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PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS TRANSMISSION AMONG MYANMAR
MIGRANT WORKERS IN MAHACHAI DISTRICT, SAMUT SAKORN
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The purpose of this study was to provide information for both governmental and non-
governmental organizations on the basic knowledge, attitude and the practices of the
Myanmar migrant workers in Mahachai, Samut Sakorn, Thailand related to HIV/AIDS
prevention. The specific objectives were to describe socio-demographic characteristics,
 sources of information on HIV/AIDS, social network and social support systems, basic
knowledge, attitude and practices of these workers on HIV/AIDS and its prevention,
and to find the associations between these variables. A cross-sectional survey with a
self-administered questionnaire and in-depth interviews was applied in this study. The
results showed that the mean knowledge on AIDS in both male and female was about
62%. There was no statistically significant association between knowledge and condom
use, but a positive attitude was associated with safe practice. Social network analysis
showed that the most important social network for the Myanmar migrants in Mahachai
was their peers and/or friends. Using this existing social network could be a useful
strategy to improve attitude and practice of these migrants on AIDS prevention.

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