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The objectives of this research were: to evaluate the process of HIV/AIDS prevention implemented by the school administrators, core group teachers and core group students; to evaluate the life skills in AIDS prevention among students of both core groups and group members. Life skills in this context covered awareness of AIDS problems, perception on risks of HIV infection, skills in risk behavior denial, and skills in encouraging friends to prevent HIV infection. The study was conducted in selected groups sampled from secondary schools under the Department of General Education in Bangkok Metropolitan. There were 26 school administrators, 26 core group teachers, 339 core group students and 399 group member students in the sample for the study. Questionnaires were used as a tool to data collection. Data were analyzed by descriptive statistics, percentage, means and standard deviation.

Findings from the study indicated that all school administrators under the Friend to Friend Project have implemented their mission in prevention of HIV/AIDS in 9 aspects whereas all core group teachers have implemented 3 of the expected 4 aspects. Most of the core group students have implemented only 3 activities out of the expected 15 activities.

Recommendations from this research were: The Department of General Education should review processes and guidelines and formulate a clear policy and monitor project implementation continuously; The school administrators should set up school planning so that the core group teachers and all teachers participate in the project, as well as review and develop the training process for core group students under the Friend to Friend Project to create life skills in HIV/AIDS prevention .