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**Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP)
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Chandigarh AIDS Control Society (CSACS)
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National AIDS Control Organizations (NACO),
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Government of India**





TESTIMONIALS



What an inspiring organization! Such great work, motivated & engaged people. I am looking forward to staying in touch, learning & exchange, and to future collaboration. Keep up your great work, energy and motivation. You are an inspiration to many people!

**Ms. Dea Andrea Wherli
Founder E[co]work Association, Switzerland**

Excellent skill development initiatives in coordination with external agencies. It will mainstream the HRGs and will improve their quality of life. I wish all the best to APSWDP.

**Sh. Sandeep Mittal
Deputy Director-TI, CSACS**

APSWDP is doing marvelous work for the upliftment of the most deprived and vulnerable communities & transgender people. It is very motivational to visit here and learn.

**Sh. Rupinder Singh
Bebo Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**

An impressive work being done by a dedicated team of APSWDP & PMU. Their work is of the highest quality maintaining standards. The work done for transgenders is an excellent initiative for empowerment. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

**Dr. Sandeep Meharwal
Director, Diagnostics
FHI 360, Thailand**

A good initiative and a good centre for doing work for transgenders in order to bring happiness to their lives.

**Sh. Surender Kumar
Member Secretary
State Legal Services Authority,
U.T., Chandigarh**

APSWDP - the NGO is doing extremely meaningful & noble work in caring and being sensitive to the needs & problems of the vulnerable section of our society. Wish them all the best!

**Hon'ble Justice Sh. Jaswant Singh
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court**



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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANC	Anti Natal Care
ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwives
APSWDP	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners
ART	Anti-Retroviral Therapy
BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
CBO	Community Based Organization
CSACS	Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society
CTIP	Composite Targeted Intervention Project
DGM	Demand Generation Meetings
DIC	Drop-In-Center
DLSA	District Legal Services Authority
FSW	Female Sex Workers
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HRG	High Risk Group
ICTC	Integrated Counselling and Testing Center
MSM	Men having Sex with Men
MTCT	Mother To-Child Transmission
NACO	National AIDS Control Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
ORW	Out Reach Worker
PE	Peer Educator
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PT	Presumptive Treatment
RMC	Regular Medical Checkup
RTI	Reproductive Tract Infections
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TG	Transgender
TI	Targeted Intervention

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BACKGROUND OF APSWDP



BACKGROUND

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit organization of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control programs, urbanization, youth issues of de-addiction, and others have covered the whole gamut of government, development agencies, and academic institutions. Since the influx of specialization and expertise has increased over the current decade in the country among implementation agencies, the requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement.

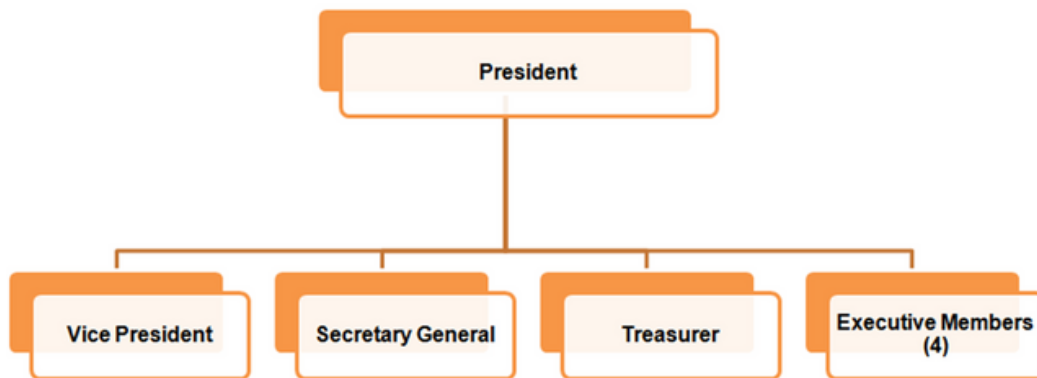
The association focuses on creating a country-wide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate, and develop a key framework for evidence & practice-based interventions, and methods. The focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and work on various development issues. APSWDP will also offer a platform to youth leaders, and scholars/researchers with a striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.

GENESIS

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was founded initially by a group of professional social workers working in development sectors. It primarily started with a popular online social forum 'Alliance of Social Work & Development Practitioners' on the occasion of 65th Republic Day 2014 i.e. 26th January 2014. The forum productively stretched to BSW and MSW learners of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with support from Regional Centre Chandigarh. An orientation program-cum-workshop was organized jointly by the Forum of Professional Social Workers coinciding World Social Work Day and Month for the first time at Chandigarh involving research scholars, learners, civil society, and line departments on 29th March 2014. It was felt during the workshop at the regional center that the forum must be taken to a next higher level by attaining legal status.

On 1st December 2014, World AIDS Day, the online forum received its legal status as an association under the Society Registration Act 1860 as 'Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)'. The current President, Vice-President, Secretary General, and Treasurer of the association are Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Sharad Singh, Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, and Mr. Amitoz Dogra respectively.

FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE



APSWDP PHILOSOPHY

VISION

To be a state of art inclusive network of professional social workers and development practitioners, APSWDP will showcase a noteworthy role in the promotion of social work education, and evolving practice-based methods, approaches, skills, and ethics through social innovation, proven models, and vibrant social leadership.

MISSION

To achieve the vision of APSWDP, our mission is to work in proximity with togetherness, unlocking the inherent potential and building a sustainable network of professional social work and development practitioners by way of promoting social work profession to rural and urban-underprivileged youth, mid-aged to undertake the flagship of development, understand the global trend, be a partner and agent of social change at local stratum.

VALUES

- Understanding differing ethnic and cultural patterns, as well as the capacity to engage in ethnic-gender and age-sensitive practice.
- Respecting and Welcoming.
- Committed to dispersing social work and developmental leadership at bottom of the pyramid.

AIMS

The broader aims of the association shall be:

- To promote social work as a profession through national, regional, and International Cooperation and networks.
- To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards, and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
- To support social organizations, and community-based organizations for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers' participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work training, monitoring & evaluation.

- To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers in social work education and profession.
- To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith-based & Cultural organizations.

KEY OBJECTIVES

In order to achieve the Aims, the Association shall:

- Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
- Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, research, and field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
- Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
- Engaging with political leaders, researchers, corporate icons, and technologists in the country with the view to fostering cooperation among Professional Social workers & international issues, including UN organizations.
- Focus on strengthening relationships with professional Social Work organizations in SAARC countries with the view to providing impetus to regional development.
- Establish working relationships between social work scholars, statesman administrators, and corporate leaders in the country.
- Undertake focused area-based studies targeting international social issues with respect to the Indian context.
- Work for innovative development models through Public Private Partnership in the Social Work profession.
- Develop a think tank of Social work professionals so that this can provide solutions & action plans to complex social issues of national importance to national, state, and local government.
- Examine the social work curriculum taught by the universities from the perspective of a professional career with a view to improving the credibility of the Social Work Profession.
- Develop statistical tools and evidence-based indicators pertaining to human development.

KEY PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

The Association shall strive to achieve its aims and objectives by undertaking the following activities:

- Conduct Training Courses with an inter-stakeholder approach where Social Work professionals, policymakers, and Civil Society representatives are invited for cross-fertilization of ideas.
- Development of Case Studies and documentation of best practices from Social Workers working in various organizations.

- Conduct Research Studies with emphasis on primary research through sample surveys, use of SPSS and other sophisticated statistical software, and qualitative methods of research including Focus Group Interviews and Participant Observation.
- Organization of Seminars, Workshops, and Symposia for an in-depth discussion on focused subjects: more and more about less and less!
- Publication of a periodical Technical Journal/ News bulletin on the Social Work and Development sector addressing frontier research and critical analytical techniques on the one hand and best practices in difficult existential situations on the other hand.
- Special emphasis on Trainee Assignments in the form of Syndicate Reports, Individual Assignments, and other instrumentalities with a view to challenging the Trainee's capacity to think and imbibe critical knowledge and skills.
- Converting Research Studies into priced publications, monographs, and reports with a view to sharing project experiences and research outcomes.
- Participation in citizens' advocacy campaigns with a view to bringing about actual improvements on the ground.
- Starting of Research Portals for sharing research outcomes with other researchers and program implementing teams.
- Any other work deemed fit by the Governing Body in Social Welfare domain w.r.t any developmental project, international humanitarian context, international tie-ups with educational institutions, international trusts, organizations including intergovernmental and others.
- Initiate, hold, direct, manage, take part in and contribute to conferences, congresses, meetings, lectures, and demonstrations on any aspect of the Social Work Profession and social welfare for the purpose of advancing any of the objectives of the association.
- Hold an Annual Convention and periodic meetings or conferences, CME of members of the association and of the social work and social development profession in general.
- The association can join/partner with any global forum and federation or allied Federations.
- The association can establish its own academy, university, or institute in the future.



CTI PROJECT TEAM





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Project Director, CTIP



Mr. Narender Kumar
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MEA-cum-Accountant



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Counsellor



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Mr. Pardeep Kumar
ORW (MSM)



Ms. Sonia Duggal
ORW (TG)



PROJECT BACKGROUND



Introduction:

Targeted interventions are a resource-effective way to implement HIV prevention and care programmes in settings with low-level and concentrated HIV epidemics. They are also a cost-effective method of reaching people who are most at risk in more generalized epidemics. Targeted interventions are aimed at offering prevention and care services to high risk populations (Female Sex Workers- FSW, Male having Sex with Male- MSM, and Injecting Drug Users- IDUs) within communities by providing them with the information, means and skills they need to minimize HIV transmission and improving their access to care, support and treatment services. These programmes also improve sexual and reproductive health (SRH) among these populations and improve general health by helping them reduce the harm associated with behavior such as sex work and injecting drug use. Implementing targeted interventions does not negate the need for broader interventions in the community. In many settings, it optimizes the use of resources by focusing on the environments and populations in which the risk of HIV infection is the greatest.

