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Sj. Naba Kisore Das
Hon'ble Minister,
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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Orissa State AIDS Control Society (OSACS) is going to publish its NEWS BULLETIN to showcase their comprehensive efforts for elimination of HIV/AIDS and to achieve United Nation's 90: 90: 90 by 2020. Efforts and initiatives are consistently carried out in convergence with National Health Mission and parent Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha, since last two decades.

Though our state is not categorized as high Prevalence State, but still it has more vulnerability due to high migration and rapid industrialization. Hence, it's time to fight against the stigma and discrimination against PLHIVs and providing support for their mainstreaming.

I wish all the success of the publication of News Bulletin. I urge all sections of society to come forward to make our State AIDS free.


(Naba Kisore Das)



Dr. Pramod Meherda, IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary
Dept. of H&FW, Govt. of Odisha

❧ MESSAGE ❧

Dear all,

I welcome all the readers to this edition of OSACS newsletter.

I would like to start this note by sharing the grand success of OSACS in prisons and closed settings, followed by the launching of HIV intervention in inmates of prison. Similar intervention is also planned to be implemented this year for the women living in other closed settings such as Swadhar, Ujjawala and other State run homes.

I am happy to share that OSACS has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with both public and private sector industries, with an aim to strengthen HIV/AIDS response and to reach a large number of informal workers mainly migrants.

OSACS is also doing very well in Prevention from Parents to Child Transmission (PPTCT) activities covering majority of Pregnant Women & linking for ART coverage after HIV test. There is cross referral of co-morbidity cases of HIV-TB & convergence with both Deptts. as well as NHM. In Blood Transfusion Section, the window period has been appreciably reduced to only a few days for detecting HIV & Hepatitis Infection through NAT PCR method. Massive IEC activities on inclusion of test in VHND Session will also help us to achieve 90:90:90 goal set by UNAIDS.

As we are in the penultimate year for achieving our fast track targets, I urge all those who are working in AIDS Prevention and Control Programme to give their best in achieving the goal set out. I hope the readers will immensely benefit from the information brought out through this Newsletter. We look forward to your feedback on making the Newsletter more useful in achieving its objectives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Meherda', written in a cursive style.

(Dr. Pramod Meherda)

From the Desk of
Chief Editor



Smt. Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar, IAS

Dear All

It is great pleasure to interact with readers through OSACS newsletter.

Mainstreaming and Partnership, without any stigma or discrimination, is one of the key strategies in National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) to build a multi-sectoral response to HIV AIDS through partnership with wide range of stakeholders. Mainstreaming approach gained ground with the realization that the non-health sector can play an important and meaningful role in reducing vulnerability to HIV, enhance the reach & coverage of the programme and mitigate the impact of HIV on those infected and affected.

Besides, PPTCT programme is running very successfully in the state and steps have been taken to reach the global target of EMTCT by 2020. New initiative on community level screening sets an example of convergence of PPTCT Activities of OSACS with RMNCH+A programme. Incorporation of HIV/Syphilis screening as a part of ANC package of services at all VHND/UHND platform focusing on 1st trimester testing supports in reducing the mother to child transmission of HIV infection from 7% to 3% in last two years

Test & Treat policy was introduced in the state, 91% detected positive are registered in Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) care, receiving free treatment. 3.85 lakh units of blood was collected in the blood banks of Odisha and 78% was voluntary collection in comparison to 74% in the year 2018. Various IEC campaigns are being undertaken periodically through Folk Programmes, IEC Van campaign, participation in International event, Red Ribbon Clubs etc.

Still we have to focus our concern to the grey area of stigma against the PLHIVs, especially women & children, implementation of HIV (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017, diagnose 90% of all HIV-positive persons, provide anti-retroviral therapy (ART) for 90% of those diagnosed, and achieve viral suppression for 90% of those treated by 2020.

I hope you will find this Newsletter enriching.

(Project Director)

Towards the End of the epidemic of HIV/AIDS



Dr. Rama Chandra Rout

Additional Project Director

HIV/AIDS is stoppable. Because the definite causes of HIV/AIDS are known to us and effective and good quality drugs are also available for treatment.

However two main draw backs are there (i) only human beings contact it from other fellow beings by direct or indirect modes, and (ii) majority of the persons who contact it and develop it are unaware about the disease, its transmission and long term treatment with a number of drugs.

Co-infection is an important issue which is to be combated by early diagnosis and prompt treatment. Sophisticated methods have been developed to detect the infection within a few days of its contact.

Again drug resistance is coming up as a huge challenge due to irregularity and discontinuance in timely use of the drugs. Similar results have already come up in case of tuberculosis. Unless both the service providers and service beneficiaries treat it seriously and are careful about this, drug resistance will pose a great danger in future.



(Dr. Rama Chandra Rout)

Role of Targeted Intervention Programme in realizing SDG 90-90-90



Dr. Lalatendu Nayak

Joint Director -TI

For prevention of HIV in the State among the High Risk Groups, OSACS with the support from NACO is implementing Targeted Intervention Program through Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). Presently, 48 TIs (FSW-9/MSM-2/IDU-6/Core Composite-20/ML-9/Trucker-2) and 6 LWS NGO partners are implementing NACP in the State and providing services to High Risk Groups like Female Sex Workers(FSW)-3600, Men having Sex with Men (MSM)-305, Transgenders/Hijra (TG/Hijra) -395, Intravenous Drug Users (IDU)-2200, Migrant Labourers (ML)-100000 and Truckers-15000 including Core composite (FSW&MSM)-11160 in the State.

