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A State level meeting on social protection for children of HIV infected Key Populations (KPs) and adolescent children of all KPs were held on 13th of April, 2018 in Kohima. The meeting was attended by representatives from Social Welfare department, Education Department, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC), Union Baptist Church (UBC), NNP+, Nnaga Dao, Naga Mother’s Association (NMA), Legislator’s Forum on AIDS (LFA), TI NGOs of Dimapur, FHI360, NSACS and KHPT. Dr. Ngangshimeren, Project Director, NSACS shared that the programme goal is to increase access to priority health, educational, social protection and welfare services for children affected by HIV/AIDS.
OUTCOME

1. To generate and mobilize community support.
2. To record support and contribution from all the sectors.
3. To improvise the service package.
4. To implement the project as per state specific requirements and also to redefine the project.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Panyor River Festival

The three days long event at the bank of Serene Panyor River created an opportunity for the Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society to reach out to the youth in imparting awareness about HIV. To create awareness, IEC materials on HIV, Mainstreaming Panels, Flex hangers and posters were displayed at the venue. The artist of Rock band performed and spread messages on HIV/AIDS. More than 4000 people attended river fest with great enthusiasm.
Screening Camp of Rashtriya Bal Swasthaya Karyakram (RBSK)

Under the guidance of Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Project Director, J&K SACS, officers & officials of SACS including Dr. Rash Karsyal, AD (BSD) Mr. Rajesh Sharma, AD, Mr. Varun Gupta, DA participated in the screening camp of Rashtriya Bal Swasthaya Karyakram (RBSK) at Govt Higher Secondary School which was organized by National Health Mission, Jammu on 7th April, 2018.

Blood Donation Camp

A blood donation camp in collaboration with Lalla Ded Hospital inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of State Health and Medical Education, Govt of Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu & Kashmir SACS
MUMBAI

Advocacy Event for Health Care Providers on Reduction of Stigma & Discrimination

It has been observed that People Living with HIV/AIDS, Female Sex Workers & Hijra experience stigma & discrimination (S&D) from health care staff while availing services at hospital setting. To address this issue, an advocacy event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Shrikala Acharya, Addl. Project Director, MDACS at two major hospitals namely, LTMG Hospital & BYL Nair Hospital in coordination with India HIV/AIDS Alliance (USAID). The event targeted on increasing knowledge of health care providers including class IV employees viz. Wardboy, Aayabai, Hamal, Sevak, Sweepers, Shipai, Barbour, Nursing staff & students on HIV/AIDS through technical sessions conducted by Dr. Mane, DD (MDACS), Mr. Nahid Mohammad, Regional Coordinator (NACO) & Ms. Mhaprolkar, Programme Officer (India HIV/AIDS alliance).

Communication Strategy Workshop

Mumbai District AIDS Control Society has identified strategic communication as a key factor that could steer the program to reach 90:90:90 by 2020. With the support from UNAIDS, a stakeholder consultation was convened on 3rd May, 2018. Representatives from communities, NGOs, government sector participated. The best practices adopted by MDACS to reach out to key audiences were also shared. Participants opined that low visibility on broadcast media in recent years had resulted in lowered concern about HIV-related risks among the general population, particularly among emerging vulnerable groups (as they prefer internet to solicit sex). Consensus emerged around the need to spread messages about risky behaviours, safe sex practices, designing of campaign aiming at encouraging testing & adherence to treatment. Leveraging potential of corporate partners to support communication initiatives in Mumbai was felt to be of prime importance.
Mumbai is one of the first Indian cities to sign up for the Fast-Track Cities initiative. Since then efforts are being made by MDACS to reach 90:90:90 targets by 2020. To accelerate the progress, MDACS in coordination with UNAIDS arranged Workshop on Mumbai Fast Track City Action Plan on 10th & 11th April, 2018. Participants from the government, international & civil society organizations attended in the workshop. Following two days of group work, presentations and invigorating discussions, the forum agreed that priority for the Mumbai Fast Track City Action Plan would be reaching those who do not identify themselves as the key population and thus do not access targeted interventions. They shall include adolescents and young adults in the age of 10 to 19, regular partners and spouses and unreached in both physical and virtual networks. The forum marked out priority geographies for service delivery and agreed that the services provided must go beyond HIV/AIDS and be for holistic health and wellness thus addressing key vulnerabilities that drive risk behaviour. The forum stressed on integrating services including SBCC with existing on ground interventions. As a next step, the recommendations are being further elaborated to develop a practical, implementable plan for Mumbai City.
Sensitization workshop with Homeguard

A sensitization workshop with Homeguard Department was held in Commandant General Homeguards and Director Civil Defence, Haryana. In total, 42 Home guards were sensitized during the workshop.

