

# Muktaa Charitable Foundation Samvad HIV AIDS Helpline

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Annual Report 2012-13

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## **Our Vision**

To make a significant impact on the epidemic of HIV and AIDS

## **Our Principles**

A compassionate, non judgmental attitude, accuracy of information and highest ethical standards with respect to privacy and confidentiality.

## OUR USP: Quality Of Our Service

MCF counselors go way beyond giving information while taking a call at helpline by helping the callers to deal with various emotional situations like Anxiety, Depression or panic with a positive regards.

QUALITY counseling involves Disclosure of HIV positive report to the partner, Discussion about pre-marital HIV testing, Discussion about marrying a person who is HIV positive, Discussion about having/ not having children if the parents are positive, Behavior modification when a person's HIV report comes negative after high risk exposure, Change in life style if HIV test is positive

These are few of the examples to show that our counselors are experts in Life-skill counseling.

"We are aware that our Helpline services will remain useful and life-changing only if we continue to focus on maintaining and increasing the standards of our counseling and call taking process and skills. Towards this we have, in the last year, designated a senior counselor as a Quality Manager whose key responsibility includes monitoring calls, providing feedback, mentoring and ensuring training to upgrade skills."

## Samvad HIV Helpline At A Glance

- Calls accepted 9:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Saturday, except public holidays in Maharashtra and Bihar
- ◎ 10 phone lines on hunting with 9 full time and 1 part time counselors
- Service in Marathi, Hindi, English
- Total number of people calling helpline from October 2005 March 2013: Over 1.67 lakh.

Key Figures				
	Maharashtra		Bihar	
	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13
Calls in the year	18,899	23759	12,944	14336
Average calls per day	60	78.14	41	47.16
Cost Per Call	68	72.29	198	137.26
How Each Rupee Was Sp	ent?			
People	67 paisa	74 paisa	41 paisa	66 paisa
Promotion & Equipment	25 paisa	19 paisa	48 paisa	28 paisa
Admin	8 paisa	7 paisa	11 paisa	6 paisa
Donations Received	1,302,247	2,646,288	2,433,909	2,074,688

## Feedback from our donors

"I have been associated with Muktaa and the team for many years, and always been impressed with their dedication, professionalism and focus. But what really separates them form many other NGOs is their dedication to quality and their desire to provide world class assistance to the needy.

"While it may be hard to quantify Muktaa's impact, I am certain that they have changed many lives over the years, and when HIV is eliminated from India many years from now, Muktaa's immense contribution will be remembered and extolled"

## What our counselors feel about organization

"Commendable thing is trust do not take any Government funds still the functioning is very smooth without any financial problem"

"Very introspective appraisal every year with timely feedback for improvement"

"Remarkable transparency in regular reporting and financials"

"No hierarchy. Relation between staff and trustees is very friendly; staff can share their opinion and problems without inhibitions"

"Organization is very particular about standards and quality. Own policies are formulated to provide best to the society"

"Facilitate to personal & professional growth"

"Timely recreational activities are carried out to keep the morale of the counselors high"

"Freedom for express views regarding new concept"

## Journey : 2012 - 2013

## AASHA:

Under Project AASHA, those visiting government treatment centers can make free calls to seek solutions to problems related to the treatment and other issues. During the year 12-13, we received 7029 from this initiative started in Pune, Akola, Nagpur and Kolhapur.

## SAMPARK:

Sampark helps us to reach out to illiterate and rural population and provide them free calls to the helpline via link workers in the field. We have Sampark service operational at 7 centers namely Pune, Akola, Latur, Amravati, Buldhana and Sindhudurga. We have reached 753 youngsters in rural area with this initiative.

## ANKUR SPARSH :

MCF volunteer counselors conducted sessions for disclosure of HIV status to affected children. SPARSH BALGRAM is an orphanage that has 18 children affected by HIV. Out of these 12 HIV positive children in various age groups were taken for counseling. According to age different level of disclosure was done.

- > Under 8 years: Partial disclosure.
- > From 8 to 12 years: Complete disclosure without sexual mode of transmission.
- From 12 to 14 years: Complete disclosure with awareness about sexuality.
- Aids ORPHAN a U.K based organization has guided and encouraged us in this activity.

## SAKAV:

In India, people in the age group of 15-29 years are at highest risk of contracting HIV infection. Amongst many reasons, lack of access to correct information about the risks of contracting HIV and means of protecting themselves from the infection make them vulnerable. **Sakav project** was conceived jointly by Kirloskar Oil Engines LTD and

MCF to bridge this gap. "**Sakav**" in Konkani language means a small bridge - a small step that takes us to the other side of the hurdle. We conducted in OCT 12 and Dec 12 at Tikaram Jagannath College, more than 300 students have been benefited by the noble initiative. Sessions included lectures, interactive sessions, and Q-A sessions to clarify myths and misconceptions regarding HIV and STDs

#### SMS Reminders:

Reminders are sent to those in treatment for medicine refills and testing. We aim to reduce dropout and increase adherence. Till date we send SMS at regular basis to 705 patients on treatment from government sector.

