**Manthana**

**October - December 2017**

**Theme of the edition:**

**16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence**

25 November - 10 December 2017

Violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. Worldwide, an estimated one in three women experience physical or sexual abuse in her lifetime. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

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**PROJECT UPDATES**

### Theme: Adolescent Girls

**Sphoorthi Project**

**Adolescent boys’ initiative**

The Sphoorthi group organized taluka level quiz contest in the villages of Koppal to mark the occasion of Farmers Day and Human Rights Day. Many role model adolescent girls, peer girls and villagers participated in the quiz.

**Success story from field**

Kavya grew up witnessing her mother being beaten up by her drunkard father. When the torture increased beyond tolerance, Kavya’s mother decided to return to her parents’ home, both of whom are HIV positive and on ART. The only one who went to work in Kavya’s family was her younger brother!

“Once I have some money in hand, I will marry Kavya off and be at peace. I don't know how long I'll live, or for that matter my parents also”, said Kavya's mother. Akkamma Devi, the field coordinator intervened and explained the repercussions of such a decision to Kavya’s mother. If she could gather money to get Kavya married, why not use it to educate her? Kavya’s mother didn’t have an answer to give Akkamma. She only smiled faintly.

Kavya did really well in studies and that motivated her mother to continue sending her to school. It was Kavya who enlightened her mother about the ill effects of child marriage after attending a couple of sessions conducted by Sphoorthi. Two months from the visit, both the children now attend school regularly and are looking forward to accomplishing something in life. KHPT also facilitated linkages to an individual donor who has come forward to support Kavya's education and ease the family's burden.

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### Theme: Nutrition

**Multi Sectoral Nutrition Project**

**Encouraging women to be future entrepreneurs**

An exposure visit was organized for the women folk of the Self-Help Group (production unit) to “Kudumbashree”, a women empowerment and poverty eradication program in the state of Kerala. The purpose was to equip women to be economically empowered through participation in a social enterprise. KHPT attempts to sustain the two fortified blended food production units beyond the project tenure and demonstrate an operationally and economically viable production model at the community level.

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### Theme: Violence Against Women

**Samvedana Plus Project**

**“Orange the World”**

“16 days of activism” campaign was extensively supported & observed by KHPT team in Bagalkot district through street plays, consultations with Govt officials, community rallies and awareness campaigns.
9-year-old, Seema (name changed) is a double orphan dwelling with her two elder sisters in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. It is a child headed family where the eldest sister, 17 years old, is the sole bread winner. KHPT ORW identified the family as CABA and as part of the initial intervention facilitated HIV testing for Seema and her sisters. After a critical assessment, the family was linked to local donors to support their nutrition, education and social protection needs. Changing things, one family at a time.

Voice from Ground

Theme: Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health

Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) Project

A mother of triplets - local KMC champion

Renuka, a daily labourer, mother of two daughters gave birth to three low birth weight (LBW) girl babies weighing 1200, 1300 and 1500 grams respectively last year. But, practising KMC for average 9 hours each day made the triplets cross the 2500 gm mark. Timely intervention of the district surgeon and the hospital staff, regular follow up by the ASHA worker and KMC project staff helped Renuka. Renuka is now identified as one of our local KMC champions. Despite many challenges, she is raising her triplets with courage in a society that shunned her for bearing girls.

KMC Dad - Breaking norms and reversing parental roles

Durgappa, a daily labourer took one month leave from his work to provide KMC to his small baby. An inspiration for father on gender role reversal.

Theme: Tuberculosis

THALI Project

USAID Administrator visit to Hyderabad

Hon. Mark Green visited the state reference laboratory in Hyderabad and addressed an audience of TB survivors, the government, the corporate sector and civil society on the importance of multisectoral collaboration for TB elimination.

Active case finding (ACF) by outreach workers

THALI worked with the government on case detection and TB awareness during the third phase of the two-week ACF campaign. THALI outreach workers went house-to-house in vulnerable communities for screening and diagnosis of those with symptoms, as well as follow-up of persons found to have TB.

Sensitization programme for Pourakarmikas

RNTCP and THALI team conducted verbal screening of municipal sanitary workers known as pourakarmikas. A sensitization programme organised by THALI team was attended by approx. 80 Pourakarmikas. The event marked the launch of a series of pourakarmika sensitization programmes by Mayor R. Sampath Raj.

Theme: Orphans and Vulnerable Children

OVC Project

With the community, for the community

For the first time, KHPT OVC team developed IEC materials for CABA involving communities right from evolving the material concept to designing key messages. The materials were piloted and distributed to ART counsellors enabling them to use them to enhance messages on the need for HIV screening, partial and full disclosure, ART initiations and adherence during counselling.

Sensitization and linking CABA and CLHIV to social schemes

NMP+ organized a camp to introduce and share applications for social schemes from Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation for OVCs in 6 wards.

Commemorating World AIDS Day (WAD) with vulnerable children

KHPT and MDACS organised a programme on WAD with the theme Celebrating children~ Children are our inspiration. Hon. Mark Green, USAID administrator graced the event with his presence on 30th Dec in Mumbai. He was impressed by child friendly interactive materials developed by KHPT and USAID India to engage children at anti-retroviral therapy centers and advocate adherence to therapy. He lauded the efforts of outreach workers and healthcare providers working to end AIDS. Dr Deepak Sawant, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Maharashtra state launched these IEC materials at the event. USAID administrator also visited KHPT kiosk and interacted with children.

World AIDS Day, Delhi

KHPT set up an exhibition stall of the Orphans & Vulnerable Children project on the occasion of WAD in Delhi which was attended by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and National AIDS Control Organization. Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon’ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director General of NACO, Dr. Camara, UNAIDS country director, Dr. Beckedam, WHO country representative, Mr. Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary of NACO, DDGs from NACO and other dignitaries visited KHPT exhibition stall.
HIV screening and linking to ART services

DSACS rolled out the community based HIV screening at targeted intervention project sites covering high risk populations to screen for HIV positivity among them. It also linked them to ART services under the NACP to prevent the spread of HIV in the community.

Case study:
Despite odds Nazeema adopts KMC successfully

This is Nazeema (name changed), a woman in her early thirties from a small village of XYZ in UP. Nazeema has been speech and hearing impaired and intellectually disabled since birth. She was married off early, suffered several miscarriages and subsequently had five children. Nazeema can barely manage her house and the cooking. She is also addicted to tobacco chewing. She recently gave birth to her baby daughter at home with the help of the local Dai and her mother.

When the ASHA weighed the baby on her 2nd day from birth, her weight was only 2200 grams. As her intellectual disability was an issue, helping Nazeema understand the challenges of raising a LBW baby wasn't easy. But the ASHA worker with her persistence was able to motivate Nazeema's mother to support her in practicing KMC. Nazeema understood that her child is weak, and gave KMC exactly as she was told by her mother. Now her daughter weighs 2800 grams at 21 days. The project has been training ASHA workers to conduct effective home visits and counseling for behavior change.

Karnataka TSU

Mahadevi wins the award!

Mahadevi Hullura, who was part of the community mobilization initiative of KHPT for several years, as a community leader, as part of its HIV prevention work in Bijapur wins the "Karunada Nakshatra Award" for helping female sex workers live a life of dignity and respect championing for their rights.

UP TSU

Cross learning and knowledge building visit to Karnataka

The UP TSU team visited Karnataka to learn from the successes and innovations of the Karnataka program in the area of MNCH.

Theme: Non-Communicable Diseases

NCD Project

Diabetes screening

Population level screening for Diabetes and Hypertension for adults >18 years old has been initiated in October 2017 in Kumbarakkoppalu PHC area, Mysuru as part of the baseline survey for the NCD pilot program.

Connecting to world

KHPT staff were oriented on the practical use and application of social media by Mr. Kunal David, managing partner of Marching Ants Marketing LL. It helped the teams to learn about various ways to share and promote our work through social media.

16 days of activism campaign

KHPT launched a social media campaign for the first time to extend support to 16 days of activism campaign.

Induction program for new recruits

About 15 new recruits participated in the process. The HR used participatory processes with group activities to make learning fun for the new members of the KHPT family.

Facebook Page

KHPT completed its first 500 likes on its Facebook page.

OUR INITIATIVES

Leaflet on the food production units run by SHG women - Nutrition Project
Pictorial diet chart for Adolescent girls - Sphoorthi Project
A study report - Profiling the Situation and Vulnerabilities of Children of Female Sex Workers - OVC Project
Flipchart for adolescents to understand different types of communication - Sphoorthi Project
Flipchart to understand about the issues of child marriage - Sphoorthi Project
Flipchart to learn about gender roles - Sphoorthi Project
Supportive community monitoring tool - KMC Project
Annual report for the year 2015-16 - IHAT
Organisational brochure - IHAT

PUBLICATIONS