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THE VISION :

To recognize the inherent capacities existing among the marginalized and supporting and building on them to herald the beginning of a new life where people can make their own choices.

THE MISSION :

To overcome economic, legal, social and gender inequalities and facilitate the process of "People Gaining Control Over their Lives"

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Ø To uplift the weaker sections of the society in rural and urban areas, through Comprehensive Community Development Programmes.*
- Ø To enhance the literacy status of the women through the functional literacy programme and also to undertake programmes to improve the school.*
- Ø To develop and implement the community based health care programmes for women, supported by a referral service and to provide medical relief to the poor, distressed, mentally and physically challenged.*
- Ø To undertake basic Research Programmes on problems related to the development of the down trodden of the society.*
- Ø To enhance income levels of women and unemployed youths through income generation programme.*
- Ø To encourage the youth groups to take initiatives on their own for the development of their community.*
- Ø To create environmental awareness to protect, preserve and promote Eco - environmental balance for harmonious living with nature.*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the management and the staff team, I feel very happy to share the activities carried out by PDI during 2005 -2006.

The staff team of all the projects deserves greater appreciation for their commitment and hard work shown in executing the activities. Another important event of this year is that PDI was able to expand its programme to Thanjavur District, a fourth district of its interventions followed by Tiruchy, Salem and Karaikal. UNICEF has identified PDI as one of its partners to implement the HIV / AIDS prevention programme among the Youth in this District. The report briefs the activities carried under each project during the period from April 2005 to March 2006. Your valuable comments on the report will motivate us to work still better with more efficiency.

Thanking you,

With regards,

Ila. AMBALAVANAN,

Secretary, PDI.

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STI / HIV / AIDS INTERVENTION AMONG SLUM POPULATION

PDI has been implementing this project since April 2003. This project is being supported by APAC (AIDS Prevention and Control Project). VHS (Voluntary Health Services), Chennai with the financial assistance of USAID. The major goal of this project is to prevent and control the sexual transmission of STI / HIV / AIDS, among slum population. The activities are being carried out under major five strategies viz.,

- I Behaviour Change Communication*
- II STI Referral Services*
- III Condom Promotion*
- IV Advocacy Aid*
- V Community Care Services*



***MobileExhibition Booth**

The project team consists of one coordinator, two counselors, six out reach staff and one Accountant. Sixty slums with the total population of 75971 are being covered through this programme.

The outreach staff educate, take efforts to bring about behaviour change towards safe sex through inter-personal communication (one to one) and through Group Meetings. They educate the target community on the basic facts of STI / HIV / AIDS, and on preventive measures. Abstinence, Be faithful to one another and Condom (A,B,C) are suggested to unmarried youth population, married men and women and to high risk vulnerable population respectively. During the reporting period (April 2005 to March 2006), 5228 married men, 3606 married women, 4121 - 17 and above unmarried males, 548 - 17 and above unmarried females, 634 - 13 to 17 year old boys, 194,13 to 17 year old girls were reached through one to one communication. Besides, 636 Group meeting were organized which were attended by 3302 members in all the target slums.

The counselors (both male and female) provide counseling to the community in need and 1535 clients have been counselled during the period under report. Counselling plays a crucial role in increasing the treatment seeking behaviour of the community infected with STIs and also to empower the PLWHAs (People Living with HIV / AIDS) to cope up with their emotional problems and illness.



*** Mr. Benjamine Franklin, consultant, APAC, with the Staff in the Participatory Site Visit (PSV)**

In order to create an enabling environment and also to carry the messages to the community, the behaviour change communication events like street plays, video shows, and Audio sessions are being organized in the target slums. During the reporting period, 48 street plays, 15 video shows, 134 Audio sessions and 70 exhibitions could be organized to mobilize the community support. It needs to be mentioned that all the events were sponsored by the community itself.

The community leaders, volunteers and the peer educators are very supportive to the project in identifying right places and in displaying the IEC materials in the target slums. The staff team and the peer educators also distribute IEC materials like folders, booklets and flip charts to the community. 33255 IEC materials were distributed during the period under report.

Peer education is the central point of behavior change communication



*** Wall Painting in a Public Toilet Sponsored by an Youth Association**

which really brings about a remarkable behaviour change among the target community, Each Peer Educator deserves greater appreciation, as they educate their peer group, refer them for the treatment and demonstrate the correct steps of condom usage, without getting any remuneration for their service. During this period, 168 peer educators have been identified and trained. The peer educators could educate 3030 peers and among them 764 were referred to STI treatment.

STI REFERRAL SERVICES

The project takes efforts to increase the treatment seeking behaviour of the community through the behaviour change communication process. As a result the persons infected with Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) seek the assistance of the project team, peer educators for taking treatment. The project



*** Dr. Balasubramanian, Professor and Head, STD Department, KAPV Medical College Speaks...**

team has established linkages and excellent coordination with the Government Hospital, Corporation Health Posts and Allopathic Private Practitioners. The target populations are being referred to these Health Care Providers for the treatment. Most of the Health Care Providers are already trained on "Quality STI Care" by APAC through its training centers. During the period, 1275 were given treatment through various sources. The Community Health Workers, Pharmacists and ANMs were also trained on the need for "Quality STI Care" and they also help in referring the Community members for treatment.

