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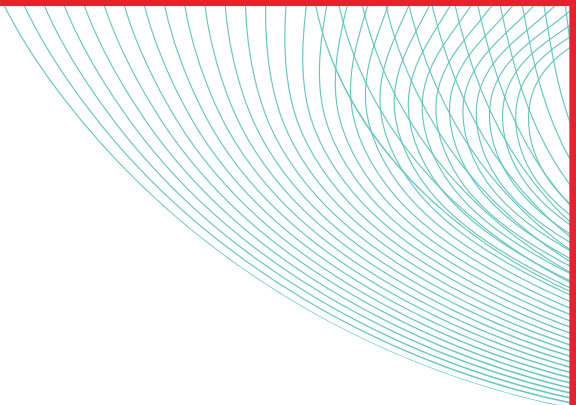


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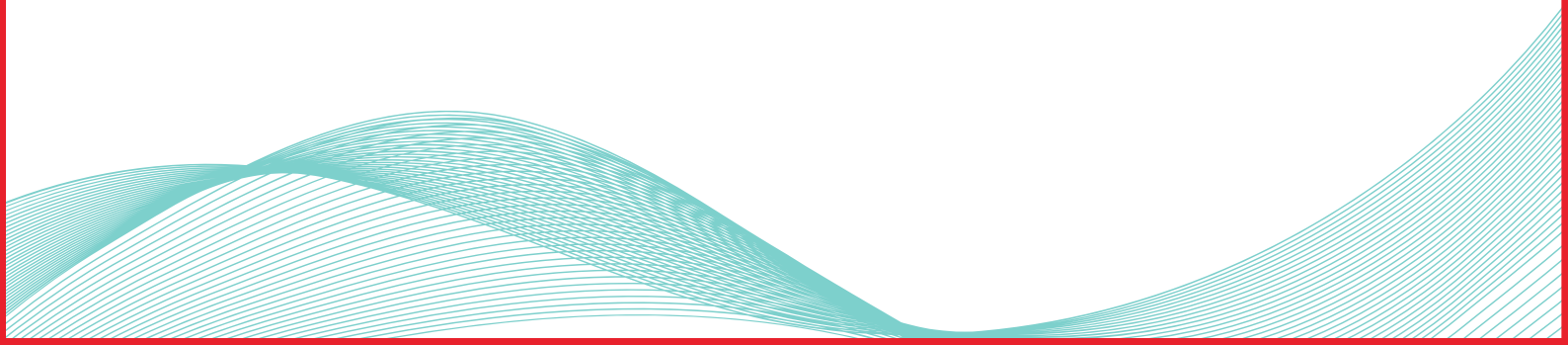
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Briefing Oversight Committee for Integrated Community Case Management

On July 8, 2024, Hon'ble Project Director Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., along with a team representing the Directorate of Public Health (DPH), National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP), and National Vector Borne Disease Control Program (NVBDCP) from the Government of Telangana, briefed the Oversight Committee for Integrated Community Case Management (ICCM). The visiting committee, led by Dr. K. Ravi Kumar, included partners from FIND and SAATHI, who joined in the discussion. The briefing emphasized ongoing efforts and collaborative strategies in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, underscoring the commitment to integrated health solutions and community-centered approaches communities across Telangana



State Level Folk Workshop

TGSACS organized a State Level Folk Workshop at Telugu Lalitha Kala Thoranam in Hyderabad from July 10 to July 11, 2024. The workshop aimed to engage local artists and communities in promoting awareness about HIV/AIDS through folk art and cultural expressions. Participants included folk artists, community members, and health advocates who collaborated on creating innovative methods to convey important health messages. The workshop focused on integrating traditional art forms with contemporary health education, fostering a creative approach to raise awareness and reduce stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS in the community.



District-Level Advocacy Meeting

On July 10, 2024, a district-level advocacy meeting was held at the Ranga Reddy Court Complex, focusing on the protection of the rights of female sex workers (FSWs) and other vulnerable groups. Organized in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ranga Reddy, and involving key line departments such as the police, legal representatives, community-based organizations (CBOs), and the civil supply department, the meeting aimed to address legal and social challenges faced by these communities. Discussions centered on safeguarding rights, improving access to justice, and ensuring the provision of essential services.



