



Annual Report ***(07/2009-06/2010)***

About AFRO

Our History

Since 1993 we have supported women, both local and those from elsewhere, who work in the sex industry in Hong Kong.

AFRO is a charitable organisation, a member of the Hong Kong Women's Coalition on Equal Opportunities and of the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Service Organisations.

Our Vision

We believe that for the advancement of society, every individual's personal freedom, dignity and basic human rights should be protected and promoted. Society should embrace diversity and facilitate the efforts of all sectors to bring about necessary social change to enable all persons to enjoy their human rights.

We firmly believe that sex work is a legitimate occupation and we advocate the acceptance of sex workers' rights and sex work decriminalisation.

Our Aims are to ensure that every sex worker has the right to:

- *obtain fair treatment by law,*
- *be free from coercion and violence,*
- *safeguard her own health,*
- *be treated as a person, a service provider, and not as a commodity,*
- *have the terms of contracts honoured and not changed without consent.*

OUR WORK

*We provide a **Drop-In Centre** where we conduct empowerment and educational programmes, and offer emotional support, a clinic and legal consultation.*

*Our **Outreach** work done by staff, peer educators and volunteers targets sex workers on the streets, in one-woman apartments, hair-salons, bars, nightclubs, karaoke etc.*

*Our professionally staffed **clinic** offers medical consultation, tests and treatment.*

*We offer a 24 hour a day telephone **hotline**.*

*We **refer** sex workers to family, social, legal and health services.*

*We encourage **peer education** to enable sex workers to help themselves.*

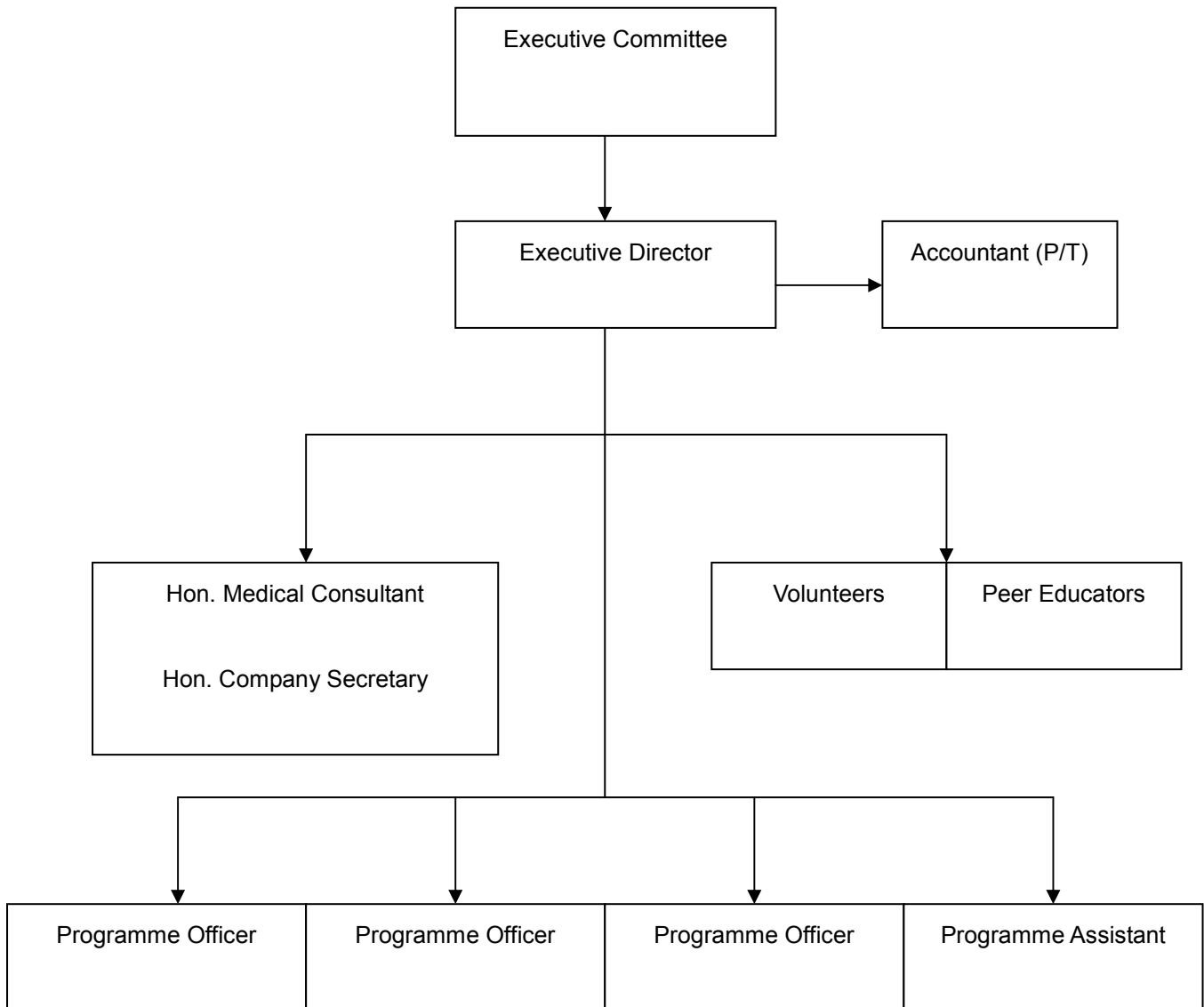
*We meet and talk with students, media and the public to **counter the prevailing discrimination** towards sex workers.*

