



# SAMABHAVANA SOCIETY

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## FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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# ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Members,

The managing committee of your society is pleased to present its Annual Report along with the Statement of Accounts on the working of the society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> march 2005.

6 meetings of the managing committee were held during the year where different inputs were imparted.

## **Programme:**

Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) conducted two training programmes for the staff and peer educators in April on Sexuality, STI and HIV / AIDS as there project is with Slum Dwellers in Mumbai city.

Family Health International (FHI) & Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) invited Samabhavana society for a discussion on Male Sex Workers and Masseurs mapping and strategic planning in the month of April and thereafter we started work on Mapping in late June and early July.

In April, we submitted a proposal to Avert Society for sensitizing Youth and College Students in Mumbai City.

In June we had initial discussion with Mr. Rajendranathan from Hivos and thereafter submitted an initial project proposal to them.

Thereafter the Secretary Mr.Jasmir Thakur attended a workshop held by Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) for Sentinel Surveillance programme to be conducted in Poona under the auspices of our ongoing project with MSACS.

In the same month of June, we also did a sensitization and awareness programme for CARE India – Delhi as they had come with their team on issues of Male Sex Workers and Masseurs.

We also had a cursory project discussion with Pathfinder International for a project in Poona city with Men who have Sex With Men (MSM) and Male Sex Workers and Masseurs.

In the month of July the project team from MSACS attended the HIV-TB workshop organised by MSACS in Bhosari.

We also had our organizational assessment conducted by Mrs.Sukanya Poddar for FHI- BMGF.

We applied for Foreign Currency Regulation Act (FCRA) permission for receiving foreign grants and contributions & we received our Permanent no from Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

A formal meeting with Hivos in Bangalore and further discussion on the proposal as well as they viewed the documentary done by us on Male Sex Workers and Masseurs titled "Masculinity Bazaar"

In the month of August FHI- BMGF and FPAI conducted a second round of organizational assessment for granting of project.

In the month of September we had another round of meeting with Pathfinder International for a project in Poona city with Men who have Sex With Men (MSM) and Male Sex Workers and Masseurs.

The Charity Commissioners office has passed the order effecting the change of Address and appending the "Schedule I"

We also did a small project with Bachelor of Mass Media (BMM) students of Kishanchand Chelaram College in Mumbai on Homophobia as well with BMM students of St.Xaviers College an ethnographic study on Sexualities.

In the same month we also started a Nutrition project in association with Nurture and John Hopkins University and Sassoon Hospital Poona for supply of Nutritious food for HIV Positive mothers and their children.

We successfully completed our Sentinel Surveillance programme of MSACS in Poona and submitted the report and documents.

In the month end we started work on the project granted to us by Hivos and scheduled to start from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005, we started selection and recruitment of our team of workers.

In October we started our project activities of Hivos in full steam and we were sponsored to Amsterdam, The Netherlands by Hivos to attend a three-day programme and send of function of Mr. Franc Mom-Senior LGBT officer.

In the month of November, we were invited by Hivos to attend a workshop on Sex work in Bangalore.

In the month of December attended a conference in Delhi organised by CORT on Reproductive and Sexual Health of Youth.

There after we also held the World AIDS Day function in Poona under the auspices of MSACS by showing four films as follows:

- I. Insecurity of being heterosexual based on Homophobia filmed by K.C.College, Mumbai
- II. Love is not a just straight thing based on Section -377 filmed by Wilson College, Mumbai
- III. Mein Jeena Chata hoon on HIV+ person and
- IV. Phir se ashian baneyega hum based on stigma and discrimination

And poster exhibition of posters developed by us that we had translated into Hindi & Marathi and Session on Nutrition by Ms.Punam Desai- Nurture, Mumbai and Distribution of leaflet on Nutrition basics in Marathi and Safe Sex calendar- 2005-2006

In January & February we conducted a series of Sensitisation and Awareness programmes in Poona with the MSM and Male Sex Workers and Masseurs and had attendance of 34 persons per session

Simultaneously in January we also got a small project on Library Search and Literature review on Male Sex Workers and Masseurs from Sexual Health Resource Centre (SHRC) – a DFID supported body and completed the same in early February and actually submitted the final report in April after various drafts and consultations and also made a Media presentation CD for Sensitisation and Awareness for National and International agencies.

