

AIDS Prevention Society

- An NGO of North East India



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AIDS Prevention Society (APS), is a regional level Non Government Organisation (NGO) & an AIDS Service Organisation (ASO) of North East India based in Guwahati, in the state of Assam in India. AIDS Prevention Society has been involved in a number of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Control & Management Projects in this part of the country since its inception. Established in 1990-91, this civil society organisation, which is a registered society has implemented several integrated health management projects which are carried on either individually or in collaboration with other NGOs. The Organisation has been successfully implementing a number of intervention projects in the region with the support of various agencies and networking partners for slowing down the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the region & in providing care & support to those already infected. As a regional level NGO, the society is committed to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS & STDs and improve the overall health status of the people in the region.

VISION :

A world where there are no new HIV infections and people with HIV/AIDS and their families live with dignity.

MISSION :

The overall mission of AIDS Prevention Society (APS) is to prevent and control spread of HIV/AIDS/STDs and to provide care and support to those who are already infected.

OBJECTIVES OF APS :

- Improve the overall health status of disadvantaged, poor & marginalized population in North East India.
- Prevent HIV/AIDS/STDs - building awareness of HIV infections & promote safe and responsible behaviour in the community.
- Expand VCTC/ICTC services & provide HIV/AIDS treatment education & provide Care & Support to PLWHA (People Living With HIV/AIDS) without stigma & discrimination.
- Prevent Infectious & Communicable Diseases & address related public health programmes.
- Demystify HIV/AIDS and its treatment & improve HIV/AIDS infected patients' quality of life.
- Implement Reproductive Health Programmes (RCH) & health programmes for Women, Children, Youth & Students.
- Conduct AIDS Research & collaborate in AIDS Vaccine Initiatives & development & research on Microbicides
- Develop & maintain APS's human resources, physical infrastructures and organizational systems
- Make Advocacy for sound AIDS related public policy and individual rights & policy on access to essential medicines.
- Foster community through human connection and advocate supportive environment for people living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by the epidemic & establish & promote networks in the region.

As a regional level NGO & AIDS Service Organisation of North East India, the society is committed to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS & STDs and improve the overall health status of the people in the region.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF OPERATION :

- Targeted Intervention Programmes for slowing down the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in North East India among Injecting Drug Users (emphasizing Harm Reduction), Sex Workers, MSM, Truck Drivers, Migrant & Mobile Population & Street Children.
- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention programmes in the community & Care & Support Programmes for People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).
- Policy & Advocacy towards access to essential medicines in the North East India & access to OI & ART medicines for PLWHA.
- Reproductive Health Programmes (RCH).
- Women, Children, Youth & Students - development & health programmes.
- Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) of HIV & expanding VCTC services in the region
- Widows, Orphans & those affected by the AIDS epidemic.
- AIDS Vaccine Initiative & Resource Centre for HIV/AIDS information dissemination including research on HIV/AIDS/STD issues.
- Infectious & Communicable Disease prevention & related public health programmes.

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY APS

INTERVENTION WITH INJECTING DRUG USERS(IDUs), OTHER DRUG USERS AND THEIR SEXUAL PARTNERS One of the first harm reduction projects for Injecting Drug Users in the country along with Manipur & Nagaland states of North East India has been implemented by APS.

HALTING AIDS ON HIGHWAYS One of the first targeted intervention projects in the country for Truck Drivers & helpers for prevention of STDs/HIV/AIDS along the National Highway 37 at Beltola, Assam assisted by NACO, Govt. of India since 1994-95.

HEALTHY HIGHWAY PROJECT(HHP)- Intervention Project with Truck Drivers & Helpers AIDS Prevention Society has been implementing the STD/HIV prevention project for Truck Drivers, helpers and sex workers at Beltola-Basistha area along the NH 37 in Assam, India supported by DFID, British High Commission since July 1997 in the project area from Jalukbari to Jorabat along the NH 37 in five halt points - Jalukbari, Lohra, Beltola, Khanapara and Jorabat extending over a distance of 40 Kms.