CONDOM PROMOTION

Under this, the high-risk behaviour groups are insisted to use condom consistently and correctly. The behaviour change communication tries to bring about the behaviour change among the target population to use condoms. The project not only distributes free condoms but also gives more importance to social marketing of priced condoms. The retailers who have their shops in the target slums are motivated to sell condoms. So far, 315 shops of all kind, started selling condoms with the efforts of the intervention. However, 16835 free condoms were also distributed during this period. The staff team and the peer educators demonstrate the correct usage of condoms to make target population and motivate them to re - demonstrate, so as to ensure their ability to demonstrate the correct usage of condoms. During this period, 12732 demonstrations have been made out of which 9271 re - demonstrations have been also done.



*** IEC Display in Prime locations**

CARE FOR THE PLWHAs

One hundred and fifteen PLWHAs were identified by the project and the project involves in providing counselling services and mobilizing social support for their decent living. The project refers them to various medical or care institutions to avail medical and nursing care. However, the project team has close contacts with the Health Care Providers and they give special attention to the PLWHAs who are referred by the project. The Counselors meet the family members of the PLWHAs and provide counseling services to them. Support Group Meeting is being organized every month where the PLWHAs

interact with each other to resolve their problems on their own. The rice and other cereals are being mobilized through various sources and distributed to the needy PLWHAs who are unable to go to work. The project has close linkage with the District Positive Network and assists the PLWHAs to avail the services of the network. In order to economically support these women, need based self-employment training has been proposed in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University.

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WORLD AIDS DAY - 2005

PDI has observed the World AIDS Day at Trichy during the month of December. On 9th, December 2005, a rally has been organized in association with Indian Medical Association, (IMA) and Gynecological Society, Trichy. The Peer Educators, Volunteers of PDI Slum Intervention Programme and the nursing students took part in the rally. The rally with 150 members started from "Makkal Mandram", Thillai Nagar, and reached the Indian



*** Dr. Zameer Basha, Indian Medical Association
Flagging off the World AIDS Day Rally**



*** Dr. Ilanchezhian Sr. Programme Manger, APAC, Speaking on the role of ICDS Workers in Slum Intervention Programme.**

*** Mr. Harmander Singh, I.A.S.,
Commissioner, City Corporation, Tiruchy
delivering Key Note Address on World AIDS
Day Programme**



On 20th December 2005, PDI had organized an one day training programme to the ICDS Balwadi Workers, as they have rapport with the slum population. Mr. Hammender Singh, IAS, Commissioner, Tiruchirapalli City Corporation, presided over the programme Dr. Balasubramanian ,professor Head, Department of Dermatology and Dr.Dhanapaul, Professor of Micro Biology, K.A.P.V. medical College. Dr. T. Illanchezhian, Senior Programme Manager (Communication) in his specila address, explained role of Balwadi Workers in STI/HIV/AIDS prevention programme among slum population.

AIDS CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL DAY:

AIDS candle Light Memorial Day was observed on 15th May 2005 in the Government Hospital, Tiruchy. The programme was organised in association with Tiruchirapalli District Network for the positives. 250 People including the members of the positive network and the peer educators attended the programme. Dr.Raghavelu, the Dean of K.A.P.V. Medical college inaugurated the programme. Mr.Thiyagaraj, President, Trichy District Network for the positives, delivered the special address.



*** Dr. Ragavelu, Dean, K.A.P.V. Medical College at
Candle lighte Memorial Day**

DEMONSTRATION CENTRE FOR STI/HIV/AIDS INTERVENTION AMONG SLUM POPULATION:

APAC (AIDS Prevention and Control Project) has identified the PDI's slum Intervention Programme as a Demonstration project during January 2001. It assists PDI in organising capacity building programmes for the NGO staff working in the slum interventions across the country.

The Demonstration centre regularly organises a five day " Experimental Learning Programme for the staff newly joined in the APAC supported NGO's implementing slum interventions programme. This opportunity gives an insight to the participants on "how to plan and execute a Slum Intervention Programme in their areas". During the reporting



*** Ms. Bobby, Training Officer, facilitating the Training Session.**



*** Dr. Devashis Dutha, UNICEF, handling session on communications**



*** Mr. K.M. Jose, OXFAM GB, facilitating the session on mainstreaming HIV / AIDS**



*** Participants sharing their field visit experiences**

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*** 'Energisers' given during the sessions**

Apart from the trainings on Targeted Interventions, PDI Demonstration Centre slowly evolved as a Training Centre for other programmes also. OXFAM GB has entrusted the responsibility of capacity building of the staff working in the NGOs of Tsunami affected region. The NGOs supported by OXFAM GB deputed their staff to the training on "Mainstreaming HIV / AIDS". The Chief Functionary and the Training Officer also visited the project sites to facilitate the process of mainstreaming in the Tsunami affected region, as a follow - up of the training programmes. 117 staff in six batches had attended the programme and the OXFAM bore the training expenses.

TAI (Tamilnadu AIDS Initiatives) has assisted PDI in organizing Training Programme on 'Counseling' to the Counselors working with the NGOs supported by TAI. First batch was started by February and twenty Counselors had attended the programme.



*** Participants visiting the field**

*** Training in progress on "counselling skills"**



URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Urban Development Programme (UDP) was started by September 2003 and it is being supported by IMPLICADAS, Spain. The project aims at the overall development of the families which hail from ten target slums, with a special emphasis on gender equity, women empowerment and on the development of the children. The project works with 2500 families of ten slums. The project team consists of Four Programme staff, ten animators and an Accountant.