*We work towards **decriminalisation** of sex work.*

*We conduct **researches** on the needs and situation of sex workers.*

*We maintain a database on sex workers and the sex industry, its concerns and the concerns of society at large, and open the **resource centre** to visitors by appointment.*

OUR STRUCTURE



Executive Committee (2010)

Chair:	Ms. Nancy LEUNG LUI Mo Ching
Vice-chair:	Ms. Moyreen Gillian TILBROOK
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Hon. Secretary:	Ms. Lydia CHIU Hung
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Staff Team (July 2009 – June 2010)

Executive Director:	Ms. Kendy YIM Kit Sum
Programme Officer:	Ms. Cherry CHUI Man Chi Ms. Connie CHAN Man Wai Ms. Victoria CHEUK Chiu Man
Programme Assistant:	Ms. Sylvan PANG Sze Wan
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Student Interns (July 2009 – June 2010)

LI Kin Sum (from Jun 2009 to Jul 2009)
Sackville LEUNG Sik Wai (from Jun 2009 to Jul 2009)
Manda WU Nga Ying (from Aug 2009 to Sep 2009)
WONG Sum Yin (from Oct 2009 to Apr 2010)
Mandy LEE Wai Shan (from Oct 2009 to Apr 2010)
KONG Yuk In (from Jan 2010 to Apr 2010)
TSOI Chi Shing (from Feb 2010 to Apr 2010)
NG Nga Wun (from Feb 2010 to Apr 2010)
NG Wing Sze (from May 2010 to Jul 2010)
FUNG Wai Yin (from Jun 2010 to Jul 2010)
KUET Ha (from Jun 2010 to Jul 2010)

Chairperson's Report

This annual report will provide you some insights into our clients and industry, health and public education programs and plans for the future. 2009/2010 was another difficult yet productive year for AFRO. Without stable and longer term funding commitment, we stretched hard in order to continue our regular services and programs.

During the year, we had 2061 visitors patronizing our Drop-in Centre for various purposes. We had 485 women came for our clinic services. At the same time, we had made 5512 outreach visits to our clients. Many visitors from Mainland also came to us to share our experience on AIDS/STD prevention and education programs and outreach to female sex workers.

We continue to maintain our international networks by participating in various international conferences organized by GAATW (on women trafficking), APNSW (on female sex workers), and Beijing +15 (on women's rights) etc. Through exposure in international platforms, we have learned and shared experiences with our fellow organisations the situations of workers in this industry around the world.