Purpose:

- are for people within the community who are most at risk of HIV and STI infection.
- are targeted to behaviour and practices not the identity
- involve them and their issues within the broader frame work of interventions
- are adapted to be culturally and socially appropriate to the target audience.
- focus on limited resources and where they can be used to the best benefit.
- acknowledge that barriers to accessing health-care services exist for some populations within communities.
- acknowledge that people who are at risk of HIV infection are often marginalized from the broader community, stigmatized and discriminated against.



PROJECT COMPONENTS



Components:

1. Behaviour Change Communication: This component involves understanding and assessment of individual and group practices/behaviour which can pose risk to HIV infection. Development of context specific strategies/activities to address the risk of infection through peer counseling, counseling through counselors, creating enabling environment to reinforce safe practices. Under NACP-III, the Peers, Out reach workers lead the activities under this component through one to one sessions and group sessions among the community. There are also group, issue specific Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials are developed to further augment behaviour change.

2. Access to STI services: This component is aimed at improving the access to STI services as STI (both symptomatic and asymptomatic) pose greater risk for HIV infection and which is high among the High Risk Groups.

3. Provision of commodities to ensure safe practices: TI programme ensure safe practices by providing choices and options of easy accessibility, availability and acceptability. The commodities (only male lubricated latex condoms) supplied through peers, out reach workers and social marketing. The social marketing is supported through two channels : Direct budget provision under TI and through appointment of social marketing agencies.

4. Enabling Environment through structural intervention: This component of enabling environment was introduced in NACP-II focusing creation of an environment facilitating the access to information, services and commodities by the high risk groups. It is essential to note that these HRGs are considered marginalized section of the society super imposed with stigma and discrimination. Also it is desirable that an effective enabling environment creates a reinforcing atmosphere for sustenance of safe practices and behaviour reducing their vulnerability. Hence, under NACP-III, NACO envisage identification of power structures and their influence on the access and control over resources for sustaining safe behaviour and practices. There are provision for building the capacity of HRGs to advocate for themselves in creating enabling environment as well as control of requisite resources to address the issues of stigma and discrimination.

5. Community Organising and Ownership Building: NACO envisage that engaging Community Based Organisation (CBOs) in programme management through developing their capacity and ownership will lead to steering of community agenda through themselves only. Presently the TIs have been able to provide services through peers representing the community, where community playing a passive role. Experience shows such strategy has not been able to achieve the desired scale and coverage, reduce the violence and discrimination which impede active participation in accessing services optimally. Thus it has not been able to develop community norms to steer the programme in its desired manner which can further sustain the behaviour change. Hence, NACO envisage to mobilise the at-risk communities to play proactive role in implementation as CBOs, while the NGOs will continue to play the role as capacity builders and support agents, thereby putting the prevention responsibility on those who are themselves at risk.

6. Linkages to Care and Support Programme: NACO has experienced that lack of mechanism to strengthen linkage care and support programme(ICTC, ART, Community Care Centre, RNTCP Programme, Detox Centre) has affected access to these essential services meant to reduce vulnerability. NACO under NACP-III has envisaged to build the capacity of the counsellors and health care providers at care and support institutions and building their perspectives and sensitivity.

Composite Targeted Intervention Project implemented by APSWDP at Chandigarh:

The Composite Targeted Intervention Project [FSW(s), MSM, and TG(s)] was accorded to APSWDP Chandigarh w.e.f. 1st April 2021. Under the leadership of Project Director, the project has managed to outreach the HRGs who are either mobile or under transition. The outreach workers through the peer educators endeavors to meet and interact with the HRGs on a daily basis. Also, they are provided with commodities such as condoms and lubes. Besides, HIV testing, Syphilis screening, Regular Medical check-ups, Tuberculosis, Suraksha clinic, and other referral services are also provided for the benefit of HRGs.



DROP IN CENTRE



Drop-in Centre:

The High-Risk Groups (HRGs) including Transgenders, MSM, and FSW communities are among the most marginalized, vulnerable, and socially excluded communities. They are subjected to a variety of social discrimination from mainstream society. The 'leave no one behind' principle of the United Nations is especially relevant for these communities who are on the verge of being left behind by the National and International development initiatives. Issues such as poverty and unemployment, health disparity, poor health outcomes, discrimination in education, frightening levels of physical violence, homelessness, high rates of attempted suicide, etc. are faced by most Transgenders.

APSWDP has been entrusted with a Community Based Composite Targeted Intervention Project under the aegis of Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society wherein a Drop-in-center (DIC) has been established. Drop-in Centre (DIC) is a crucial service facility improvised to deliver quality services to High-Risk Groups. It emphasizes addressing immediate needs and requirements of the HRGs such as counseling, referral, and follow-up services for HIV and STI screening, strengthening linkages between HRGs and the service providers, commodity distribution, offering a platform to HRGs for self-expression and empowerment, enabling environment, and to protect and promote their rights.