In all the ten slums, the Supplementary Educational Programme helps the children to get the assistance of the trained animators in learning their lessons, during evening hours. During April 2005 to March 2006, 312 Children attended the classes. To increase involvement of the parents, the parent - animators meetings are being organized twice in a month. 45 such meetings were held in the target slums, during the reporting period.

Special craft classes have also been arranged to enhance the skills of the children. Two special craft camps were organized and children displayed their craft works in a

The children environmental clubs were formed in all the slums and at least 276 children were enrolled in the clubs. During the reporting period, six meetings were held and a special programme was organized on 5th June, in connection with World Environment Day.

The children were encouraged to form Kitchen Garden in their houses and the seeds were distributed to all the members of the environmental clubs.



*** Income Generation Programme going on for the Disabled.**

common place and the parents were also invited to appreciate the talents of their children.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

The project organizes Health Camps and campaigns in the target slums in association with local hospitals and other agencies. A General Health Camp and two special camps were organized during this year out of which 969 people were able to benefit. The patients who were identified with major problems referred to Government General Hospital for further treatment. A special ENT Camp was organized for the children with the help of Sethu ENT Hospital.

The project has identified and trained 28 Community Health Volunteers. The Community Health Volunteers play active role in referring the people to the hospitals. They assist the staff team in organizing health camps and campaigns.

The Awareness Campaigns on reproductive and child health have been organized in all the slums. Dr.Padmavathi, Dr. Rajeswari, Dr. Gowri, of Corporation Health posts facilitated the sessions and clarified the doubts of the women. During the reporting period 259 women were able to receive support from awareness campaigns.

The project assists the disabled persons of the target slums to avail the Government Welfare measures and they also avail loans from the project. Two special SHGs have been formed with the membership of 16.



*** Health Camp for the Children in Progress**



*** Dr.S. Palaniappan, Sethu ENT Research Centre in the Camp.**



*** General Health Camp in action**

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES



*** Income Generation Programme by Young women in progress**



*** Income Generation Programme for the women in progress**



*** A support Group Meeting for the woman victims.**

Women Development Initiatives programme gives more emphasis on women empowerment and women from target slums involved in all the components of the project. The Self - Help Groups are being formed in all the target slums and each member gets the opportunities to avail credit from their groups, from the banks and also from the project. As on 31st March 2006, 85 SHGs were formed with the membership of 1494 women. Five groups have got linked with bank and availed a loan of Rs.1, 83,330.

Training on various skills to initiate enterprises is being organized regularly by this project. During the reporting year, 48 women had attended the programmes on making Jam, Fruit juice, cleaning powder, coir and food products making, herbal cultivation and marketing etc.

The members of SHGs also get the opportunities to attend the various training programmes organized by Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation, Centre for Women's Studies - Bharathidasan University and TADHCO. 63 women got benefited from the training programmes organized by above-mentioned agencies.

The women who got trained have been given with loan to initiate their enterprises or trades. The SHG members are also being supported to initiate or expand any income.

generation activity. During this period, 22 women got loan under Income Generation Activities. Some of the SHG women regularly market their products in the Bharathidasan University Campus and its affiliated colleges of the university, which helped them to address the marketing problem on the one hand and introducing their products to a wider community.

The counseling service to the women is also provided by the project through a trained Counselor. The Counselor also assists the women to get their problems resolved through legal aid and all women police stations. During this year, 47 women availed these services. Besides, the project believes that most of the problems faced by women are due to the gender inequality and the project identifies and trains gender volunteers (both male and female) to work at the community level. 28 identified male and female Volunteers in the target slums are working towards gender sensitivity and gender equality.

Under the Urban Development Programme, PDI works with the government Departments to implement various special programmes. The Child Labour Elimination Programme has been implemented since July 2002. CHEERS (Child Labour Elimination and Effective Rehabilitation Society) implements the Child Labour Elimination Programme with the assistance of National Child Labour Elimination Project (NCLP) for the whole district. The District Collector is the Chairperson. PDI with the assistance of CHEERS initiated five special schools in Khaja Nagar, InamKulathur, Sangiliyandapuram, Thoppu Street and Hotel Abirami. 122 Children studied during the academic year (2004-2005) of this,



*** Ms. Jeysee Swetha, Project Director, CHEERS, and Mr. Solaimuthu, Inspector of Labour in Child Labourer Awareness Programme.**



*** Bridge Course of SSA in Progress**

nearly 74 children joined the regular school after one year of studies in the special schools.

In the special schools, the children receive free uniform, books, and free noon - meal everyday. An amount of Rs 100 /- is deposited in the name of the child labourers in their savings account towards stipend every month. The vocational training teachers impart skills to the children in the special schools.

On 1st September 2005, an awareness programme on the issues of child labourers has been organized in Khaja Nagar special school. The parents of the child labourers had attended the programme. Ms. Jaisee Swetha, Project Director, CHEERS, presided over the programme and Mr. SolaiMuthu, Inspector of labour, delivered the special address.

There is another category of children who neither go to school nor do any work. They are school drop -outs and stay at homes without any job. This year, PDI has got the opportunity to work for these children with the support of the Government, under the scheme "Sarva Siksha Abiyan "(SSA). The project had implemented three programmes under "back to school for the drop out children" for the age group of 8 to 11 years and 'Bridge Courses' in eight slums for the children from the age group of 11 to 14 years. 173 drop out children from the slums have got benefited and they were able to enroll in the regular schools aft the 'back tothe school' programmes.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN STI/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMME -SALEM DISTRICT.

The above programme has been functioning in Salem district, since July 2004, with the support of Tamilnadu AIDS Initiatives (TAI), Voluntary Health Services, Chennai. This programme works with 1250 Male Sex Workers of entire Salem district. The Community



*** Mr. C. Saminathan, Programme Officer, TAI in
the key population Get - to - Gether**

Driven Prevention Programme tries to provide the following to the community through different strategies,

- Ø Behaviour change focusing on increase in quality of life.*
- Ø Power to avoid unsafe sex behaviour.*
- Ø Increase in health seeking behaviour.*
- Ø Reducing the burden of STI among the sex workers and their clients*
- Ø Addressing the issues related to the vulnerability. .*

The different strategies followed in the programme include - Behaviour Change Communication, Quality STI Care Free Service through 'SESA' clinics condom and jelly Condom and Jelly Promotion, Advocacy and Collectivization. During the reporting period, following activities have been carried out among 1250 male sex workers.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION:

The major activities under this strategy are community out - reach, peer promotion, counseling, and mass events. Inter - Personal communication and group meetings are the main activities under out - reach. Both the staff and Peer Jeevan play a major role in out - reach. During the period from April 2005 to March 2006, they facilitated 12023 Inter Personal Communication sessions for 950 individual male sex workers. The sessions focus on self-esteem, quality of life, need for health seeking behaviour and safe sex practices. 303 Group Meetings had also been organized during this period.



*** Peer Jeevan uses IPC material**

Counselling Services are being provided in the counseling centres attached to the clinic. Counseling centres play a vital role in capacitating the clients to resolve their psycho - social and emotional problems by themselves. It also ensures the regular medical check - up for the community. During the reporting period 2540 counseling sessions were held, out of which 650 individuals had participated and availed the service.

Events like audio sessions, Video Shows are being organized in the "Natpu Koodam" with the Audio - Visuals produced by TAI. The Non - Traditional Street - Play troupe by name "TAI - KAVIA" performed programmes in the prominent places of public attention.

PEER EDUCATION

Peer Education assumes greater importance in behaviour change communication. 53 Peer Jeevans (Peer Educators) have been trained and are working with their peers. They are actively involved in educating their peers, distributing condom and ensuring regular visits to the STI clinics.



*** Role Play by Peer Jeevan in the Training**

Two Peer Jeevans were identified as Trainers for IPC training programmes of TAI. The peer jeevans have been encouraged to move towards taking up the ownership of the programme.



*** Dr. Lakshmi Bai, Project Director, TAI with the Peer Jeevans - Salem**

STI CARE SERVICES

The project runs a SESA Clinic where the free medical services have been provided to the key population.

M.A. Chidambaram Institute of Community Health (MAC), the STI Management Agency of TAI, take the responsibility of offering capacity building to the Doctors, Nurses and Clinic Assistants working in the clinic. During the reporting period, 465 individuals enrolled as first visitors to the clinic, 884 came for Regular Medical Check - Ups (RMC) and 53 partners had received treatment.

The project has also started two new expanded clinics in Mettur and Athtur, two towns of Salem district. TAI has introduced promotional schemes to expand the reach of STI care and to ensure the visit of community to the clinic for regular monthly medical check - ups and PDI has got the "Best Performance NGO" award for "Sundaramugi" - the promotional game

"Best Performance NGO award for TAI Sundramugi"



*** Mr. James, Project Co-ordinator receiving the award from Dr. Thiyagarajan, Vice Chancellor, Madras University, in the presence of Dr. N.S. Murali, Secretary, VHS, and Dr. Lakshmi Bai Project Director, TAI**

CONDOM AND JELLY PROMOTION

The project distributes condom and jelly, impart negotiation skills to the key population to practice safer sex with their partners. Both the staff and peer jeevans impart the skills to the community for the correct usage of condoms. During the period under report, 438 demonstrations and 592 re - demonstrations were done, similarly 237639 free condoms and 3843 jelly sachets could be distributed.

COLLECTIVIZATION AND NETWORKING

The project takes vigorous efforts to bring the community together to work for their own developmental issues. The community members show keen interest in the collectivization process. Ms. Devi, one of the key target area members was elected as state president for 'Community Committee Members Collective' and Ms. Saranya was elected as secretary for the State level key population collective. Other active members had also been elected as office - bearers at the district and state level collectives..

Another important activity of the project is formation of Self - Help Groups among the community members. During the reporting period, 14 SHGs are under operation with 171 community members. 10 Groups were given with seed money of Rs.5000 each. Their savings has reached Rs.72, 730 which is given as credit to the group members.

SKILL TRAINING

The project aims at the economic empowerment of the community so as to give the strength, to the community to reject the partners who insist them to have sex without condoms with additional payment. It is also expected that the improvement in their economic status may bring down the number of partners, thereby reduces the risk or vulnerability.

During the reporting period, TAI has organized skill training programmes on catering, computer skills, fashion designing and dress making, beautician training, folk arts, etc. 25 key population underwent the training programmes and benefited. PDI at the project level organized training programmes on Art and Craft, tailoring, paper cover making and Food and food based Products. 50 key populations had attended the training programme. A few others were able to get job placement in private shops, eight of them could succeed in have starting their own enterprises.

