Telangana’s Commitment to End TB

An event organised by THALI and its implementing agencies KHPT and TB Alert India (TBAI) on 24th March on the occasion of World TB Day, 2017. The chief guest for the event, the Consulate General of Hyderabad Ms. Katherine B Hadda formally announced the TB-free movement in Telangana by releasing the End TB movement brochure designed and developed by THALI for the state of Telangana.

Creating Visibility of THALI

A stakeholder consultation organised to create better visibility of THALI project and enlist support from larger stakeholders to promote project objectives. Government, RNTCP officials, private health sector, civil society, community leaders, TB patients and private (CSR) sector participated.

MoU between BBMP and KHPT for the Implementation of THALI in Bengaluru

The MoU was signed by Mr. N Manjunath Prasad, IAS, Commissioner, BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) and by Mr. Mohan HL, Managing Trustee, KHPT. This marks the acceptance of Tuberculosis Health Action Learning Initiative (THALI) by the Commissioner’s office, BBMP , and their commitment to collaborate with KHPT to ensure joint efforts to end TB in Bengaluru.

CME Meetings

3 Continuing Medical Education (CME) meetings organised under THALI project in Feb 2017. The 1st CME organised to share updates as per the recent Technical Operational Guidelines (TOG) of RNTCP. 2nd CME was on 'Updates in Tuberculosis’ under the stewardship of Indian Medical Association. 3rd CME organised in which Telerad Rx Dx hospital approved of THALI reporting/ notifying TB cases and support THALI in controlling TB.

Expressing through Art

The unique way to understand adolescent girl’s (AGs) issues is to mobilise the girls themselves to depict their concerns in a pictorial way. For the first time, AGs developed posters to express their concerns. Real issues, incredibly creative concepts came through, following which, the pictorial ideas are now being designed and developed into posters.

Partner Consultation Meeting

Partner consultation meeting organised by Karnataka TSU to develop strategies and collect suggestions for the Targeted Intervention (TI) Annual Action Plan (AAP) of Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS) for the financial year 2017-18. The discussions focused on improving the coverage, mainstreaming of services and behavior change communication.
Continuing Medical Education Program on Paediatrics HIV/AIDS

KHPT in consultation with MDACS and in collaboration with SION Paediatric Centric of Excellence (PCOE) conducted a CME for Paediatricians and General Practitioners working in BMC hospitals in Mumbai. The workshop focused on orienting the Medical Practitioners on early diagnosis and treatment of cases, managing Opportunistic Infections (OIs) in children, identify and managing ART side effects and providing growth monitoring and immunization services for CLHIV. 60 medical doctors participated in the CME.

Organising Summer Camps for CABA

The Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI), KHPT and Sneha Charitable Trust jointly organized one-day consultation cum experience sharing meeting with Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) /Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Dr. Rajendra Prasad, APD, APSACS attended the meeting as a Chief Guest. 35 members came together to discuss the success of institutional networking in Karnataka, need of psychological care for CABA, the need for support for developing Child Protection Policy, setting up Child Parliaments and initiating standard protocols.

Media: A Powerful Advocacy Tool

Media Advocacy workshops organized in March 2017 in four divisions of Uttar Pradesh. 106 IEC/BCC nodal officers from NHM Lucknow, Jhansi, Basti, and Gorakhpur divisions participated and learned how to engage with the Media and share positive stories from the field for improved coverage.

Mission Health: Series of Tele episodes on RMNCH+A and National Program

NHM along with UP-TSU, in collaboration with Doordarshan, Lucknow, developed creative 68 episodes of MISSION HEALTH on thematic areas of RMNCH+A, and successfully telecasted 32 episodes. It provides correct and complete information on myths and misconceptions related to RMNCH+A. This Phone-in-program and docu-dramas is a platform for the audience to ask health related questions using dial-in numbers and facilitates interaction and satisfies their queries.

Immersion Training, Kenya

KHPT and IHAT team attended a 2 day Immersion training on “System Governance & Management of HIV/AIDS Programs” in PHDA, Nairobi, Kenya. The team got the opportunity to visit the SWOP site and interacted with program and field staff. PHDA expressed their interest in having partnerships with KHPT/ IHAT for implementing programs, finance, admin in Kenya.

Research and Accountability

Dr Balasubramniam R, founder of GRAAM was at KHPT as a guest speaker for the GHTP (Global Health Training program) session on Research and Accountability. The teams discussed about the responsibilities as researchers to increase accountability to the communities and the stakeholders involved in research.
Rally by Adolescent Girls to Celebrate Womanhood: Be Bold for Change

Women’s day was celebrated by the girls of Sphoorthi Project in collaboration with other organizations working with women in Koppal District on 9th March. About 800 girls and women participated in a 3 km rally that lasted for about 2 hours. Rally was inaugurated by Smt. G. Shamala, famous Telugu writer.

Women Participation in Sports is Incredible: KHPT Celebrating International Women’s Day Uniquely

Department of WCD & WDC organised a unique sports meet for women on the occasion of International Women’s Day. Ms. Bharathi Shankar, president of WDC inaugurated the event. 208 women from Karnataka network for people living with HIV/AIDS & Female Sex Workers (FSWs) from different CBOS participated. “We are grateful to the organisers (KHPT, KSAPS, WDC & WCD), for organising the first ever sports meet for vulnerable women. It gave us an opportunity to meet each other, open up and overcome the stigma and discrimination we face.” says, Ms. Geetha from Vijaya Mahila Sangha.

Together We Beat Non-Communicable Diseases

A state level workshop was jointly organized by National Health Mission (NHM), Government of Karnataka (GoK), Landmark Group and KHPT to facilitate learning and collaborative action on NCDs. Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department, GoK inaugurated the event. The chief guest for the workshop was Dr. Rathan Kelkar, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, GoK. Shri Venkataramana B, Group President, Landmark Group and Mr Mohan HL, Managing Trustee, KHPT were also present. The workshop discussions highlighted that it is an excellent opportunity for CSR and NGO partners like KHPT to come forward, join hands with the government and share knowledge to put best scientific innovations to use.

ACHIEVEMENTS

KHPT’s Long Standing Engagement for Female Sex Worker (FSW) Rights takes an Inspiring Turn!

A year ago the Government of Karnataka (GoK) established a commission headed by a legislative member to assess the needs, vulnerabilities and challenges of FSWs. The commission interacted with over 16,000 FSWs and government officials across the state. KHPT and FSW CBOS facilitated several of these deliberations. The commission developed and submitted a report to the Chief Minister with a set of recommendations for policies, programs and services to reduce vulnerability of FSWs and their families. The GoK has accepted the report and has committed to implementing the majority of the recommendations across the state within the Government budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Some key recommendations include:
- Establish exclusive cells to address vulnerabilities of FSWs such as stigma, discrimination and gender based violence.
- