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The purpose of this study was to provide information for both governmental and nongovernmental 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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