

Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of March 2006

Dear Friends,

World Women's Day celebrated in a unique manner jointly with Mumbai District AIDS Control Society. Different activities like Healthy Girl Child Competition, in which 20 girls of age groups - 6months to 1 yr., 1 yr. to 1½ yrs. and 1½ yrs to 2 yrs. participated. Fashion Show for ladies and, of course, unique Game Show 'Bomb Blast' was played into groups of ladies to express their hidden qualities and willingness to play. 125 ladies were actively participated in these activities. Prizes were distributed among the winners. Smt. Chitra Jamsandekar, Principal of King George School and Smt. Bharati Didi and other prominent persons were present and guided them.

Student Parliament a unique concept was developed in awareness of 'tobacco' by Hridayshan. Like every year, Yuvak Pratishthan in joint collaboration with Hridayshan arranged Student Parliament on Tobacco Awareness this month. 9 students and 2 teachers from 2 different schools of Mulund were participated. The topic for the discussion was 'Tax on Cigarette'. It was discussed by both the parties ruling and opposition set-up by the students and their teachers. A different experience was gained and seen by the students. The school and the students participated were the winners of the Debate competition arranged last month under this activity. Certificates distributed among them at the hands of Dr. Kirit Somaiya, Ex-Member of Parliament and President of Yuvak Pratishthan.

PPTCT - Project I

After final instruction received from MDACS, we have started working in 'S' Ward area from 1st of March. Bhandup, Kanjurmarg, Vikhroli and Powai were the areas visited by our Out Reach Workers and given proper assistance and guidance to thousands of families during the month.

A data shows 1507 families visited in the month. Out of which 1739 male and 1725 female get benefited through one to one counselling. 41 ANC cases found. 6 have been referred to our centre at Savitribai Maternity Home. 1 male and 7 female have been agreed for voluntary testing. They have been referred to VTCT Centre and 3 Tuberculosis patient which includes 1 male and 2 female were sent to DOT centre for further treatment and care.

We had a meeting with Savitribai PPTCT Staff and discussed role of our counsellor in that centre. It is decided our counsellor will sit there between 9.30 to 11.30 in the morning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in a week.

PPTCT - Project II

This month in 'E' Ward area, N.M. Joshi Marg, Sane Guruji Marg, Sunder Galli at Byculla (W) have been covered by our Out Reach Workers. Direct interactions with 2341 families. 6623 male and 5082 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, 971 cases of opportunistic infections viz; Jaundice, Malaria, Typhoid, Diarrhea, which includes 79 male, 421 female, 278 boys and 193 girls, 49 cases of Diabetes (36 male and 13 female), 131 ANC patients found out of which 43 have been referred to Nair Hospital PPTCT Centre. 12 cases are found suffering from Tuberculosis. 3 persons including 2 male and 1 female referred to our VCTC Centre for HIV testing.

1 Review meeting for Out Reach Workers of both the project was held. So many points were raised and discussed in connection with project and difficulties faced. Input / output and target were discussed and distributed. Facilities provided by the hospital also were discussed.

In-house training for both the projects was arranged for all the Project Co-ordinators, Counsellors and Out Reach Workers. Training provided and guided by Dr. Ruchi Chiplunkar, Asst. Director MDACS.

Jeevan Aayu :-

In the month of March, the number of patients enrolled for ART are 531 at ARCON. Out of that total contribution of patients from Yuvak Pratishthan and partner NGO is 369. Few new contacts developed for increasing access to ART at New Bombay, Kalyan and Bhiwandi areas. The Organisations approached are Smpada Hospital, R'DAC, Jyotis terminal Care Centre Kalamboli, Sister of Destitude, Vashi, Students Action Committee, Kharghar, Saathi, Turbhe etc.

Sampada Hospital and R'DAC are in process of developing ART delivery Centre. Besides, these action plan for NGO Forum Meeting, starting up new ART Centres in Maharashtra, Follow-up at ARCON level is taken.

JEEVAN AKSHAY (SEVA MOBILE CAMP) -

In the month of March, 4 camps each were held at all the 3 centres at Kamraj Nagar, Ramabai Nagar and Mankhurd. 789 beneficiaries checked, guided and provided medicines.

356 at Kamraj Nagar, which includes 37 male, 147 female and 134 children performed complete check-up. 258 at Ramabai Nagar, covering 39 male, 151 female, 68 children benefited and at Mankhurd 175 beneficiaries, which includes 23 male, 87 female and 65 children have been performed complete check-up.

2 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 March, 70 patients have visited our office and inquired about Jeevan Aasha. 8 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:

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| Heart | - 21 |
| Kidney | - 09 |
| Cancer | - 15 |
| Brain | - 03 |
| General | - 18 |
| Enquiry | - 04 |

Apart from this, we have received more than 200 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, 1 marker event on World Women's Day and 2 Peer Educator Trainings had been organised this month. Marker Event like world women's day created an opportunity for these women to present themselves as role model and to develop their power of self confidence, self respect that will help us to spread our HIV/AIDS awareness message in community. Different programmes were arranged - Puppet show, Poster exhibition, Video show, Quiz competition, Slogan competition, Rally etc.

Mrs. Geeta Nishad, president of Jai Durga Mahila Mandal, Mrs. Shakuntala Londhe, prominent leader and president of 200 Self-Help group, Mrs. Sharada Halemath a successful woman Industrialist, Dr. Nakhawa Head of the Tembhipada Health post were the Chief Guest.

2 different training workshops had been arranged by AVERT society. One at Sosva Training Institute, Pune on the topic Basic Facts of HIV /AIDS/STI /STD and Sex & Sexuality. 7 persons from Yuvak Pratishthan participated and given advanced training on HIV and Qualitative work in that field. In another training at Birds HIV Training & Network Centre was Trainign for traners for Peer Educators. 4 persons were participated and provided training.

Workshop under the Slum Studies Programme -

Two days Workshop & Training Programme conducted this month under Suvarna Jayanti Sahari Rozgar Yojana Self Help Group with joint collaboration of Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation and Ruia College.

90 women were present and participated for the training. Training provided on plastic Recycling. Shri D.B. Gunjal, Trainer, Thane District Co-operative Board and other prominent persons were present for the workshop.

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

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