



BDF090022 - ImPerfect

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Caritas – Hong Kong



Introduction

- This territory-wide project aims at providing holistic community rehabilitation services for female drug abusers during 09/2020 to 08/2023. It is expected that the project that project can approach 4000 young adult females and drug dependent females. The main project activities include Proactive Outreach (include venue-based, internet- based and peer driven), Time out Service, Individual and Group Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Service, and Vocational Service.
- This project had extended the intervention for FDAs, we recommend that to address the issues women face, incorporating women's needs in all aspects of the service design and delivery, including team structure, location, staffing, program development, approach and content. Thus, holistic and compressive interventions are required to tackle the multiple issues and needs of FDAs.





Venue-based Outreach

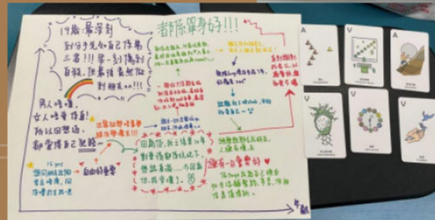


Internet-based outreach





Therapeutics group



Experiential Workshop





Time out service



Vocational Service





Vocational Service

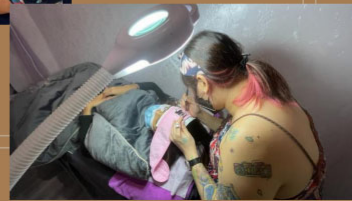


Vocational Service





Job mentoring & placement



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Co-workshop 1



Co-workshop 2





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Output and Outcome Evaluation

Evaluation methods

● Evaluation on Output Indicators

Output indicator was evaluated through the data retrieved from participant's enrolment or registration records

● Evaluation on Outcome Indicators

Outcome indicator 1-5 were evaluated by Beat Drugs Fund question Set No.16/18,13,6,22 and 23.

● Evaluation Results

All output indicators were fully achieved

All outcome indicators showed 70% or above improvements, indicating the effectiveness of the project.

Output Benchmarks & Evaluation Results

	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 1	Reach out to 4000 female drug abusers / at risk females (who are either unemployed or work in high risk work environment) via peer driven, workplace based outreach and online based outreach.	Reached out to 13706 female drug abusers / at risk females
Output Indicator 2	600 young adult female drug abusers / high-risk young adult females attending drug education program (online / offline).	1671 young adult female drug abusers / high-risk young adult females
Output Indicator 3	380 female drug abusers joining the group or individual drug treatment & rehabilitation service.	344 female drug abusers joined

Output Benchmarks & Evaluation Results

	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 4	Provide 100 female drug abusers with at least 30 sessions of time-out service.	Provided 213 female drug abusers with 198 sessions of time-out service
Output Indicator 5A	Provide 50 female drug abusers with vocational training, among which 40 participants attend on-job mentoring program. Average attendance rate reach 70% for both activities.	Provided 86 female drug abusers with vocational training, among which 52 participants attend on-job mentoring program. Average attendance rate reach 73.5% for both activities.
Output Indicator 5B	Recruit 50 at-risk youth and 50 community members to attend at least two community workshops, among which 80 participants complete the workshop.	Recruit 56 at-risk youth and 78 community members to attend two community workshops, among which 134 participants completed the workshop.

Outcome Benchmarks & Evaluation Results

	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Outcome Indicator 1	Participants of drug education programme show improvement in anti-drug attitude. (70% of participants show improvement in anti-drug attitude or participants show statistical significant improvement in anti-drug attitude as indicated by paired t-test).	81.9% of participants show improvement in anti-drug attitude (282/344)
Outcome Indicator 2	Female drug abusers show improvement in quitting motivation. (70% of participants show improvement in quitting motivation or participants show statistical significant improvement in quitting motivation as indicated by paired t-test).	86.1% of participants show improvement in quitting motivation (136/158)
Outcome Indicator 3	Female drug abusers show improvement in motivation to quit drugs. (70% of participants show improvement in motivation to quit drugs or participants show statistical significant improvement in motivation to quit drugs as indicated by paired t-test).	93.7% of participants show improvement in motivation to quit drugs (119/127)

Outcome Benchmarks & Evaluation Results

	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Outcome Indicator 4	70% of the female drug abusers reduce or stop using drug in the past three months.	87.4% of participants reduce or stop using drug in the past three months (299/342)
Outcome Indicator 5	Female drug abusers show improvement in employment readiness. (70% of participants show improvement in employment readiness or participants show statistical significant improvement in employment readiness as indicated by paired t-test).	94.9% of participants show improvement in employment readiness (74/78)
Outcome Indicator 6	Participants show improvement in acceptance of drug rehabilitees. (70% of participants show improvement in acceptance of drug rehabilitees or participants show statistical significant improvement in acceptance of drug rehabilitees as indicated by paired t-test).	74.6% of participants show improvement in acceptance of drug rehabilitees (100/134)

Experience Gained



- Reason behind success
- Reason behind underachievement of target (if appropriate)
- Lesson learnt

Experience Gained



Reason behind success

- By providing after vocational training, we met the needs of the females drug abusers, thus they were willing to receive our service.
- Through the Co-workshop make more the community member's encourage such as encouraging card, female drug abuser motivation to quit drug was highly increased and some of them take a action to quit drug.
- Through vocational training, we can help night club girls to transition away from high-risk environments, including addressing issues related to drugs

Experience Gained



- Apart from working with social service such as IFSC and Youth Center, ImPerfect Project also co-operates with professionals from different sectors, such as University school, Business sectors which greatly strengthened the effectiveness of the drug rehabilitation.
- Online work was more affected during pandemic compared to face-to-face work. Recently, online outreach had a greater effectiveness in reaching potential clients compared to traditional outreach work. Thus, the importance of online service promotion cannot be ignored.



Conclusion

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- ImPerfect is a successful and effective project in assisting drug abusers to quit drug or enhancing their motivation to quit drug.
- All project objectives were fulfilled.

Suggestions

- Venues service promotions to reach potential client's is indispensable
- Due to the pandemic, the nightclub business model has changed, and there are still many women working in the nightclub industry. Thus, ImPerfect will engage with more types of nightclubs in Hong Kong, and will address female drug issues in the industry. Anti-drug work has to keep pace with the times in order to be effective.

Way forward

- The work of ImPerfect (service for arrested drug abusers) is very important and with great need. The service should expand or even become a regular subvented service.

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