





Release of the book  
HIV/AIDS in Goa Situation  
and Response 2015



Sensitisation workshops  
at jail premises



*Training for Monitoring  
and Evaluation on Data  
management*



Youth Activities



Joint Working  
Group Meeting



Sensitisation  
workshop for  
Self Help group

## Sensitisation workshops at jail premises



Goa State AIDS Control Society organised HIV/AIDS workshops for the prison inmates on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Central jail, Colvale and 12<sup>th</sup> May Sub Jail Sada for male and female inmates separately. The workshops were of almost two hour duration each and covered the topics of basics of HIV/AIDS, STI, TB, and services offered by GSACS. The topics were covered through a short film and lectures. The inmates were extremely receptive at both locations and asked numerous questions. Separate sensitization talks were held with the Jail authorities.

During the course of the workshop and discussions with the authorities a need was felt for placing a counselor for HIV related information and follow-up's specially HIV positive cases.

The entire sensitization workshops were possible through the efforts of Shri. Elvis P Gomes Inspector General of prisons and Dr. Jose D'SA Project Director Goa State AIDS Control Society and the Superintendent. Shri. Shamsunder Parab and Shri. Pednekar. The workshops were coordinated by Ms. Sunita Arudra Asst. Director (IEC)/I/C Mainstreaming. The resource persons were Shri. Umakant Sawant Deputy Director (IEC), Dr. Rashmi Khandeparkar Health Officer, UHC Vasco, Dr. Damodar Narvencar, Health Officer PHC, Colvale, Dr. Albert D'Soza Shri. Mahesh Govekar, Director Zindagi, Shri. Ramesh Rathod Asst. Director (TI), and Shri. Dadu Bandekar IEC officer RNTCP.





## Training for Monitoring and Evaluation on Data Management

With the increased emphasis on Reporting and data management a training was conducted for all the Programme managers, counsellors and Monitoring and evaluation staff of the fifteen Targetted interventions of Goa state AIDS Control Society. The training was from 9:30am to 6:00pm at the conference hall at the Secretariat, Porvorim.



*The Project Director Goa SACS Dr.Jose D'Sa addressing the TI's.*

The project Director Dr.Jose D'Sa addressed the TI's highlighting about the importance of regular timely and accurate reporting. Dr.Priyanka Sarkar discussed in detail the quality of TI guidelines and Time management. The role of TI staff, Data Quality & analysis, formats were discussed by Shri. Ramesh Rathod, Ms.Asha Vernekar, Ms.Saesta Sheikh & Dr.Priyanka Sarkar.



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This was followed by an explanation on SIMS offline and online by Shri.Preston Fernandes, Asst. Director monitoring and evaluation. In the concluding session Shri.Ramesh Rathod explained Trucker Trucker & migrant specific counseling.

## Youth Activities

TALUKA	SERIAL NO.	RED RIBBON CLUBS 2015-2016	RRC ACTIVITIES
PERNEM		SAPTESHWAR HSS	<p>RRC INAUGURATION BY PRINCIPAL SHRI RAMDAS KELKAR – JULY 2015</p> <p>TALK ON HIV/ AIDS BY DDIEC, GOA SACS – JANUARY 2016</p> <p>WAD PROGRAM AND INTERCLASS QUIZ AND HIV/ AIDS RALLY CONDUCTED – DECEMBER 2016</p>
		GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE, VIRNODA	NSS UNIT ON WAD ORGANIZED AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM, ALSO WALLPAPER AND POSTER COMPETITION WAS ORGANIZED. A RALLY WAS CONDUCTED IN THE VIRNODA VILLAGE WITH SLOGANS AND BANNERS – DECEMBER 2016
		GOVT. HSS PERNEM	<p>RRC INAUGURATION BY DR. UTTAM DESSAI, MO, TUEM HEALTH CENTRE AS CHIEF GUEST– JULY 2015</p> <p>RALLY ORGANIZED ON WAD WHERE 82 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED WITH TEACHERS – JANUARY 2016</p> <p>TALK CONDUCTED ON GOAN SCENARIO HIV/ AIDS BY MO, TUEM HEALTH CENTRE WITH 100 STUDENTS WITH TEACHERS ATTENDED – FEBRUARY 2016</p> <p>TWO COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED A POSTER ON TOPIC, ' FIGHT AGAINST HIV/ AIDS' WITH SEVEN PARTICIPANTS AND ESSAY ON TOPIC 'AWARENESS ABOUT HIV/ AIDS' WHERE 11 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED – JANUARY 2016</p>
BARDEZ		SHANTADURGA HSS, PIRNA	<p>ESSAY COMPETITION ON TOPIC, ' AIDS- FACTS &amp; MYTHS – JULY 2015</p> <p>AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME WITH PHC, COLVALE – NOVEMBER 2015</p> <p>RALLY IN PIRNA VILLAGE WITH SLOGANS AND POSTERS AND PLACARDS – DECEMBER 2015</p>
		VRUNDHAVAN INSTITUTE OF NURSING, COLVALE	<p>STUDENTS DAY DR. DIGAMBAR NAIK GAVE A TALK ON ROLE OF NURSE IN HIV TREATMENT AND CARE – OCTOBER 2015</p> <p>WAD WITH A STREET PLAY PREPARED BY STUDENTS WITH THEME, 'BRING AWARENESS AND AVOID DISCRIMINATION', FOR THE VILLAGERS– DECEMBER 2015</p>
		DR. AMBEDKAR HSS, COLVALE	RRC AIDS AWARENESS RALLY CONDUCTED WITH 250 STUDENTS IN THE COLVALE VILLAGE GIVING SLOGAN AND SHOUTING 'SAY NO TO AIDS AND SPREAD THE KNOWLEDGE NOT THE VIRUS'– DECEMBER 2015