Residential Training for Community Champions

The Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TGSACS) is organized a Residential Training for Community Champions (CC) on Community System Strengthening (CSS) from August 12 to August 14, 2024, at Satyodayam Center, Tarnaka, Hyderabad. This training aims to empower Community Champions by providing them with essential knowledge and skills to strengthen community systems, build robust networks, and effectively address critical challenges in health and social service delivery.



Orientation Program for Targeted Interventions (TI) And Link Worker Scheme (LWS)

The Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TGSACS) organized an orientation program for Targeted Interventions (TI) and Link Worker Scheme (LWS) staff to enhance their skills in key operational areas: Information Tracking Systems (ITS), SOCH (Strengthening of Comprehensive HIV Services), Finance, Supply Chain Management (SCM), and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E). Scheduled over two sessions on August 12–13 and August 20–21, 2024, at the Institute of Health and Family Welfare (IHFFW) in Vengalrao Nagar, Hyderabad.



This program aimed to bolster the team's capacity for effective program management and service delivery. The training introduced staff to advanced ITS tools for accurate data handling, SOCH for streamlined HIV service management, best practices in finance for transparency, SCM for ensuring the availability of essential resources, and M&E techniques for assessing program outcomes.

Through these enhancements, TGSACS seeks to empower its teams to elevate service quality and improve health outcomes across Telangana.

International Youth Day

Date: August 12, 2024.



The Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TGSACS) launched the Intensified IEC Campaign in conjunction with International Youth Day on August 12, 2024. The event began with a rally flagged off by Major General Rajesh Kundra and TGSACS staff at Dr. Ambedkar College, followed by additional activities at Sundaraiah Vignana Kendram. At Kendram, the Hon'ble Project Director, Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., addressed the gathering, emphasizing the campaign's goal to raise awareness and encourage youth participation in HIV/AIDS prevention and health education initiatives.



Workshop for Financial Managers

A workshop for financial managers of 10Epic partner civil society organizations (CSOs) was held from July 21 to July 23, 2024, at the Metropolis Hotel in Secunderabad. Project Directors and Accounts Officers from each organization participated in the sessions, which focused on the importance of financial strengthening at both organizational and project levels. The workshop provided guidance on effective financial management practices, aiming to enhance accountability, transparency, and resource optimization to support the impactful delivery of HIV/AIDS-related programs and services communities across Telangana.



A State-Level Stakeholder's Consultation Meeting

On August 21, 2024, a state-level stakeholders' consultation meeting was held at Hotel Abode, Hyderabad, focused on supporting children affected by HIV. Organized by TGSACS, the event brought together key partners and stakeholders dedicated to the welfare of orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC). Participants discussed strategies to enhance the care, protection, and support systems for these children, addressing their health, education, and social needs. The consultation aimed to foster collaborative efforts among stakeholders to strengthen programs and policies that improve the quality of life for children impacted by HIV/AIDS.



A Refresher Training Program

A refresher training program for the staff of Sampoorna Suraksha Kendras (SSKs) was conducted from September 2 to September 6, 2024, at Hotel Central Park, Hyderabad. The training involved 16 SSKs and focused on updating staff knowledge and skills related to HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support services. The sessions included interactive workshops, presentations from experts, and group discussions aimed at enhancing the staff's capacity to effectively address the needs of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS. This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to ensure that SSK staff are well-equipped to provide comprehensive support and services to their communities.

Mobile LED IEC Van

Hon'ble Project Director Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., officially flagged off the Mobile LED IEC Van at the TGSACS office. This initiative aims to spread awareness on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS among youth and the general population. The van will travel to various locations, using engaging digital displays to educate communities on prevention, safe practices, and available resources



Meeting with Delegates from PEPFAR & USAID

On September 11, 2024, TGSACS organized a meeting in Hyderabad with delegates from PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), USAID (United States Agency for International Development), and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), alongside key partners. This collaborative gathering focused on advancing efforts to combat HIV/AIDS in Telangana, with discussions centered on enhancing prevention, treatment, and support services. Emphasizing a united approach, participants explored innovative strategies to strengthen community health initiatives, improve outreach to vulnerable groups, and ensure a lasting impact in the fight against HIV/AIDS.



