



VASAVYA MAHILA MANDALI
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Introduction: Vasavya Mahila Mandali in his 45 year of services has reached to unreached areas tribal, rural and urban slum areas through different project focus on health, livelihood, education, environment and Human rights. After the state division, the donors are much focusing on other parts of India, especially northeastern part of India. During this year VMM has reached more than 466638 children and adults.

Governance and Leadership:

VMM has conducted eight executive committee meetings in the year 2014-15 with an average attendance of 90%. VMM has organized two General body meetings with the average attendance of 81%.

VMM with 15 experts has formed Advisory Committee and the first meeting was held on 18 November 2014 and six have taken part and provided inputs to take VMM to reach its vision and mission.

Social media: VMM is updating its website www.vasavya.org, in this year 9595 clicks were executed, VMM is also actively engaged in utilizing facebook facebook.com/vasavyamahilamandali.ngo for informing to audience in updating its activities and also to build a pressure group on social activities

| VMM reach through different projects | | | | | |
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| # | Activities | children | | Adults | |
| | | < 18 years | | >18 years | |
| | | Male | female | Male | Female |
| 1 | Number of people reached through project activities | 15143 | 23177 | 128104 | 121670 |
| 2 | Number of people referred for testing | 407 | 646 | 27280 | 22404 |
| 3 | number of people provided counseling | 277 | 276 | 27581 | 22804 |
| 4 | Number of people linked to services (social security schemes, other donor, NGO/FBOs) | 2 | 8 | 206 | 248 |
| 5 | Number of people referred for treatment or treatment provided | 135 | 384 | 1404 | 804 |
| 6 | Education support provided | 0 | 101 | 43 | 42 |
| 7 | beneficiaries linked to service for employment | 0 | 36 | 0 | 66 |
| 8 | Number of people provided medical services or linked | 2448 | 3343 | 35437 | 32162 |
| | Total | 18412 | 27971 | 220055 | 200200 |

VMM Focus Areas:

1. Health and nutrition:

- a. **TAP: Tuberculosis reduction in Andhra Pradesh**, supported by DFID / TB Alert, implemented in six coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh with a specific focus of TB among general population and PLHIV. Through six implementing partners VMM has reached 622 new TB clients, 156 HIV+ and 61 co-infection clients. The beneficiaries of the project has shared that the project is very much useful in providing the information about the TB/HIV diseases. The district officials have recognized that the project very much needful to the community and with the outreach by TAP project the case notification and case detection rate has increased.
- b. **Targeted Intervention for Migrants:** supported by Andhra Pradesh state AIDS control society for educating and linking to services at public to migrants in Vijayawada urban. This reporting year VMM had reached 14987 migrants. Through different communication activities, migrants are provided counseling on HIV/STI and referred to medical services for suspects. During this year 13 were identified as PLHIV and linked to ART (care and treatment).
- c. **Prevention of Parent To Child Transmission:** project is supported by Infra structure & Financial Services under global fund round 4 programme. The project focuses on HIV transmission prevention from HIV positive pregnant women to new born babies. The project is successful in implementation of new drug regime. Where the HIV positive pregnant women is provided ARV therapy during pregnancy irrespective of CD4 count, after delivery the new born baby also provided treatment till 18 months. All the pregnant women are linked to government hospitals for effective utilization of services. The project is working in two revenue divisions of Krishna district.
- d. **Preventing Parent to Child Transmission by early identification, care and support of vulnerable pregnant women through frontline functionaries (ANM and ASHA) for improving Maternal Health:** Project is supported by MAMTA-Health Institute for Mother and Child at Adilabad District working in Six Mandals identified 2159 pregnant women. Project focus is on improving the maternal health reduce HIV transmission from mother to child. Educated the pregnant women and their family members on importance of HIV screening during pregnancy. All the identified pregnant women were linked to ICDS project

Project Activities and Deliverables:

- One to One counseling of the ANC and Family counseling
- Generated Mass Awareness to the Rural population on HIV and PPTCT