		ST. THERESA HSS, CANDOLIM	<p>RRC INSTALLATION – AUGUST 2015</p> <p>WAD – DECEMBER 2015</p> <p>TALK BY DR. DURGESH NAIK FROM PHC CANDOLIM – MARCH 2016</p> <p>ESSAY COMPETITION WITH 19 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED – MARCH 2016</p>
		XAVIERS COLLEGE, MAPUSA	<p>NSS UNIT ORGANIZED TALK ON HIV/ AIDS BY DR. SWAPNIL ARLEKAR, UHC MAPUSA– JANUARY 2016</p> <p>COLLAGE COMPETITION ON BLOOD DONATION THEME – JANUARY 2016</p> <p>BLOOD DONATION CAMP BY GMC BLOOD BANK– JANUARY 2016</p>
SALCETTE		ROSARY HSS, NAVELIM	<p>AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM WITH QUIZ COMPETITION FOR XITH STD STUDENTS, TALK DELIVERED BY DR. JAGDISH KAKODKAR– FEBRUARY 2016</p>
		HOLY TRINITY HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, BENAULIM	<p>POSTER COMPETITION ON AIDS TOPIC “GETTING TO ZERO” HELD, CLASS WISE WITH A MINIMUM OF 3 STUDENTS IN EACH TEAM.</p> <p>ESSAY COMPETITION ON SAME TOPIC WAS CONDUCTED FOR CREATING AWARENESS AMONG OUR STUDENTS ON AIDS. THIS WAS HELD ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.</p> <p>VIDEO PRESENTATION: A VIDEO PRESENTATION WITH A DETAILED EXPLANATION BASED ON REAL LIFE EXAMPLES FOLLOWED BY QUESTION – ANSWER SESSION WAS GIVEN BY TEACHER MRS. HIPSSY ALMEIDA CONVENER OF THE RED RIBBON CLUB OF HOLY TRINITY HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL BENAULIM, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF EDUCATING THE STUDENTS ON THE VARIOUS CAUSES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES OF AIDS.</p> <p>SKIT PRESENTATION: SKIT COMPETITION WAS ALSO HELD CLASS WISE ON AIDS TO HIGHLIGHT THE VARIOUS CAUSES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON AIDS. THE SKIT PRESENTATION WAS FOLLOWED BY DISTRIBUTION OF REFRESHMENTS TO THE STUDENTS.</p>
TISWADI		DHEMPE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, MIRAMAR	<p>TALK ORGANIZED BY HO, HEALTH CENTRE, PANJIM - MARCH 2016</p>
		MONTFORT PVT. ITI, CORLIM	<p>AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME WAS HELD WITH AN ORIENTATION PROGRAM WITH DIRECTOR, BRO. VASANTH KUMAR WITH A VIDEO – JANUARY 2016</p>

