

“Only comprising the meaning of the life, of the solidarity, of the love to the neighbor, we will be able to support those who need it. It is not the compassion what must us move to fight for the life, but the commitment that we all have opposite to her”

Anonymous

Action, prevention and responsibility opposite to the VIH/sida and the DDHH-.

Montevideo, Uruguay. -

A.MI.SE.U

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Character of the institution:

Civil Association, without lucre ends, created on December 8, 2005, with personería juridical N° 10.936, from March 31, 2008.

TARGETS:

- To offer information and training on the subject of sexuality and prevention, at any level, with special emphasis on the PVVs, collaborating with the decrease of the ITS and VIH/sida and the progress of the quality of life. To realize sensitization activities towards the community on the diverse forms of social discrimination that affect the persons living with VIH/sida, members of the homosexual community and to persons in situation of social vulnerability, impelling actions of defense of the DDHH across the education and offering services of Legal Advice.
- To offer support and containment to the persons living with VIH/sida and to the members of the community LGTBIQ, realizing educational and informative activities specially directed to these communities, generating the consistent empoderamiento within the EC.
- To generate activities on the subject of prevention, campaign to raise public awareness, sensitization and psychological support direct to the affected persons and by implication for the VIH/sida and those members of the homosexual community.
- To impel activities of Information – Education - Communication - Diffusion in subject-matters referred to the sexuality, SSRR; DDSSRR, the DDHH, the citizenship, self-esteem, prevention of the ITS/VIH, quality of life, car and mutual care, treatments, organizational development, political incidence, directed to the public in general, for the impulse of one more citizenship consents, respectful and healthy.

- To impel actions of political incidence and impulse of the necessary changes in the different subject-matters across the dialogue with devisor's and political actors, generating actions in network with different actors.

MISSION:

A.MI.SE.U, takes as a vision to promote the social integration and the progress in the quality of life of the vulnerable population of the VIH/sida, the persons who shape the homosexual community and those in situation of social vulnerability. We work to eliminate the stigma and the discrimination by means of the management of activities of prevention, information, training, juridical consultancy, commissions between pairs, sexuality, equity of genre and sexual and reproductive health, motivating this way to the investigation and update of the information, on these subject-matters.

VISIÓN:

To be a regarding organization in what DDHH recounts to the subject-matter VIH/sida, ITS (Infections of sexual Transmission), sexuality, citizenship, empoderamiento citizen, I develop organizational and sexual diversity, concientizando to the population on the importance of a healthy and responsible sexuality, promoting attitudes in defense of the quality of life, being admitted so much by the achievements obtained in favor of our population target, as by the efficacy in the promotion of the DDHH and the capacity of political incidence.

INSTITUTIONAL VALUES:

To offer the best services of promotion, training and integral formation, generating attitudes of solidarity, responsibility, professional commitment and effectiveness.

AREAS OF WORK:

1. Service area to the community: What does of A.MI.SE.U a successful social emprendimiento if the same it is that they think about how to offer services that help to improve the living conditions of the community, strengthening the ties between the society.

Inside the activities of this area it works:

- Transitory hostel for persons living with VIH of the interior of the country that comes to Montevideo to receive medical attention and/or treatment.
- Personalized psychological attention.
- I work with population Afrodescendiente.
- Juridical consultancy.
- I work with young people and adolescents.

- I work with the community LGTIBQ.
- Advice and accompaniment in achievement of social steps.
- Group of Yoga.
- Attention to situations of discrimination and reception of denunciations.
- Commission space between pairs in the Center of National Reference to VIH/sida (SEIC) and in the institutional head office.
- Groups of self-help and of personal growth

2. Area prevention: La strategy of prevention that he promotes and develops A.MI.SE.U takes as a target to promote the individual and social changes of behavior, generating this way the decrease of the transmission of the VIH and other infections of sexual transmission, preparing the violations of the DDHH. As well as also the discrimination of the persons in situation of social vulnerability. The action lines for this area are principally faced to promote healthy, responsible and sure sexual behaviors, respecting the rights of different / different to decide when with who and like supporting the sexual relations. We execute a preventive and informative program of intervention from which straight involved and affected they develop aspects intimately related to the prevention, like it there are the strengthening of the self-esteem and the defense of the rights.

These strategies are executed at different intervention levels:

Individual level: Support and delivery of information and personalized orientation, across the commission for the prevention of the VIH and the ITS. **Community Group level:** With the target to socialize prevention learnings between pairs and at the community level, promoting social ambiances that value the prevention.

