

Advocacy toolkit case studies

IMPROVING PRIVACY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN THAILAND

THEMES:

HIV

Stigma and discrimination

ADVOCACY APPROACH:

Government officials: educating

Siam Care, a Tearfund partner, was concerned about the stigma associated with the disclosure of children's HIV status on vaccination records. The words 'HIV positive' were stamped on the front page and the children's mothers wanted their privacy respected. However, if the books were destroyed, important vaccination, child development and health records would be lost. Siam Care, together with other NGOs, designed a new format for the vaccination books that did not disclose the children's HIV status. They also organised a seminar for the Ministry of Public Health and presented the problem and the new format they were proposing. The ministry formed a committee (which included NGOs) to look at the issue and the new format was approved.