Testing of spouse and relatives have been focused on to achieve the target as well as reach other high risk groups vulnerable to HIV infection. Under the leadership of Project Director- OSACS has achieved success at national level.

Let's pledge for the cause "Know Your HIV Status by getting tested".



(Dr. Lalatendu Nayak)

Editor's Note



Smt. Ranjita Behera, OFS-SG

FA & Joint Director (IEC)

The epidemic of HIV/AIDS is a global concern.

OSACS is persistently striving for the noble cause of not allowing this disease to continue as a public health threat.

To achieve the SDG Target of 90:90:90 by 2020, role of IEC & Mainstreaming are very important. The communication strategy and its implementation has evolved significantly under the National AIDS Control Programs. The communication within HIV program has moved beyond being mere IEC or publicity material and has geared towards behavior change communication. There have been attempts to make communication effective, efficient and result oriented. Special strategies have been adopted by OSACS to reach out to youths and other vulnerable populations. Steps also have been initiated to coordinate with Government departments; stakeholders to create massive awareness in the absence of curable drugs for the purpose.

So let us join hands in the greater interest of protecting our society and also making all possible endeavors to provide maximum care, support and treatment for HIV/AIDS infected as well as affected people.

Know AIDS for No AIDS.

(Smt. Ranjita Behera)

A Journey to End of HIV/AIDS Epidemic



Dr. Anjana Panda

Joint Director (HIV/AIDS)

NACP (National AIDS Control Programme) is a fully funded "Central Sector Scheme" initiated in 1992. Currently NACP-IV (extension 2017-20) has been implemented. It is one of the world's largest & most comprehensive HIV/AIDS programme for key populations and PLHIVs. Due to NACP we have halted and reversed the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in our state. Now there is reduction in new HIV infections and AIDS related deaths in Odisha. Now we are at a stage: **From a virtual death sentence to a chronic manageable disease.**

According to NACP IV (2012-17) we have focused on emerging vulnerabilities, balance prevention with growing treatment needs, integration and mainstreaming. Again after NACP IV extension (2017-20) we have committed to make concrete progress towards "End of HIV/AIDS" by 2030. Now we need to give more focus on test & treat again treat & test i.e. 4 Ts. More intervention needed for viral load monitoring, on implementation of HIV ACT very soon and Extended Mission Sampark.

Our ultimate goal and target by 2020 to reduce new HIV infection by 70% (base line 2010), to eliminate mother to child transmission of HIV, HIV related stigma discrimination and to achieve treatment target of 90:90:90. **Finally by 2030 End of HIV/AIDS Epidemic.**

(Dr. Anjana Panda)

Sensitization of NGOs on their roles

Migrants bear a higher risk of HIV infection, which results from the condition and structure of the migration process. Migration is one of the main causes for fuelling the spread of HIV/AIDS in the state of Odisha. Prevalence of HIV amongst Migrants, many of whom are informal workers, is the highest in any group, only next to High Risk Groups of FSW, MSM and IDUs. This has led to the National AIDS Control Programme III referring to migrants as one of the core groups which need to be addressed accordingly.

In this context Orissa State AIDS Control Society (OSACS) organised a sensitization programme for the NGOs at Panthaniwas, Bhubaneswar on 24.09.2019.

Inaugurating the programme, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare Sj. Nabakishore Das commended the work of OSACS in successfully bringing down the prevalence of the disease by 50% with the help and cooperation from all corners. He called for greater participation of NGOs to help reduce the state's disease burden. The AIDS control society has also come up with revamped targeted interventions so that greater number of vulnerable population can be covered.

People need to understand that the disease can be contained with adequate care and an infected person is not different in any manner. The stigma associated with HIV/AIDS needs to be rooted out from the society.

On this occasion Project Director, Ms. Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar stated that 48 Targeted Intervention(TI) projects are being implemented in 25 districts of Odisha. During the FY-2018-19, 18141 nos. of HRGs, 96,946 Migrants and 30,002 of Truckers have been screened. Emphasizing on IEC for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, she said that more interventions through outdoor programmes will be carried out. With the support of NGOs more number of camps will be organised for migrant workers.

Labour Commissioner, Sj. Niranjan Sahoo emphasized on HIV awareness and screening of labours who are going out of the state as migrants. He assured to provide all sorts of help and support for this. He stressed on the need of cooperation between the two departments to generate a complete list of all migrants and those who are infected.



Joint Director (TI), Dr. Lalatendu Nayak presented about the status in various vulnerable pockets, TIs of the state and their role in eradication of HIV/AIDS.

48 TIs and 6 LWS office bearers participated in this program and provided their valuable feedbacks. Additional Project Director Dr. Ramachandra Rout convened the meeting. Smt. Smruti Sagarika Kanungo, AD (D&P) & Mr. Prashant Kumar Patra, TL, TSU jointly presented the snapshots of OSACS activities. Cooperation and support of Dr. Anjana Panda, JD (BSD), Smt. Ranjita Behera, FA, Sj. Baikuntha Natha Pradhan, PO, Sj. Suvendu Patnaik, EO and other staffs of OSACS made the meeting a success. Dr. Dillip Kumar Sarangi, DHS(O) delivered the vote of thanks.