PONDA		RAYESHWAR INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SHIRODA	RED RIBBON CLUB CONSTITUTED – AUGUST 2015  GUEST LECTURE ON AWARENESS OF HIV/ AIDS BY DR. VANDANA PATANKAR, ON FEBRUARY 2016  POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ON TOPICS, ‘ STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION IN HIV/ AIDS AND PREVENTION OF HIV/ AIDS – MARCH 2016  ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON TOPICS, ‘ SOCIAL IMPACT ON FAMILY ABOUT AIDS AND HIV/ AIDS IN CHILDREN –MARCH 2016
MORMUG AO		KV NO. 2	TALK ON HIV/ AIDS – DECEMBER 2015  HIV/ AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY HEALTH DEPT. – DECEMBER 2016  POSTER MAKING COMPETITION AND RALLY TO CREATE AIDS AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC – DECEMBER 2015
QUEPEM		CTN, CURCHOREM HSS, QUEPEM	TALK AND PPT BY DR. PRADNYA KAKODKAR ON, ‘ ISSUES OF ADOLESCENCE AND HIV/ AIDS – AUGUST 2015  RALLY COORDINATED BY RRC CONVENOR STAFF MR. TULSIDAS POPKAR WITH 200 RRC MEMBERS PARTICIPATING ON WAD WITH GUEST SPEAKER DR. MOHANRAO DESSAI, HO, CURCHOREM HC – DECEMBER 2016

### **Sensitisation Phoenix Women’s Wing Self Help Group**



The Phoenix Women’s Wing Self Help Group (PWWSHG) and Phoenix Socio Cultural Association (PSCA), Valpoi, in collaboration with Goa AIDS Control Society organised a one-day sensitisation workshop on HIV and AIDS for self-help groups at Sayyadnagar-Valpoi. Speaking at the function, Valpoi Municipal Council (VMC) Chairperson Ramdas Shirodkar said, “This type of workshop will impart information on HIV and it is very important that collective efforts are made to control HIV.” Shirodkar said. The resource person Dr Lalitha Umraskar highlighted different routes of HIV transmission, its prevention and precautionary measures. “To know one's HIV status, he/she can approach the Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre (ICTCT). Please consult specialized doctors and avoid going to quacks,” she added. She also had an interaction with the women. VMC Councillor Sayyad Sarfaraz, Umakant Sawant Deputy Director (IEC) Assistant Director GSACS Sunita Arudra (IEC), founder PSCA president Abdulla Khan and president PWWSHG, Suneza Khan and Preetam Naik also spoke on the occasion.





Youth have been identified as a vulnerable group requiring special attention. Hence, Health Interventions alone are not sufficient to address the



cause & consequences of the epidemic. It requires a multi sectoral response as non health sector can play an important & meaningful role in reducing vulnerability, stigma &

discrimination associated with HIV. In this context, Department of AIDS Control, New Delhi

signed MoU's with different Government Departments to address this issue as well as prevent young people from the dangerous virus. Directives and advisory notes have been issued to the State for supporting HIV/ AIDS Control & Prevention Program as a result of these meetings held at National Level.

The first meeting of the joint working group on youth was conducted on **23rd of May 2016 from 5:00pm to 7:15pm** at the Conference Hall, Secretariat-Porvorim under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sudhir Mahajan, IAS, Secretary (Health), Govt. of Goa. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Rana, Assistant Director (Media), IEC, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and Miss. Pallavi Joshi, Technical Officer-Youth



Affairs, IEC, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) attended the meeting on behalf of NACO.

At the outset Dr. Jose D'Sa, Project Director, Goa SACS gave an overview of the HIV/AIDS scenario in the state and explained the Objectives, Roles and Responsibilities, and the IEC activities planned for 2016-2017.



Later Mr. Samant, DD (Education), Directorate of Education (DOE), Mr. George, Headquarters Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guide (BSG) Mr. Sandeep Werlikar, Joint Coordinator (Coaching), Sports Authority of Goa from the participating departments explained details of their plans for inclusion of HIV

in their departments.

Dr. D' Sa reiterated that the Joint working Group for Youth is formed for the purpose of collaborating with various Depts. to work implementation of the provisions mentioned in the MOU and to roll out HIV/ AIDS activities to be conducted in each state and also mentioned to avoid the overlapping of activities of various Depts. a follow up meeting will be organized. The Chairman concluded the meeting urging all the committee members to co-ordinate and integrate various Depts. to put in collective efforts to achieve the goals of the JWG for Youth, if not to eradicate, then at least to reduce the HIV/ AIDs cases in the state among youth and suggested that, if any proposals are there to address such issues may be forwarded to the state.



## Upcoming Event

### **World Blood Donor Day 2016**

Theme: **“Blood connects us all”**

Slogan: **“SHARE LIFE, GIVE BLOOD”**