Strengthening of Community-led monitoring

Community-led monitoring (CLM) is being strengthened in Telangana to enhance HIV/AIDS strategies through digitalization. Officials from TGSACS and DISHA, representing five PEPFAR districts, gathered with Community Champions in a session focused on advancing initiatives in Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, and Mahabubnagar districts. Led by Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., the meeting emphasized the importance of collaborative accountability and innovative healthcare management. Participants discussed the integration of technology in CLM to improve data collection, reporting, and analysis, ultimately aiming to enhance the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS programs and ensure better health outcomes in the community.

Release of IEC Materials

On September 13, 2024, Hon'ble Project Director Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., along with Dr. Bhawani Singh, Deputy Director (NACO), and officials from TGSACS, participated in the official release of new IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) materials. The event was attended by various partners and stakeholders and aimed to boost awareness and education regarding HIV/AIDS prevention and health practices. These IEC materials are tailored to reach diverse audiences, emphasizing the importance of disseminating accurate information, reducing stigma, and promoting safe health practices across communities in Telangana.



District Level Adolescence Education Programs & Poster Mela at Various Districts



The Nodal Teachers Training and Poster Mela on Adolescence Education Programme was successfully held on September 13, 2024, at Film Bhavan, Karimnagar. Organized by the Education Department, Karimnagar, the event aimed to equip nodal teachers with the skills necessary to guide students through adolescence, focusing on physical, mental, and emotional changes.

Key topics included life skills for preventing HIV, STIs, substance abuse, and sexual harassment, while promoting healthy relationships. Inaugurated by District Collector Smt. Samela Stapathi, the event was attended by education officials and teachers. A concurrent social media campaign raised public awareness, with the program being hailed as a significant step forward in adolescence education for the region.



Review Meeting

On September 13, 2024, a review meeting was held in Hyderabad, attended by Hon'ble Project Director Smt. K. Hymavathi, Dr. Bhawani Singh, Deputy Director (NACO), Mrs. Parul, IEC Consultant, along with officials from TGSACS and various partners. The meeting focused on assessing the progress of ongoing programs, discussing challenges, and strategizing for improved implementation of HIV/AIDS initiatives. Participants shared insights and experiences, aiming to enhance collaboration and effectiveness in their efforts to promote health education and support services within communities across Telangana.



Red Run Programme 2024



On September 28, 2024, Hon'ble Project Director Smt. K. Hymavathi, I.A.S., addressed participants at the Red Run 2024 Programme, held on Necklace Road in Hyderabad. The event featured a 5K run, with categories for men and women, aimed at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention and support. Youth, Red Ribbon Club members, and community advocates participated enthusiastically, united in their commitment to health education and reducing stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS. In her address, Mrs. Hymavathi highlighted the crucial role of youth in building an AIDS-free society and encouraged everyone to actively engage in spreading awareness and supporting those affected by HIV/AIDS.

1. Refresher Training on HIV - TB Collaborative activities:

TGSACS in collaboration with TB Division has organised a state level HIV-TB coordination meeting to strengthen the coordination between the two departments from state to district level. To establish linkage between HIV-TB collaborative activities, one-day refresher training is conducted in 5 batches with 60 participants per batch. The total staff of 375 are involved in HIV-TB collaborative activities are been trained.



The main objective of the training is to reorient the TB division field staff on

- HIV-TB collaborative activities
- The 4-prong strategy for HIV-TB collaborative activities
- Operational aspects of HIV – TB coordination at the ART centre.
- Documentation and reporting at ARTC and TB Units
- Cross referral between TB diagnostic facilities and ICTC and ART centre.
- Roles & Responsibilities of the staff.

2. New ART centers Feasibility assessment Visit:

As per the National Medical Counsel (NMC) and NACO guideline, all existing Medical Colleges (Private and Government) should having an ART centre. Principle secretary (Health and Family welfare) of Telangana State instructed that each district of Telangana should have an ART centre. TGSACS has planned the feasibility visits to 10 GMC under DME and 7 District hospital under TVVP. TGSACS in coordination with the partners have formed 8 teams to complete these assessments. Assessors visited the centers along with a structured check list to capture the availability of space, infrastructure, staff and equipment's. Complete report of the assessments is submitted for further action plan.



3. Index Testing Refresher Training:

Refresher training on Index testing was conducted to all the NACP counsellors. Objective was to reemphasize the importance of partner and spouse testing at ICTC and ART. Contacts of PLHIV were elicited at the ARTC by the counsellors and motivated them for HIV testings and early diagnosis of HIV. Various ways of approaching the clients and sensitising them for partner testing was reiterated.