NVBD Day, 1st October

Voluntary blood donation in India started in the year 1942 during the era of Second World War. Back then, the wounded soldiers needed donors to donate blood. Kolkata of West Bengal became the host for the first blood bank during March 1942 at the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health. The blood bank was managed by the Red Cross. After the war was over, the number of potential donors declined dramatically and blood donation became a business as the donors were being paid for their service. Voluntary blood donation camps were initiated in Mumbai during 1954 by Leela Moolgaonkar, a social reformer. There was a sharp increase in the number of blood banks during 1960s in different parts of the country. J. G. Jolly, the president of the Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immuno-haematology during his stewardship in 1975 declared October 1 as the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. Ever since, this day is being observed throughout the country.

Blood Donation in Odisha

Several organizations, Red Ribbon Clubs in colleges and hospitals in Odisha conduct blood donation camps multiple times in a year to encourage voluntary blood donation. Due to tremendous efforts by the government the gap between

demand and supply has been bridged despite the shortage of donated blood. 2014-2018 witnessed a flight in the number of the voluntary blood donors, which led to the rise in the number of blood units from 23,50,000 to 4,10,045. The number of camps being conducted is also increasing day by day. Despite this the retention of Non – Remunerated Voluntary Blood Donor is still a challenge for the State and adequate measures needs to be taken.

Initiatives to encourage Blood Donation

In 2011, an integrated online website called E-Blood Bank was launched by the government that provides information on the donation camps being conducted around the city as well as the blood groups available in the blood bank. Apart from these initiatives Government of Odisha even conducts the Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) to check signs of infection in a donated blood at a very early stage to enhance the blood safety.

Through NAT the presence of viruses like HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C can be directly detected from the genetic material (RNA & DNA). NAT is the most effective technique that is currently available across the world for detection of infection. According to medical experts, NAT is advisable for blood screening as it shortens the window period. TTIs could be reduced in recipients of NAT-tested blood.

Blood Transfusion Services Division, OSACS

Success Story

'Biju Pakka Ghara' makes life easier

Here is a success story from Ganjam district in Odisha which explains how with a little support and convergence with other departments of the government, the lives of HIV/AIDS affected population can be made easier.

Ganjam district in the southern part of the state is known for high rate of migration to other states like Gujarat, Kerala and Tamilnadu. The age group of the majority of the migrants is between 15-30 years. Due to low literacy and inadequate knowledge about HIV/AIDS is very less. As a result most of the migrants suffer from sexually transmitted disease and many of them infected with HIV. Every month over 13,000 patients are tested for HIV and around 70-80 cases are identified as HIV positive which makes up to 35% of the state figure. DAPCU, with the support of District Health Administration and Orissa State AIDS Control Society is addressing the alarming situation in a holistic approach to arrest the spread of HIV.

HIV-positive women gets a supportive hand

In 2013, Sunita Patnaik (not real name) aged about 32 years from Bhanjanagar block, in Ganjam was identified as HIV positive. Her husband was working in the state of Gujarat. The couple is on ARV drugs since 2016 at ARTC of SDH-Bhanjanagar. While counseling the patient, Mr. Sanuja Mohanty, Counselor, ARTC-SDH-Bhanjanagar came to know that the couple was in need of financial support as their living conditions weren't good. In consultation with DPM, DAPCU, the counselor provided information to the couple to apply for the Biju Pakka Ghara Yojana and helped them in filling up the application for Biju Pakka Ghara Yojana. Sunita applied for a house under the Biju Pakka Ghara scheme in the year 2018. The Sub-Collector, Bhanjanagar sanctioned Rs. 1,30,000/- under the scheme for her house on 10-06-2019. Now the couple is living happily at their own house and is thankful to the government for its helping hand.

DAPCU Review Meeting

The Review Meeting on DAPCU activities was held on 16.07.19 in the Conference hall of OSACS under the Chairmanship of the Dr Pramod Meherda, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., Health & FW, in the presence of the Project Director, Special Secretary to Govt. MS & PH to Govt., DHS (O), DFW(O) and State TB Cell.



After the welcome address by Dr. H.P. Pattanaik, Special Secretary (PH), Dr. Pramod Kumar Meherda, Commissioner-cum-Secretary delivered his keynote address. He expressed his pleasure for achievement of Odisha in PPTCT Programme at National Level and also for the awareness programmes performed during Ratha Yatra.

Ms. Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar, Project Director, OSACS did a detailed analysis of the compiled DAPCU activities presented by Dr. Rama Ch. Rout, Addl. Project Director, OSACS in association with Dr. Anjana Panda, Jt. Director, OSACS and Sj. P.K. Sia, AD (M&E). During the review 45Nos. of officers were present and provided valuable inputs.



OSACS-NHM Convergence Meeting

The 8th Convergence Committee Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr Pramod Meherda, IAS, Commissioner Cum Secretary, H & FW Deptt and with the participation of MD, NHM, Joint Secy. to Govt. and PD, OSACS, Special



Secretary MS & PH, Director Health, Director FW, Director PH, PO Unicef and other health officials. The members of the Committee assemble biannually to review the PPTCT and various convergence related activities and take policy decisions for smooth implementation of the programme. In the said meeting new proposals for HIV Screening at 35 SNCU & 48 NRCs approved along with other decisions.