I am pleased that we continue to have attracted community members who share our vision in striving for a just and harmonious society. This year saw the

completion of a series of public education projects to increase the awareness of the general public about the industry; monthly tea gatherings were held with our clients for specific topics such as money management and outreach volunteer trainings.

We are blessed in that an anonymous donor has agreed to make a donation of HK\$1,000,000 towards the purchasing of a permanent premises for AFRO, thus to secure the remaining three-fourth of the cost has become our top priority! It is already planned that AFRO will run different fundraising campaigns in the coming years.

As we have just entered another calendar year, I can already feel the energy and passion of the staff team and fellow Exco members. With their support, we promise we shall continue to follow our Mission and Vision. Last, but not the least, on behalf of AFRO, I offer my sincere appreciation for your goodwill, your financial support and your abiding volunteer efforts.

Thank you for your partnership in this endeavor.

Nancy Leung
Chairperson
Executive Committee
November 2010

Executive Director's Report

In the past year, in spite of increasing financial pressure, we have been making unremitting efforts to continue our all aspects of work, aiming to maintain the results previously achieved and to work towards further development. (Please see the following report for details.)

To strengthen our network with sex workers, from Jan 2010, we have organised monthly tea gatherings with sex workers for mutual learning and exchange on various topics. We also set up AFRO Club in March 2010, with an aim to increase sex workers' sense of belonging to AFRO and to let them have a better understanding on our work and be more actively involved. The number of members of AFRO Club is steadily increasing. In the coming year, we plan to build a stronger link among AFRO Club, AFRO Shop, Peer Education and sex workers' advocacy.

Also from early 2010, we started sending out internet messages to women involved in compensated dating, to introduce them to AFRO's work, clinic service, as well as legal and personal safety issues. However, due to limited financial and human resources, we have not been able to further develop this area of work. We are now exploring funding possibility and hopefully with support more consistent efforts can be made.

In Dec 2009, we initiated a petition and organised a rally to protest against privacy and human rights abuse committed by the police and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council. About 400 signatures were collected and 40 persons joined the rally. We are deeply grateful for the support and consider this the beginning of a new stage of AFRO's advocacy work.

Meanwhile, we did not forget the murder cases that happened in 2008 and 2009. During the 2nd anniversary of the murders of sex workers, we launched a campaign to: 1) remind the public of the workplace dangers facing sex workers that are reinforced by the current laws which do not allow sex workers to work together; 2) call on the government to initiate law reform and decriminalisation of sex work; 3) encourage sex workers to unite and resist violence together, so as to protect their own safety and equal rights. In the coming year, we will certainly continue our efforts in this area, do our best endeavors and work towards our long-term goals.

Last, but not least, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all colleagues, peer educators, volunteers, student interns and Executive Committee members, for their contribution to the steady and positive development of AFRO in the

past year, and to all sex workers and friends, for their recognition and support.

Thank you very much!

Kendy Yim
Executive Director
November 2010

1. Integrated Services

Our integrated service project supported by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust ended in November 2010. Once again, we would like to extend our grateful thanks to the Trust, for their generous support over the years. After the projects ended, we have tried our best to continue our various services, including drop-in centre, outreach, hotline, referral and accompanying services, as well as peer education and other training programmes.

1.1 Drop-in Centre

From Jul 2009 to Jun 2010, the number of visits by sex workers and their families to our Drop-in Centre was 2061, of these 1954 were made by sex workers and 107 were made by their families. “Chatting with staff” and “chatting among themselves” were the most common purposes of their visits. Meanwhile, sex workers came to AFRO’s Drop-in Centre also to use health service, and to seek information on STI, HIV/AIDS, general health, life skills, and laws and legal rights etc. (Please see Table 1 and 2 for details.)

From Jan 2010, we organise tea gathering with sex workers on the last Wednesday of every month. It is a casual gathering with a specific topic, for which we sometimes invite experts from particular areas to come and share with us. We have introduced some new topics, such as fire safety, parenting and money management etc. We have also reviewed some very important issues with sex workers, including occupational health and safety, laws and legal rights, HPV and cervical cancer etc.

