

PROGRESS REPORT

Project Title: Awareness Generation on HIV/AIDS through Traditional Systems among tribal and Rural Community.

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Duration of the Project : August 2006 to July 2007
Project Location :

- State : Madhya Pradesh
- District : Balaghat
- Panchayats : 10 Panchayats
 - Bhanderi
 - Mendki
 - Karwahi
 - Kinarda
 - Jatta
 - Aamgaon
 - Pipariya
 - Parsatola
 - Gohara
 - Serpar

Population Covered : 12000
Castes : Gond & Baigar [Tribes], Pawar, Marar [OBC] & SC
Project Supported By : UNPD under Innovation Fund by INP Plus

Introduction of the Project :

The Project has been implemented by the organization in very remote and tribal area of the Balaghat district in Madhya Pradesh State. HIV AIDS was a new word for the people, community were unaware of the issue. The community who is having lots of good culture and traditions, where there is lots of myth and taboos and the community having diversity in caste, systems and belief. It means totally mixed cultural community. illiteracy is high, agriculture is the main source of income of the community but there is high migration.

Organization has feels and experienced that the community is totally unaware on HIV AIDS, there is no Govt. or Non Govt. initiatives on raising of awareness on HIV AIDS. There were some good cultures in the whole community. The innovation fund project has provide an opportunity to the organization to work on this important issue. SAKHI is a good tradition in the community but slowly peoples forgetting the culture.

Organization has tried to work with this concept to raise awareness and knowledge of the community on HIV AIDS. The Jati Panchayat and Gram Sabha also strong platform to talk on the issue and make an understanding and few decisions to favor the PLWH. Peoples were unaware on STD STI and there were no sensitization for proper treatment for STD STI. The local PHC and health service providers also not interested to talk on this issue because of critical issue to talk publicly.

The project has created knowledge and information among community through the use of SAKHI tradition, Samaj /Jati Panchayat, Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat. The project interventions starts with the capacity building of the project staff, in collaboration with MP Voluntary Health Association Indore, three days training organized for the project staff. In the entire project period all the activities effectively implemented by the staff with the help of SAKHIs, Youths, PRI. Now there is issue of advocacy that is HIV testing facility, which is not available at the block level. People are aware now and seeking HIV testing.

The project, which is implemented by the organization, brings some good results. Panchayat and Gram Sabha recognized organization efforts; these institutions agreeing that there are needed to work on it. Block Medical Officer [BMO] and NRHM District Programme Manager [DPM] visited the project area and provide all support during the project implementation. ANM and local Doctors of PHC now sensitized and using only new needle. Self reported cases increased for STD.

Lesson learned: First time CDC has been worked in this issue, organization has learned lots of thing i.e.

- Low cost awareness tools have been developed and used by the organization.
- Terminology used for HIV AIDS project.
- ARV related information.
- Health seeking behaviors.
- Skilled team.

Linkages: During the project organization has made correspondence with NACO MPSACS, District AIDS control society, CARE Madhya Pradesh, MPVHA, Local NGOs and shared about the project. DPM [NRHM]. Organization could not succeed for mobilizing resource to continue the project. But organization will try to share its outcomes with other resource organization. The district comes under high risk area for HIV AIDS and need to make advocacy for implementing more programmes in the area. We are discussion on this issue with local MP and MLA and local NGOs whose are working in the district. Panchayat raj institutions are nicely linked with the project and making all essential initiatives on this issue. i.e. HIV testing facilities, resolution for no discrimination with PLWH etc.

Report follows as per SOW

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Annual Narrative Report

I. Name of the Organization: Community Development Centre

II. Reporting Month/Year: Aug 2006 to July 2007

Summary of what happened:

The project has launched in the month of August 2006, Main focus of the project was to use traditional and innovative things for raising awareness on HIV AIDS issues. The project has been implemented as per project implementation Plan and achieved the target which was targeted. Main theme of the project was to regenerate very old local tradition called SAKHI BADNA with new concept, it was nicely taken by the project and now SAKHI is again in the community with specific issue with the tradition. In the targeted villages SAKHI is now being popular because they are having information, they are trained and disseminating information on HIV AIDS.

Another idea was to talk and sensitize to Panchayat Raj Institution, Gram Sabha and SAMAJ PANCHAYAT. There are four types of caste living in the area, GOND and BAIGA are tribes and other PAWAR, MARAR comes in other backward class. To prepare community and avoiding unexpected behavior with PLWH in future. Now there is understanding and information about HIV and AIDS, community knows that HIV AIDS is not a stigma and positive people could live with the community.

The project has tried to spread information through various activities i.e. meetings, trainings, formation of Sakhi groups, Youth groups, Nukkad Show, Film show and local folk songs etc. All the community mobilized in the targeted area. After that people demanding facility for HIV testing that is not available at the PHC or Block level.