## Call Back Service (CBS):

Many callers try as many as 20 times a day when lines are busy. For such callers, a **call back service** has been started. We have implemented a digital EPABX solution using which we provide an announcement for callers when our lines are busy. The announcement provides an option to give a missed call to a cell phone number, signifying consent to call back. Our counsellors then call the person back during off peak hours. This year we have responded to 1347 such calls.

## Ahmadabad Helpline:

The response to the helpline service for Ahmadabad had not been very encouraging forcing us to discontinue it in Feb 13. We have taken total 97 calls from Ahmadabad.

#### Promotion

Year 12-13 was a busy year with different activities going on throughout the year. HIV training sessions were conducted for CASP, CYDA, Tikaram College, SNDT College, Shree Chatrapati Shivaji Junior college, Abhinav College, Samajbhushan Ganpatrao Kalbhor College, Leprosy Hospital, and Indospace Rohan Industrial Park etc.

We participated in Muktaa Arogya Pradarshan, Wake up Pune rally, World AIDS Day rally, Sakal Agrowan exhibition, Positive Melava etc.

## **New Services**

## WeCAN:

India has the highest number of oral cancer cases in the world. Of 7-8 lakh registered cancer cases every year, 40% are of oral cancer. Annually 130,000 people succumb to oral cancer in India 60 to 80 % present in advanced stage. **14 people, mostly young, die of oral cancer every hour.** Doctors in the community need to be motivated and trained to screen and diagnose oral cancer at early stage. Also, awareness and screening for oral cancer of at risk population like women in slum area and workers in industrial area help in tobacco de-addiction and early detection of oral cancer. Thus was born WECAN. For training of doctors, we have designed a training module with experts from **TATA Memorial Centre, Mumbai.** In Sept 12, we have started training of doctors in batches. Till now we have completed training of 250 doctors in 3 batches. We have tied up with regional doctors associations for the same.

## TB Helpline:

1.8 million new cases occurring every year in India. Every day more than 5000 develop TB disease and 1000 people die of TB in India: the highest number in the world. 2 young people die every 3 minutes. Tuberculosis is a treatable and preventable disease. What is needed is knowledge about the disease.

Learning from the experience of running helpline in HIV, we feel there is also a dire need for helpline in TB. Like HIV, TB is also a disease with lot of fear stigma and discrimination. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 we added TB as Helpline. Till March 13, we have taken 23 TB related calls.

## **Other Developments**

#### Fund raising Event:

This year we receive Rs. 26,46,288/- as donations for Maharashtra

A musical entertainment program was arranged on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013. "dMAST", a professional group sang R. D. Burman songs for audience of over 400. This program generated Rs. 1,94,294/-. We thank all donors for their support.

#### Health Insurance:

We feel that our counselors should remain healthy and get timely medical care if required. We encouraged them to take Mediclaim Policy. MCF subsidised to the extent of Rs. 1000/- per person. Now all counselors have Mediclaim Policy.

#### Collaboration with various government and nongovernment agencies:

This year was a year of networking and liaison. Mahila Samakhya is a State department cell in Bihar which works for women empowerment in different districts of Bihar. They have huge network all over state. We took HIV/STD sessions for their outreach workers who promote our number in their areas. Started in July 12, so far 15 sessions have been taken benefitting approximately 700 participants. Similarly, we have networked with CBCI, Kurji Holy family community care center, AASHRA, Jeevika, Plan India, India mission, Adarsh mahila shilp kala Kendra, Samstipur, Harijan Adivasi kshishan kalyan kendra, Sahrsa, Red cross society , Tara children home, Art college, Patna, Path, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sansthan, etc.

<u>**Tie up with MSACS</u>**: MSACS, the highest government body working for HIV in Maharashtra approved of our quality service and signed a MoU to prints SAMVAD Helpline number in all their promotional materials .</u>

## **Bihar Helpline:**

## Call Back Service (CBS):

- Call Back Service /CBS (Toll Free Service): We promoted one cell phone no on which callers can give a missed call. We then call them back. In a way we have started Toll free service which was our dream and it clearly show people really need this service as we are getting calls every day.
- Started on 12 Feb 2013
- Such a call back service is not available anywhere in India except at our Maharashtra Samvad helpline
- At present we are printing CBS no in all promotion material.
- Real Call Received 630 (Avrg 15 calls per day)
- Cost Per Call: Rs 3.97 (Lowest amongst all promotion channels)

## <u>Mahila Samakhya:</u>

- Mahila Samakhya: This is a State dept cell which works for women empowerment in different districts of Bihar. They have huge network all over state. We took HIV/STD sessions for their outreach workers who promote our no in their areas.
- Started in July 12, so far 15 sessions have been taken.
- Approximately 700 participants benefited, Average no of participants in a session is 28 and takes around 90 min.
- Through this we really reach to rural part without many efforts. As a result we are getting lot of CBS calls.

