

# 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 2006.

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

## **Programme:**

In the Month of April we were busy completing the Accounts and Auditing of the organisation.

MSACS team of Mr.Menon- Finance Controller, Mrs. Rashmi Jaydeokar- NGO Advisor and Mr. Gaikwad-condom promotion officer visited our office in Pune in the month of May for evaluation.

This year in the month of May we started shooting for the three films from the grant received from Hivos and all these films were completed by June end, in the month of July we submitted the films to Censor board of India and in August & September we got the certificates for the films Positive Portrait, Dhruv & I and The Bath respectively.

We also got space allocated from Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika (BMC) in August end and took the possession of the space in September.

In June, we were assessed once again by Family Health International (FHI) & Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) - SOSVA for granting a proposal for Male Sex Workers and Masseurs Community and the process of discussion was ongoing till September and till date there is no response from them, in spite of rigorous follow up

In July we did a talk show for Times TV NOW on programme called "Lifes like that"

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 and still follow up is ongoing

We also did a small project with Bachelor of Mass Media (BMM) students of Maharishi Dayanand College in Mumbai on Lesbian and Bisexual women as well with BMM students of St.Xaviers College, conducted a sensitisation programme on Alternate Sexuality.

In the same month we also did sessions for Salsep programmes in various schools of Mumbai

From August to September end we also successfully for the second time completed our Sentinel Surveillance programme of MSACS in Poona and submitted the report and documents.



In the month of October we held the opening of the Mumbai office on the Auspicious of Vijaydashmi on 8<sup>th</sup> October and large number of community members from the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender as well as our respondents from Mumbai Project the Male Sex Workers and Masseurs attended

In November, The President Mr. D.K. Shenoy got full scholarship from Ford Foundation and the Secretary Mr. Jasmir Thakur got support from RCSHA and Hivos to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Pacific Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as we had a Poster presentation on two studies of ours namely, Sexual Behaviour of Male and Female Clients of Male Sex Workers & Masseurs in Mumbai and second study was Library search and Literature review of Male Sex Workers and Masseurs in India.

In December, during the World AIDS Day week we held Astitva 2005, a film festival in which we screened all three films round the clock along with Poster Exhibition on Sexuality, Safe Sex, Condoms and HIV & AIDS in Pune with support of Maharashtra State AIDS Control and synergized the event with the material developed under the Hivos project, the festival was attended by around 550 people from different walks of life.

In January,06 we had change in the organisation as Mr.Sanjay Singh had to resign and leave to be with his ailing parents and all of us wish him all the best in future and will surely miss his support and are also grateful to Mrs. Tejaswi Sevekari to accepting the responsibilities as the Treasurer of the organisation.

In January & February we conducted a series of Sensitisation and Awareness programmes with National Students Scheme (NSS) in Poona and Peth with Pune University which was attended by nearly 600 students

In December, January & February, we conducted training sessions for MSACS supported NGO in Maharashtra and covered 36 such NGOs staff.

In March, we also conducted Advocacy programmes with various law Colleges in Mumbai and Pune on issues of Alternate Sexuality, Male Sex Work and HIV & AIDS.

In March, Samabhavana Society in collaboration with C.M.P.H. Hospital started community clinic at Curry road.

Around the year we were conducted various programmes in Mumbai and Pune on Alternate Sexuality, Male Sex Work and HIV & AIDS.

This year in January we also started Self Help Groups in Pune and Mumbai

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, HLPPT 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.Prakash Sabde (IAS) Project Director - Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society and his team Society and its team namely Dr. Dr.Dodwad-APD, Dr.Pawar, Dr.V.L. Kulkarni- Dy Dir-STI, Mr. Menon- Finance Controller, Mr. Surve, Finance officer, Mrs.Rashmi Jaydeokar-NGO Advisor, Dr.Mrs Tipre, Mrs. Sanjeevani Kulkarni, Rajesh, Anagha, Khandekar, Sushma and our many friends in MSACS for their continuous support as well as Ms.Jamuna Ranganathan- Country Head, Mr.Rajadranathan- Hivos, Reena Fernandes, Biswajeet, Chandana, Juliet and many other friends in 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, Tilak, Dalchand, Kishen, Prabhati, Pramod 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 in Pune- Ms.Nandita Ambike our project Manager- MSACS for her continuous support and guidance.

Adv Sonali Shrikhande and her students and colleagues in various law colleges

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

We also thank the BMM students of M.D. College furthermore Students of St. Xavier's and Wilson College.

We are also grateful Akhila Shivdas and Pankaj and his team in Pune- CFAR, Esha News for their support for documentation.

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

Mumbai- Dated: 5 /5 /2006