The project was nicely adopted with the community because this was new issue for learning, because no efforts made by the Govt. or other NGOs in the whole block in the Balaghat district. The area comes under high risk, but no more planning or efforts are there by the Govt. Its need to work in more area with this issue. Today here is no need to work with TI project but need to make community aware and bring change in there health behavior. Organization is very much thankful to INP Plus, NACO UNDP for this opportunity. Organization made full effort with this project. We also worked first time with this issue and this was real learning for our organization. We are interested to work more with your support and guidance.

Few indicators

- 354 SAKHI are working as voluntary worker in the targeted area.
- BAIGA community avoiding Tattoos or using new needle for making of Tattoo in the body,
- There is demand and pressure to health providers for use of new needle only.
- Community making demand for HIV testing facilities at the block level.

Comment [C1]: List of SAKHI

Work plan submitted to Innovations Fund with activities	Achievements	Impacts	Problems Faced	How problems Addressed	Remarks
Sensitization of members of Samaj Panchayat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GOND, BAIGA, PAWAR and MARAR Samaj Panchayat has sensitized ▪ All four Samaj Panchayat of the project area are having information on What is HIV/AIDS and reasons of spreading HIV ▪ First time this type of issue discussed with Samaj Panchayats ▪ Lots of myths cleared through the programme intervention like AIDS is a communicable disease. AIDS becomes only characterless person. A child also become HIV positive ▪ Community understood that there is need to talk on this issue at every level. ▪ All the members of concerning community were involved in orientation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BAIGA Samaj panchayat has decided to use new needle if they are going for TATTOO ▪ Pawar is the male dominated caste but after few intervention men and women of the Pawar caste sitting together now. ▪ Now people able to talk to Private Practitioner to use new needle always. ▪ At the BHANDERI PHC one member of Samaj Panchayat advised to Doctor to use new needle. ▪ Now there is awareness and understanding on HIV AIDS is not a stigma. ▪ All caste agreed to behave normal if any HIV positive person identify in the family or in community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BAIGA was the more critical community to sit together. Staff was worked with them to organize first. ▪ Few educated persons from PAWAR caste were not in favor to sit and talk on this issue. 	<p>Project staff asked help to other project staff of the organization to organize BAIGA community.</p> <p>Lots of film shows organized at the BAIGA hamlets, Early morning they have been contacted by the staff to sit together.</p>	<p>MARAR community was more interesting to take part on every meeting and training.</p> <p>GOND community now decided to talk on this issue in their higher group, which is functioning above of more than 300 villages.</p>

<p>Sensitization of Gram Sabha</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issue of HIV AIDS first time discussed in Gram Sabha also. ▪ People were interested to learn more on HIV AIDS. ▪ Panchayat representatives of Kinarda and Pipariya panchayat has facilitate the issue in the Gram Sabha with project team. ▪ Gram Sabha sensitization completed twice in the project period, mainly before 4 official Gram Sabha 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gram Sabha has passed resolution in favor of HIV positive persons, if any identified in future than the gram sabha will behave normal with the positive person. ▪ Another resolution on demanding HIV testing facilities at the Block level. ▪ Gram Sabha will organize AIDS day every year in the panchayat and recall the resolution. 	<p>There was difficult to organize special gram sabha for this issue, Percentage of attendance were less in few Gram Sabha</p>	<p>Sarpanch and Panch were contacted many times and gram sabha organized after formal information disseminated by the panchayat.</p>	<p>Need to work more on Gram Sabha, follow up activities required, <i>[CDC is decided to work with the gram sabha along with other issues]</i></p>
<p>Development of Audio Cassette</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three local songwriters identified and sensitized on HIV/AIDS. ▪ 8 Songs written by them. ▪ Preparing music for Songs. ▪ One local teacher also involved with this activity. ▪ Youth vision PONDI village has finalized after lots of effort and made it at locally. ▪ Collaborated with AIR Balaghat ▪ Narrow casting of the songs done by the staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AIR Balaghat is interested to work continue on this issue. ▪ One programme broadcasted ▪ People are making demand for cassette and CD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recording facility unavailable at the local ▪ Low recording quality ▪ Become late to prepare this 	<p>Decided to recorded once again with local technical person and help with AIR.</p> <p>Editing of the cassettes will be done in studio of AIR</p>	<p>CDC is working on community radio and it is used in narrow casting with other cassettes developed by the MPVHA Indore and VHA I</p>