## **Promotion**

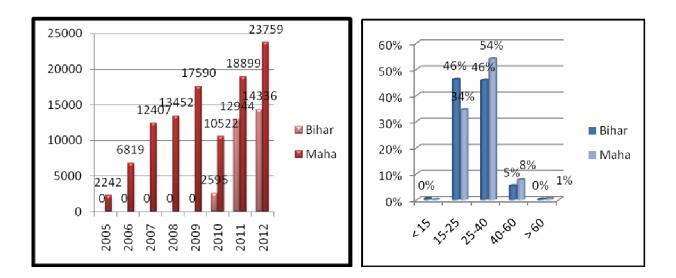
- Posters 4460, Flex small– 482, Big 57, Cards 33800, Leaflets 25000
- Print Media(News Paper/Magazine etc) Total Advt 9- Saral Saril, Madhur Kathye, Aaj, Hindustan Yuva, Hindustan, Sahara Samay,

<u>Awareness sessions, events and promotional activities</u>: Year 12-13 was a busy year with different activities going on throughout the year. HIV training sessions were conducted for CASP, CYDA, Tikaram college,SNDT college,Shree Chatrapati Shivaji Junior college, Abhinav College, Samajbhushan Ganpatrao Kalbhor college, Leprosy Hospital, Indospace Rohan Industrial Park etc. Also we participated in Muktaa Arogya Pradarshan, Wake up pune rally, World AIDS Day rally, Sakal Agrowan, Positive Melava etc.

## Plan for the next year

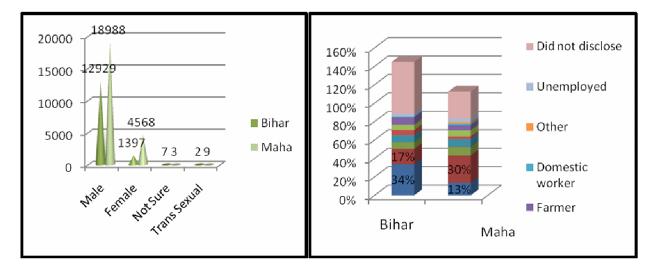
- 1. Awareness and sensitization for **1000 general practitioners** of Pune district in oral cancer screening and tobacco de-addiction.
- 2. Awareness sessions and oral cancer screening for 500 women in slum area.
- 3. Daily call target of 90 and cost per call of Rs 72 for Samvad HIV Helpline, Maharashtra
- 4. Daily call target of 60 and cost per call of Rs 143 for Samvad HIV Helpline, Bihar
- 5. Increase corpus by Rs 5 lakh to create sustainability.
- 6. Expand TB helpline service with dedicated promotion strategies and resources.
- 7. Start HIV helpline in a new state.

