

## Sangli Projects

### Health Project :

Yerala Projects Society (YPS) is implementing health and HIV/AIDS projects in Sangli district since its inception. Health programmes are focused to provide basic health services to the rural poor and the urban slum dwellers. We are implementing comprehensive HIV/AIDS programmes in the district in association with Zilla Parishad, UNICEF, AVERT Society, MSACS, INP+ etc..

Following are the various projects and the coverage during the year 2005- 2007.

### Reproductive and Child Health Programme :

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, appointed YPS as 'Mother NGO' to implement RCH II program in Sangli district. This programme covers the under served and unnerved areas of sangli district and is implemented through Field NGOs and MNGO. During these 2 years, 3 FNGOs are selected and field survey's conducted for identification of issues. Following areas and NGOs were selected for RCH II programme –

### Table showing FNGOs and Project Areas -

Sr. No.	Name of Field NGO	Project Area	Population Covered
1	Mahananda Vikas Prakalp	Shirasi, PHC	16924
2	SAVE Foundation	Umadi PHC	26230
3	Prakash Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha	Billur PHC	27464
	<b>Total</b>		<b>70802</b>

### STD/HIV/AIDS Programme :

Following are the various projects implemented under comprehensive HIV/AIDS Programming –

#### a. STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program Among Slum Population -



This programme is supported by AVERT Society, Mumbai. The main aim of the program is to create awareness about STD/HIV/AIDS among slum population. It has main four objectives –

- i. Increasing knowledge of STD/HIV/AIDS among slum population.
- ii. Condom promotion.
- iii. Increasing STI/RTI treatment seeking behavior and
- iv. Creating enabling environment.

Under this programme we have covered 36 slums in Sangli corporation area having 63500 population. The various activities implemented are – 1-1 sessions, 1-G sessions, street plays, video shows, exhibitions, folk arts, meeting and advocacy with stake holders, identification of STD /STI cases, linkages with service providers, referrals etc..

### **Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center :**

This programme is supported by AVERT Society, Mumbai. The main aim of this project is to provide quality Counseling and Testing Services to the people of Jath taluka in Sangli district. Jath taluka having population nearly 3 lacks, is one of the high prevalent for HIV/AIDS epidemic. The HIV awareness is low and counseling and testing services are low. This Center provides quality counseling and testing services to Jath population.

This center provided counseling for more than 2400 HRG population and conducted equal number of HIV testing.

### **Community Care Center for PLHIV :**

This program is also supported by AVERT Society, Mumbai. The main objective of this project is to provide quality care services to the People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) . The center is having 5-bedded hospital with medical officer, Nurse and the supporting staff. The PLHIV persons facing opportunistic infections will be admitted to this center for 1 to 15 days and basic treatment for opportunistic infections will e provided. During his stay, he will be provided with nutritious food, better life skills trainings, psycho-social support etc.. This center provided support to more than 15 PLHIV per month.

Under this programme, home based care services are provided to the people who are not in a position to come to the care center. This center is linked with Govt. hospitals in Sangli, Bijapur and RHCs to refer patients in case of higher treatment or emergency.

Through this programme, support groups ( PLHIV Self Help Groups) have been formed involving more than 65 PLHIV. This support groups will empower PLHIV through counseling, trainings and meetings.

### **Prevention From Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) :**

Yerala Projects Society is working as Nodal NGO for PPTCT project in sangli district. The project is supported by Maharashtra State AIDS Control Organisation, Mumbai aiming to prevent HIV transmission from parent to child of HIV +ve Parents.

This project is implemented through 19 ICTCs in the district through 35 peer educators, 1 counselor and 1 project coordinator. The project involves listing out of Ante Natal Mothers, counseling and motivating them for HIV testing.

Following table shows the monthly coverage under this project –

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Monthly Coverage</b>
1	Ante Natal Mothers (ANCs)	1900
2	ANC Partners	154
3	Children	92
4	Meeting with PLHIV	52

### **Rehabilitation Center for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS :**

YPS started rehabilitation center for the children, the parents (one or both) of whom died of HIV AIDS and the children of FSWs. This center accommodated 45 children and following services are provided –

- i. Hostel and boarding facilities.
- ii. Formal Education
- iii. Better life skills and value education.
- iv. Vocational trainings etc..

The project is run by the organization from its own funds generated by income generating activities. The rules and regulations are followed according to the guidelines provided by department of women child development, government of Maharashtra.

### **Sustainable Livelihood Mechanisms for the PLHIV :**

People Living with HIV/AIDS face all sorts of problems – health, social, economic etc.. YPS started income generating activities through PLHIV SHGs. This is one of the innovative project to make PLHIV to support themselves and stand on their own feet. This is a psychosocial project to empower PLHIV and create options for better living.

Through this projects more than 27 support groups (SHGs) involving more than 312 PLHIV members have been formed and are linked with financial institutions. These SHGs started monthly savings and also started internal lending for their family needs. These support groups are formed at least one in each block covering all 10 blocks of Sangli district.

These support groups are linked with one or the other income generating activities. Some of the members of these support groups are working as peer educators in comprehensive HIV/AIDS programme.

### **SPARSH Jeene Ki Kala :**

SPARSH Jeene Ki Kala is the programme focused to educate young people to know about STD/HIV/AIDS and to create awareness about better life skills. These young people will be trained for 5 days and they are work as village volunteers to cover 100% young population in their villages. Young people will form RED RIBBON CLUBS in every village to educate all.



This project is supported by Unicef, Mumbai under DISHA programme. This programme implanted as pilot project in two blocks of sangli district, viz. Miraj and Walwa. Under this project following targets were have achieved.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Total Coverage</b>
1	Number of Volunteers Trained	619
2	Number of villages covered	73
3	Number of Red Ribbon Clubs Formed	73

### **Training of Rural Youth :**

YPS conducts various trainings for the unemployed rural youth. So far 1750 students have been trained in various skills. Basic electrical and electronics, Motor rewinding, household wiring , repairs of domestic appliances are some of the trainings conducted so far by YPS. The training includes commercial matters like financial management, marketing etc.

### **Desertification and Climate change :**

Considering the micro level initiatives taken by YPS in creating awareness among the rural people and practically demonstrating various people centered activities like construction of “No wood houses”, “measures taken to arrest the washing off of soil” “Finding alternatives to traditional fuel wood” , United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has recognized YPS as it’s accredited organization.

### **Stitching Training :**

Goal of this project is to provide an opportunity to the poorest of poor women in inculcating stitching skill so that she could make additional earning. To form group of skilled women to start a stitching production unit. To elevate the social status of destitute women. To provide an opportunity to villagers to run a training programme in their village.



### **Target group:**

- The target group for this training is women from poor families, particularly widows, destitute, supportless.
- Age group 20-30 years.
- Resident of the same village.

**Features :**

180 women will be trained in one batch for 6 months.  
3 days per week and 5 hours per day.  
Training performance is being reviewed every after 2 months.  
Training place is provided by the villagers.  
Responsibility of safety of machines is of the villagers.  
Training will be supervised by YPS staff.  
Villagers ,YPS together appoint the trainer.  
Trainees are given stipend.

**Sustainability :**

Villagers utilise the stitching machines on non training days to train those women/ girls who can afford to pay fees. The collected amount is deposited in the women's group, which is used to run the training programmes.