
MUSKAN

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March 2015



Targeted Interventions of MSACS reduce `peers' by 75% - Withdrawal of circular by NACO and SACS

NGOs and CBOs across India and in Maharashtra has increased a campaign calling on Maharashtra StateAIDS Control Organisation to reconsider its budget cuts at a sensitive point of the HIV /AIDS response. Sangram and VAMP used the conventional and social media to highlight the concerns emerging from this. In July 2015, the National AIDS Control Organisation sent out a circular stating that the decision to reduce the Targeted Intervention program had been withdrawn.

Strengthened peer led efforts to increase HIV and AIDS Service uptake

In 2014-15, the collectives of VAMP (female sex workers), Muskan (male and transgender sex worker) reached out to 3701 with HIV prevention services through peer initiatives under targeted intervention strategies in Sangli, Miraj, Satara and Northern Karnataka. 1.25 % of the FSW population and 0.57% of the TG and MSM were found to be living with HIV. 100% of PLHIV were referred for counselling and registered for ART. 20% were placed on ART treatment. [Table 1, Annexure 1]. Condom outreach service delivery for targeted population for the year was reached. [Table 2, Annexure 1]

A 68 member strong network of female, male and transgender sex workers was able to achieve these outcomes in the previous 12 months.

The community responded to 103 separate incidents of abuse and violence during the year and undertook 99 small and large advocacy initiatives with the police, shopkeepers, brothel madams, and community members to strengthen understanding of sex work and reduce violence and intra community conflict.

Challenges - Drastic reduction of the peer educators in the HIV prevention programs by the Government will reduce capacities of communities to reach out to the vulnerable population and mobilize them to seek services in the coming period.



Muskan

Sr No	DATE	TOPIC	PARTICIPANTS	BRIEF UPDATE OF ACTIVITY
1	14-4-2014	Dr B. R Ambedkar Birth anniversary Program at Miraj	50	Muskan members participated in rally on account of Dr B R Ambedkar birth anniversary at Miraj
2	11-4-2014	ANDREW Shradhanjali	27	Muskan members gather together to create a memorial picture for Late Mr Andrew Hunter who is pioneer member of the Global Sex Workers Movement
3	5-5-2014	Men & Boys Festival	11	Questionnaire filled for entry into the symposium. Pandurang Kavathe participated in the festival. On behalf of Muskan delegation of TG community was made in the festival.
4	25-5-2014	Dayar Hijra Community	300	All the Hijra community members gather together in celebration of Urus
5	30-5-2014	Laigik Shoushan Patrakar Alisa	9	America kadun aliesa manun free line journalist pratakar ali Deli rep case & Varma commission badal tila charcha karane.
6	25-6-2014	Zila vidhi pradhikar & Vatpornima	126	Judges from local court at Sangli visited Muskan DIC to deliver a lecture on the TG rights of TG community members. Advocacy meeting held with them. Also on the same day Muskan celebrated Vat pornima at DIC
7	5-7-2014	Collector Office Condom supply issue	30	Issue of condom stock out was raised in the meeting with Collector at Sangli
8	21-7-2014	Miraj Railway Police Visit	10	Many of the TGs beg in trains. Muskan member undertook advocacy meetings with local Police to address the issue of harassment of transpeople.
9	11-8-2014 To 15-8-2014	Renuka Shravan Rath Yatra	150	Biggest yatra – Rally organised in the monsoon season. Many TG community members participated.
10	27-8-14	Selection on board of NNSW	49	After discussion with Muskan members Sudhir patil was nominated for selecting as board member of NNSW
11	7-10-2014	Syphilis Testing	11	Meeting held with SANGRAM,VAMP and Muskan regarding syphilis testing among community members and decided to get kits for the same.
12	2-11-2014	Bin Baykacha Tamasha –	31	A lavani show was organised at Sangli. Laxmi Tripathi with the troupe of TG



		stage performance by Laxmi Trapati and group		community members had stage performance at Sangli. Muskan has participated and did vote of thanks.
13	1-12-2014	World AIDS Day	30	Muskan members participated in the rally organised by local government hospital , office.
14	10-12-2014	Memorial meeting	100	Muskan has organised memorial meeting for the people died of HIV
15	17-1-2015	Reclaming Right	425	Muskan has participated in the get together of all the collectives of SANGRAM
16	30-1-2015	Satya Jagaran	123	Muskan has participated in protest meeting organised at Sangli - Mahatma Gandhi Khun Saty Jagar Upkram
17	10-3-2015	Vamp Institute - Sri Lankan Sex workers	80	Srilanken sex workers visited for how to construct Organisation, Collectivision Policy,,Crisis Management, etc. and made meeting with Muskan Members,
18	23-3-2015	Memorial program for Bhimva Golhar	150	Memorial meeting was organised for Bhimavva Golar. Opening of Community hall in the name of Kamalabai Pani and Bhimavva Golar at Gokulnagar.