4. PEPFAR Team visit to Telangana State:

PEPFAR Team Lead by Ms. Tracy Lynne carson, PEPFAR India, Co Chair Global Health secretary & diplomacy us Dept. of State & team visited Telangana along with USAID & CDC teams. TGSACS has organized a state level meeting under the leadership of Project director, for interaction and briefing the various activities of the State. Implementing partners of Telangana state from USAID ,CDC were part of the meeting. The team also visited Gandhi & Mahabubnagar ART centers.



Intensified IEC Campaign 2024

Date: September 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024

The Intensified IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) Campaign 2024, under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) in Telangana, involves a variety of activities aimed at spreading awareness about HIV and STIs. The campaign runs from **September 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024** and covers multiple districts in the state. Here are the key activities:

1. Village-Level Meetings:

Awareness sessions in villages to educate communities about HIV/AIDS and STIs. These meetings focus on preventive measures, modes of transmission, and available healthcare services.

2. School Outreach Programme:

Targeting students from the 8th grade onwards, this programme involves interactive sessions, presentations, and discussions about sexual health, HIV prevention, and the role of youth in combating the spread of infections.

3. Youth Engagement Activities:

Special sessions are organized for youth groups, especially through Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs), to sensitize them about HIV, safe practices, and the importance of regular health check-ups.

4. Rallies and Walkathons:

Community-wide events, including rallies and walkathons, are conducted to mobilize public participation, increase visibility of the campaign, and reinforce the message of HIV awareness.

5. Workshops and Seminars:

Various educational institutions and community centers host workshops and seminars to educate attendees about HIV/AIDS, STI symptoms, testing, and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

6. Engagement with Positive Speakers:

Sessions feature Positive Speakers who share their personal experiences of living with HIV, aiming to reduce stigma and promote empathy within communities.

7. Poster and Essay Competitions:

Students and young participants are encouraged to create posters and write essays on topics related to HIV prevention, STI awareness, and youth responsibility in public health.

8. Healthcare Service Access Drives:

Efforts are made to improve access to testing and treatment services, with mobile health units offering free HIV testing and counseling services in remote areas.

These activities are strategically designed to reach diverse sections of society, including rural areas, schools, colleges, and community centers, aiming to create widespread awareness and reduce the stigma around HIV/AIDS.

Training Programme for Anganwadi Teachers

Anganwadi Teachers training Programme conducted at Nalgonda & Rangareddy districts on PPTCT, Human Trafficking, and Social Empowerment under intensified Campaign. 600 Anganwadi Teachers were trained under this programme.



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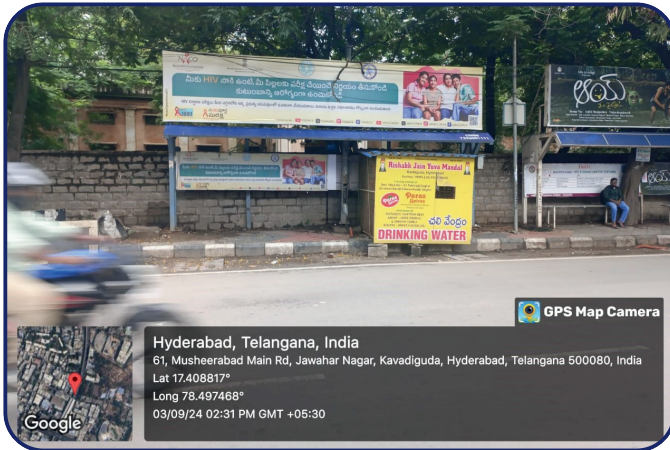
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Mega Intensified IEC Campaign



Govt. Girls High School, Mahabubnagar

Mega Intensified IEC Campaign was conducted on 5th Sep 2024 at Govt. Girls High School and Govt. Girls Junior college, Mahabubnagar in Coordination of MBDO TI NGO.

Around 2000 Girl Students of High school and Junior college assembled at prayer ground for sensitization, utilizing the platform of morning prayer time to learn about HIV/AIDS. Students were distributed informational handouts from which they can learn and spread awareness among others when required.