The Drop-in center aims at providing counseling, and psychosocial support in terms of group meetings and avail social security schemes. The center will also link PLHIV with care and support service providers, with government schemes and assist them in coping with issues. Experience has shown that in order to mobilize community support, advocacy among High-Risk Groups (HRGs) and Persons Living With HIV AIDS (PLWHAs) is required for creating an enabling environment. DIC offers a safe and secured environment for HRGs and PLWHAs to rest, recreate by engaging in different activities, discuss coping mechanisms, develop a strong bond, identify different ways to mainstream life and livelihood, and overcome the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS.



Picture-1: Dr. Sandeep Meharwal, Technical Advisor Member, WHO Visited Drop In Centre of APSWDP and interacted with HRGs



Picture-2: DIC level meeting with Key Population in the presence of Project Director, and Project Monitoring Committee



SAMTA NYAY KENDRA



Samta Nyay Kendra:

SAMTA NYAY KENDRA (Free legal aid clinic) was established at the office of APSWDP Composite Targeted Intervention Project at New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh on 19th September 2021 jointly by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society. The inauguration was done by Hon'ble Justice Jaswant Singh, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, and Chairman, State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), Chandigarh. This free legal aid clinic is first in North India and fifth in the country aims to provide counseling and help to the third gender to redress their grievances. Also, it will render services such as legal awareness training, linkages, and capacity building services and would function on Wednesday and Saturday.



Picture 3 & 4: Justice Jaswant Singh, Hon'ble Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court inaugurating the Samta Nyay Kendra and Drop In Centre (DIC) in presence of District and Session Judge, Chandigarh; Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh; Deputy Director, TI, CSACS; President, APSWDP and Secretary General-cum-Project Director, CTIP, APSWDP.

The joint objectives of the Drop-In Center (DIC) and SAMTA NYAY Kendra are as follows:

- 1) To promote positive living among HRGs and improve the quality of life of the infected.
- 2) To build the capacity and skills of HRGs to cope with the infection
- 3) To create an enabling environment for the HRGs
- 4) To establish linkages of HRGs with PLWHAs Networks, with the existing health services, NGOs, CBOs and
- 5) Other social security, welfare, and development programs.
- 6) To protect and promote the rights of the infected.
- 7) To provide free legal counseling, support and other NLSA Scheme benefits to Transgenders

GLIMPSES OF SAMTA NYAY KENDRA AND DIC:



Picture-5 & 6: Project Director interacting with Mx. Kajal Mangalmukhi, Dera Head, Chandigarh



Picture 7 & 8: CTI Project staff pinning the Red Ribbon and promoting SDG(s)



Picture 9 & 10: CTI Project staff celebrating Independence Day 2021 with Tri-color in DIC



Picture 11 & 12: Project Director, CTI Project and staff members celebrating Independence Day 2021



PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT



TABLE-1: BRIEF DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

Project Area	Indira Colony, Bapudham Colony, Subhash Nagar, IT Park, Sector 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, Kishangarh and Kaimbwala
Sanctioned Population	MSM-300, FSWs-300, TGs-100
Typology	FSW, MSM & TG
Name of the Implementing Organization	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP)
Project Office Address	#232, Old Ropar Road, Manimajra, Sector-13, Chandigarh
Corporate Office Address	#782/15, Khalsa Market, Opp. Community Center Manimajra Sector 13, Chandigarh
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Contact Details	9876098722

TABLE-2: DETAILS OF PARTNER NGOS OF CHANDIGARH STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY IMPLEMENTING TI PROJECTS

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4.	Mr. Pardeep	#2331 New Indira Colony M.Majra Chandigarh	O.R.W	7717307642
5.	Ms. Punita Jaiswal	#79, Vill Maheshpur, Sec 21, PKL	O.R.W	9056470620
6.	Ms. Sonia Duggal	#1717, Ramdarbar, Phase 2, Chandigarh	O.R.W	6280267086

TABLE-3: ORW WISE PEER LIST

#	NAME OF ORW	PEER EDUCATOR WISE LIST				
		1	2	3	4	5
1.	Mr. Pardeep	Shubham	Subhash	Deepak	Raju	Satish
2.	Ms. Punita Jaiswal	Priyanka	Surinder Kaur	Sashibala	Alka	Babita
3.	Ms. Sonia Duggal	Vishipreet	Jaswinder	-NA-	-NA-	-NA-

TABLE-4: MIS

#	FORM	NAME OF THE FORM
1	FORM-A	HRG REGISTRATION FORM
2	FORM-C	INDIVIDUAL HRG COMPILE SHEET
3	FORM-C 1	MONTHLY SUMMARY
4	FORM-D	ORW WEEKLY REPORT
5	FORM-E	HRG MASTER REGISTER
6	FORM-F	NETWORK CLINIC REGISTER
7	FORM-FF	CLINIC DAILY SUMMARY SHEET
8	FORM-G	MEDICINE STOCK REGISTER
9	FORM-H	REFERRAL SLIPS/ REGISTER
10	FORM-I	COUNSELLING REGISTER
11	FORM-L	TRAINING REGISTER
12	FORM-M	DIC REGISTER
13	FORM-N	COMMODITY STOCK REGISTER
14	FORM-O	MOVEMENT REGISTER
15	FORM-P	COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY
16	FORM-K	CRISIS MANAGEMENT REGISTER