- Organized successfully Sensitization Programs to the important stakeholders
- Formed ANC Support Groups for education them on Pregnancy care, New born care
- Ora quick HIV testing of ANC and referred them to ICTC for confirmation
- Hypertension testing for ANC
- Trainings to ANMs and ASHAs
- Set up wall paintings at all the Panchayat Office walls for Reducing Stigma and Discrimination towards HIV by incorporating PPTCT

Case Study

Name Gajjala Sumalatha w/o Rajesh, of Narayanpur village, Nerdigonda Mandal is 5 months pregnant, when contacted her to come to Support Group she was very reluctant to come. MAMATA ORW has convinced her on number occasions, and then at last she was convinced. She was registered in the 3rd month of her pregnancy. First time she attended MAMTA SGM first session. When our ORW was explaining about pregnancy, Urine test and HIV testing, then Ms.Sumalatha asked questions like were these will be done, and requested ORW to convince her in-laws to send her to Support Group meetings and for regular checkups.

Ms. Saraswathi, MAMTA ORW along with ASHA visited Ms.Sumlatha's house and explained her in-laws that every pregnant women should get tested for HIV, if mother has HIV baby may also get infected by HIV, she should be on regular ANC checkups and these test are done free of cost in all the Government Hospital ICTC centres. Her in-laws were convinced and said that they will send her for testing HIV and regular ANC health checkups.

Ora Quick Rapid HIV test was done to her and for further confirmation she was referred to ICTC. She was tested for HIV in PHC and result was negative. Ms.Sumalatha said that as now she is feeling healthy, but however she said that she will regularly come for check up.

Challenges

- Adilabad District is vast and backward area in the state of Telangana
- As the New State Government is implementing new program, ANMs and ASHAs are overburdened in those programs.
- Convincing them is a big challenge for us, however we have utilized their services in our programs
- As there was no proper transportation to reach the ANC at villages, yet we could complete the task in time.
- Most of the ANC are not reaching ICTC referred by ASHA, as they are saying that there is not proper transportation to Government Hospitals, and they are not satisfied with the services of Government. Hence they are going to Private Clinics for HIV testing's.

- Despite our rigorous counselling efforts most of the ANC family members are not being convinced to visit Government Hospitals.
- As Private clinics will not provide Patient ID no's (PID) it is becoming a challenge for incorporating them in MIS, kindly guide us in this regard.



- e. **Apollo Tyres Health Care Centre:** Project supported by Apollo tyres foundation a CSR initiative to support the health needs of truckers and allied population in Vijayawada truck industrial area. Reached 27056 truckers, project focuses on education of truckers and allied population STI/HIV on prevention, testing and treatment. General health camps are organized in the truck industrial areas, IEC shows were conducted to educate the truckers, information in the form of leaflets are provided to truckers with pictorial display for easy understanding. At the centre the truckers are provided enrolment card by which they have access services at 21 Apollo Tyres Health Care Centre in India.
- f. **Mobile ICTC:** supported by APSACS, for providing HIV testing services to unreached areas of Krishna and west Godavari districts. Reached 27590 among them 124 were found positive. All the found positives are linked to care and

treatment centre (ART centres). The project aims in reaching the services of HIV testing in remote unreached areas. With the technical support from District AIDS Prevent Control Units, in developing advance tour plans with the support of local NGOs and local self-government's for testing of suspects. IEC shows are also conducted.