Annual Action Plan Meeting

Annual Action Plan Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Project Director Ms. Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar in the conference hall of OSACS along with the State level officials. As per the decision taken there will be training of left out Blood Bank personel at Regional level. ART Centers review, new TIs will be on board at Nabarangpur, Sambalpur, Puri or Khurdha, Opium Substitute Therapy (OST) center at Puri & Cuttack will be managed by Govt. deputed Doctors until further order. Referral and linkage of HIV-TB co-infection cases to increase. Orientation Training of MOs on Syndromic management of STI Cases to be done.



National Youth Day

Youths have been a key stakeholder OSACS in the different interventions that it makes. National Youth Day celebrated to mark the 157th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in the State Level function at IDCOL auditorium. Various competitions were conducted among the College students who were also a part of the Red Ribbon Club.



Sj. Pratap Jena, the then Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha as the Chief Guest kicked off the event by lighting the lamp. Hon'ble MLAs Sj. Bijay Kumar Mohanty and Sj. Priyadarshi Mishra, Major Dr. Kalpana Das, Honorary Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, and Odisha State Branch also graced the occasion. The dais was also honored by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pattnaik, Project Director, Sj. Baikuntha Nath Pradhan, Joint Director (IEC), OSACS and Under Secretary to Govt. Dept. of Health & Family Welfare.

Sj. Jena commended the initiatives taken by OSACS for spreading awareness among the public. The new cases of AIDS are on the decline. He emphasized that his government is focusing on the welfare of the youth, the future generation of the country. It is a progressive step towards the AIDS free Odisha.

Other dignitaries sharing the dais underlined the importance of youths as a change agent. They called upon the youths to lead their life in a healthy atmosphere with positivity and to make the society HIV free.

Earlier, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pattnaik, Project Director had heartily welcomed the guests and participants. He stressed that the involvement of the youth in fight against AIDS was crucial. He talked about empowering the youth by offering them the support they need to protect themselves against the virus. Through effective campaigns we can turn young people's enthusiasm, drive and dreams for the future into powerful tools for tackling the epidemic.

Sj. Baikuntha Nath Pradhan, Joint Director (IEC), and Under Secretary delivered the vote of thanks to the honorable dignitaries and the participants. He said that Youth-friendly health services are vital for HIV prevention. He also stressed that youths should be educated about the means and modes of HIV transmission and also the about the services available in the state for the infected and affected persons. He called upon the youths to pledge to wipe out AIDS from our state and help the nation to build a HIV/AIDS free society.



Debate and Painting Competitions



Prior to the state level celebration of National Youth Day -2019 in Bhubaneswar, district level debate and painting competitions were organized among the youths involving Red Ribbon Club members. The winners from the district level competitions

participated in the state level debate and painting competition organized on 11th Jan, 2019 at Indian Red Cross Society, Bhubaneswar. The objective of these competitions was to spread awareness among the students about HIV/AIDS.

Quiz, Rangoli, Handicraft and Alpana



At the state level function, an instant quiz programme was organized and small gifts were also distributed to those who answered the questions. Rangoli, Alpana, handicraft competition were also organized where the students from



different Red Ribbon Clubs participated and the prizes were distributed for the those events.

Flagging off of IEC Vans



At the state level venue five IEC exhibition vans were flagged off. These vans were cover 120 villages, in five districts i.e. Bargarh, Cuttack, Sambalpur, Rayagada, Nabarangpur by propagating awareness messages on HIV/AIDS within a span of next 40 days. 41 folk troupes also were to accompany the IEC vans and performed their programmes..

Unveiling of Booklets

For the first time a booklet on Red Ribbon Club (RRC) activities was unveiled on this occasion that showcased all



the activities undertaken by the RRCs. Booklets on World AIDS Day activities unveiled.

ACTIVITIES DURING RATH YATRA

Ratha Yatra is one of the grandest festivals and believed to be the oldest chariot festival in the world. Puri Ratha Yatra, 2019 was celebrated on 4th July, Thursday. Millions of devotees from different parts of the country and abroad witnessed the spectacle. OSACS has been using this platform for awareness on HIV/AIDS among millions of devotees and tourists. Through IEC stalls, hoardings and city bus branding awareness messages disseminated.

City Bus branding:

Puri is one of the most visited places of India which attracts



thousands of tourists every year from all across India and abroad. Considering this, a new initiative has been taken by OSACS to display the messages through the city bus which is an effective medium for reaching the audiences of all ages. This creative bus branding will continue for 5 months with the key message.



IEC stall at Pallishree mela:

During the 9 days of festival, everyday thousands of people visited to the stall from 10 A.M to 10 P.M. There were ICTC counselor, TI personnel who completely managed the stalls and responded to the queries of the visitors on various

issues related to the HIV/AIDS. IEC materials like leaflets, booklets, posters, were also distributed in the stalls along with the contraceptives (condoms). In addition to that a quiz programme was arranged for the visitors and the winners were awarded with small prizes.



Hoardings at major locations:

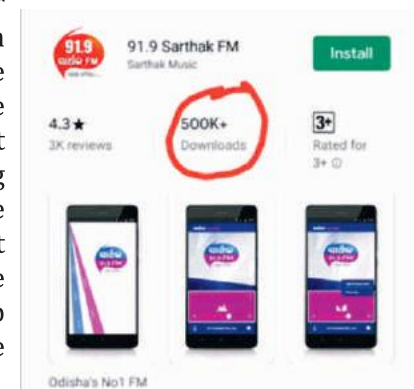
To spread the message on “Know your Status” and National Toll Free No.1097, through the hoardings, five key locations



were identified to installed the hoardings i.e. Bus stand, Railway Station, VIP road, Sea Beach and Grand avenue(Bada Danda).