Sensitization workshop cum testing camp

A sensitization workshop cum testing camp was organised on 23rd April, 2018 in Haryana where in 150 personnel of IOCL panipat Refinery were sensitized free of cost.
Mass Rally on Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS Awareness

A mass awareness rally on HIV/AIDS was conducted on 11th May, 2018 in lieu of Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking Day. This rally was conducted by Haryana State AIDS Control Society in collaboration with Education Department under the guidance and dynamic leadership of Dr. Veena Singh, Project Director, HSACS. Shri R.R. Jowel, Additional Chief Secretary Health flagged off the rally. Dr. Satish Aggarwal, Director General Health Services, Haryana motivated the school students to perform yoga & stay away from drugs.

KARNATAKA

Messages displayed in the Metro Trains

Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society created awareness for the general population through an innovative approach by displaying electronic messages on blood donation inside the metro train for more than 15 days on the occasion of Voluntary Blood Donation Day. It was done free of cost and in collaboration with Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited. The train is running from morning 5.00 am to 11.00 pm in two lines covering appx. 41 kms. Lakhs of passengers travel in the metro train daily.
ToT under ELM Programme

The Training of Trainers (ToT) was conducted for the nurses of the Shashi Exports Garments in Bengaluru under the Employer Led Model (ELM) programme on 26th April, 2018. In total, 30 nurses from 30 units of Karnataka attended the ToT.

Karnataka SACS

CHHATTISGARH

One Day Sensitization on Continues Medical Education for Blood Banks

Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society in association with Food & Drug Administration of the state and AIIMS, Raipur organized one day sensitization programme on Continued Medical Education (CME) for Blood Banks on 5th June, 2018 at AIIMS Raipur. It was inaugurated and presided by Mr. Ajay Chandrakar, Hon’ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, CG Govt. and Co-chaired by Mr. R. Prasanna (IAS) Special Secretary, Social Welfare, Sport & Youth Department, CG Govt., Smt Ranu Sahu (IAS) Director Health Services, Dr. Nitin Nagarkar, Director, (AIIMS, Raipur), Mr. P.V. Narsimha, Chairman (FDA) and Mr. A.P. Tripathi (IAS) Special Secretary Health. The CME was a step in the continuous process of SBTC to ensure safe and quality blood from all blood banks of the state. Medical Officer, In-charge and senior lab technicians of all 77 blood banks participated in the workshop. Mr. Ajay Chandrakar reiterated that the state is committed to provide safe and quality blood to all the patients in need as there were 7 blood banks in the year 2000 which have now increased to 77. Shri R. Prasanna, Secretary Social Welfare Dept. stressed to have blood for all. Smt. Ranu Sahu, Director Health Services insisted on the need of new technologies especially NAT machine in HIV detection.
State Level Launching of Community Based Screening Test

Smt. Ranu Sahu, Director Health Services and Project Director Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society Launched Community Based Screening Test (CBST) at Truckers Parking No.5 Birgaon, Raipur on 10th May 2018. Now CBST is being implemented in 12 Districts of Chhattisgarh and 27 High Risk Areas. Health Camps to Screen HRGs were organised to identify PLHIV then link them to ART for better health services. Due to busy life and lack of awareness. People with High Risk Group (HRG) avoid visit to hospital. Director Health Services and Project Director CGSACS instructed the staff of CGSACS to identify the district of HRGs and arrange camps for spot screening and if they tested positive, they should be linked to ART Centers for free counseling and drug adherence. Dr. S.K. Binjhwar, Additional Project Director, CGSACS briefed about the programe (CBST).

Mr. Y.N. Tiwari, President of Transport Association, Raipur said that they give all support to NGOs for better health services. At the camp, 419 High Risk Behaviour people such as FSW (Female Sex worker) IDUs (Injecting Drug Users), Truckers were screened on the spot and one found to be HIV Positive.