MANUAL RECORDS:

1. GROUP MEETING REGISTER
2. LEAVE REGISTER
3. VISITOR REGISTER

TABLE-5: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Target Population	700
Typology	FSW/ MSM/ TG
Typology Wise Target	300/ 300/ 100
Achievement	356/ 425/ 124

1. FSWs

One to One Contact	3632
Regular Contact	2964
Condom used during last sex	3265

2. Men having Sex with Men

One to One Contact	4789
Regular Contact	2112
Condom used during last sex	3856

3. Transgender

One to One Contact	1134
Regular Contact	892
Condom used during last sex	1067

Particulars	Total
Total number of Counseling	1585
Total number of Demand Generation Meeting	61
Total number of STIs/RTIs patients treated	49
Total number of Advocacies	5
Total number of DIC Level Meeting	66
Total number of ICTC referrals	2692
Total HIV Tested Actual	1500
Total Condoms Distributed	667555
CSM Condoms sold	8543

TABLE-6: ONE TO ONE COUNSELLING (FSW)

Month	No of HRG Registered	Drop Out	New Identified
April-21	916	0	0
May-21	923	0	7
June-21	930	0	7
July-21	930	0	0
Aug-21	935	0	5
Sep-21	941	0	6
Oct-21	944	0	3
Nov-21	951	0	7
Dec-21	953	0	2
Jan-22	955	0	2
Feb-22	957	0	2
March-22	960	0	3
Total	11295	0	44

TABLE-7: ONE TO ONE COUNSELLING (MSM)

Month	No of HRG Registered	Drop Out	New Identified
April-21	933	0	2
May-21	940	0	7
June-21	948	0	8
July-21	954	0	6
Aug-21	958	0	4
Sep-21	963	0	5
Oct-21	968	0	5
Nov-21	973	0	5
Dec-21	975	2	2
Jan-22	980	0	5
Feb-22	981	0	1
March-22	984	3	3
Total	11557	5	53

TABLE-8: ONE TO ONE COUNSELLING (TG)

Month	No of HRG Registered	Drop Out	New Identified
April-21	206	0	2
May-21	208	0	2
June-21	210	0	2
July-21	210	0	0
Aug-21	211	0	1
Sep-21	214	0	3
Oct-21	214	0	0
Nov-21	215	0	1
Dec-21	215	0	0
Jan-22	220	0	5
Feb-22	227	1	7
March-22	230	3	3
TOTAL	2580	4	26

TABLE-9: DEMAND GENERATION ACTIVITIES

Month	Total No.	Total Participants
April-21	5	50
May-21	5	52
June-21	6	58
July-21	5	62
Aug-21	5	53
Sep-21	5	50
Oct-21	5	52
Nov-21	5	52
Dec-21	5	55
Jan-22	5	50
Feb-22	5	52
March-22	5	52
TOTAL	61	638

TABLE-10: DIC MEETINGS

Month	No. of DIC Meeting organized	Participants
April-21	5	53
May-21	6	58
June-21	6	57
July-21	5	52
Aug-21	6	58
Sep-21	6	60
Oct-21	5	52
Nov-21	6	58
Dec-21	5	57
Jan-22	6	65
Feb-22	5	55
March-22	5	57
TOTAL	66	682

COUNSELLING SERVICES:

FSWs were provided counseling services regarding the risks of unsafe/unprotected sex and incidence of diseases like STDs and danger of HIV infection. The advantages of usage of safety measures during the sexual activity were emphasized. Counseling services were provided to the FSWs not only in the Project Office/Counseling Center but also wherever suitably required by the target group in the field.

Since 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 no. of counseling sessions provided by Counselor/ANM were as below:

TABLE-11: COUNSELING

MONTH	COUNSELING (FSW+MSM+TG)	TOTAL
April-21	47+48+21	116
May-21	61+73+22	156
June-21	61+61+27	149
July-21	48+46+21	115
Aug-21	46+53+19	118
Sep-21	54+49+22	125
Oct-21	55+48+28	131
Nov-21	58+59+21	138
Dec-21	52+49+26	127
Jan-22	51+54+33	138
Feb-22	57+51+34	142
March-22	56+50+24	130
TOTAL	646+641+298	1585

STI TREATMENT:

In case of Sexually Transmitted Infection, risk of HIV transmission is ten times more. From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, STI services were provided through PPP scheme as per the details below.