We have also organised English classes, computer classes, as well as chocolate making classes and self defense classes. Other activities held include karaoke party, birthday parties, Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations, visits to Hong Kong Cultural and Heritage Museum, Tai Po Waterfront Park and Hong Kong Wetland Park etc.

(Hong Kong Wetland Park, May 2010)





(Talk on Fire Safety, Mar 2010)



(Talk on Personal Finance Management, Jan 2010)

Table 1: Number of Visits by Sex Workers and their Families to the Drop-in Centre (07/2009-06/2010)

Place of Origin	Number of Visits	
	2009/2010	2008/2009
Hong Kong	1319 (64.00%)	1739 (71.53%)
Mainland China	688 (33.38%)	626 (25.75%)
Thailand	31 (1.50%)	44 (1.81%)
The Philippines	23 (1.12%)	16 (0.66%)
Others	0 (0.00 %)	6 (0.25 %)
Total	2061(100%)	2431(100%)

Table 2: Number of Times of Services Received (07/2009-06/2010)

Services/Activities	No. of Times of Service Received	
	2009/2010	2008/2009
Chatting		
Chatting with Staff	2061	2429
Chatting among themselves	1225	1502
Drop-in Centre Activities		
Joining Centre's Activities	76	81
Peer Education	144	195
AFRO Shop	143	97
Work-for-all Programme	58	151
Training	84	142
Workshop	4	11
Focus Group	12	15
Research Interview	32	30
Using Computer	425	445
Library	16	52
Health and Rights Education and Consultation		
Medical & Health Info/Advice	592	716
Health Service	460	628
HIV/AIDS Related Info/Problem	473	141
Drugs Related Info/Problem	2	1
Legal Info/Advice	214	190
Police/Court Info/Problem	179	178
Social Services Info/Problem	8	32
Family Services Info/Advice	3	31
Counselling	8	19
Life Skills	321	240
Others		
Collecting Condoms	819	752
Collecting Lubricants	751	662

Table 3: Number of AFRO's Clinic Service Used (7/2009 - 6/2010)

<i>Place of Origin</i>	<i>Number of Service Used</i>	
	<i>2009/10</i>	<i>2008/09</i>
Hong Kong	310 (63.92%)	451 (47.58%)
Mainland China	78 (16.08%)	93 (9.81%)
Thailand	53 (10.93%)	228 (24.05%)
The Philippines	44 (9.07%)	173 (18.25%)
Other	0 (0.00%)	3 (0.32%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>485</i>	<i>948</i>

1.2 AFRO Clinic and Health Education

The 2-year project funded by the AIDS Trust Fund, with which we work with the School of Public Health of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, ended in Aug 2009. The new 1-year project started in Apr 2010. Between Aug 2009 and Apr 2010, we had to scale down the service scope so that we could maintain the clinic service with our own resources for those who were in need, with the hope that our work on STI and HIV prevention and health education would be less heavily affected.

For the period between Jul 2009 and Jun 2010, the service of AFRO Clinic has been used for 485 times, including 310 by Hong Kong Chinese, 78 by Mainland Chinese, 53 by Thai and 44 by Filipinas. Compared to the previous year, there has been a decrease in the figures. It is because of the adjusted scale of service for the period between Aug 2009 and Apr 2010. (Please see Table 3 for details.)

Apart from the clinic service, we have continued our efforts in HIV prevention and health promotion by: 1) distributing free condoms and lubricants (KY) provided by Department of Health, 2) disseminating HIV and health educational materials among female sex workers, through outreach and drop-in centre activities, 3) training up peer educators to demonstrate the proper way of using a condom and educate fellow sex workers (especially those who have newly entered the sex industry), and 4) conducting workshops on safe sex.

As a member of the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Services Organisations, we participated in the Community Based Risk Behavioural and Seroprevalence Survey for Female Sex Workers in Hong Kong. This is a project commissioned by Department of Health and executed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong in collaboration with HKCASO. It aims to understand the trend of HIV prevalence among FSW and provide data for planning of prevention activities.