MEGHALAYA

Piggy Backing-Tuber Behdeinkhlem

Faithful of the Niam-Tre, Niam-Tynrai of the Sein Raij Tuber - biggest amongst the Sein Raijs- a religious organization in Jaintia Hills celebrated the most colourful religious festival which began on 16th July and culminated on 19th July, 2018 at the Biar or Atnar – sacred muddy pool at Tuberkmai shnong village in East Jaintia Hills. Innovative rots (raths) and tableaus were brought from sixty odd villages located in Jaintia Hills and all came along with a caricature and written messages. Meghalaya AIDS Control Society also sponsored two tableaus having HIV/AIDS awareness messages. SACS also distributed pamphlets, displayed banners on condom promotion & organised road show with a quiz competition.
State Level Joint Working Group Meeting with Education Department

The State level meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) of Education Department, Govt. of Meghalaya and Meghalaya AIDS Control Society was held on 9th May, 2018 at Additional Secretariat, Shillong under the chairmanship of Shri W.R.Lyngdoh, Secretary, Education Department, Govt of Meghalaya in the presence of Dr. S.Lyngdoh, Project Director, Meghalaya AIDS Control Society, Shillong, officials from Directorate of Higher and Technical Education (DHTE), Directorate of School Education & Literacy (DESEL) and Directorate of Educational Research and Training (DERT). They shared their opinions and ideas on how to use education as a tool to bring more awareness on HIV/AIDS by strengthening AEP and RRC programmes.

Outcome:

The Directorate of Higher and Technical Education (DHTE) will officially write to the Principals of all Educational Institutions including Non Aided Universities, Schools and Colleges to appoint a Nodal Officer and Deputy Nodal Officer immediately to implement HIV/AIDS activities in their institutions.

ODISHA

Community level HIV Screening at VHND of Nawarangpur District leveraging funds of State Govt- A reflection of Convergence of PPTCT Activity with RMNCH+A Programme

Meeting with CDMO and launching of HIV Screening by Collector Cum District Magistrate
Odisha has achieved 91% of HIV screening against HMIS ANC registration in 2017-18. But data reveals that the 1st trimester testing is only 40%. To cover all mothers during the 1st trimester, VHND level HIV screening was started in November, 2017 in Bolangir district and subsequently saturated 13 other districts (one block each). The VHND level HIV screening was launched by the Collector cum DM on 15th May, 2018 in two CHCs of the Nawarangpur district i.e. Pujariguda & Nandahandi and total 41 SC covered in 3 months. Subsequently plan will be implemented throughout the district with an aim to screen all the ANC in the 1st visit to VHND. On the same day in single prick, four types of tests such as HIV, Syphilis, Hemoglobin & Blood sugar were performed. The VHND level HIV screening shows a perfect convergence of PPTCT activity of OSACS in NHM and State Govt.

GOA

Session on HIV/ AIDS Program for Students

The HIV/ AIDS Sensitisation Programme was held for students of Mapusa ITI, Peddem Mapusa on 28th November, 2018. Jr. trade trainees of COPA, Electronic Mechanic, ICTSM, MMV, SP and Electrician trades had participated in the programme. The talks were delivered by Dr. Anil Umraskar, Medical Officer, UHC Mapusa; Dr. Shivali Prabhudesai, Senior Consultant, Medical Officer and Mrs. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Assistant Director (Youth Affairs), Goa SACS along with other officials from GOA SACS. Also present was Mrs. Nitija Govekar, Counsellor, UHC Mapusa. The session ended with an interaction round.

Students sensitized during Session on HIV/ AIDS Program in Goa
Sensitization workshop for Human Resource Personnel

Goa State AIDS Control Society conducted a sensitization workshop for Human resource personnel from Industries in collaboration with the Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers on 7th December, 2018 in Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries (GCCI), Panaji. The workshop revolved around basics of HIV/AIDS and services available in Goa, overview of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 along with detailed coverage of Rules for Establishments provision under the Act covered by Adv. Sanjay Usgaonkar. Shri Vivek P. Marathe, Chief Inspector of Factories & Boilers, Mr. Shri. Eurico Naronha Co-Chairperson, HR committee GCCI, Smt. Shabnam Sheikh, Secretary North GSLSA - District Judge, Dr. Jose D’Sa Project Director GSACS, Dr. Chandrakant Porob Chief Medical Officer – GSACS, Sunita Arudra ADI/C mainstreaming attended the workshop.