LEARNING SITE:

The project progresses towards empowering the community to take up the initiative on their own in future. The activities were well received by the community and TAI has identified this programme as Learning Site.

The learning site will demonstrate the clinical services of TAI - PDI SESA Clinic to the Doctors and Nurses. The STI Management Agency of TAI - MAC Institute of Community Health will facilitate the sessions on the technical components. The preparatory processes to establish the Learning Site have been completed and the training will start from April 2006.

EXPOSURE VISIT

TAI encourages all of its partners to have exposure visits to others projects supported by TAI. Twenty - five Peer Jeevans along with the staff team of PDI visited PACHE Trust, Madurai and it helped the team in cross - learning of each others experiences in the field. Peer Jeevans and staff team of GLOW - Vellore, CHES - Chennai, NMCT - Coimbatore visited PDI CDPP project and had interactions with the key population, peer jeevans, community committee members, and staff team of the project.

KEY POPULATION ANNUAL MEET - 2005:

The project has organized an annual get to gether programme on 29th December 2005.249 participants including

peer jeevans, participated in the programme. Ms.Saroja, Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam, Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation presided the inaugural function, in the presence of Mr. Saminathan, Programme Officer, TAI. A debate by the community was staged and the participants appreciated the programme very much.



*** "Patti Mandram" by Key Population.**

TSUNAMI RELIEF AND REHABILITATION INITIATIVES-

*During December 2005, after the completion of one year work in the Tsunami affected region of Karaikal, the project had discussions with the community leader, women federation office bearers, **SHG** members and the parents of the children about the future course of action. The community felt that they would attain better position, if the activities of the project continued for more years. Particularly, the women federation wants to continue the work they become self-sustained. **IMPLICADAS** - the donor partner encouraged PDI and assured its support for another two or three years. As a result the relief and rehabilitation initiatives continued its services with more emphasis on women children issues. During the reporting period, following activities were carried out in Karaikal.*



****Ms . Maria, President, IMPLICADAS, interacting with the community member, Karaikal.***

****Mr.Ramkumar,Psychologist, facilitating the training session on "Counselling- Karaikal".***



COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRES

Community Learning Centres project has been implemented in thirteen villages, to the coastal and non - coastal areas, and the Community Learning Centres were introduced in all the thirteen villages. The trained animators are available in the centres during the evening hours and assist the children in learning their lessons. During the period from April 2005 to March 2006, 450 children got benefited out of this programme. All these children were given Nutritional Supplement every weekend. The centres were supplied with play materials, crafts, etc. They are encouraged to play and learn new skills.

Animators - Parents meetings are being conducted in the villages and the parents are kept informed about the progress of their children. 24 such meetings have been conducted during the reporting period.

During the period 11th - 28th May 2005, a Summer Camp was organized in Thanthai Periyar Government Higher Secondary School, Karaikal. 200 children from thirteen target villages had participated. The children were taught Yoga, Woolen Knitting, Wire Bag making and underwent a short course on Hand - Writing.

CHILDREN GOVERNING COUNCILS

The Children Governing Councils have been established in the villages and the children of the Learning Centres actively take part in it. The major activity of the Children Governing Councils is to inculcate the self-Governance among the children. The meetings for the children at the village level are being organised and they are motivated to discuss the local issues. A cultural troop has been formed with twenty children and they were trained to perform skits / songs on social issues, including the evils of Alcoholism.

The children were taken to Thanjavur and were given an opportunity to visit the historical monuments. A sports meet was also organized at the village level and provided an opportunity to exhibit their talents.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The programme concentrates more on women empowerment and gender issues and most of the activities are being done in consultation with Mother Theresa Women Federation facilitated by the project.

The Self - Helps have been formed in the target villages for mobilizing the women collectives. During the reporting period, Fifteen SHGs have been formed with the membership of 250 women. The office - bearers and the selected members were trained on the key components of SHGs and the programme staff facilitate the meetings at the village level. The federation was formed with the membership of SHGs and they selected the office - bearers for the federation. Every month, the office - bearers of the federation meet at the office. Mr. Anony Stephen, Development Consultant offers his services in facilitating the monthly meetings. An amount of Rs.1, 20,000 has been transferred to the account of Mother Theresa Federation. They revolve it by giving loans to the members with a minimum interest. Each member of SHG is eligible to avail this loan from the federation



*** Production Unit - Karaikkal**



*** Computer Learning Centre - Karaikal**

SKILL TRAINING AND INCOME GENERATION ACTIVITIES.

The SHG members were motivated to learn new trade skills on sanitary napkins production, "Sambirani" production and on food products making. The Lilly SHG started producing sanitary napkins and marketing them in the local retail outlets. Initial investment

was as given by the project and six members from the group are involved in the production and sales. Another 15 women produce "Sambirani" and they had also availed loan from the project.

Another six members received loan to start their businesses like teashops, textile business, tailoring shops, tri - cycles etc.

Besides, three Sewing Training Centres were introduced in Madhagadi, Akkaraivattam and Keezhakasakudymedu villages. Sixty women had attended the programme.

A Computer Learning Centre has also been launched at the office. A full time qualified instructor assists the students in learning MS Office and Desk Top Publishing (DTP). Thirty students, including five SHG members are studying in the centre.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

During November 2005, Continuous Rain affected the residents of the Temporary Shelter and a community kitchen was operated in the Vettaikaran Theru.