These actions develop across a joint strategy with different actors public and deprived at national level.

- **Massive level:** which essential part is to raise and to debate the topic at social level and to generate the perception of vulnerability of the population before the VIH and the ITS.
- **Intersectorial and Institutional level:** The target is to sensitize and to articulate collaboration areas between different organisms at intersectorial level with the target to promote and to extend the national answer to the VIH/sida and the ITS.

Types of interventions in prevention that we execute: It would occupy first place: destined to deliver all the elements (Information and inputs) so that the persons could avoid to acquire the virus.

3. Area of Political Incidence: In A.MI.SE.U we stand out for the diversity of the actions of incidence and promotion of politics favorable to the rights of the persons living with VIH and those integral persons of the homosexual community, promoting openly the participation in spaces of representation, which even this breaches flood as regards the rest of the population.

The sustenance of the actions that we execute takes root in the fact that who we take forward the same ones we are a part of the communities for which we work. To execute the above mentioned actions A.MI.SE.U promuevey it realizes public debates, I talk with authorities and it takes part in different intersectorial ambiances across which he can exercise an incidence at collective level.

- Conasida - MCP
- Table of the sexual diversity
- Space Participative of the users of the health publishes and deprive

The strategy of political incidence of A.MI.SE.U it is a **constant political construction**, which takes forward between several and diverse actors, being this a social process, where they can only differ like game contributions what A.MI.SE.U and other actors have like intention, direction, decision in his gesticulating, which is discovered, adapts, conciliates and concert jointly. Acompañando and sustaining with theoretical, methodological and practical, proposals of affirmation of the **local democratic governance** as component of the **democracy participative**.

4. Work area in network: In understood of that the work in network allows the permanence and the flexibility, the use of the existing resources, as well as the creation and adaptation of others, also making the coordination possible, for it A.MI.SE.U to generated instances of joint and work in network with diverse groups and organizations at national, regional and international level, since, on having been employed at network, we favor the integration between topics, between different approaches, between the virtual thing and the presencial, between persons and groups, between the local thing and the global thing, between the formal thing and the informal thing, which allows us an advance towards those targets that we have in common the different groups. The work in network, as we are practicing it, is making clear to us that there exist common ways with which to be weaving networks for the critical participation and for the action and the culture transformadora.

With who we are employed at network:

- Persons' organizations living with national and international VIH.
- National and international Ongo being employed at VIH, DDHH, sexuality, citizenship, empoderamiento community, disability and vulnerable populations.
- National organizations and international LGBTIQ
- IGovern
- national social Networks and international
- press Means

5. Sustentabilidad area: With the target to increase the sostenibilidad of the long-term activities A.MI.SE.U to generated an area of sustentabilidad who takes charge of the project development, search of financing, as well as of the development of the actions of monitoring and evaluation of the institutional negotiations. Inside the different mechanisms used for assuring the sustentabilidad the generation of agreements meets public and/or private organisms, sale of united bonds, plan of approach and management of support with companies with developed social responsibility. In this sense A.MI.SE.U considers important non-adapting his identity and action to the financing sources, but to obtain financing and sustentabilidad in function to the goals and preexisting institutional planning, fulfilling in every mom into the social targets that consist in his formation articles of association and respecting the code of institutional conduct.

This area splits into four groups of work:

- Social communication
- resources Securing
- Project development
- Monitoring and evaluation of management

FINANCING

The funds come from the contributions of persons near to the organization; companies supports exercising managerial social responsibility and of the obtained across the project presentation.

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Voluntary Personnel: 33 persons

STAFF:

Our team of work is shaped in the following order:

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Projects IN EXECUTION::

- I project Transitory Hostel for persons living with VIH/sida of the interior of the country.
- Commission service between pairs in the SEIC.
- FREE VIHVIENDO, for a coexistence without exclusion.
- Join the action, support A.MI.SE.U; campaign of collection of funds and donations.

PARTICIPATION IN NETWORKS:

A.MI.SE.U, is employed at network with the following national and international organisms:

- CONASIDA (We integrate the plenary one as holders in representation of the PVVs)
- MYSU Woman and Health in Uruguay
- I match of work AMEPU-AMISEU-ATRU.

