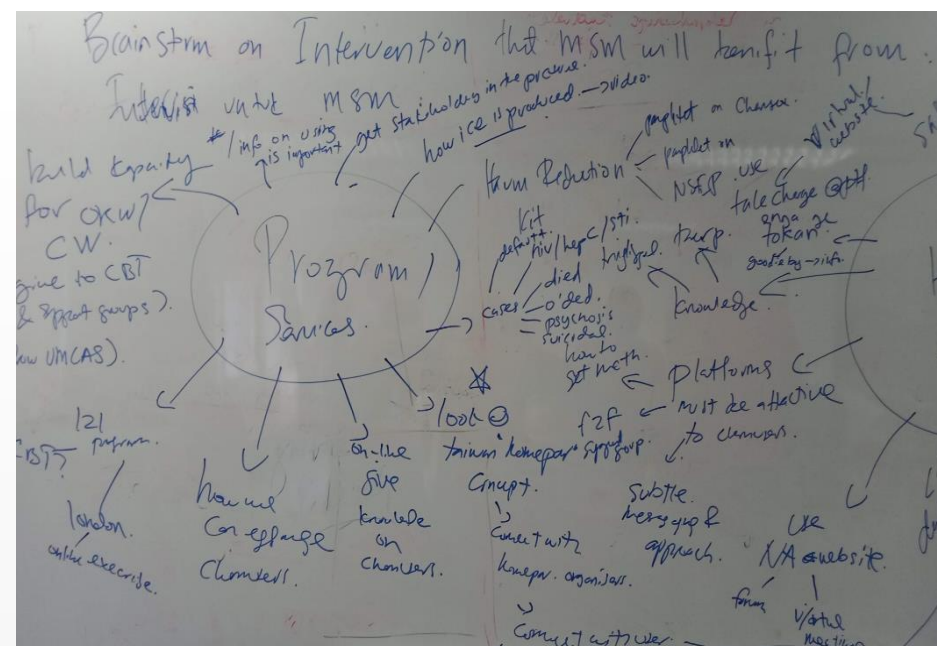
Chemsex Online Intervention





Outcomes from closed door forum and community consultations

- More information gathering/compilation on chemsex
- Networking
- Decriminalisation – need an update and follow up on the current initiatives on this as it is relevant to this issue
- Identify key people in the community and provide them with safer drug use info
- Train counsellors from the community themselves
- Public awareness on importance of mental health
- information dissemination to the community about drug use among KP
- Support in a safe space to provide virtual intervention
- Social media intervention and on apps popular with MSM
- TWG for chemsex involving all interested parties
- Harm Reduction, Syringe exchange program?
- (RDS to recruit etc and those who are negative referred to PrEP and monitor accordingly...
- Spiritual support
- Need specific intervention for youth





Continuous education, training and awareness on chemsex

Chapter 24: Chemsex and HIV

(This chapter is based on an unpublished document written by Pascal Tanguay for APCOM and www.testbkk.org/en/stay-safe#chemsex).

What is Chemsex?

Chemsex refers to sexual activities under the influence of drugs either taken immediately before or during sex. Chemsex in Malaysia often happens via online dating app hook-ups. These apps are also used to buy and sell drugs for chemsex which are referred to as 'stuff' or 'barang'. The terms used to refer to chemsex on online dating apps include: high fun, hi fun, chem fun, chem, CF, chilling, chill, elsa, frozen, etc. Emoticons are also used to refer to chemsex, especially those depicting snow, ice or snowflakes, planes or rockets. A common activity for chemsex users in Malaysia is "party and play". This refers to chemsex parties, often organised by pushers/dealers themselves and involving a small closed knit group of 'participants'. Additional people can only join by invitation by an existing member. Chemsex is also closely associated with the MSM party scene of 'circuit parties' which are major clubbing events/parties that occur in major cities which are relatively tolerant to MSM, such as Bangkok, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Taipei. Drugs for chemsex are taken during the parties and eventually may lead to sexual encounters and so-called 'orgies' (group sex). In Malaysia, such parties do not happen on such a big scale, although chem is also a feature at MSM clubbing venues. Many Malaysian MSM frequent the 'circuit parties' especially in Bangkok, due to their proximity and affordability. This association has led to the term "party drug" being used as a synonym for chemsex.

Drugs of choice vary, but crystal methamphetamine (ice), amphetamines, and GHB/GBL are popular among gay men in Malaysia and other Asian cities. (refer to table 11)

Why do people use chemsex/party drugs?

People use drugs for many reasons, including reduced inhibitions, greater confidence, increased sexual pleasure/desire/libido/stamina and greater sociability.



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Key recommendations

- Interventions need to evolve according to the development of technologies and current situations, to make it easier, safer, effective and sustainable tailored to the needs of different target groups.
- Community response through NGOs, CBOs and other social groups play important roles to build trust in engaging Key Populations that are highly, stigmatized and criminalized.
- Increase the collaborative efforts between different sectors; SCO, Governments, private sectors, research, community leaders and relevant parties.
- Continuous advocacy efforts to break barriers to services such as stigma and discrimination, criminalization and incarcerations.
- Evidence based interventions should be scaled up and supported at the highest level (funding and policy)