



The UN HIV Emergency Task Team was established after the May 12 Sichuan Earthquake, aiming to share information on local, national and international action, and to address AIDS programming issues during the emergency and recovery phases of the Sichuan earthquake. The Task Force also aims to support people living with HIV and AIDS in disaster struck areas, in collaboration with government departments, local CDC, civil society organizations and people living with HIV networks.

As part of this effort, the Task Team newsletter will be published periodically.

## I. ARV Drug Supply Unaffected by Earthquake, according to Local Health Authorities

The Sichuan Provincial Centre for Disease Control is collaborating with the prefecture/county CDCs to provide comprehensive care and support to people living with HIV in earthquake affected areas. We have been told that the ARV drug supply is stable, and that CDCs in major cities have designated personnel to provide follow-up and drug distribution to people living with HIV.

### Health and Hygiene Tips for People with HIV Living in Earthquake Affected Area

1. Take your ARV drugs on time, and stay in close touch with your local CDC
2. Take a positive attitude on life your daily routine is similar to people around you
3. In case of minor injuries, try helping yourself with first aid. If you need assistance of others, please tell them to wear a glove, and ensure proper disinfection and sterilization of medical equipment before and after;
4. Ensure proper ventilation when living in a tent with others;
5. Make sure food is clean; drink bottled water if possible;
6. People on methadone maintenance treatment should work closely with local clinics and attend on time.
7. Wash your food with water (bottled water if available) and cut meat and vegetables on separate cooking surfaces -- preferably on a plastic cutting surfaces. If food is prepared on a wood cutting board, clean with soap and water vigorously after and before use.

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## Contact Your Local Centre for Disease Control for ARV Drugs

- **Sichuan Provincial CDC**

Address: No. 6, Zhongxue Road, Chengdu City

Tel: 028-85580303

Mr. Yu Hang: 028- 85589212

- **Chengdu City CDC**

Address: No. 4, Longxiang Road, Chengdu City

Tel: 028- 86670028

- **Mianyang City CDC**

Address: No. 62, Peicheng Road, Mianyang City

Tel: 0816- 2222185

- **Guangyuan City CDC**

Address: No. 1, Jiangwang Lane, Xiaoxi Street, Lizhou District, Guangyuan City

Tel : 0839- 3223643

- **Deyang City CDC**

Address: No. 1, Qianshan Street, Deyang City

Tel: 0838- 2518373

Please call the above listed numbers if you have problem getting ARV drugs

## II. Care and Support

### Support from Local NGOs to People Affected by AIDS

- **MSM Care Group of Mianyang**

Service provided: support to MSM and people living with HIV/AIDS

Address: No. 40, Xishan Donglu, Mianyang Sichuan 621000

Tel: 13350964822

E-MAIL : [bulahmasiva@yahoo.com.cn](mailto:bulahmasiva@yahoo.com.cn)

- **Sichuan Association for the Prevention and Care of STD and HIV**

Service provided: management of funds raised, care and support of people living with HIV

Address: No. 6 Zhongxue Road, Chengdu, Sichuan

Tel: 028-85583513

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### III. People Living with HIV in Earthquake Areas

| Prefecture/<br>Municipality | Hard Hit Area<br>(county/city)          | PLHIV   | Number of<br>People on<br>ARVs | PLHIV Status |
|-----------------------------|---|---------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Chengdu</b>              |   |         |                                | stable       |
|                             | Urban area                              | Unknown | Unknown                        |              |
|                             | Dujiangyan①                             | 139     | 10                             |              |
|                             | Pengzhou①                               | 15      | 0                              |              |
|                             | Chongzhou①                              | 19      | 1                              |              |
|                             |   |         |                                |              |
| <b>Mianyang</b>             |   |         |                                | stable       |
|                             | Jiangyou①                               | 60      | 9                              |              |
|                             | Fucheng①                                | 5       | 1                              |              |
|                             | Pingwu (Long'an<br>Township) ①          | 2       | 0                              |              |
|                             |   |         |                                |              |
| <b>Deyang</b>               |   | 164③    | 20③                            | stable       |
|                             | Mianzhu①                                | 4       | 0                              |              |
|                             | Shifang①                                | 15      | 1                              |              |
|                             |   |         |                                |              |
| <b>Guangyuan</b>            |   | 70②     | 2②                             | stable       |
|                             | Qingchuan<br>(Qiaozhuang Township)<br>① | 3       | 0                              |              |
|                             |   |         |                                |              |
| <b>Aba</b>                  |   | < 42④   | < 20④                          |              |
|                             | Lixian (Zagunao<br>Township) ①          | 0       | 0                              |              |
|                             | Wenchuan (Weizhou<br>Township) ①        | 5       | 0                              |              |
|                             | Maoxian (Fengyi<br>Township) ①          | 28      | 0                              |              |
| <b>Ya'an</b>                |   | Unknown | 0                              |              |

**Information Source:**

- ① From Sichuan CDC
- ② From Guangyuan CDC
- ③ From Deyang CDC
- ④ From UNICEF

## In Focus

### **The following information has been received from Mianyang MSM Care Group**

As of 23 May, there are 126 HIV positive people within the MSM community, with 5 under ARV treatment. The group is providing service to 15 people, with 2 under ARV treatment. Their drugs can last until end of June.

Among the members serviced by the Mianyang MSM Care Group, 8 were injured during the earthquake to different degrees.

During the earthquake, 3 people's houses were severely damaged and became inhabitable; another 2 people's houses collapsed. As with the majority of the affected population, they are living in makeshift tents and sheds that are not fire, water or insect proof.

Currently, treatment and care for people living with HIV are conducted in designated hospitals;

There were people living with HIV among the evacuated local residents and no psychological support has been offered as yet.

## IV. National and International Action

### ➤ **Fundraising by Chengdu MSM groups**

On 23 May 2008, the Chengdu Tongle Health Consulting Center (a Chengdu MSM care and support group) organized the "We are Together" evening performance to raise funds for earthquake affected areas. A total of 17608.10 Yuan RMB was raised, and was handed over to the Sichuan Association for STD/AIDS Control for support of people living with HIV and families for post earthquake recovery.

For details please see: <http://www.chain.net.cn/qshcy/kzjztl/17784.htm>

### ➤ **Zizhong people raise funds for disaster relief**



The earthquake has touched the 37 people living with HIV in the Zizhong Civic Red Ribbon Center. After the disaster, many of them called in to learn about the situation of the disaster affected areas, and expressed their wish to help. On May 16, many of them came to the Civic Red Ribbon Center or sent representatives and donated a total of 2010 Yuan RMB. Their action encouraged other people around them, and the funding came to 3036.5 Yuan RMB. The money is managed by the County Red Cross, to be used for disaster relief. For details please see:

<http://sasapac.sccdc.cn/View.aspx?id=107>

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