

No decision about us, without us

Full Adolescent Engagement in the HIV Response - UNICEF supported Demonstration Programme in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

Background of Nanjing:

- coastal city in eastern China, has seen a significant increase in new HIV infections among adolescents young people, especially among students (700 new infections in the province among students). Over 90% of new infections occur among YMSM.
- Under the China Comprehensive AIDS Response Programme “one location, one strategy” scheme, space for innovation;
- Large government and CSO supported peer educator network, focusing primarily on information/education;
- Under the All In platform, UNICEF supports exploring a “scalable + sustainable” model of full adolescent engagement to promote greater access to quality HIV-SRH services.

Partners:

China Association for STD/AIDS Prevention and Control

Jiangsu Provincial CDC

Nanjing CDC

Jiangsu You & Me Youth Health Service Centre (local CBO)



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adolescent and youth empowerment – key strategies

- Enabling youth led innovation
 - The “secret client”;
 - Creative programme design and debate
 - Youth driven research to action
- Intercollegiate network – Nanjing You & Me Youth Club
 - 40+ schools in Nanjing
 - Radiating to other schools in the province and beyond.
- Build a supportive environment amongst community and school – government, schools, CSO, foundations
 - **Government:** CDC, Youth League, Women’s Federation, Red Cross, Family Planning Association, Preventive Medicine Association etc.
 - School: Youth league, student affairs department, school clinic, campus security, student groups
 - CSOs: social workers, youth organizations
 - Foundations: Amity Foundation, etc.

The “secret client” 2016 and 2017

Objectives:

- Destigmatizing HIV testing;
- Promote greater service uptake among youth;
- Addressing barriers for youth in using existing HIV services

How:

- For 2 years in November, seek HIV testing via normal procedure and assess service
- Where: school clinic, community health clinic, hospitals, VCT at CDC
- Youth developed mobile app recording friendliness of testing experience (responses: 2016 - 252; 2017- 205);
- Feedback by youth at annual review meeting of CDC

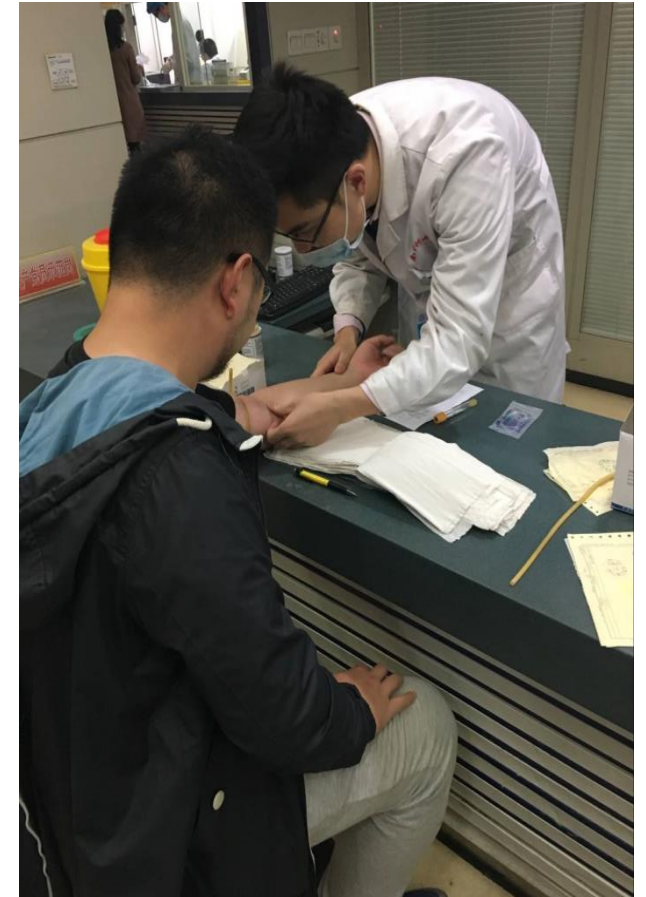
Challenges and constraints identified in 2016:

- School clinics: most have neither testing nor referral
- VCT centers: most have difficult hours (most close on weekends, close early in the day) and require filling long questionnaire to get free test, or test at all
- Hospitals: some require over 18 for testing, non-confidential, crowded, long wait;
- Young people: low capacity for seeking healthcare, discomfort and fear of judgement, long school hours

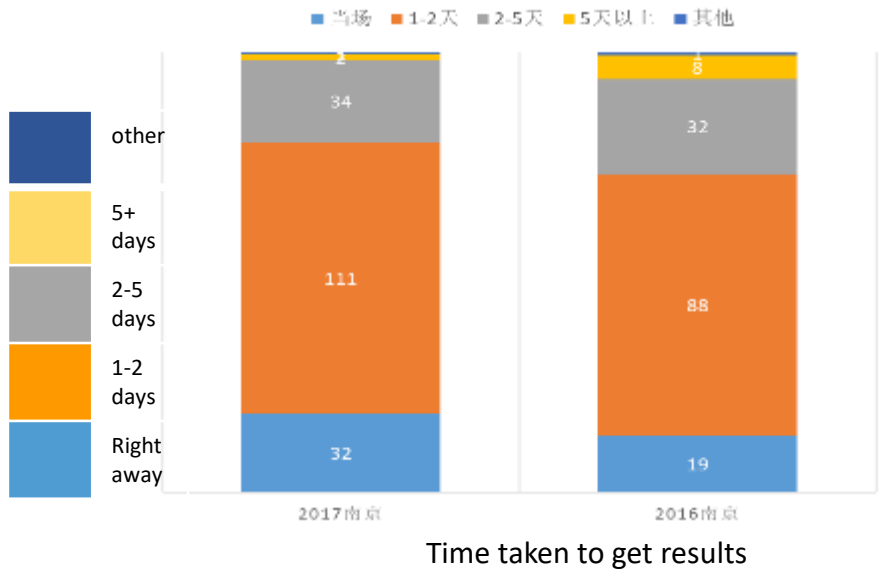
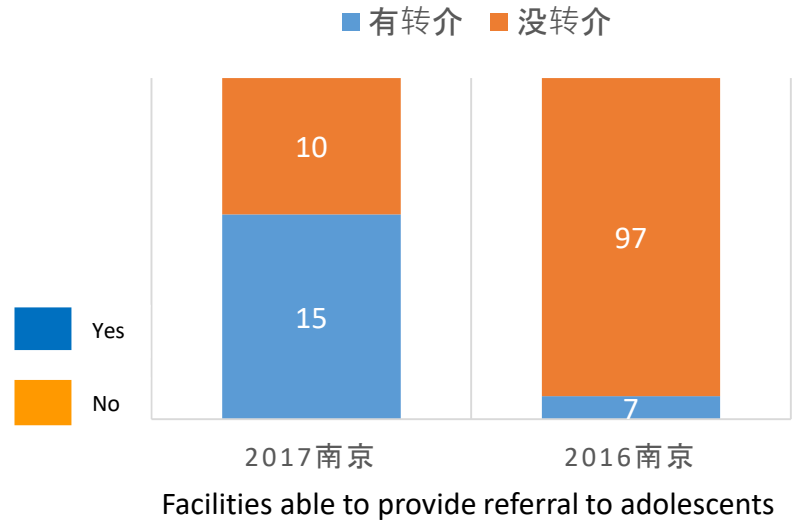
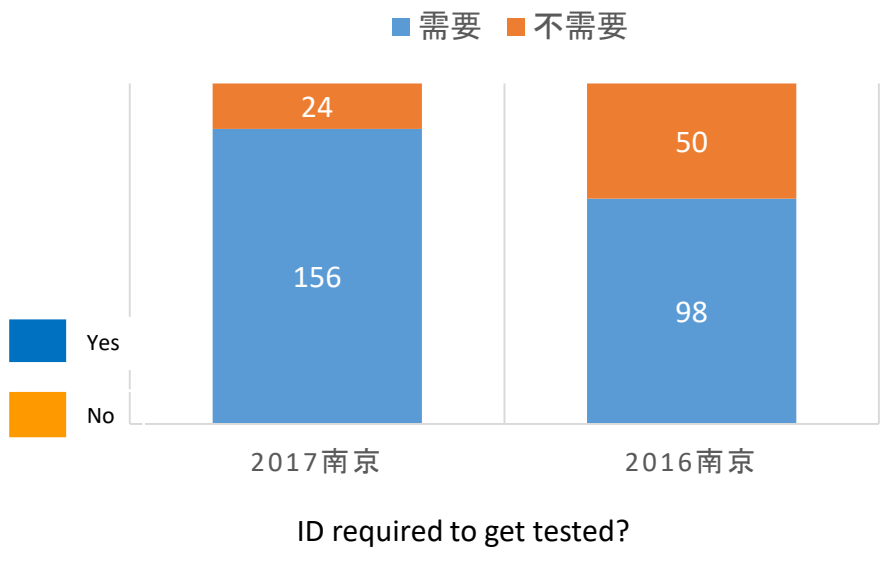
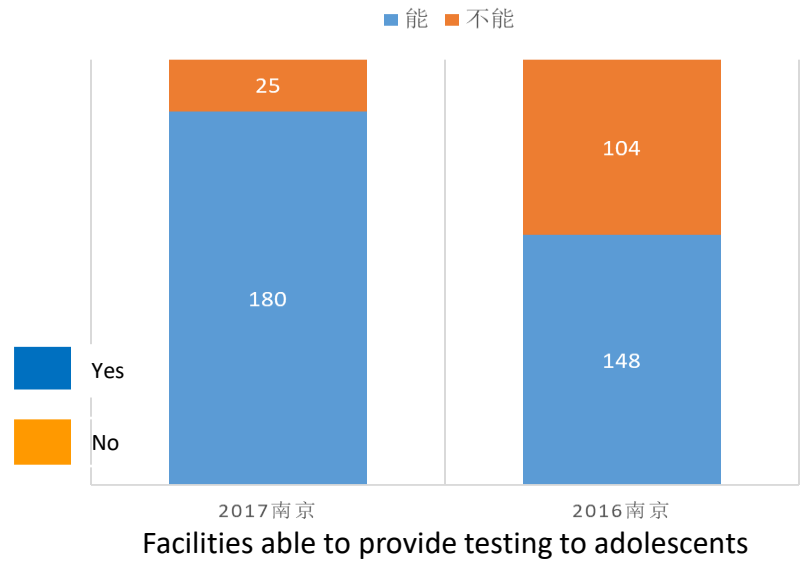