1.3 Outreach

From Jul 2009 to Jun 2010, we have outreached to bars (237 visits), karaoke clubs (170 visits), hair-salons and foot spas (216 visits), one-woman apartments (1929 visits), as well as streets in various districts (32 visits) and boutiques (7 times). We made totally 5512 contacts with sex workers. Among them 3378 were with HK Chinese, 245 with Mainland Chinese, 699 with Thai, 1152 with Filipinas, while 38 were with those with other nationalities. 2389 were contacts newly made at the time of visit. (Please see table 4 for details.)

We have extended our outreach services to one-woman apartments in To Kwa Wan, Sham Shui Po, Sai Wan Ho and Shau Kei Wan since Sep 2009 so as to reach more sex workers who are in need. Accordingly, we have prolonged our outreach cycle from 1.5 to 2 months. And therefore our outreach service statistics have slightly dropped, compared to the previous year.

Currently AFRO is paying visits to about 30 bars, 30 hair-salons and foot spas, 30 karaoke clubs, and about 1200 one-woman-apartments and street based sex workers in various districts. (Please see Tables 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 for details.)

Topics for outreach and drop-in centre activities include:

- Safer sex and sexual health
- Laws and Legal rights
- Legal rights and human rights
- Point massage and health care
- Saving and money management
- Self defense

Table 4: Number of Contacts with Sex Workers through Outreach Activities (07/2009-06/2010)

Work Place (District)	Place of Origin					Total
	Hong Kong	Mainland China	Thailand	The Philippines	Others	
Bars (Wan Chai & Tsim Sha Tsui)	326	0	569	1147	1	2043 (37.06%)
Karaoke/ Nightclubs (Jordan, Mong Kok, Prince Edward)	538	0	0	0	0	538 (9.76%)
Hair-salons (Jordan, Yau Ma Tei)	250	1	5	0	0	256 (4.64%)
Boutiques (Mong Kok)	8	0	0	0	0	8 (0.15%)
Streets (Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei, Sham Shui Po, Wan Chai, Tsim Sha Tsui)	93	231	36	5	27	392 (7.11%)
One-Woman Apartments (Tsim Sha Tsui, Jordan, Yau Ma Tei, Kwun Tong, To Kwa Wan, Sham Shui Po, Tsuen Wan, Tin Hau, North Point, Shau Kei Wan & Sai Wan Ho)	2163	13	89	0	10	2275 (41.27%)
Total	3378 (61.28%)	245 (4.44%)	699 (12.68%)	1152 (20.90%)	38 (0.69%)	5512 (100%)

1.4 Hotline

From Jul 2009 to Jun 2010, we have received 1573 hotline calls from sex workers. Among them there were 1408 calls from HK Chinese, 61 from Mainland Chinese, 52 from Thai, 38 from Filipinas, and 14 from callers with other nationalities. (Please see Table 5 for details.)

Most common purposes of calling include “medical health info/advice”, “enquiring centre’s service/activity”, “making appointment with staff”, “legal info/advice” etc.

Table 5: Number of Calls by Sex Workers (07/2009-06/2010)

<i>Place of Origin</i>	<i>Number of calls</i>	
	<i>2009/10</i>	<i>2008/09</i>
Hong Kong	1408 (89.51%)	1568 (93.22%)
Mainland China	61 (3.88%)	11 (0.65%)
Thailand	52 (3.31%)	66 (3.92%)
The Philippines	38 (2.42%)	17 (1.01%)
Other	14 (0.89%)	20 (1.19%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>1573</i>	<i>1682</i>

1.5 Referral/Accompanying Services

Although there has been no referral for HIV or other medical cases for the past year, we are aware of the importance of and have maintained our partnership with relevant parties such as Social Hygiene Clinic, Integrated Treatment Centre (Social Hygiene Service), Red Ribbon Centre, Special Prevention Programme of the Department of Health etc., for joint efforts in HIV/AIDS prevention among female sex workers.

On the other hand, we have referred or accompanied sex workers to Social Welfare Department, Duty Lawyer Service, Legal Aid Department, the police stations etc. for specific services. We have also accompanied sex workers to attend court and paid prison visit to one of our clients. From Jul 2009 to Jun 2010, the number of accompanying services/referral was 48.

