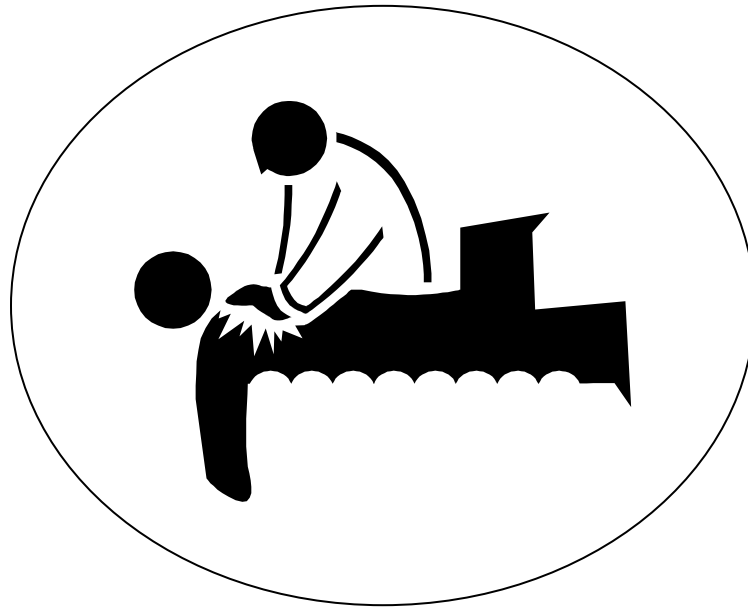


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# Annual report from 2004 March 2005



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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 2004 -MARCH 2005

HIV/AIDS INTERVENTION PRORAMME :

By the support of Tamilnadu State AIDS control Society we have started the HIV/AIDS/STD community intervention programme in Uthukottai Town in the month of June 1997. As per the project proposal we had done all the activities. TNSACS and its staff guided and motivated the programme in a progressive manner. The detailed report as follows:-

STD CLINIC:

STD clinic was inaugurated in the month of June and appointed Mrs.Dr. Rajeswari as part time consultant to the clinic.

- Screened 2000 patients and recorded 200 STD patients, they continuously treated with proper medical care
- Individual counselling had given to all STD clients (through one to one contact, during clinic hours.)
- Motivated them for continuous treatment and behaviour change
- Referred 3 HIV suspected cases to MGR medical college, Porur for testing and medical care.
- One patient turned as HIV positive, we gave counselling and educated the family members to accept him in the family situation and thought on home based care. (nutrition, medical care, and self prevention and control among the family members)
- Gave training to CSWS and Youth groups in Women and Health issues.

COMMERCIAL SEX WORKERS(CSWs):

- Identified and established good relationship with 20 CSWS in the town. This was done by Home Visitation (one to one contact)
- They were educated on STD/HIV/AIDS and advised them to use condoms.
- They were motivated to our clinic for any health problem specific with sexual diseases.
- Ten CSWS came to our clinic and had treatment.
- Condom demonstration and advised to use regularly with the clients.( One to one education and demonstration)
- SAY NO TO SEX WITHOUT CONDOMS insisted in their business
- Initially they did not accept and felt that it was waste, but later the Women and Health training made them to realize the truth. Then they changed their attitude. Now 100 % of CSWs use condoms.
- 10 CSWS counseled on STD/HIV/AIDS based on their clinic attendance.
- Motivated them for regular treatment.

- 3 CSWs were trained as PEER EDUCATORS and they visited Sathiyavedu area CSWS and educated on STD/HIV/AIDS
- Those area CSWS motivated to use condoms by the Peer Educators.
  - Stickers, placards, posters and handbills helped them to acquire more information and right information.

#### TRUCK DRIVERS/ RICKSHAW WORKERS AND OTHER HIGH RISK GROUPS:

- By one to one contacts we established good relationship with the High Risk groups Lorry/rickshaw and local people.
- Motivated them for treatment and referral services on health issues specific with Sexual diseases.
- 15 Rickshaw workers and 35 Truck drivers treated with STD and related diseases.
- General public were motivated on HIV/AIDS through World Aids day, Human Chain programme, cultural programme, public meeting, phamlets, posters and stickers.
- Truck/ Rickshaw drivers/ youth groups had individual counselling on STD/HIV/AIDS.
- 55 Truck drivers specifically came for counselling on HIV/AIDS because of their exposure to illegal contacts.
- 15 youth groups from Friends of Police supported with peer educators while they go for home visitation. As rotational basis they went to Dr.Ambedkar Nagar for Home visitation and facilitated about HIV/AIDS.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC:

World Aids day was observed in the target. We had Human Chain programme with the support of student, youth association, rickshaw/truck drivers, few CSWs were participated in the programme. Through this more than one lakh population benefited and impact of this have to educate them through Street theatre programmes. IRDRP has selected as one of the members to perform cultural programmes nearby villages to educate the rural masses. We did ten Cultural programs in ten villages in Tiruvallur Taluk.

#### HOME BASED CARE FOR HIV POSITIVE PARENTS' NEGATIVE CHILDREN:

We found many orphan families already thrown away from the community and family relationship. They stay away from their families in a rented house, where we could not find way to work in a community support and home based care. They lost their HOPE in life and predicted as future orphans (children who are in negative). Their concern is now about their children and their future. They worried about their children how to look after them. Positive parents stay few days only in homes and most of the days they stay in HOSPITAL for treatment, during this time the children will feel alone in the families.

This issue IRDRP discussed with staff team and found strategy to support this children. In a short term solution , starting a HOME BASED CARE for such type of children in a community itself. They stay in our homes and continue their studies and when the parents return from hospital they come and stay with these children and prepare food and washing cloth etc., This will give cheer to the families and give future HOPE to children as well as families.

Based on this approach we started a HOME for POSTIVE PARENTS (HIV/AIDS) ‘ NEGATIVE CHILDREN. Now under our care 6 children are staying. We meet their food., clothing, school education, and savings (Recurring Deposit we do in the bank on each child monthly Rs.10/- ) for their future survival.

#### COMPUTER EDUCATION TO HIV/AIDS CHILDREN AND DEPENDANTS:

By the support of Foundation for Christian Education we have attached the School and hostel with computer education to HIV/AIDS positives and their dependants to train in computer so that they can earn some money for their bread. It will be self confidence in their minds and self respect from the community. The family also happy.

#### STAFF CAPACITY DEVELOPED:

Through various training and fortnight once meetings developed their capacity. People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHAS) felt that our project approach was nice, facilitation process meeting the people and explore their understandings and emphasise for community care

All this achievements are only possible by having regular reflection of our vision and strategy and approach among the staff Team. We also greatly express our thanks to Tamilnadu State Control Society and its staff Team ( NGO adviser) rightly guided and helped us to implement the programmes in right direction with necessary guidance, literature and money support.