What has been achieved in one year?

- Adolescent prevention via better use of services testing;
- Improved awareness, self efficacy and skills in seeking and demanding services;
- Adolescents and youth able to assess friendliness of services;
- HIV testing destigmatized;
- Effective advocacy on youth friendly services and narrowing the gap between adolescents and services via technology (WeChat based survey tool) and mobilization of adolescents.



What changed in Nanjing in a year?




Secret clients at work



If you want good service, you need to ask for it


“The store outside my school had no corn juice. At one time I really wanted corn juice, so every now and then I went and asked if they had corn juice. Eventually I saw a sign saying – New in Store – Corn Juice. “

– from a youth volunteer

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WHAT ADOLESCENTS CAN DO

Don't hesitate to talk about sensitive topics. Your health worker is there to listen without judgement



- Find out how to access your local health services
- Ask your health worker for more information to help make decisions about your health
- Be aware of your rights to privacy and confidentiality
- Speak to a trusted adult if you experience discrimination or disrespect
- Provide feedback to your health centre on how it can improve services for you and your friends

WHO/UNAIDS set global standards to improve the quality of health services for all adolescents.

Creative youth activities

- “Bye-bye dirty hands”;
- “Make testing a habit”;
- “peer quality rapid testing”
- “Creative programme design fair on World AIDS Day”;
- “summer camps”
- “Night chats”
- “campus safety mapping contest”



夜色撩人
沉迷亲吻
容易丢手机

南京农业大学校园安全地图

李陵卫派出所 下马坊警务站 南京农业大学保卫处

Monthly salons

Inviting experts and work together to address:

- Campus safety;
- Intimate relationships;
- Sexual harassment;
- Recreational drugs;
- Hero's Journey – personal growth
- ...



inter-collegiate peer leader network and capacity building