Table 6: Number of Sex Workers Receiving Referral/Accompanying Services (07/2009-06/2010)

Services	Number of Users	
	2009/10	2008/09
HIV/AIDS and/or	0	6
STDs related service		
Gynecological check-up	0	0
General Medical Service	0	0
Hospital Visit	1	6
Social Service	8	3
Legal Service	11	22
Court	23	33
Police Station	3	6
Prison Visit	1	2
Home visit	1	1
Total	48	79

1.6 Education and Empowerment

In the past year, we continued to offer English classes and computer classes to sex workers. We also provided support to those who planned to look for opportunities in alternative livelihood, such as access to the internet of the Labor Department, basic computer skills and skills on job seeking and interview etc.

Our trained peer educators have taken part in daily centre operation, outreach activities and the running of AFRO Shop, responsible for health and rights promotion, as well as service delivery for fellow sex workers.

1.6.1 Monthly Gathering

From Jan 2010, we have organised series of gatherings with sex workers. This monthly gathering has given us great opportunities of education and empowerment.

To facilitate sex workers to build up self-consciousness, confidence and ability to tackle workplace violence, we have organised self defense class and produced a VCD on occupational safety and self defense. And in response to the collapse of a building on Ma Tau Wai Road in Jan 2010, we have invited the representative of the Fire Services Department to come to AFRO to give us a talk on fire safety. Other topics introduced include money management, parenting, HPV and

cervical cancer etc.

1.6.2 AFRO Club

To enhance the network between sex workers and AFRO, and to let them know more about our work and activities, we set up AFRO Club as a platform for sharing and exchange. The Club was officially set up on 8 March 2010. Up to now about 50 sex workers have joined the Club.

2. Research

2.1 “A Survey on the Relationship between Street Sex Workers and the Community”

We have finished the second stage of the research. 200 questionnaires have been collected from the two stages of study. We are now processing the data and the research result is expected to be released within the second half of the year 2010.

3. Public Education and Public Activities

3.1 Talks and other Activities

In the past year, we have organised Summer Public Education Workshop and Day Time Volunteer Training, and offered internship programme to students from different universities and colleges, with an aim to arouse public concern on the situation of sex workers, especially on their personal safety and discrimination against them.

We have provided talks and sharing sessions for participants from the following institutes/organisations: Hong Kong Community College, Hong Kong University, City University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Caritas Francis Hsu College, the Open University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Lingnan University, Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education, Tak Oi Secondary School, St. Francis' Canossian College, Caritas – Hong Kong, Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Ngau Tau Kok Youth Integrated Service Centre of Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service, Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres, AIDS Concern, Sunshine Action, American Women's Association etc.

We have also had sharing and exchange sessions with visitors from China (in the field of HIV prevention), University of Pennsylvania, University of Westminster and Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Global Alliance against Traffic in Women etc.

3.2 International Human Rights Day

AFRO participated in the International Human Rights Day 2009 Carnival on the 6th December at Pak Sha Road Pedestrian Zone, Causeway Bay.

AFRO's booth was decorated as a one-woman-apartment, with some boards illustrating the rights abuse committed by the law enforcers. We also displayed newspaper clipping about the incident of human rights abuse committed by the Police and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council in late November 2009, and collected signatures for the petition that we initiated. (Please see 4.2 for further details.)

(International Human Rights Day 2009)



3.3 Hong Kong Story

Angela, one of our volunteers, was interviewed by RTHK to share her experience of working with AFRO. The programme is called Hong Kong Story and it was shown on ATV (Chi Channel) at 7:00pm on 23 Nov 2009 (Mon).

Please click the link below to view the episode (in Chinese):

<http://www.rthk.org.hk/rthk/tv/hkstories/10/20091123.html>

(The English programme will be shown on World Channel (ATV) at 6:55 pm on 19 Jan 2011.)

4. Advocacy

4.1 The 2nd Anniversary of the Murders

During the period between March 2008 and early 2009, 9 sex workers were murdered. And the two cases happened in Tsuen Wan are still unsolved. However, the government's and the society's concern over sex workers' safety is already fading.