Message through AIR & Private FM radios:

Radio spots on “Know you Status” were broadcasted by AIR-Cuttack on the day of Car Festival, on 4th July, 2019. Other private FM channels also were roped in to broadcast the message. One among these channels is the “Sarthak”, that broadcasted the message through its mobile app along with airing the message.



Best Exhibitor Award in the National Consultation at Ahmadabad

Two day 'National Consultation on Adolescent HIV/AIDS' was held at Ahmedabad, Gujrat on 13th & 14th of June, 2019. OSACS participated in this national consultation that was jointly organized by NACO, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India and UNICEF.

The dais and with the lighting of the lamp. Dr. Rajesh Rana, National Consultant (IEC &MS), Dr. Gagan Gupta, OIC Chief of Health, UNICEF, Dr. Zoya Rizvi, Assistant Commissioner, MoHFW, Govt of India., Dr. Saroj Yadav, Dean, NCERT, Dr.



Bilali Camara, Country Director, UNAIDS, Dr. Naresh Goel, DDG (IEC & MS), NACO, Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Commissioner of Health, Govt. of Gujarat & Project Director, Gujarat SACS, Mr. Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary, NACO were in attendance.

A total of 5 nos. of technical session was held where



the guests and SACS were participated. Combating challenges faced by Adolescents in health sector specially HIV/AIDS, India's initiative on Adolescent and Young people, showcasing Best Practices in Adolescence Health Programme, best practices under Red Ribbon clubs, best practices under out of school youth (OSY), MoHFW.



After the sessions by states, a presentation was shown on Draft guidelines for OSY and convergence of OSY with youth clubs by consultant, NACO. Then group work was presented on RRC, AEP and OSY with Adolescents & HIV. The workshop concluded with the closing remarks by NACO consultant.

Odisha Judged as best exhibitor

OSACS also participated in the IEC exhibition and displayed its messages through paintings related to PPTCT, IEC materials and the awareness among the youth on the risks of HIV/AIDS and its prevention. Ms. Smruti Sagarika Kanungo, AD,(D & P) represented from OSACS in the two days of programme. and explained the importance of the paintings and other IEC materials before the judges during their visits to the stall. Among the dignitaries, Dr. Bilali Camara, Country Director, UNAIDS, Dr. Zoya Rizvi, MoHFW, Dr. Saroj Yadav, Dean, NCERT visited and the OSACS was adjudged the Best exhibitor by the panel of judges in their evaluation.

“Know your status” campaign Awareness & Screening in collaboration with Paradip Port Trust”

Historically the port cities are more vulnerable to diseases like HIV/AIDS due to the mix of the population, strong presence of a transport sector, tourism etc. Paradeep in the most important port town in the state and has vulnerabilities. Taking this into consideration, OSACS, Dept of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of Odisha in collaboration with Paradip Port Trust launched a two days campaign on “Know Your Status” on 28th and 29th of June, 2019.

The main objectives of the campaign was to involve more and more of vulnerable people in the campaign so that they know their status with respect to HIV/AIDS.

Secretary PPT, Sj. Bimal Kumar Jha inaugurated the campaign and urged the employees of PPT, CISF and others to participate in the campaign and know their status. He



said that 2030 agenda of Sustainable Development affirms the commitment for ending this epidemic globally. But for this achievement, we have to make radical changes in the upcoming years which needs a commitment from every level; from health infrastructure to all the members of the port, civil society and Non-Governmental Organizations. So today is an opportunity to accelerate our efforts to eliminate AIDS and amplify the impact of investments in HIV.

Chief Medical Officer of Paradip Port Hospital Dr. Prahallad Kumar Panda, a key person in organizing this Campaign, requested all present there to give their best to put an end to

the worldwide scourge of HIV/AIDS. He also added that to enhance the effectiveness of the campaign, all the PPT staffs should undergo screening, know their status and act in accordance with the need.

A positive speaker, who himself is an HIV positive, shared his experience with the audience. His interaction was aimed at reducing the stigma attached to the virus and how the inspections could be done by early warning signs.

The podium was then handled by the Asst. Director, (D&P), OSACS, Ms. Smruti Sagarika Kanungo. She emphasized the need to welcome the opportunities that accompanied the campaign. She highlighted the fact that even in case of a person testing positive, the life does not end there. So we have to join hands to “know our status” and make the programme successful.

On this occasion the port officials present were Chief advisor (finance)-Surendra Kr. Sahu, Chief Engineer- Shri H. Ramachandran Rao, Chief Technical Engineer- Shri Saroj Kr.



Das and the Nodal officer- Dr. Mayarani Devi. The officials from OSACS Er. Ajay Kr. Patra- Asst. Director (GIPA) and Shri Rakesh Mahapatra TE - TSU also were present.

Awareness & Screening

During the two days campaign on “Know Your Status” awareness on HIV/AIDS were spread through Folk programs, Magic shows at HIV screening points, display of banners, posters, distribution of IEC materials, awareness spots displayed through the four LEDs of PPT and counseling of whoever needed. The HIV screening was done

among the Officials, CISF posted at Paradip Port, port workers and local community.

On the first day a total 696 people turned up for screening. The turnout was a big achievement in the face of the innumerable stereotypical problems that stood in the way. The administrative gate witnessed the turnout that rose to 108 of which 101 were males, and 7 were females, that was in itself an achievement. On the second day of the campaign, 442 participants volunteered for screening.