TABLE-12: CLINIC VISIT

Month	Symptomatic	Presumptive	R.M.C
April-21	2	4	255
May-21	5	15	256
June-21	5	17	231
July-21	4	6	206
Aug-21	3	10	196
Sep-21	5	13	213
Oct-21	4	7	234
Nov-21	5	10	236
Dec-21	4	3	273
Jan-22	4	11	271
Feb-22	2	8	243
March-22	4	7	257
Total	49	111	2871

TABLE-13: HIV & VDRL TESTING

Month	FSW	MSM	TG	Total
April-21	48/48	77/77	10/10	135/135
May-21	55/55	68/73	25/27	148/155
June-21	39/39	68/68	20/21	127/128
July-21	42/42	49/49	9/9	100/100
Aug-21	40/40	46/46	14/14	100/100
Sep-21	51/51	45/45	24/25	120/121
Oct-21	67/67	50/50	12/12	121/127
Nov-21	48/48	50/51	10/10	129/129
Dec-21	57/57	41/41	29/29	127/127
Jan-22	54/55	58/61	20/20	132/136
Feb-22	54/54	62/64	21/22	137/140
March-22	59/59	80/80	26/26	165/165
TOTAL	614/615	666/705	220/225	1541/1563

CONDOM DEPOT HOLDERS:

12 Condom Depots have been established at different places of project area for easy availability of condoms to the targeted population.

TABLE-14: CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

Months	Free Supply	Social Marketing
April-21	26515	1510
May-21	28075	1450
June-21	28385	1900
July-21	123602	1000
Aug-21	22360	0
Sep-21	18160	0
Oct-21	24940	288
Nov-21	24340	0
Dec-21	25300	370
Jan-22	27318	1075
Feb-22	29370	650
March-22	29195	320
TOTAL	619672	8543

TABLE-15: TRAINING DETAILS

Month/ Year	Duration	Total Participants	Training Venue	Training	Organizer
August 2021	3 Day	04	Hotel Sky Residency Sarangpur Chandigarh	Induction	CSACS
October 2021	1 Day	01	Virtual	PFMS	CGA
November 2021	1 Day	02	Hotel Sky Residency Sarangpur Chandigarh	Counselling	CSACS
December 2021	1 Days	12	In TI Office #2330 New Indira Colony M. Majra	Peer Educator	CTIP

OTHER COMPONENTS:**BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION:**

Around 705+733+195 FSWs, MSM & TG were identified for BCC of the TI project and 700 were counseled to practice safe sex and promote positive health seeking behavior. One to one and Group Meetings were arranged for this group to bring about a positive change in their behavior. To bring desirable change in the FSWs, &MSM BCC was done in five stages: -

- (1) Information
- (2) Correct knowledge about HIV/AIDS and STIs
- (3) Self motivation of clients
- (4) Practicing behavior change
- (5) Sustainability

Several methods were used to make Behavior Change like One to One Contacts, Group Meetings, DIC level Meetings, Advocacy Meetings and Community Events, etc.

STRATEGIES:

- One to one contact with FSWs & MSM to educate them on HIV/AIDS and work as a catalytic agent till desirable changes do not occur.
- Develop a need of using condom, condom demonstration and easy availability with STI treatment and HIV testing services.
- Develop new IEC material and use it effectively among FSWs& MSM.
- Monitoring of services provided to FSWs& MSM their sustainability and follow up.

CONDOM PROMOTION:

Promotion of correct and consistent use of condoms was another thrust area of the project. Condom is one of the safest methods used for prevention and control of spreading HIV and STIs. Myths regarding use of condoms were identified among the target population and which are common among all the groups of community:

- It is only used by the persons who have STI
- Using condom is not pleasurable
- It decreases sexual stamina

CONDOM DEPOT HOLDERS:

During the project period 30 Condom Depots Holders were established. The access to condoms was supported by BCC through NGO STI clinic,

depot holders, peer educators and field staff and more than 47883 free supply condoms.

FORMATION OF SELF-HELP GROUPS:

The long-term objective of TI project is to help the targeted population in mainstreaming. Income generation program therefore was one of the prime action plans to bring them into substitute income generating activities. Three Self Help Groups of FSWs, MSM & TGs were formed under the project. One Group is “Maa Laxmi Group” “Shree Krishana Group” & “Om Sai Group” the Groups are running very successfully. These self-help groups are helpful in empowering the FSWs, MSM, & TGs. The formal process is under consideration.

GIPA (Greater Involvement of People Living with AIDS):

TI project has extended services to PLHAs by reaching them with rigorous information dissemination. The project team involved 25 PLHAs (Active registered) who have undertaken number of support group meetings with FSWs, MSM & TGs where discussions were held on various measures of STIs, Problems of HIV+ clients, Sigma and discrimination, including condom demonstration. Sometimes the community people were encouraged to conduct sessions so that the meeting becomes more interactive. All the cases are regularly tested and are maintaining CD4 count except one who is on ART. From time to time they are involved in group meetings under GIPA. Also, they were provided with ration.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The project did not encounter any crisis during the said financial year.