During the 2nd anniversary of the murder cases, AFRO launched a campaign, to remind sex workers to unite and resist violence together, and to encourage their customers to be good and responsible and use no violence against sex workers.

We also called on the police to make all efforts to investigate the cases and bring the murderer or murderers to justice, and the government to initiate reviews of existing laws that force sex worker to work alone in danger, and to study and prepare for decriminalisation of sex work.

4.2 Human Rights Abuse Committed by the Police and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council

On 26 Nov 2009, district councilors and the media, facilitated by the Yau Tsim Mong District Council and the police, were allowed to follow to the workplaces of sex workers, and to take videos and photos of those women who were suspected to have breached their conditions of stay. We consider this to be a severe humiliation against those arrested and a violation of their rights!

We initiated on-line petition, collected signatures at the International Human Rights Day Carnival on 6 Dec, and organised a rally in Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok on 12 Dec, to protest against such human rights abuse committed by the Police and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council. There were about 40 persons standing in line for the rally, including sex workers, friends from Zi Teng, Midnight Blue, Women Coalition of Hong Kong, the Association for the Advancement of Feminism, as well as staff members, volunteers and friends of AFRO. A petition signed by nearly 400 persons was submitted to the Yau Tsim Mong District Council and the Police.

Two AFRO representatives later sat in the meeting of the Working Group on Concern Over Vice Problems of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council. But at the meeting no councilors were willing to seriously review the problem and take up the responsibility. The acting chairman Mr. Ip Ngo Tung even refused to allow NGO representatives to raise concerns due to procedural difficulties and only concluded it as “an unpleasant incident”.



(AFRO's Rally, Dec 2010)

4.3 Proposals on a Sex Offender Register

In 2008, the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (LRC) published a consultation paper on Interim Proposals on a Sex Offender Register. AFRO submitted its official response on 23 Oct 2008.

(<http://www.afro.org.hk/pdf/press/20081023-2.pdf>) (in Chinese).

On 2 Feb 2010, the LRC published a report on Sexual Offences Records Checks for Child-related Work: Interim Proposals.

(<http://www.hkreform.gov.hk/en/publications/rsexoff.htm>).

We are delighted to see that the LRC has adopted AFROs recommendation and excluded Soliciting for an immoral purpose from the specified list of sexual offences. We reiterate that the Review of Sexual Offences Sub-committee under the LRC should closely follow the work directions that they set in 2006, which were to review the existing sexual offences that may be gender-specific or based on sexual orientation, and/or may not adequately reflect the range of non-consensual conduct which should be subject to criminal sanction, which we believe should include Soliciting for an immoral purpose (Section 147, Chapter 200, Crimes Ordinances), and initiate the study on decriminalisation of sex work.

4.4 Meeting of Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW)

Kendy and Connie attended a meeting of APNSW in Bangkok on 14 – 17 July.

APNSW is a regional network that promotes sex workers' human rights. It was established in 1997 and registered in 2007 as a non-profit company in Malaysia. One of the objectives of this meeting is to review and discuss the membership and election mechanism. Participants agreed at the meeting that invitation for formal membership should be sent to those who had taken part in APNSW's activities in the previous 2 years.

AFRO has already applied for formal membership, and expect a closer network with other sex workers' groups in the region.



5. Staff Training

5.1 Asia Regional Consultation (GAATW)

On behalf of AFRO, Kendy attended the Asia Regional Consultation of Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW), held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 31 Aug to 4 Sep.

GAATW is a global network that was created in 1994 and now includes around 100 member organisations across all continents. All members work solely or partly on trafficking of women and the promotion of better rights protection for working class migrant women.