The project has organized one week awareness campaign through street - plays in thirteen villages. The Gender issues, Child Labourers problems, and the evils of the alcoholism were the themes of the street plays.

During May and June 2005, Mr. Hoppenstedt Ben, from Toulouse University, France came to Karaikal and served the community as a Student -Volunteer. He also made a reaserch study on the impact of Tsunami in one coastal village as his academic assignment.



**** Mr. Hoppenstedt Ben,
from Toulouse University
- A Student Volunteer***

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - 2005

The Mother Theresa Women Federation with the project assistance has observed the World Women's Day on 8th March 2005. A procession with 112 women started from the Karaikal Bus Stand and reached the Municipal Grounds, walking through the main roads of Karaikal with placards on women empowerment. Ms. Christy Subathra, Eminent Feminist addressed the gathering and sensitized them on Gender Issues. Ms. Jothi Ammal, Deputy Manager, ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Karaikal) participated as Chief Guest. The staff team and the federation members mobilized local resources to organize the programme. ONGC has donated Rs.5,000, as their gesture to support the issue.



**** Ms. Christy Subathra, Lighting the lamp in the presence of Ms. Jothi ammal, ONGC - World Women's Day***



**** Rally on World Women's Day***

PREVENTION OF PARENTS TO CHILDREN TRANSMISSION OF HIV/AIDS, TRICHY DISTRICT.

PPTCT outreach programme has beened by PDI in all the fourteen Blocks of Trichy District, since 1st April, 2005.

This programme is being supported by TNSACS (Tamilnadu State AIDS Control Society) and GFATM, round two. One Project Co ordinator and five outreach workers work closely with the ICTC's (Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres) attached to the Government hospitals.

A Baseline Survey was carried out by the outreach workers which helped the Project team to enumerate the number of Antenatal mothers, number and location of Government Health Centres, Number of private hospitals and women are being taken care till the delivery,

private practioners, Number and location of Balwadis and Ankanwadis and the list of villages with population under each Block. All the details collected were consolidated and used for working out the plan of action. Besides, the project collects the list of registered antenatal mothers from the office of Deputy Director (Health). The registered antenatal mothers were motivated to visit the PPTCTs for testing their HIV status. During April 2005 to March 2006, 3126 ante-natal women / post - natal women were interacted through one to one communication and 1676 women had follow-up interactions.

The outreach staff meet the women at the Sub - Centres, Primary Health Centres and at the Taluk and District Head Quarters Hospitals and organize group meetings to educate them on STI/HIV/AIDS and motivate them for testing along with their spouses. During the reporting period, 294 group meetings were organized which were attended by 5204 women. The project team had referred 4015 women for counseling, 2057 women for testing 490 spouses had also brought to test along with women. Once the positive status is known, the



*** Dr. Mathivanan, Deputy Director, (Health) in the Training Programme for VHNs.**



*** Ms. Rejula, Counsellor PPTCT, interacting with the trainees.**

women are being taken care till the delivery, to ensure them to take "Nevirapine" - the drug to prevent the transmission of HIV to the baby,

During the period under review, 29 antinatal mother and 10 spouses were found positive. 7 mothers and 9 babies were given nevirapine.

The project team educates the women and their husbands on STIs. So far 591 women were referred to STI treatment.

The project takes efforts to refer the ante-natal mothers to PPTCT and at the same time, it also refers other category of population to VCTCs. During the reporting period 52 PLWHAs (People Living with HIV/AIDS) have been identified. As on 31st March, this project works with 80 PLWHAs including 35 ante-natal women,

Every month, the support group meeting for the PLWHAs is organized at the project level. During the meeting, they discuss about their health status and other issues.



*** Dr. Guhanantham TNSACS, training the Medical Officers
the counsellors of ICTCs - Tiruchy.**

Nineteen PLWHAs were referred for the ART (Anti-Retroviral) at Government Hospital and twenty were referred to TB hospital.

In order to wider the reach, the project in collaboration with Government Health Department, organizes PPTCT out-reach camps at the block level. The counselors and the lab technicians of the Government hospitals were deputed to test the attendees. During the period under report, 36 camps were conducted in which 718 women and 110 spouses were able to undergo test.

The project team works along with the VHN (Village Health Nurses) and four trainings were organized to train 375 nurses at the Block level. The resource persons from the Government hospital facilitated the sessions. The out - reach staff work along with these VHNs in the villages.

The women of Self - Help Groups were also contacted at the village level and the project staff orients them on STI/HIV/AIDS through Group meetings. During April 2005 to March 2006, nearly 67 Groups meetings for the Self - Help Groups were organised. As with as 1884 women could be educated through these meetings.

Anganwadi workers play a major role in this project by referring the pregnant women to the hospitals for test and treatment. During the reporting period around 30 meetings were organized and 3122 Anganwadi workers had received orientation

Training for Village Health Nurses



**YOUNG PEOPLE COMMUNITY PEER EDUCATORS PROGRAMME
(YOPE COPE) - THANJAVUR DISTRICT:**

PDI has been implementing, Young People Community Peer Educators Programme since 1st September 2005, with the support of UNICEF, Chennai. This programme aims at the Protection of Young People in the age group of thirteen to twenty one, particularly, the out of school youth. The major strategy of the project is "Behaviour Change Communication through Peer education and Village level Community Meetings. Establishing referral linkages, Condom Promotion and Advocacy activities and other strategies.

