

China Male Tongzhi Health Forum (CMTHF)

CMTHF set up in October 2008 with the support of UNDP, UNAIDS and China HIV/STI Prevention and Control Association. CMTHF composed by a group of the most active MSM NGO leaders in China. The 24 co-founders of the CMTHF are from across the country. Many of them are the leaders of the MSM NGOs in their provinces and cities. Many of them are national and provincial HIV prevention and control program advisors.

Mission: help gay community respond to crises like AIDS, improve living status and promote rights, by means of community support service and advocacy.

In the past years, although Chinese MSM population had actively participated in AIDS prevention and civil society development, and formed over 100 CBO, the involvement is still in a low level, especially in decision and policy making in the national level.

The establishment of CMTHF has changed the separate and weak situation of Chinese MSM CBO, created a platform for MSM population's involvement in decision and policy making in the national level. After the establishment, the government also pays lots of attention and regularly consults for advice in MSM AIDS prevention to CMTHF.

Although its short history, CMTHF performs excellent in policy advocacy and capacity building for Chinese MSM CBO.

CMTHF makes the voice of MSM population heard in the government. During the first national MSM HIV epidemic investigation which encountered problems because of insufficient consideration of the sub-culture of MSM population, CMTHF negotiated with NCAIDS and raised the suggestion and need of MSM population. Finally, the investigation plan had been revised. The investigation work had also been successfully implemented under the cooperation of the CDC and MSM population.

CMTHF also negotiate with overseas organizations for their AIDS prevention work in China. As inadequate communication and understanding to MSM population, especially the Chinese Implementation Agency, the Gates Foundation's project raised a great deal of misunderstanding in MSM population. On behalf of Chinese MSM, CMTHF negotiated with the Gates Foundation to improve the project implementation approaches; CMTHF also actively supported the Global Fund's work in China, especially the work of CCM. Now, the delegate and vice delegate of NGO in CCM are both steering committee members of CMTHF.

CMTHF also provides capacity building to MSM CBO nationwide, especially in organizational construction and civil society development.

CMTHF is the only national alliance of MSM CBO which extensively supported by MSM CBO nationwide.

The Chinese Government, especially the Ministry of Health and NCAIDS have treated CMTHF as the primary partner in MSM AIDS prevention.

UNAIDS, UNDP, WHO have all consider CMTHF as main force in Chinese civil society development.

CMTHF has become the member of MSMGF and APCOM on behalf of China and successfully organized the first election for the Steering Committee Member of APCOM in China.