In January February, March we conducted training sessions for our MSACS staff and team of volunteers as capacity building on issues of Condom, STI, HIV, ART, Clinical Trials, Nutrition and Identity V/s Behaviour by inviting prominent experts consequently we are organised Sensitisation workshops in J.J. Hospital, C.M.P. Hospital and L.T.M.G. Sion Hospital with our Mumbai Hivos Outreach workers conducted the sessions.

And also organised Marathi Play Titled "*Chotyashya Suttit*", written by Sachin Kundalkar and Directed by Mohit Takalkar at Sudarshan Kala Mancha. Maharashtra Cultural Centre, 421, Shaniwar Peth, Pune, Near Ahilya devi High School, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 from 7.00 P.M to 9.00 P.M and a short discussion subsequently and prior to the play Ms.Manisha Gupte of Masum also conducted a small programme on Behalf of Voices against 377- Delhi based organisation requesting the participants to voice their opinions by way of words, drawing or signing to support the struggle.

This year Samabhavana society continued its extensive linkages with International agencies like *UNAIDS, UNDP, FHI, DFID, PATH, Pop council, HIV Alliance, PSI, Save the Children-UK, AUSAID, HLFPT and Female Health Company, BMGF-Avaahan* and National Agencies such as *NACO, APSACS, GUJSACS, GOASACS, MPSACS and many others*

Through out the year we have been doing intervention with the support of volunteers by distributing condoms and assisting the MSW & Masseurs and their Male and Female clients to access health care facility as and when required

#### **Appreciation:**

Samabhavana thanks Mr.Sanjay Sawant (IAS) Project Director – Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society and his team *Society* and its team namely Dr. Dr.Pandey-APD, Dr.V.L. Kulkarni- Dy Dir-STI, Mr. Menon- Finance Manager Mr.Sandeep Malwi- Dy Dir-IEC, Mr.Rajesh for their continuous support as well as Ms.Jamuna Ranganathan- Country Head, Mr.Rajadranathan- Hivos, Bangalore and all the wonderful people from Hivos for supporting us with a two year project and also like to Thank Dr Thomas Phillip and the entire team of SHRC & DFID-India for its immense support.

We are also thankful to our Mumbai team of Mahipal, Badani, Sukhdev, Babloo, Ravi and Prabhati for their selfless work and support in our ongoing activity and Mr.Rudra Kishore Mandal for the artistic inputs in developing IEC material with Male Sex workers and Masseurs community in Mumbai Metro as well as the entire MSACS project team in Poona and namely *Ms.Tejaswi Sevakari* for her immense continuous support as well as other NGO / CBO`s in Pune for their continuous guidance and our new member of our ever growing family Ms.Nandita Ambike for her continuous support and guidance.

We would also like many of our Friends and supporters who have been giving us continuous guidance and support such as Dr.Ravi Verma, Vaishali Mahendra Sharma of Population Council, Dr.Abhay Chodhari- HOD-Microbiology Dept-Grant

Medical College, Dr.Asawari Heradewkar, Mr. Chandramouli (IAS), Dr.Narvekar, Bobby Ramakant, Anita Khemka, Devika Singh and Dr Alka Pandey.

We also thank the BMM students of K.C. College namely Kirti Shenoj, Archana Kannan Iyer and Jamshed Avari, furthermore Students of St. Xavier's and Wilson College.

We are also grateful Akhila Shivdas of CFAR, CED and Alochana for their support for documentation.

And our most sincere loving thanks to Barbara Frequin from Holland, a M.A student of Social and cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, for all her extensive help and guidance.

We also take the opportunity to thank the communities that we work with for their continuous ongoing ever-increasing support with out which all this would not have been possible.

Last but not the least we also place on record. Our sincere thanks to our *President Mr.D.K.Shenoy* for his immense support and continuous guidance and the entire board of Samabhavana society for it's never ending encouragement and dedicated support through the year.

Thanking You,

Sincerely Yours,

For Samabhavana Society  
Sd/-  
Jasmir Thakur  
Secretary & E.O

Mumbai  
Dated: 5 /5 /2005