

Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of January 2006

Dear Friends,

This January, we have started working with a new project Prevention of Parents to Child Transmission (PPTCT). MOU signed between Yuvak Pratishthan and Mumbai District AIDS Control Society. Administrative wards of Greater Mumbai divided and allotted to the NGOs. 'D' and 'E' wards allotted to our organization which covers a population of 4.40 lacs and 3.80 lacs respectively. The centres will run in 'D' Ward at J.J. Hospital and in 'E' Ward at Nair Hospital.

The aim of the project is Antinatal Care (ANC) of Pregnant Women in these wards. Counsellors and Out Reach Workers appointed for both wards. Five days In-house training to the ORW and Counsellors had been provided by MDACS at Alibag, in which all the health related issues as well as HIV had been discussed and trained the ORWs for proper guidance to the patients for better cure. Counsellors are trained for motivation to the patients for HIV testing as well as psychological, moral support, motivation for Naveropin Dose etc.

First of all, area mapping started and completed during the month. Area Border, No. of NGOs, Private Clinics, BMC Health Posts, Medical Stores, Private Maternity Homes, Nurseries, Anganwadies etc. have been identified during mapping of area and kept record for our future references.

We have visited BMC Departments and to the local leaders for getting voluntary support to make the project a success.

Now, highlights of a few of our activities this month:

Jeevan Aayu :-

In the month of January 06, we arranged one care and support programme for people infected with HIV. In the programme the infected people have given guidance of exercises of Yoga and few important exercises for body relaxation. Informative CDs were displayed in the programme for more know-how of Yuvak Pratishthan and projects undertaken therein.

On 12th Jan, we have supported programme held at Pimpri-Chinchwad on HIV/AIDS. We participated in the programme and arranged a camp wherein we have distributed IEC material, flowed with poster exhibition alongwith visual display of informative CDs on HIV/AIDS. During the programme, our president Dr. Kirit Somaiya published the book compiled of essays written by 50 children.

A quarterly review meeting was held on 19th Jan wherein Yuvak Pratishthan had reviewed the work carried out by partner NGOs viz; Humsafar Trust, Nana Palkar Smruti Samity, Prayas Amrita Clinic and Jeevan Aastha of Yuvak Pratishthan itself.

The major event held in the month was training workshop organised for stakeholders identified through NGO Forum work. The training sessions conducted for physicians as well as Counsellors. The more emphasis was given on enhancing ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) treatment in the remote places in Maharashtra and to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS in the state.

In the month total 16 patients were registered, in which 14 patients were referred to ARCON. Patients enrolled for ART treatment followed-up were 5. Regular visits and follow-up with physicians, labs, NGOs were taken in the month.

JEEVAN AKSHAY (SEVA MOBILE CAMP) -

In the month of January, at Mankhurd 5 Camps had been organised. 264 beneficiaries in which 23 male, 116 female and 125 children performed complete check-up. At Kamraj Nagar 3 camps were held, 290 persons covering 38 male, 130 female, 122 children benefited and at Ramabai Nagar Centre 3 Camps had been organised. 228 beneficiaries, covering 38 male, 113 female and 77 children have been performed complete check-up.

1 case of T.B. have been registered at Mankhurd and 1 HIV patient have been registered at Ramabai Nagar. T.B. patient referred to BMC Helath Post for further treatment and care and HIV patient will be referred to our Jeevan Aayu project for ART treatment.

Tobacco Control Activity (Hridayshan Project):-

In the month of January, 15 identified / enrolled schools (Private and Municipal Schools) had been given Questionnaire received from Hridayshan on Awareness of Tobacco. All the questionnaires filled and collected from schools will be sent to Hridayshan.

A orientation workshop on tobacco awareness is planned to be organised in the month of February.

Courses in Slum Studies -

Workshops under the Slum Studies Programme - Two days Workshops & Training Programme had been conducted this month with the joint collaboration of Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation, Badlapur Municipal Corporation and Ruia College.

At Kalyan 200 ladies and at Badlapur around 150 ladies had participated in the training programme on Basic Introduction on Bachat Gat. Shri Vinod Tawde and Shri Ram Patkar, Badlapur Nagar Adhyaksh and other prominent persons were present for the workshop.

Jeevan Aasha -

We extended full cooperation for getting financial help to the patients with surgeries involving Heart, Kidney, Brain, Cancer & Chemotherapy from various trusts.

In the month of January, 79 patients have visited our office and inquired about Jeevan Aasha. 10 patients have received financial assistance this month, 3 from Saibaba Trust, 4 from Jai Ganesh Trust and 3 from Siddhi Vinayak Trust. Others are under process. The following chart is showing the category of the patients / cases:

Heart	- 24
Kidney	- 21
Cancer	- 08
Brain	- 06
General	- 17
Enquiry	- 03

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

3 Patients to be screened for CT-Scan & 3 MRI are forwarded to private institutions to be done at very concessional rates i.e. upto 60% discount in their charges.

We receive regular supports, co-operations, from hospitals, doctors, social workers.

Slum Intervention Project -

As stated earlier, the project renewed for more three years. Field office started at Tembhipada, Bhandup. Office setup completed. Started working for three areas viz; Khindipada, Tulshetpada and Tembhipada at Bhandup.

A one day capacity building training programme was arranged during the month. Mr. Anand Jadhav, a well known lecturer was called for the lectures. Four sessions have been conducted - Personality Development, Time Management, Goal Setting and Stress & Crisis Management.

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



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