

## **Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of April 2006**

Dear Friends,

All the regular activities done during the month of April are summarised hereunder:

### **PPTCT - ('S' Ward)**

Areas visited by our Out Reach Workers and given proper assistance and guidance to thousands of families.

A data shows 4223 families are visited in the month. Out of which 7112 male and 6961 female get benefited through one to one counselling. 202 ANC cases found. 101 have been referred to our centres at Savitribai Maternity Home & Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Hospital. 3 male out of 12, and 1 female out of 8, have been agreed for voluntary testing. They have been referred to VCTC and 2 Tuberculosis patient which includes 1 male and 1 female were sent to DOT centre for further treatment and care. 52 Candidacies cases referred to STD Clinics.

One more centre in the area, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Hospital (Vikhroli), has been identified as PPTCT Centre. It is decided that our counsellor will sit there between 12.30 to 2.30 in the afternoon.

### **PPTCT - ('E' Ward)**

This month in 'E' Ward area, our Out Reach Workers had direct interactions with 5317 families. 5648 male and 6435 female were the beneficiaries. They were counselled, guided and given proper guidance on health related matters, HIV & PPTCT Centre, Prevention and Family Planning.

In all, 240 cases of opportunistic infections viz; Jaundice, Malaria, Typhoid, Diarrhea, which includes 61 male, 48 female, 51 boys and 80 girls, 40 cases of Diabetes (15 male and 25 female), 162 ANC patients found out of which 70 have been referred to Nair Hospital PPTCT Centre. 7 cases are found suffering from Tuberculosis. 10 persons including 3 male and 7 female referred to our VCTC for HIV testing. 174 cases of Candidacies have been referred to STD Centres.

A meeting with Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) of the BMC Health Posts had been arranged jointly with YP and BMC. 110 CHVs had been participated and discussed about the PPTCT involvement. Positive response has been received.

**Jeevan Aayu :-**

In the month of April, we have submitted 10 more proposals for prospective ART Centres to ARCON. These 10 proposals are from different districts of Maharashtra such as Ahmednagar, Solapur, Sangli, Hingoli, Thane, Kolhapur etc.

Under the leadership of Jeevan Aayu a panel of 10 NGOs have been participated in the meeting with Governing Council of ARCON.

The Governing Council has strongly recommended that NGOs could be more useful in follow-up and adherence of the patients who are on ART rather than actually involved in the implementation of ART delivery programme.

The follow-up of 10 proposals submitted to ARCON was taken. The proposals are under the consideration of ARCON appointed Scientific Advisory Committee.

In the month of April new approaches made were to five centres in Thane district. Patients enrolled for ART were 448 and patients registered are 671.

**JEEVAN AKSHAY (SEVA MOBILE CAMP) -**

In the month of April, 9 camps were held at all the 3 centres at Kamraj Nagar, Ramabai Nagar and Mankhurd. 473 beneficiaries checked, guided and provided medicines.

230 at Kamraj Nagar, which includes 39 male, 92 female and 99 children performed complete check-up. 182 at Ramabai Nagar, covering 44 male, 90 female, 48 children benefited and at Mankhurd 61 beneficiaries, which includes 9 male, 38 female and 14 children have been performed complete check-up.

1 case of T.B. at Ramabai Nagar have been registered and referred to BMC Health Post and 1 T.B. case registered at Mankhurd, which have been referred to Somaiya Hospital.

**Jeevan Aasha -**

In the month of April, 77 patients have visited our office and inquired about Jeevan Aasha. 38 patients have received financial assistance this month from different Trusts. Others are under process. The following chart is showing the category of the patients / cases:

Heart	- 19
Kidney	- 07
Cancer	- 12
Brain	- 02
General	- 24
Enquiry	- 13

Apart from this, we have received more than 300 phone calls for enquiry / assistance during the month.

1 Patient to be screened for CT-Scan & 2 MRI are forwarded to private institutions to be done at very concessional rates i.e. upto 60% discount in their charges.

### **Slum Intervention Project -**

Apart from the regular activities, monitoring of Peer Educator System have been done during the month. Dr. Vijay Thakur and Ms. Lata Das PSV had shared their experiences and guided us for improvement of the system.

Deep Briefing Review Meeting had been arranged by AVERT Society in connection with Sharing Visit. Ms. Anna Joy, Ms. Sujatha Khandekar, Dr. Medha Somaiya were present for the meeting.

### **Mulund Swachchata Abhiyaan**

In view of the calamity of 26<sup>th</sup> July, the main objective to start 'Swachchata Abhiyaan' in Mulund area is cleaning of garbage before the monsoon. The programme launched in joint collaboration with Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai.

During the month, Rallies were arranged in Mulund East and West areas in which Dr. Medha Somaiya, Gen. Secretary of Yuvak Pratishthan with BMC officials and other co-workers participated. Stickers, Pamphlets were distributed, 20 dustbins were installed at the Panwallas shops at different places in Mulund East.

We sincerely thanks, appreciate our co-workers for fulfilling their duties, and extending support in these activities.



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