HIGHWAY HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROJECT (HHMP) APS has successfully completed this ambitious project which is the first of its kind in the country. It is unique in the sense that three partner NGOs of the region APS, Bosco Reach Out (Legal Holder) and National Alliance Mission are jointly implementing this project as a network where Primary Health and Family Welfare Services are integrated with HIV/AIDS prevention and STD prevention and Management covering major areas along the highways in Meghalaya along the National Highways 37, 40 & 44.

RAJIV GANDHI WORKFORCE FOR PREVENTION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF AIDS IN NORTH EAST INDIA The objective of this project is to impart training on Prevention, Control & Management of HIV/AIDS/STDs to GPs (General Medical Practitioners) and NGOs (Non Governmental Organization) in North East India & encourage establishment & make available a mutually supportive network of GPs (General Medical Practitioners) and NGOs (Non Governmental Organization) in North East India and to facilitate the actual collaborative process in establishing the network. More than 600 GPs & NGOs have been trained under the project in Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram & Nagaland.

STREET LEVEL INTERVENTION FOR AIDS AWARENESS AMONG GENERAL POPULATION IN GUWAHATI CITY The project has been supported by the State Department of the US Government from 1st October 2002 in Guwahati City of Assam.

SMALL FAMILY NORMS PROJECT

TELEPHONE HOTLINE COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR HIV/AIDS "NACO -APS AIDS HOTLINE"- For the first time in North East India, a Telephone Hotline Counseling Services Project for HIV/AIDS has been initiated by APS & supported by National AIDS Control Organisation. NACO- APS AIDS Hotline with Toll Free Telephone number- "1097" being operated by AIDS Prevention Society in Guwahati City serves the need of the young people to access to information related to HIV/AIDS. Currently, the IVRS is supported by ASACS with the Toll free number "1051".

PROJECT SAKHI (AN INTERVENTION PROJECT AMONG SEX WORKERS) "Project Sakhi" is one of the first peer based intervention projects for prevention of HIV/AIDS/STDs among the sex workers in the North East India which has been implemented by APS in Guwahati City in Assam. The project supported by Assam State AIDS Control Society has been started from March 2000.

TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING OF NGOs

CARE & SUPPORT WITH COUNSELLING FOR PLWHA

MIGRANT POPULATION & CROSS BORDER ISSUES

AIDS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

NORTH EAST INDIA HIGHWAY HEALTH PROGRAMME (NEIHP)

PRIMARY HEALTH, REPRODUCTIVE & CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT (IHSP) FOR PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION (PMTCT) OF HIV/AIDS IN ASSAM, INDIA AIDS Prevention Society, Assam, has initiated from 1st March 2002 implementation of an ambitious five year project in Guwahati, Assam, first of its kind in the North East India - "the Integrated Health Services Project for Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV in Guwahati, Assam". The project is supported by the European Commission.

RAJIV GANDHI MOBILE COUNSELLING PROJECT FOR HIV/AIDS IN GUWAHATI CITY, ASSAM IN NORTH EAST INDIA

AIDS Prevention Society, Assam initiated a Mobile Counselling Project in Guwahati City of Assam in six identified slums areas in Guwahati city - Bhaskarnagar, Patarkuchi, Hatigaon, Sijubari, Beltola, Beltola & Bamunimaidan from 1st March 2007 for which a MoU was signed by APS & Rajiv Gandhi Foundation .



AIDS Prevention Society, Chairman invited to UN General Assembly (UNGASS)

Dr. S.I. Ahmed, Chairman, AIDS Prevention Society, Guwahati, Assam was invited to participate in the United Nations General Assembly for the Review and High Level Meeting on progress towards the implementation of the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/ AIDS held at UN Headquarters in New York from 31st May 2006. AIDS Prevention Society of Assam has been presented with a special accreditation by the United Nations General Assembly in its meeting on 27th March 2006.