The results of this evaluation demonstrated that the “Come Together and Get Screened for HIV” campaign resulted in screening of HIV and data collection for almost 1153 people from the Port area, and eight numbers of individuals found reactive. These data suggests that the campaign's goals—to raise awareness regarding the HIV epidemic, to sustain



timely screening, and to identify previously unrecognized infections—were in part achieved.

Through this scale-up of population-based HIV screening resulted in establishing port wide HIV testing processes that laid the foundation for the implementation of test-and-treat activities in the port area. The campaign was a long sighted attempt to unravel and unburden the age old stigma of HIV/AIDS virus being synonymous to a dead end.

PPT wished to do more campaign with OSACS in future. Tourist and Staff Bus branding on HIV/AIDS awareness needs to be done and there is a need of more wall paintings inside port area. Inclusion of HIV/AIDS programme in different programmes of PPT is another initiative that needs to be taken up.

International Youth Day 2019

International Youth Day (IYD) is celebrated annually on August 12 to recognize the efforts of the world's youth in enhancing the global society. It also aims to promote ways to get them more actively involved in making positive contributions to their communities.

The theme of International Youth Day 2019, was “Transforming Education”. But NACO had decided to celebrate it with the theme “Be educated about HIV” as youths are more vulnerable towards the HIV infection. The day was celebrated with participation of youths from different sections of the society at the district as well as state level in the rallies, paintings, poster making competitions, debates, skit, song & dance, quiz and essay competitions conducted in various institutions having the Red Ribbon Clubs.

The State level celebration was organized between 9th Aug to 13th August, 2019 in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, (IRCS), Odisha State Branch (OSB), Bhubaneswar, B.K. College of Art & Craft College, SBI, Mahanadi Coal Fields limited & Reliance Foundation.

Canvas painting competition was held among the students of B.K. Art & Craft College on the theme of “Be educated about HIV” on 9th of Aug. The best three paintings have been awarded.



Sand Art on 11th Aug. organised with the support of State Bank of India, Treasury Branch, the concept / theme of International Youth the day Day has been displayed through sand Art by the professionals.



The sand sculptures was on display for more than a fortnight with the awareness message of HIV/AIDS. The

sand sculpture was inaugurated by Dr. Anjana Panda, JD (HIV/AIDS). On this occasion Establishment Officer-cum-Joint Director (IEC) Sj. Suvendu Patnaik and other dignitaries from OSACS and TSU with TI staffs were present.

Youth Sensitization

On this occasion of IYD, youth representatives from various colleges (more than 400) have been sensitized about the HIV/AIDS and the theme “Be educated about HIV”. The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) had scheduled a training of Youths from 11th Aug to 12th Aug as a part of their programme where a space for awareness for HIV/AIDS was created after mobilization with the Honorary Secretary Red Cross Society.

Drawing, Debate & Essay Competitions

A drawing competition was held among the students of



different colleges on 11th Aug at Nilanchal Polytechnic on the chosen theme.

13 students participated in a debate competition to speak on the theme “Youth and HIV/AIDS”. Essay competition brought in students to write on “Youth and HIV/AIDS”.

Talk/sensitization on HIV/ AIDS. HIV/AIDS sensitization session was conducted by Dr. Bijay Behera, TSU. After one session (45 mins) of discussion on HIV/ AIDS relating to youth instant quiz among the youth was conducted and the winners were awarded.

Meeting

The state level meeting was started with welcome address by Major Dr. Kalpana Das, Honorary Secretary, of Indian Red Cross Society. She highlighted the significance of the day and urged the cadets to make the state & country developed.



She also stressed that HIV & AIDS was a concern for the whole country, and that the event was an opportunity to learn and share about the issues of HIV/ & AIDS. The Honorable guests were present in the meeting were Dr. B. K. Brahma, Special Secretary, H & FW Deptt., Dr. Manas Ranjan Samantray, Director SBTC, Dr. Ramachandra Rout, Addl. Project Director, OSACS. Guests in their address stressed that it is a privilege to welcome all the youths on this special occasion as it is an opportunity for government and others to draw attention to the youth concerning issues of the nation. All the guests motivated the youths to come forward to talk about issues related to them and to focus on involving more and more youth at mass level for awareness about HIV/AIDS. Towards the end of the meeting, the winners of the competitions held on 11th Aug, 2019 were awarded with trophies.

IYD Celebration at Khorda

IYD was celebrated in Khorda district on 12th August 2019. A public meeting was organized at P.N.College Khorda with the Youth participants from different colleges of the district. The colleges having the Red Ribbon Club had participated in it.

Activities carried out in collaboration with Reliance Foundation

During the observation of IYD, multiple activities were carried out with the support of Reliance Foundation.

Multi location audio conference

A multi location audio conference was organized by Reliance Foundation on 11th Aug at the State level venue, Nilachal Polytechnic. In this programme, telephone calls related to queries on HIV/AIDS were received from different parts of Odisha and the Resource person, Dr. Bijay Kumar Behera, Technical Expert, TSU addressed the queries and publicized 1097 toll free number. The programme continued for about 2 and half hour.



Health check-up camp for all was organized at Reliance Petrol Pump, Khordha, NH-16 where the general health check-up along with HIV screening and awareness was conducted.

The ICTC Counselor, LT of ICTC, DHH and TI staffs were deputed with testing kits to support of the programme. 121 persons got themselves tested and IEC materials were distributed. The health camp was inaugurated by Dr.