Goa SACS
UTTAR PRADESH

Sensitization workshop for CRPF Camp

U.P. State AIDS Control Society organized a sensitization program for the officers and staff at CRPF Camp in Lucknow under the Chairmanship of Dr. Shubhra Mittal, Joint Director, UPSACS. The sessions revolved around the basics of HIV/AIDS, causes of HIV/AIDS and its impact, control measures, workplace policy for the workers and integration of services related to HIV/STI in their existing medical and hospital services. Shri Jasbir Singh Sandhu, DIG-GC, CRPF felicitated society officers. An interactive session based on subject related questions was also conducted.

Shri Jasbir Singh Sandhu, DIG-GC CRPF felicitated potential Society Officers
Shri Nitin Patel, Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat, formally launched the pilot project UBRAF (United Budget, Results and Accountability Framework) for strengthening HIV/AIDS control interventions in Gujarat aimed at fast tracking achievement of the goals of National AIDS Control Programme by 2020 in the state with the financial and technical support of UNAIDS. The launch was organized in the distinguished and august presence of Shri Punamchand Parmar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare and Dr. Jayanti Ravi, IAS, Principal Secretary, Public Health & Family Welfare, Commissioner of Health, Medical Services, Medical Education and Training and the Project Director, Gujarat State AIDS Control Society.

Shri Nitin Patel, Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat, said, “Government of Gujarat will undertake a state-wide campaign to free Gujarat from HIV with the support of UNAIDS and seven global institutions, viz. WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UNESCO and ILO. The Government of Gujarat will leave no stone unturned to ensure that the 90:90:90 goals are achieved by 2020 in the state.”

Dr Bilali Camara, Country Director for India, Joint UN Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS) led the high level delegation consisting of senior officers representing the constituent UN organizations sponsoring the UBRAF project. He added that after completion of the project, the Gujarat Model will be replicated in other states to fast-track the ambitious 90:90:90 goals of the centrally sponsored NACP.

During the launch ceremony a book of case-studies of 53 HIV+ women and their struggle for an equitable life was also released. The book, brought out by Gujarat State Network of HIV+ People, aims at creating public awareness about the struggles and contributions made by HIV positive people.

Gujarat SACS
WEST BENGAL

One stop shop approach:
ART service at ICTC

In order to minimize delay in ART initiation for HIV infected pregnant women and to provide all prongs of PPTCT services under one umbrella, a pilot project i.e. ART service at ICTC for newly detected positive pregnant women and their family members, has been implemented in West Bengal in collaboration with SAATHII in Sagore Dutta Medical College & Hospital. The program aims at ART initiation, including baseline testing, management of Opportunistic infections, necessary referral and linkages and subsequent lifelong follow up by the facility where ICTC is situated.

Inter-Departmental Meeting

WBSAP&CS organized Inter Departmental Meeting on 27th July, 2018 in the presence of Department of Panchyat & Rural Development, Transport, Labour, Food & Supplies, Correctional Services, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Police Training School, Swami Vivekananda Police Training Academy, Coal India, DVC, Tea Board India, Eastern Railway, CBWE, Army Medical Corps, CISF, SLSA, KoPT, Garden Reach Railway Hospital, CESC Limited, Larsen & Toubro Limited, TSU Representative, BNP Representatives and JD/DD/AD of WBSAP&CS. The meeting was chaired by Shri Surendra Gupta, Secretary of H & FW and Project Director of WBSAP&CS. Shri Sharad Dwivedi, Joint Secretary of the Department and Additional Project Director was also present in the meeting.

West Bengal SACS
Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society conducted a Sensitization Workshop on HIV/AIDS, TB and Reproductive Child Health programme at Dairy Farm Community Hall on 11th September, 2018 in collaboration with National Health Mission (NHM). More than 120 participants from General Public and Sanitary workers from PBMC participated in the workshop including Dr. Jahanara Yasmeen DD (IEC), Shri. Girish Kumar, AD (SPM), Dr. Siddharaju, DD (Malaria) & RCH, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Junior Resident TB & Chest.

Andaman Nicobar SACS
MAHARASHTRA
Promotion of National Toll Free Helpline Number “1097”

In Nashik, District - AIDS Prevention Control Unit (DAPCU) conducted advocacy with NHAI & MoRTD Dept. to print National Toll free AIDS helpline number especially for truck/transport drivers. Nashik is the first district in Maharashtra for taking such initiative.
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