Sakhi Badna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 388 Trained SAKHI in the project area. ▪ All 330 SAKHI are in process to made another SAKHI. ▪ Sakhi meeting is now regular. ▪ All the project village has covered with Sakhi there are at least 20 SAKHI in a village ▪ SAKHI are involved in awareness generation and dissemination of information. ▪ This custom is now regenerated in the community with a specific cause. ▪ SAKHI are acting like peer educator for another women in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's in general able to talk on HIV AIDS. • There is information among the community on HIV AIDS STD and STI • Women's are thinking and agreeing for HIV testing during pregnancy. • Massages easily disseminated in the community through SAKHI BADNA event. • Socially adopted this custom in the community. • SAKHI are recognizing as a knowledgeable person in the community 	No major problem faced	NA	<p>Monthly SAKHI SAMACHAR <i>[Wall paper]</i> initiated by the project staff. This contain SAKHI activities of the month. Organization will continue this effort.</p>
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<p>Training of rural youth/Adolescent groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 youth groups formed. ▪ There are 120 youths associated in these group. ▪ One or two meetings held at the village with youths. ▪ 102 youths trained by the project on HIV AIDS issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youths are able to talk on HIV/AIDS issue with other youth. ▪ They are interested to raise awareness in their own village. ▪ Wall writing and Slogan writing done by the youths at the village. ▪ These groups are made six-month action plan for their own groups. ▪ To insure sustainability of the youth groups they have been decided to work as SHG concept and start small IGP. ▪ 2 Youth groups of Bhanderi and KINARDA are taking one period at the school on HIV AIDS awareness 	<p>Coordination with school teachers was a problem.</p> <p>Organizing girls with Boys</p> <p>Sustainability of youth groups</p>	<p>Contacted Block level education officer</p> <p>Separately groups formed which called KISHORI SAMUH</p>	<p>CDC will work continue with these groups</p>
<p>Information Stall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As per plan times stall demonstrated ▪ Effective for spreading messages. ▪ Some times peoples came with personnel sexual problems to know is that AIDS. ▪ Demands from Panchayat and schools for information stall 	<p>Peoples of the area becoming aware on HIV AIDS.</p> <p>Peoples from Non Project area also covered by the stall.</p> <p>Massage on HIV testing during pregnancy and Safer sex highly focused</p>	<p>No major problems</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Information stall will be used continue by the youth groups and Panchayat</p>

Community Campaigning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DEEP SE DEEP JALAO Campaign organized in all targeted panchayat i.e. Bhanderi, Parsatola, Jatta, Mendki, Kinarda, Pipariya, Gohara, Aamgaon, Karwahi and Sherpar. ▪ A very big event organized by the project staff with the help of community, which was very successful to spread messages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community become aware on HIV AIDS ▪ Well known about 4 reasons of HIV AIDS. ▪ Use of condom increased [as per PHC data] ▪ Youths have actively participated in the campaign. ▪ The community will organize this campaign yearly during world AIDS day. 	No major problems	NA	NA
Training of PRI members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training organized in two rounds, 1st round of the training organized in the month of Dec and Jan and 2nd round training organized in the month of July ▪ 335 panchayat representatives trained by these training ▪ There was active involvement of the representatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panchayat making pressure to Block office for opening testing centre. ▪ Panchayat representatives promoting people for HIV test ▪ HIV AIDS is now one of the important issue of Gram Sabha and Panchayat meeting. ▪ Few Ward Panch making awareness activity in their own ward ▪ Brining resolution for HIV testing for pregnant women. 	Some panchayat representatives [Sarpanch] are not active.	There is no solution for this type of Sarpanch whose are not involved in any development activities and all the time drunker	NA

<p>Nukkad Natak training and Nukkad Show</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7 days training organized for Nukkad Team for making script and practice of show. ▪ Trainer invited from LUCKNOW, they gave very good training to the team. ▪ Two Nukkad team trained on HIV AIDS. ▪ Nukkad show organized in two round, total 20 Nukkad organized during the project period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whose saw the Natak they remembered four reason of HIV AIDS ▪ Messages clearly delivered to the community. ▪ Two good scripts on HIV AIDS available at the organization. ▪ These scripts available with youth groups they can play Nukkad at their own level. ▪ Very useful tradition for raising awareness. 	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Local MLA, ICDS project officer attended one Nukkad show</p>
<p>Meeting with community and groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All SHG's formed in the project area has covered by the project staff and meetings organized by them. ▪ Project staff has participated all the federation meetings. ▪ Narrow casting done in the meetings of SHG ▪ Youth group meetings organized monthly by the project staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women's asking questions in this meeting because they feel uneasy to ask during training or in information stall ▪ These meetings played effective role after training to solve any confusions or clarification. 	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Women. men and youth contacted in their houses and discussed for raised VCTC issue at the Block level.</p>

Project Staff meeting, planning and Review	Monthly once or twice Meeting organized with Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To make evaluation of progress of the project ▪ Proper reporting and plan for next month has been done during this meeting. ▪ Issues of project management solved during these meetings. 	NA	NA	NA
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