Ramachandra Rout, Addnl. Project Director, OSACS in presence of Dr. Anjana Panda, JD(HIV/AIDS) and Establishment Officer-cum-Joint Director(IEC) Sj. Suwendu Patnaik and other officials from OSACS. ICTC staffs along with Sj. Dibyakanta Nayak, State Coordinator & Sj. Prasanta Panda, District Coordinator from the Reliance Foundation were present in the camp.

Youtube live Phone in. College students (RRC colleges) were linked through the YouTube Channels provided by Reliance Foundation within a prescribed time period (3.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M.). The students were directly connected with the link and took part in the discussion based on the theme. Apart from this the listener/viewer were also given time for their queries and simultaneously were addressed by the



assigned (Resource persons) Dr. Ramachandra Rout, Addl. PD, OSACS, Dr. Anjana Panda, JD(HIV/AIDS) & Dr. Bijay Kumar Behera, TSU.

The link was shared with colleges and all service delivery units of OSACS. Besides, the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?V=SA15yGC0cKk> was published in the leading Odia daily newspaper "Sambad" for wider participation.

Advertisement in SAMBAD

During the occasion paper advertisement based on the theme and content of HIV/AIDS was published in the Odia daily SAMBAD in all editions on 12th and 13th August 2019. It highlighted 1097 national toll free number and for YouTube live phone in.

Voice SMS

Free voice SMS were in boxed to 15lakhs irrespective of network during the occasion of IYD on 12th August 2019. The voice SMS were s follows:

SNIPPETS

8th State PPTCT Steering Committee Meeting

PPTCT Steering Committee Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of PD, OSACS, Mrs Yamini Sarangi, IAS and participation of other officials of Health, NHM, OSACS and other developmental partners like UNICEF, ARUAN, Plan India, Lepira Society, KNP+ etc.

This quarterly meeting of PPTCT programmes discusses the achievements, gaps and challenges and takes decisions.

Training on PPTCT /HCTS for NUHM paramedical and Public Health Managers: A one batch training programme was organized on 3.01.2019 for NUHM public health managers where 67 participants (APM, CPM & PHM) took part.

Again a three batches of training was organized for NUHM paramedical and PPP hospital on 4th Jan & June respectively where 168 nos. of SN, ANM & LT of these facilities were trained.

With this 92 numbers of NUHM facilities can now be up scaled for HIV/Screening activities and declared as FICTCs.

Community level HIV/Syphilis Screening for ANC Mother

With the aim to achieve the elimination of HIV/Syphilis infection from Mother to Child by the year 2020, two districts namely Nabarangpur and Kandhamal have saturated the screening of both to its VHND/UHND on 12.2.2019 and 25.1.2019 and the screening is now the part of the ANC package of services on Mamata Day. The ANC mothers now do not need to avail these services by visiting the upper health facilities. Rather they can opt for it in their village.

From the saturation day, Nabarangpur has identified 5 cases of HIV reactive cases and subsequently confirmed the test at Confirmatory facilities at DHH and all the couples were connected to ART services.

Data Triangulation and Validation Workshop

For equal reporting of HIV and Syphilis indicators in both the NHM and OSACS reporting software on completion of the VHND saturation of HIV/Syphilis screening, data triangulation and validation workshop was organized at Kandhamal involving the NHM, OSACS data managers and counselors on 12.06.19 in which 82 participants of Bolangir and Kandhamal participated.

Data Triangulation Workshop a Nabarangpur

For effective reporting of VHND HIV/Syphilis screening in both the NHM & OSACS portal one batch orientation cum data triangulation programme was held at DHH, Nabarangpur on 27 .06.19 in which all the ICTC & NCD counselors and data manager, NHM of all blocks and district of Nabarangpur participated.

Orientation of Medical Officers on HIV/Syphilis Screening

One batch orientation programme was organized at DHH, Nabarangpur for all the Medical Officers of the district on 28.06.19 in which total 32 MOs and BPMs participated for quality monitoring of HIV/Syphilis screening at VHND/UHND Platform.

One day Sensitization cum biannual review on PPTCT for ADMO (FW), DPM DAPCU, DM-RCH (NHM) & Counselor, ICTC-II"

Two batches of one day sensitization cum review organized on 29th & 30th April involving 15 districts on each day and the participants were ADMO (FW), DMRCH, and ICTC-2 Counselors & DAPCU DPM. The district wise achievement on PPTCT programme was disseminated and focus was on different gaps & challenges so as to achieve the EMTCT by 2020. The four districts were Bolangir, Kandhamal, Ganjam & Nabarangpur who have saturated the HIV/Syphilis screening activities in VHND platform in their district best practices. Total 97 numbers of participants attended the meeting.

ICTC staff review

Four batches of review cum sensitization of Counselors on Basic Services Components were done at Hotel Sutrupti from 19th to 22nd Feb 2019, in which total 292 counselors & LTs participated. The center wise performance in different programme indicators was reviewed and action suggested for bridging the gaps before the next review.

One day training on software SIMS & PALS

One day orientation on PALS & SIMS for ICTC Counselors was conducted on 18th,20th,22nd of April,2019 at Panthanivas for capturing 100% reporting and ensuring qualitative data in the HIV/AIDS. Total 192 counselors participated in this programme.

DAPCC meeting

The meeting was conducted on 07.06.19 under the chairmanship of Collector and District Magistrate Angul at collector's chamber.