## **Comparative Statistics**



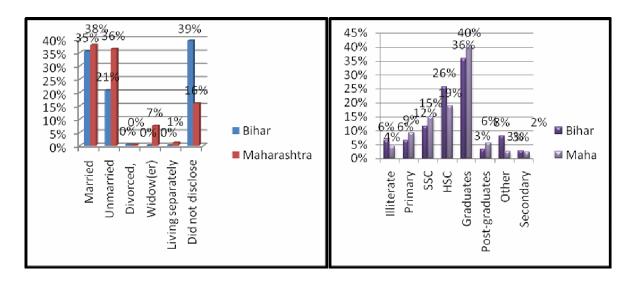
No of calls

Age group



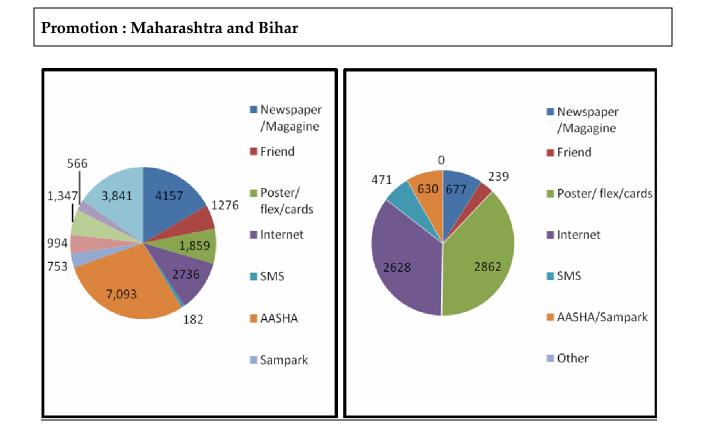
Gender

Occupation



**Marital Status** 

Education



#### Calls trend:

- Many students with h/o unprotected sexual relations with married women, girl friends as they had the myth those relations are safe. All were sent for HIV testing.
- Many married males gave h/o unprotected sexual exposure outside marital relationship and were advised HIV testing.
- Few HIV positive widow females counselled for prevention and introspection for their unpro sexual relations
- Few of the caller counselled for their attitude of blaming CSW as they are the only reason of spreading HIV, few of them were counselled for using projection as defence mechanism after having sexual relation with CSW.

#### Call Cases:

A middle aged Commercial Sex Worker who was newly diagnosed of having HIV infection called from Sasoon ART center. She was very worried about her health and future. She was told about care and management, life style changes and medicines. After 4 months she called back happily to thank the helpline Counselor that she took all the care which she been told and look forward to lead a healthy life.

A 20+ year old girl was sexually abused by her close relative when she was just a small child. Now when she started getting marriage proposals, she started fearing that she has HIV infection because of sexual abuse in childhood. Neither could she speak about this to anyone nor had the strength to go for HIV testing. Helpline Counselor gave her emotional support and counselled her about the pros and cons of getting tested. After few days, she called back with test report and shared jubilantly that her which was negative.

## Some of Our New Volunteers and Organizations

Counselor, Vita RH	Swyam Shukshan Prayog Trust
Counselor,Sangli,Miraj & Kupwada (MNPA-	Community AID & Sponsorship
Hospital)	Program
Counselor, Tasgaon RH	Maharashtra Samajik Vikas Trust
Counselor, Islampur SDH	Prakashyatri Rajapur
Counselor, Medical college, Miraj	Param Prasad Charitable Society
Counselor, Fule Hospital	SALAH
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Counselor, Shirala RH	Sarathi Trust
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Counselor, Kavate Mahakal SDH	Network of PLHIV, Latur
Anil More	Dr. Patil
Counselor, Kokrud RH	Manoj Raut
Counselor, Pulus RH	Network Of PLHIV, Akola
Counselor, Vangi RH	Network of PLHIV, Parbhani
Counselor, Jat RG	Abhinav College
Counselor, Madgyal RH	Sandeep Bhoslekar
Counselor, Belanki RH	Aajeevika Burio, Ahmadabad
Counselor, Ashta RH	Jedhe college
Counselor, Sankh PHC	S.P. college
Cunsellor, Khanapur PHC	SNDT college
Pramod Khakde	Tikaram Jagnnath College, Khadki
	Shree Chatrapati Shivaji Junior
CRTDP	College,
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Eleed Tellis	Shobha Karkamkar
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Marathwada Gramin Vikas Santha (MGVS)	Anil Ulmule
Network of Beed by people living with HIV/AIDS	Susmita Kodag
Jai Laxmi Shikshan Sanstha	Kojashree Kakriya
Matrubhumi (multipurpose Foundation)	Sayali Kollham
Jansahayog Pratisthan	Nitish Patil
Kaydhu Gram Vikas Prastisthan	Vaibhav Ranjangaonkar
Aadhar Bahhudeshiya Sanstha	Nitin Theurkar
Gramin Vikas Mandal (GVM)	CASP
Lotus Medical Foundation	Rajesh Shah
Jankalyan Vikas Mandal	Avadhotraj Tondle

## OUR DONORS IN 2012-13

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## Muktaa Charitable Foundation

- Muktaa Charitable Foundation is a not-for-profit, public trust formed by socially conscious citizens (Registration no: Maha 1215/2010 Pune).
- Muktaa began its journey on 5th October 2005 with 1 counselor and 1 phone line. Today we have 10 counselors on 10 lines; taking more than 100 calls a day!
- Envisaged, shaped and managed by like-minded individuals, Muktaa has been steadily gaining ground in its fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- Dedicated volunteers and highly trained counselors who attend the calls at the helpline run Muktaa.

## TRUSTEES

- Dr. Madhu Oswal. President
- Dr. Rupa Agarwal. Secretary
- Mrs. Ashwini Shinde Treasurer
- Dr. Prakash Mahajan Trustee
- Dr. Anuradha Tarkunde Trustee
- Mrs. Tanuja Beljekar Trustee
- Capt. Ashok Gole Trustee

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