Another important approach of this programme is that the project has been implemented along with "Nehru Yuva Kendra" - Department of Youth Affairs, Government of India. The training Coordinators (two males, two females) work jointly with the District Youth Coordinator, National Service Volunteers and National Yuva Shakthi (NYS) or NYK Thanjavur District.

*** Mr. Subramaniam, Training the Peer Educators - Thanjavur**



*** Say 'No" to Peer Pressure - Role Play by Peer Educators.**

Though the Project has proposed to work in 14 Blocks of the district, it started its initiatives in two Blocks. Viz. Thiruvaiaru and Budalur Blocks. There are two teams at the field and each team consists of one male and one female Training Coordinators. The NSVs assist them in the field.

During 29th and 30th September 2005, a training programme was organized to orient the NSVs. They were trained on Basic Facts of STI/HIV/AIDS, Anatomy and Physiology, Life Skills Education and on Documenting their activities.

The NSVs (National Service Volunteers) and NYSSs (National Yuva Shakthis) play a major role in the project in organizing the Community Level meetings in the villages and also involved in the mobilizing youths to the meetings. Thirty Community level meetings and (15 each for males and females each) are being organized every month, out of which, 30 Peer Educators have been identified and trained. During the period from September 2005 to March 2006, 120 community Meetings in 76 villages were organized, through which 3276 males and 3120 females had got educated on STI/HIV/AIDS. 7 batches of Peer Educators trainings were organised to train 210 Peer Educators.



*** Ms. Latha Mani, UNICEF
Collecting feed back
on the wall poster**

Periodically, Peer Educators Review meetings are also being organized, every month. The peer educators encouraged to share their experiences and to interact with their counterparts of other villages. During the reporting period, seven review meetings were held and 210 PEs had attended the review meetings.

PROJECT LAUNCH - TRICHY

PDI hosted the Launch of the YoPeCoPe - UNICEF programme at Trichy, on 13th September, 2005. Dr.Devashish Dutta, Project Officer, UNICEF and Mr.Balasubramanian, Zonal Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra inaugurated the programme. The District Youth Coordinator of the Nine Intervention Districts participated. The chief functionaries and the training Coordinators of Implementing NGOs were also present. Followed by the Launch, three and half day induction training was organized by PDI Demonstration Centre.

Dr.Devashish Dutta, Mrs.Latha Mani of UNICEF and Ms.Bobby from PDI facilitated the sessions. The field visits were organized to the slums where the PDI team demonstrated the activities with the youth. The peer educators were also interacted by the participants. Mr. Pandu Rengarao, UNICEF, facilitated the sessions on "Financial Guidelines" to the NGO staff. This programme provided a platform to work out an action plan at the district level jointly by the District Youth Coordinators and the NGO training Coordinators.



*** Dr. Devashis Duttha, UNICEF and Mr. Balasubramanian, Zonal Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra, in YoPe Co Pe Programme Project Launch - Trichy.**

MONITORING OF MALE PEER EDUCATORS PROGRAMME.

Arogya Agam, a NGO working in Theni District, is the HIV / AIDS Sector Head, for the NESAs Network. They support the partner NGOs of NESAs to implement a " Male Peer Educators Programme " for the prevention of HIV / AIDS. The major strategy of the programme is mainstreaming HIV /AIDS through male peer educators in the villages where the NGOs have other programmes. Arogya Agam has assigned the monitoring responsibility to PDI and the consultant Mr. Mathivanan, has been deputed to carry out the monitoring process. During the reporting period, the NGO partners of Arogya Agam - NESAs / Glow, World Society, SPEED, ATRADA, Good Will, and HRFDL - (Karnataka) have been visited and the reports were submitted to Arogya Agam.

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We take this opportunity to thank our Donor partners - APAC - VHS, IMPLICADAS, TAI - VHS, UNICEF, OXFAM GB, AROGYA AGAM, TANSACS, CHEERS, and Mahalir Thittam, for their technical and financial assistance to PDI. We also record our thanks for the training / capacity building support extended by the donor partners to all the staff of respective projects. It helped PDI and its staff, in building their capacity and strengthen the activities.

We express our sincere thanks to TSRM [Trichy Steel Rolling Mills] and ONGC, Karaikal [Oil and Natural Gas Commission] for their generosity of support in organizing programmes.

Donations to PDI are exempted under section 80G (5) (VI) of the Income Tax Act vide CIT Notifications C.No.6162E (171)/1998 - 99 Dt. 19.06.2003 from 01.04.2005 to 31.03.2008

PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
TIRUCHIRAPALLI
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR PERIOD
FROM 01.04.2005 TO 31.03.2006