Sensitization programme in Industries

The programme was conducted at Aditya Birla on 22.6.19. In the same programme DPM DAPCU Angul, Project Coordinator RNTCP and M&E Assistant DAPCU Angul joined as a resource persons and discussed on various issues related to HIV/ AIDS and TB. 30 Supervisors attended the programme as master trainer and gave the training to other staff on these issues.

Awareness programme at JSPL

Awareness cum Training programme for the JSPL staff was organized on 03.8.19 at JSPL premises under the chairmanship of JSPL H. R head. CMO JSPL, Medical officer JSPL. Assistant Director (D&P) OSACS IEC, Assistant Director (GIPA) Coordinator OSACS, PO ELM TSU, DPM DAPCU Angul Programme Manager TI USS joined as resource person.

MOU signed under ELM

MOU was signed with NALCO on 19.08.19 for implementation of ELM model and for starting FICTC at NALCO.

STI/RTI Service Delivery

Medical officers and paramedical staffs were given a one day training programme on "Screening for Syphilis during

Pregnancy" at District Level in a joint effort with NHM, Odisha. The districts where the program was conducted are Angul (28/03/2019 & 04/04/2019, 104 participants, Balasore (15-16/03/2019, 75 participants), Bargarh (04/02/2019 - 47 participants), Bhadrak (28-29/03/2019-93 participants), Dhenkanal Training (12/04/2019 & 17/04/2019 - 23 participants), Jagatsinghpur (28/03/2019 & 30/03/2019 - 59 participants), Kendrapara (10-11/04/2019-70 participants), Mayurbhanj (11-12/04/2019 - 81 participants), Nayagarh (12.4.2019 - 73 participants, Puri (18-19/03/2019- 75 participants), Sundergarh (25-26/04/2019-92 participants)

Red Ribbon Club

Red Ribbon Club is a movement started by the Government of India in schools and colleges through which, students will spread awareness over HIV / AIDS. To eradicate the menace of HIV/AIDS is a common cause and concern for everybody, and this can be achieved with the concerted and collective efforts at different levels. Keeping in view Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs) opened up in colleges are observed International Youth Day and as their yearly event they are observing World AIDS Day, National Youth Day, Blood Donation Day and other activities related to HIV/AIDS in their respective colleges. As per the guideline of RRCs yearly event th, almost all the colleges having RRCs observed the day with different activities.

Inter departmental coordination meeting for Draft AAP

An inter departmental coordination meeting for preparation of draft Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2019-20 of IEC & Mainstreaming activities was conducted under the chairmanship of the Joint Director IEC, Sj. Baikuntha Natha Pradhan. AD (D&P), AD(GIPA), staffs from TSU and dignitaries from Govt. Deptts. W & CD & MS, SSEPD, Panchayatiraj & DW, Sports & Youth, Road Transport, Housing & Urban Development, SIH&FW, NHM, OSMCL and representatives from stakeholders i.e, SAATHI, Vihaan, Lepira and other stakeholders were present and share their valuable suggestions. In the meeting new ideas came up i.e, wall painting to be done in 9Nos. of circle jails, where jail intervention programme is going on and BCC material for Jail inmates i.e., Indoor games for jail inmates incorporating the HIV/AIDS message to be developed.

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AIDS control society plans free awareness camps on Monday

Sandeep Mishra: The Odisha State AIDS Control Society (OSACS) has planned an array of activities for the upcoming International Youth Day on August 12. It will sensitise the masses about HIV/AIDS and help the state overcome the burden of the disease in a proper manner. The activities are planned to sensitise the youth about HIV/AIDS. OSACS director Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar said. As part of the plan, a youth sensitization programme will be organised in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society across more than 400 col-



leges. The programme, which will be organised on the theme 'Be Educated about HIV', will be held on August 11 and 12. Prior to the programme in colleges, a 45-minute sensitization event will be organised for the volunteers where they will be imparted knowledge on HIV/AIDS. It will be followed by an instant quiz contest. Officials said that signatru campaigns will also be held in colleges with banners put up for the youths to express their views on HIV/AIDS. The banners will be available at the training venue for four days. Debate and essay competitions will also be organised during the event. "An OSACS official said. A YouTube live phone-in programme will be held with students from 30 colleges. The students will be connected directly and will take part in discussions based on the theme. Besides, the viewers will also be given a chance to raise their queries. There will also be a free health check, up camp, along with HIV screening, at the Beliance petrol pump in Khurda.

'AIDS will be eliminated from state by 2030'

Times News Network: Bhubaneswar: The Odisha State AIDS Control Society (OSACS), in association with the Indian Red Cross, Odisha state branch, on Saturday observed National Youth Day here to raise awareness on the disease among the younger generation. The government said HIV/AIDS would be eliminated in the state by 2030. Data revealed that of the 46,247 HIV positive cases reported in the state between 2012 and 2018, nearly 38 per cent were youths in the age group of 15 to 35. It was also found that last year, the state recorded 2,492 new HIV positive cases, of which again 38 per cent (962 people) were youths. "Our government is focusing on the welfare of the youths since they are the ones who will help build a better nation. The cases of AIDS are coming down but a lot more is yet to be done," said health minister Pratap Jena, while attending the state-level celebration of National Youth Day here. He added that efforts were being made to rid the state of HIV/AIDS by 2030. "Three years ago, an average of 3,000 new cases would be reported. It has come down to 2,422," he said.

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