HOTSPOT:

Hotspot meetings were effective means of spreading information and empowering HRGs regarding various facets of HIV/AIDS. During April 2021 to March 2022, a total of 46 outreach programs (Group Meetings) were conducted to interact, discuss, counsel and for various intervention with the HRGs. The main topics of discussion were:

1. Importance of knowing one's HIV status;
2. HIV/AIDS awareness and condom usage;
3. Negotiations with clients for condom use and usage;
4. Risk assessment and risk reduction;
5. Behaviour change
6. General Medical Check-up

CONCLUSION:

1. This project with all the stipulated services, with a specific focus on high risk groups namely FSWs, MSM, & TGs was started on 1st April, 2021. The sites covered under the project were areas like Indira Colony /Old Indiar, Bapudham Colony, Kishangarh and Kaimbwala; Urban sectors like Sector-22, 17, 19, 20, 18, and TGs all over Chandigarh.
2. The project succeeded by providing services to the potential Key Population/ High Risk Groups (HRGs) (as per the target allocated) that were identified during the mapping study conducted prior to this project.
3. The project also enabled few registered HRGs through consistent counseling and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) thereby encouraging them to adhere to safe sexual practices which will eventually reduce their risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and STIs.
4. Effective BCC material was also used for intervention.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS



COMMUNITY EVENT-1:

Capacity Building and Empowerment of High Risk Groups (HRGs) during Community Event-cum-Advocacy Meeting with Stakeholders on 4th December 2021 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Campus, PEC Campus, Sector-12, Chandigarh



Aligned with the objectives of commemorating World AIDS Day and Human Rights Day 2021, APSWDP organised a Community Event-cum-Advocacy Meeting with the Stakeholders on 04th December 2021 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Punjab Engineering College (PEC) Campus, Sector-12, Chandigarh, followed by a workshop on "Capacity Building & Empowerment of High Risk Groups (HRGs)" also categorized as vulnerable and marginalized minority community, under Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP) on HIV/AIDS.

As many as 30 HRG's from different typologies more prominently Transgenders were present during the event. HRGs shared the hurdles and never-ending challenges faced by them in the society, and the house witnessed thought provoking discussions on HRG's through their 'my story' sessions. The way forward plan was discussed by involving policy changes and mass sensitization programs in various parts of the city and state.

The event commenced with a round of introduction to all the participants for ice-breaking followed by awareness generation on HIV/AIDS and STIs. It was also shared that free HIV and Medical Check-up (RMC) facility is being provided under the umbrella of this project followed by free Psycho-social counselling for the High Risk Groups. Furthermore, the issue of stigma and discrimination pertaining to HIV/AIDS was also taken up since it hinders the High Risk Groups to access testing facilities and complying with the treatment procedure as a result of fear of further discrimination.

'My Story Telling' session was taken up jointly moderated by Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati and Mx. Kajal Mangalmukhi and motivated all the Transgenders present to share their story and the challenges faced by them. Mx. Gauri, Mx. Aman, Mx. Vishipreet, and Mx. Jassi came forward and share their story and behind the scene reality. Few of them spoke about the exploitation faced from society since their childhood whereas few revealed lapses from on part of their own family members. The session was an eye opener for many of the participants who were not verse with the confrontations experienced by the Transgenders.

COMMUNITY EVENT-2:

Celebrating 73rd Republic Day Community Event-cum-capacity building workshop for the sexual minorities and their empowerment on 26th January 2022 at Near Shiv Kheda Mandir, New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Sector-13, Chandigarh



The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) had conceived to organize a Community Event for the High Risk Groups (HRGs), also categorized as vulnerable and marginalized minority community on the eve of 73rd Republic Day at Near Shiv Kheda Mandir, New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Sector-13, Chandigarh under Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP) on HIV/ AIDS. During the event, Sh. Sandeep Mittal, Deputy Director Targeted Intervention, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) were the Chief Guest. As many as 37 HRG's from all 03 typologies were present during the event.

At the onset of the event, a floral welcome was given to the Chief Guest for the event Sh. Sandeep Mittal, Deputy Director Targeted Interventions, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) by Smt. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General-cum-Project Director, APSWDP.

Sh. Sandeep Mittal, Deputy Director Targeted Interventions, CSACS and the Chief Guest during the event while addressing the audience mentioned regarding the Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP) which is aimed at benefitting the High-Risk Groups (HRGs) and also for creating a welfare state for all those who are in dire need. Sh. Mittal also talked about various services that are provided under the umbrella of APSWDP and motivated HRGs present to avail such services which are provided free of cost. In addition, he also congratulated APSWDP for the meticulous planning in organizing the community and also for engaging HRGs in various skill development courses which is free for them. Sh. Mittal also appreciated the efforts of TI staff under the dynamic leadership of Smt. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General-cum-Project Director in preparing an atlas of all the hotspots of project.

During the community event, all the staff members of CTIP-APSWDP were felicitated by Sh. Sandeep Mittal for their exemplary services in strengthening the services of this project. Sh. Mittal during the felicitation to the TI staff members and acknowledged their responsive services to the HRGs. Sh. Mittal encouraged all the staff members to work harder so that they can reach to the unreached population so that no one should be left behind.