- Binational federation CREFOR (Coordination of the area of PVVs).
- Acronym Argentina.
- International secretariat of Indigenous Peoples and African progeny opposite to the VIH, the sexualities and the DDHH.
- Fundación Press.
- Interinstitutional table on sexual diversity - 2nd plan of equal opportunity and rights IMM.
- Member of ASICAL. (Association of Integral Health of Latin America and the Caribbean Sea).
- Member of the Space participative of users of the health.
- Member of the Movement for the Health of the Peoples.
- Member of ILGA – LAC.
- Member of the Global Forum of HSH and VIH.

INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY:

A.MI.SE.U is one it is a civil association, without ends of lucre, which has the peculiarity of being coordinated by persons living with VIH/sida and members of the homosexual community. In this sense, to the being an organization managed by persons straight affected, it exists at the time of a different approach generates activities, as regards the urgency and the strategies, to solve the raised needs.

The starting point in the construction of A.MI.SE.U, like organization working with of Population Vulnerable and straight affected by the VIH/sida, was and it is to think, to execute and to develop activities half-closed to the problems of the affected persons. This one has been from the beginning, the essential motive on which our institutional values are based.

Our organization, it began in the year 2005, when the treatment offered to a pharmaceutical laboratory to four persons living with VIH, was suspended after the fourth month. Consequently, the affected persons we organize ourselves to manage this way a solution before the Department of Public Health. After several attempts and on not having found answer on the part of the governmental organisms, not either in the organizations that until now were employed at the subject-matter, we begin to realize negotiations on a global scale, so that the laboratory was becoming a person in charge of beginning the treatment again to the affected persons.

Of this one it forms and as a result of the generated actions and the support received on a global scale, the situation was achieved reverted positively.

From this one made, the protagonists of this one situation, we saw the need of “being more actors that alone recipients” from our condition of Population Vulnerable and straight affected by the VIH/sida (PVVs), cutting with the stigma of being “the poor persons who live with VIH”.

The topic was already not to wait to receive from other persons the benefits that they had the power to give or to cut, but to act with integrity and dignity to exercise the human rights that are inherent in the whole humanity, and in particular given our persons' condition living with VIH. Then as a result the positive results that allowed to continue with the treatment, we realized that it was necessary to create an organization that **“was working from the experience and the experience, or from the persons living with VIH for the persons living with VIH”**.

In December, 2005, there is established of that time A.MI.SE.U as persons' association living with VIH/sida, being employed at the defense and promotion of the human rights of the persons living with VIH/sida (PVVs); from the Vulnerable Populations to the VIH/sida and of the persons with diverse sexual orientation; generating guided activities of prevention and education to his pairs and to the general population.

At present A.MI.SE.U devotes himself to the fulfillment of his targets across the achievement of:

- Informative activities and educational
- Activities of prevention
- Accompaniment and commission to PVVs
- Acciones of political incidence
- Action of defense and promotion of the DDHH educational and formative Activities for the development and strengthening of the populations in situation of social vulnerability
- psychological Attention and legal aid
- Consultancy for the steps achievement
- Management of the only transitory hostel for persons living with VIH in Uruguay

Also it works integrating spaces and coordination mechanisms, with public organizations and private roads linked to the subject-matter of the VIH/sida; realizing actions that tackle the political incidence and the lobby to generate the social changes construction, beginning for the national and departmental authorities; as well as the legislative representatives of the country.

The essential part of the actions that A.MI.SE.U impels, they are based at all times on the universal and integral access to treatments for VIH/sida (bearing in mind that this implies from the promotion of the adherence to treatments in all his facets, up to the education in rights and responsibilities of those who live with VIH/sida), in the promotion of the information to the whole population, thinking about how to generate a conscience at social level that I placed the VIH/sida as a problem that affects all of us like society in his set and not only to those who live with VIH.

In this work process, A.MI.SE.U has been consolidated like a regarding organization in this agenda, being admitted at present in different spaces at national and international level.

This has demanded a constant training of his members, to improve the capacity of answer to the new demands and requests that allow on the one hand the development of successful strategies of prevention and defense of the human rights, and also the active involucramiento of the population in general, those with a diverse sexual orientation and of the persons living with VIH/sida, in particular.

For it, A.MI.SE.U has improved his conditions organizacionales and human to confront in a suitable way the new challenges raised in the country and in the region, since the access to economic resources for persons' organizations living with VIH in Uruguay has been scarce and this is to ours to understand is related to the difficulties that exist in our society to recognize and to value the work that these organizations realize.

PVVs: Persons living with VIH/sida