RECEIPTS	R S	P S	PAYMENTS	R S	P S
Opening Balances			Welfare of Children-UDP	665679.00	
Cash in Hand			Tsunami-Relief &		
Cash at Bank	2500.10		Rehabilitation Activities	1440060.00	
	1390274.95		HIV / AIDS Programme	19066.00	
Grant Received from Institutional Donors	.....	1392775.05	Community Driven Prevention Programme	1355686.00	
IMPLICADAS-Spain- UDP	564151.00		Main Streaming On HIV /		
IMPLICADAS-Spain- Karaikal	677985.00		AIDS OXFAM	120447.50	
TAI-VHS,Chennai, India	1322644.25		TAI-Counselling Training	59948.50	
CHEERS, Trichy	337528.00		General Programme on		
SSA	117220.00		Child Labour		
Project / Support Unit,			Elimination & Effective		
Ahamedabad	44000.00		Rehabilitation	522319.40	
APAC-VHS-DEMO, Chennai	223714.00		Demo Centre Programme	254618.80	
APAC-VHS-SIP, Chennai	794860.00		SIP Programme	779477.80	
TANSACS,Chennai	456451.00		PPTCT- OUT Reach	297980.00	
UNICEF	500000.00		Programme		
			Out of School youth-HIV	522588.80	
Grant Received from Others	.....	5038553.25	AIDS	.....	6037871.80
Community Contribution			Programme Advances	162000.00	
IGP			Staff Advances	29000.00	
SHG Contribution	2500.00		Bank Charges	4330.50	
	18000.00		Consultancy Charges	118604.00	
	4500.00			.....	313934.50
Donation	.....	25000.00	Capital Expenditure		
Misc Income			... Furniture	39268.00	
Bank Interest	19994.00		... Equipments	9320.00	
Programme Advances	19085.11		... Computer	63900.00	
Staff Advances	35914.00		... Sewing Machine	40000.00	
	450427.75			.....	152488.00
	17000.00		Closing Cash & Bank Balances		
	.....	542420.86	Cash in Hand	7870.25	
			Cash at Bank	486584.60	
				.....	494454.86
				
		6998749.16			6998749.16

PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Fixed Assets As on 31.03.2006

S.No	Assets	WDV as on 01.04.2005 (Rs.)	Cost of Additions (Rs.)	Gross Value (Rs.)	Depreciation	WDV as on 31.03.2006 (Rs.)
1.	Foreign Contribution : Machinery	22500.00	40000.00	62500.00	9400.00	53100.00
2.	Furniture	80500.00	39268.00	119768.00	11968.00	107800.00
3.	Computer	7200.00	63900.00	71100.00	42700.00	28400.00
4.	Equipments	9320.00	Nil	9320.00	1320.00	8000.00
5.	General: Furniture	8650.00	Nil	8650.00	850.00	7800.00
6.	Plant & Machinery	11500.00	Nil	11500.00	1700.00	9800.00
7.	Computer	15000.00	17450.00	32450.00	19450.00	13000.00
8.	TVS-50	11350.00	Nil	11350.00	1750.00	9600.00
	Total	166020.00	160618.00	326638.00	89138.00	237500.00

Place: Trichy

Date: 18.07.2006

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5.	General: Furniture	8650.00	Nil	8650.00	850.00	7800.00
6.	Plant & Machinery	11500.00	Nil	11500.00	1700.00	9800.00
7.	Computer	15000.00	17450.00	32450.00	19450.00	13000.00
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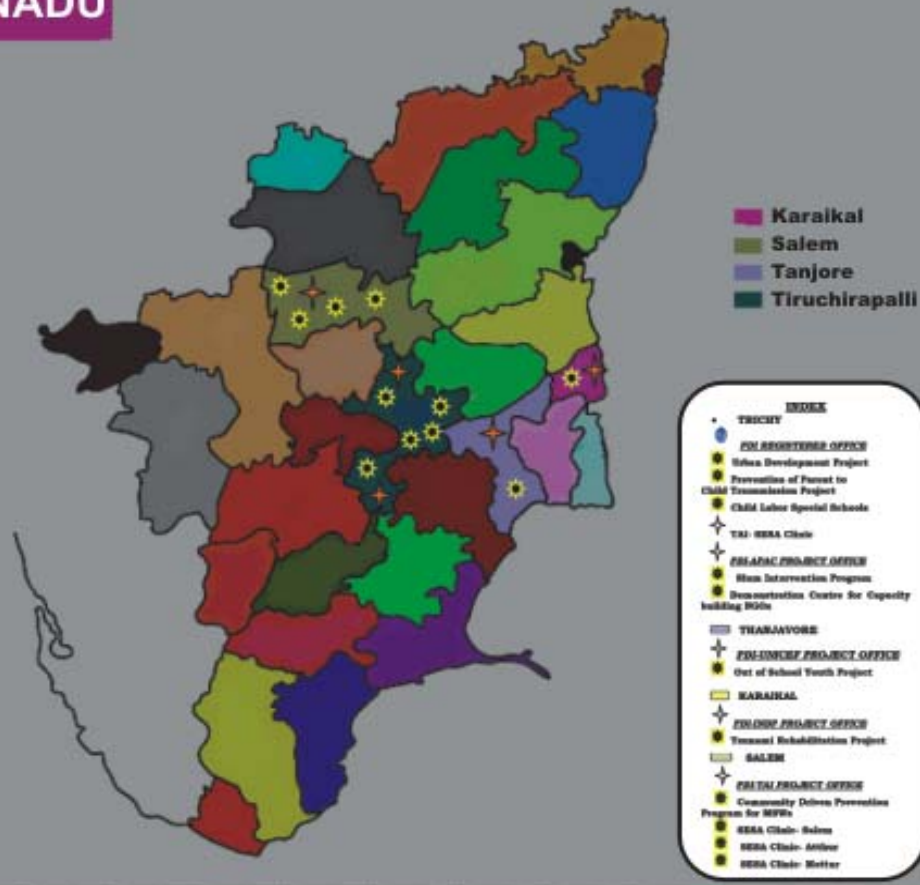
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Project Location Map

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