COMMUNITY EVENT-3:

Commemorating International Women's Day (IWD-2022), World Social Work Day (WSWD-2022) coinciding Community and Advocacy Event-cum-Capacity Building and Training Workshop on 12th March 2022 from 02:00 am to 05:00 pm at Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh



The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) had conceived to organize a community event for the High Risk Groups (HRGs), also categorized as vulnerable and marginalized minority community by commemorating International Women's Day (IWD-2022) with a theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" and World Social Work Day (WSWD-2022) with a theme "Co-building a new eco-social world: Leaving no one behind" during the iconic week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) at Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Sector-32 C, Chandigarh under Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP) on HIV/ AIDS. During the event, Dr. Arun Kumar Aggarwal, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh were the Chief Guest and Ms. Dea Andrea Wehrli, President, E[co]work Association, Switzerland were the Guest of Honour. As many as 37 HRG's (FSW) were present during the event.

The Chief Guest for the event Dr. Arun Kumar Aggarwal, Professor and Health, School of Public Health and Department of Community Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh talked about the accountability of parents in socializing their children so that they can gain equal respect in society. On the eve of International Women's Day, Dr. Aggarwal mentioned that it is important for all women to learn self-defense, keeping in view the rising crime against women.

The Guest of Honour Ms. Dea Andrea Wherli, President, E[co]work Association, Switzerland talked about women in the informal sector and their requirements which are most of the time not realized and considered by the mainstream society and through this project, an endeavor is being made by APSWDP to create women self-help groups and providing them with job opportunities so that their risk factor can be curtailed.

During the event, Dr. R.K.Sharma, Regional Director, RICM; Sh. Hitesh Kumar Gulati; Dr. Sumit Arora; and Ms. Rekha Trivedi interacted with the project beneficiaries.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CAMP



A Free Health Check-up camp was organised by APSWDP-CTIP at its office premises on 1st December 2021 on the occasion of World AIDS Day 2021. As many as 68 walk-in patients (34 males and 34 females) accessed the services including HRGs and their immediate family members and partners. The free health check-up camp was organized with the following aims and objectives:

1. To commemorate the World AIDS Day 2021;
2. To administer health assessment and spread health awareness;
3. To provide health counselling.

In the health check-up camp, proper medical treatment of the people of New Indira Colony and nearby area was done and remedial measures were provided, all free of cost, including the basic medicines required for an early recovery. The walk-in patients were also counselled regarding the health problems and associated factors.

Similarly, Blood Pressure (BP) check was performed on every walk-in patient. Both the doctors namely Dr. Ashwani Kumar Rana and Dr. Geeta Verma carefully attended and listened to the health issues and problems faced by the patients and provided an appropriate solution to curb it. Few among them were referred to the respective medical practitioners under referral mechanism for getting the remedial measures keeping in view of the concerns and queries raised by them. Majority of the people were suffering from general ailments such as seasonal cough, chronic back pain, swelling, watery eyes and high/low B.P., etc.

Additionally, 02 non-community-based women were reported to have STIs (Vaginal Discharge) and were tested for HIV and VDRL. Both were found to be Non-Reactive for both HIV and VDRL. The entire staff of APSWDP-CTIP was present including the Secretary General APSWDP-cum-Project Director, CTI APSWDP during the free health check-up camp.



PICTURE GALLERY





Justice Jaswant Singh during inauguration of Samta Nyay Kendra



Interaction with Justice Jaswant Singh and DD-TI, CSACS



Group picture with Chief Guest and remarking in the visitor's book



Project Staff and Peer Educators during Independence Day 2021



Nutrient supplements to project beneficiaries at DIC by the Project Director



Advocacy meeting with Mx. Kajal Mangalmukhi at her Dera in Manimajra



APSWDP's UN representative Ms. Dea Andrea while visiting the TI office



Dr. Sandeep Meharwal, Technical Advisor WHO during his visit to TI office



Advocacy meeting with District Legal Services Authority, Sector-43, Chandigarh



Group picture with District Legal Services Authority, Sector-43, Chandigarh



Advocacy meeting with Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh



Advocacy meeting with SIDBI Officials, Chandigarh



Community event-cum-capacity building program with RICM, Chandigarh



Community event-cum-Advocacy meeting with Alliance Francaise, Chandigarh



Community event presided over by DD-TI, CSACS and release of HRG atlas



Recognition and felicitation of APSWDP team for Community Development and Empowerment



In-house capacity building and training program on leadership, community outreach and effective communication held in the Drop In Centre of CTI Project for the project staff



In-house distribution of blankets with support from APSWDP in the Drop In Centre of CTI Project for the project beneficiaries



Project staff in the office hours



Project staff in action



TG Community supporting SDGs



Felicitation of CTI Project staff during community event by DD-TI, CSACS



APSWDP supported distribution of Dabur Chawanprash and stationary to the Project Beneficiaries and their children

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“HIV does not make people dangerous to know, so you can shake their hands and give them a hug: Heaven knows they need it.” – Princess Diana.



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