Youth Fest -2024, District Level Red Run Marathon



Red Run Marathon Flag off by Dr. Shailaja, Dy.DM&HO

Youth Fest -2024, District Level Red Run Marathon was conducted on 7th Aug 2024 at District Sports Ground, Mahabubnagar. 28 Boy Students and 35 Girls Students were participated in Marathon from different colleges and Palamuru University in the District.

Photo Gallery



Must be aware of HIV AIDS prevention

► Dr. Bhawani Singh, Additional Director General, National AIDS Control Organization

Warangal, 12 September : Dr. Bhawani Singh, Director General, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has urged that every young woman and that every young man should be fully aware of the process and prevention of HIV/AIDS. A team of National AIDS Control Organization led by him visited Hanamkonda and Warangal districts on Thursday.

Earlier, in an awareness conference organized with the students under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. Bhujender Reddy at AVV College, he said that from the school level, the students not only have full awareness of sexual aspects of HIV but also can talk freely with others.

Apart from organizing awareness seminars in schools and colleges across the country, quizzes, red runs and other competitions are organized at



testing and counseling centers. Later, he visited the ART Center, ICTC and Virology Labs of MGM Hospital and examined the services provided there. examination management, counseling and treatment. NACO Project Director General Dr. Adish Nal Director General Dr. Bhawani Singh, NACO Consultant Dr. Parul Singh, Dr. Prasad Adish Nal Project Director TGSACS, Prasad Joint Director of TI TGSACS, Deputy Director

Mekala, MGM Superintendent Dr. Murali, Adish Nal DMHO Dr. T. Madan Mohan Rao, AVV College Correspondent Dr. Chanda Vijay Kumar, Principal Dr. Bhujender Reddy SMO Dr. CH. Surya Prakash, NSS Program Officer K. Srinivas Rao, DAPCU Manager Mrs. Swagna Madhuri, Demo V. Ashok Reddy, DHIO S. Srinivas, Ramakrishna, Kamalakar, Councilors from DAPCU participated.

ఆరోగ్య కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించాలి

మంచురాయిటౌన్: అన్ని రకాల ఆరోగ్య కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించాలని, జనాభాను వివిధ భాగాలుగా విభజించి ప్రజలకు వైద్య సేవలు సక్రమంగా అందించేలా చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలని జిల్లా వైద్య ఆరోగ్య శాఖ అధికారి డాక్టర్ బి.హరీంద్రరాజ్ అన్నారు. శుక్రవారం జిల్లా కేంద్రంలోని రాజీవ్ గాంధీ ఆర్ట్స్ హెల్త్ సెంటర్ను ఆయన తనిఖీ చేశారు. ఆసుపత్రి ఆవరణలో పరిశుభ్రంగా ఉండేలా చూడాలని, మందులు, వ్యాక్సీన్ వివరాల లభ్యతను పరిశీలించి, ఆరోగ్య కేంద్రం పరిధిలోని డెంగి వ్యాధులకు సరైన చికిత్స అందించాలని తెలిపారు. పట్టణ ఆరోగ్య కేంద్రాన్ని తీర్చిదిద్దేందుకు 15 రోజుల సమయం ఇస్తున్నారని, నిబంధనల మేరకు ఉండేలా చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలని ఆదేశించారు. సీవ్ అవర్ష, ప్రోగ్రాం మేనేజర్ మహేందర్, డీపీవో ప్రకాశి, వైద్యాధికారి డాక్టర్ అశోక్, డాక్టర్ అపర్ణ పాల్గొన్నారు. 30 వరకు ఎయిడ్స్ పై అవగాహన మంచురాయిటౌన్: జిల్లాలో దీని కార్యక్రమాల్లో భాగంగా ఈ నెల 30వరకు ఆరోగ్య అవగాహన కార్యక్రమాలు, ఇంటిగ్రేటెడ్ హెల్త్ క్యాంపెయిన్ చేపడు

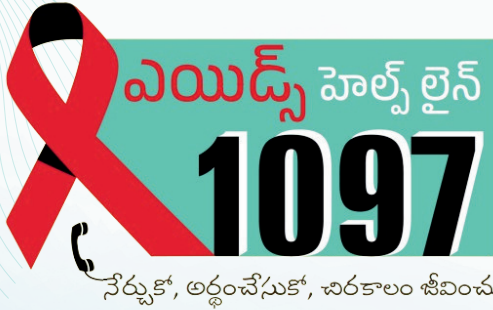


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