GAATW applies a Human Rights Based Approach to address trafficking issues. It opposes trafficking in women that involves coercion, deception, fraud, abduction etc. At the same time, it is also concerned that some so-called anti-trafficking measures/policies have violated human rights. E.g. forbidding women from working overseas, using violence and/or abusing power during anti-vice raids etc. This meeting has provided an opportunity for member organisations in Asia to gain better understanding and have discussion on the following issues:

- 1) Differences and linkages between “Trafficking”, “Migration” and “Labor” in the current international context
- 2) Rights of migrant workers
- 3) Impact of anti-trafficking legislation on the rights of sex workers

Three workshops have also been conducted, aiming to facilitate knowledge and capacity building of participants in special areas such as theory/analysis, advocacy and psycho-social care.

5.2 Asia Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing +15

Cherry and Kendy went to Manila, the Philippines to attend the Asia Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing +15 (22-24 Oct).

The forum was held to review the implementation of Beijing Platform for Action in the region, examine whether the situation of women had improved accordingly, and identify new opportunities and arising challenges for women's movements. Apart from reviewing the development of women's movements in the past 15 years, issues discussed also included "an agency for women in the UN", "gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction" and "gender and human security in situations of conflict and post-conflict" etc.

In attending this forum, we aimed to enhance our understanding of various issues about women, and to bring issues about sex workers and the sex industry into the regional level discussions. During the forum, we joined workshops about human trafficking, on the one hand to understand more about other NGOs' frontline experience on providing services and support to trafficked women, and on the other hand to share our view that instead of solving the

problem of human trafficking, prohibiting sex work or criminalizing sex work would only force the industry and the workers to go underground and make it even less safe. At the same time, generalizing sex work as forced migration and labor neglects the right of choice of sex workers. We hope that diversity among women can be recognized, and both victims of human trafficking and individuals who choose to work as sex workers can be protected, respected and supported.

6. Fund Raising

(Walkathon, Nov 2010)

6.1 Walkathon

AFRO's Walkathon (2009) was held on 8 Nov. 26 persons attended the event and the event raised \$50411.

6.2 Fund Raising Bazaar

AFRO's Fund Raising Bazaar was held on 13 Dec 2009. With the generous support on donation of goods from companies and friends, the event raised \$24770.80. We would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who offered their generous help in the event, and hopefully we will see you all again next year!



6.3 Donation Boxes

From July 2009 to June 2010, \$13,981.30 was collected from our donation boxes placed in our centre and bars in Wan Chai.

7.4 Monthly Donation

In the year 2009/10, donation collected through the auto-pay system is \$42,190.

Acknowledgment

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to the following donors and supporters for their generous help during the year 2009/10.

Organisations (07/2009 - 06/2010)

Adam Schall Chapel Committee
Apple Daily Charitable Foundation
CLARES Women's Network, St. John's Cathedral
Diagnostix Pathology Laboratories Ltd.
Hong Kong Association of Business and Professional Women
Kam D Production Studio
Kon International Co. Ltd.
Lee Hysan Foundation
Lodge Eastern Scotia No. 923 S.C
Maryknoll Sisters of St Dominic Inc
Padgett Bros. (A to Z) Ltd
Professional Wills
School of Public Health, the Chinese University of Hong Kong
Sedan Chair Charities Fund
St. Ignatius Chapel
St. Paul's Parish
The AIDS Trust Fund
The American Women's Association of Hong Kong Limited
The Conservancy Association
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Little Flower Club
The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban
The Sir Robert Hotung Charitable Fund
The Union of Catholic Mothers
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Individuals (07/2009 – 06/2010)

Abbas Madar	Chan Suk Yu Mary	Helen Wan
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Adeline Chau	Cheng Pui Lan	Hui Chuen Shun
Agnes Chew	Cheung Ka Lok	Ian Tam
Agnes Lee	Cheung Pui Ha Ivy	Jacky
Ah Kit	Cheung Siu Hang	Jeff Leung
Ah Shu	Cheung Wai Hing	Jehan Chu
Alice Yeung	Chine Chan	Jiang Jin
Ally Choy	Ching Yee	Joan Chan
Amy Chan	Christy Kuet	John Clancey
Amy Lam	Chu Wai Kok	Jon So
Amy Tin	Chua Hoi Wai	Jonathan Hung
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Angela Su	Chung Wai Yam Jenny	Joyce Chang
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