- g. **Urban Slum Health centres:** VMM as co-management agency implementing six urban health centres in six urban slums of Vijayawada with the support from Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and NRHM. Has reached 53008. The project focuses on reproductive child health, the activities includes immunization, vaccination, regular monitoring of health status of pregnant women and family planning.
- h. **Eye Bank:** Swetcha Gora eye bank supporting many people
- i. Camps – screening for cervical cancer: with the support of Nagarjuna hospitals has conducted screening for cervical cancer for women above 40+ years. Around 68 were screened, 15 were tested and five were confirmed after biopsy. For treatment they were linked to cover under Government health insurance scheme.
- j. **Training on HIV/TB/Cancer:** With the support from International HIV/AIDS has conducted two days training on HIV/TB/Cancer to 64 partner organizations. About 150 members participated in the training, gained knowledge on symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of cancer and self-examination for breast cancer.
- k. **Training of Bed side attendants:** Pratham is managing a programme at VMM camps. 257 young girls are provided residential training on bedside attendants, 112 were placed in different health care settings and getting monthly salary of INR 4000/- per month.
- l. **Vasavya Nursing home:** Vasavya Mahila Mandali providing nursing training to 92 young girls.
- m. **Sexual and Reproductive health (SRH) :** VMM participated in CSO symposium of South Asia region on Sexual reproductive health held at Bangkok from 17 to 19 March 2015 organized by IPPF - SARO. The consultation has shared many ideas on one platform and country wise consultations have helped to frame the actions. The participants have exhibited their stories of success and challenges.



2. Education

- a. **Productive 500 skilled youth for Young India:** with the support of Global giving for providing continuing of education for orphan and vulnerable children through sponsorship for their tuition fee and study, basic education material, 150 youth are provided sponsorship and regularly monitored their education performances by VMM. Their yearly or semester wise marks were recorded and reported periodically improved attendance to colleges which results in increased performances in examination, there by getting good results which will keep them in high positions in life. Sponsorship for higher education to OVC a year provides educational sponsorship for higher education of two orphans and vulnerable children/youth. Among the prioritized needy youth who were 21 girls that are studying nursing training course, one girl doing Engineering graduation, one doing technical course, two boys are studying engineering two girls doing Pharmacy. The following is the detailed expenses for the period September 2014 to February 2015. 74% of the money is used for sponsorship of educational needs of the youth, remaining 26% for backstopping support through regular home visits by programme person and financial monitoring and office supplies.

The dream of an orphan is materialized with the Global giving initiative.

My dream of becoming an engineer to work at Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) made alive with the timely support through Vasavya Mahila Mandali, said one student studying first year of Engineering at Vijayawada. He is an orphan youth lost his father when he was studying 8th standard, from then onwards he was much worried about fulfilling his dream. His mother works as a house maid and earns INR 5000 a

month in which 50% goes towards house rent and another 50% just to maintain the two member family. With meager earnings by his mother he was totally in unfortunate situation, Vasavya Mahila Mandali has supported his schooling and secured 97 percent in 10th class. With his merit, free education support is provided by Nalanda College for completing his intermediate course (11th and 12th standard) and secured 96.5% and also got good rank in engineering entrance examination. But still He was worried about fulfilling his dream. He told with a chocking voice “With the financial and social support from Vasavya Mahila Mandali I was able to continue my education. I got 90% in midterm examinations in engineering. I sincerely convey my thanks for timely support. There are many students like me who need this type of support, which will help to fulfill dreams and to become productive youth for India. I am thankful to all the donors of Global Giving who is making my dream a reality.”

- b. **Urban Residential hostel:** with the support from Rajiv Vidya Mission providing 100 girls residential hostel and linked them to government schools.



3. Livelihood

- a. **Tribal Development Project:** with the support from NABARD, providing support to tribal in A.Kondur mandal of Krishna district. 500 acres of land is developed under horticulture. Along with providing training on basket making, ear rings, tailoring and embroidery for tribal women. 100 Goat and sheep rearing for tribal men.

- b. Training to women in tailoring and embroidery: with the support HAMU provided tailoring and embroidery for 75 women and girls in vulnerability, 860 girls and women are provided training on handicrafts and ear rings.