PROFILE OF AIDS PREVENTION SOCIETY :

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT	1990-91
YEAR OF REGISTRATION	1992-93
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UNAIDS AWARD 2005 Recognising Contribution in the Global fight against AIDS

Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under Secretary General, United Nations visited AIDS Prevention Society (APS) on 18th November 2005. Dr. Piot was accompanied by Mr. J.V.R. Prasada Rao, of UNAIDS, Bangkok, Mr. Denis Broun, UNAIDS Country Director, India and other UNAIDS senior officials from Geneva. Dr. Piot presented North East India Harm Reduction Network, Vice President Dr S I Ahmed with the UNAIDS Award 2005 - UNAIDS Plaque with a citation recognising contribution in the Global fight against AIDS.

What they have said about us :

"....I have been particularly impressed by the commitment of all the staff of the AIDS Prevention Society , which says a lot about the leadership you bring to all areas of the fight against HIVand congratulate you on your achievements"

- Dr . Nafis Sadik
Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General

"....Congratulations with your pioneering and expanded work ! A model for the North East and for the whole country . We can all learn from you ."

- Peter Piot
Under Secretary General , UNAIDS

" This is an extraordinarily impressive group -doing work of vital importance to the future of Assamto scale up the impact of the evident success of APS through replication of its key positive characteristics on a much wider scale - if the services that APS is able to provide were much more generally available in India , there is no doubt that the incidence of STDs and the spread of AIDS would present a much different picture from the one it does today . We certainly will want to continue to explore ways such positive impacts could be much more widely generalized."

- Mr Michael Carter
Director ,The World Bank

" Congratulations for the RCH & HIV/AIDS work you are conducting in partnership with State & District authorities as well as with the slum based communities where you interveneI wish APS be a quality , lead NGO partner of the Government of Assam in the implementation work of NACP III , with optimum convergence with the other Health programmes of NRHM "

Laurent Le Danois
European Commission

".....an extremely relevant project and constitutes a pioneering intervention: it is the only project in North East India, and one of the few in the country, that addresses the spread of HIV/AIDS among the general population by means of a strategy focused on prevention of mother to child transmission (MTCT). It is fully in keeping with the prioritiesand supplements the Government programmes, "

Jordi Del Baas
European Commission MT on MTCT Project

" I was happy to learn of your organisation's activities in the area of health care and to visit the HIV intervention unit for truckers along the highway . You and your co-workers are doing excellent work ..."

Cheryl J. Sim
US Consulate General

" ... Your hard work is to be greatly admired . I am inspired by your efforts & hope to be of future assistance to you "

Rex Moser ,
Director , American Centre, US Consulate

"... Wonderful work you are doing . You have our support"

Laura Livingstone
US Embassy

"... I am certain the collaboration of the excellent programme with state authorities will bear great fruit . It is so good to see the field people and their commitment .."

Denis Broun
Country Director ,UNAIDS

APS... COMMITMENT FOR ACTION AND MUCH MORE

You can make the difference

Join us in our fight against HIV/AIDS

Activities of AIDS Prevention Society(APS) have been made possible through the establishment of an extensive networking with various National and International Organizations. Various agencies have been networking & providing support and assistance to APS which includes National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) , Govt of India, European Commission , DFID British High Commission, UNAIDS, AIDSCAP, UNICEF , US State Department , USIA Washington D.C., NCIH- Washington D.C., CORDAID (formerly BILANCE and MEMISA) of the Netherlands, Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS) , Bosco Reach Out(BRO), National Alliance Mission (NAM), YRG Care, Chennai, Rajiv Gandhi foundation (RGF), International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) , CASA, VHAI-Assam, Department of Health , Govt. of Assam , Don Bosco Youth Centre, Shillong & Asian Harm Reduction Network (A H R N) Thailand .

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