4. Human rights

- a. **Increased Dignity for women:** with the support from HAMU provided shelter to 154 women and girls in crisis and provided counseling shelter and care and support services for the victims and also their children. 10 cases are referred by Police / WCD. Reached to 994 girls in social welfare hostels through life skills education programme. Awareness meetings on prevention of child marriages, domestic violence act, PCPNDT act and the rights of the women both at schools and communities and messages are reached to 5421.
- b. Priyadarshini hostel: the working women have secured accommodation with boarding facilities.
- c. Self Defense programme for women: Organized half day training programme on 19th January 2015 for young women facilitated by Deepthi Shankar from New Delhi. VMM has jointly organised with university Health sciences NSS wing a

two day self-defense course for the Medical students from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on 19th and 20th January 2015.

5. Swatchha Bharat Mission and SMART villages

VMM in response to the call given by Government of Andhra Pradesh has adopted two villages under SMART villages programme: Tholkukodu in Mylavaram mandal and Krishna Rao Palem in A Konduru mandal in Krishna district.

Participated in the following meetings and seminars:

- Engaging Young men for Gender equality programme hosted by US Consulate at VMM, Vijayawada on 11 August 2014. Main speakers is Mr. Ben Atherton Zeman
- National Consultation on Safety of women at Workplaces organized by Women Power Connect at New Delhi on 8th and 9th September 2014.
- NGO consultation for developing Country Strategic Plan IV (2015-2020) for Plan India held near Vijayawada on 20 September 2014
- Training Needs Assessment for Disaster Management and Climate Change organised by Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and MCRHRD on 23 September 2014
- Seminar on Violence Against women: Review of the acts related to women organised by department of women and child development at Vijayawada on 23 September 2015
- CSR Conclave on water, sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) organized by CII Sothern region and UNICEF at Chennai on 15 October 2014
- Asia and Eastern Europe Annual Blue Sky meeting: Organized by International HIV/AIDS Alliance at Yangon, Myanmar from 13-16 October 2015.
- Swatchha Bharat Mission and SMART villages' state level brain storming session on 5th January 2015 at Hyderabad and the interactive session with officials and Chief Minister has initiated the momentum.
- Presented paper and participated in panel discussion on community driven approaches for reduction of Tuberculosis organized by Chicago University, US at its Delhi centre in January 2015

- SMART Villages district level meeting held for Krishna district at Vijayawada on 24 January 2015.
- Solar pump sets and power utilization organized by NABARD at Vijayawada on 19 February 2015.
- Corporate Social Responsibility – interventions to reach people meeting with Indian Center for CSR at Mumbai on 28 February 2015.
- Awareness programme on POCSO Act organized by NIPCCID at Bangalore on 02 March 2015.

VMM is a Member on the following committees/associations:

VMM is an accredited Lead Organisation to international HIV/AIDS Alliance UK and International Rehabilitation Center for Torture, Denmark. VMM is a member on Girls Not Brides, UK, Women Power Connect, India and member STOP TB Global partnership.

- Member, All India NGOs forum VANI
- Member Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), Andhra Pradesh
- Member, State appropriate Authority for Pre conception and Pre Naatal Detection act (PCPNDT Act)
- Member, Andhra Pradesh Child rights advocacy forum (APCRAF)
- Member, Committee on implementation of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Krishna district, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Member, Child Welfare Committee, Krishna
- Member, Red Cross Society Krishna District
- Member, District AIDS Prevention Control Unit, Krishna
- Member, District Tuberculosis Control Programme
- Co management agency for Juvenile home, Vijayawada
- Member, Prevention of sexual harassment committee of south central railway, Vijayawada division
- Technical support agency to REAPS, railway women empowerment project
- Member, Traffic Advisory Committee, Vijayawada Police District
- Member, Ethical committee of Aayush NRI LEPL Hospitals, Vijayawada
- Member, Sexual harassment Committee at various establishments: AP State Road transport Corporation Regional office, Vijayawada; Aayush NRI LEPL Hospitals; Police department; State women and child welfare department

Awards and recognitions:

- Honoured by State Government on 8th March 2015 at Nellore recognising the services for social, economic development of women.
- Recipient of Jamnalal Bajaj award 2014 for the development and welfare of women and children
- Recipient of Telugu Book of Record in 2014
- Roots Health Foundation award 2014 for outstanding work in health and nutrition

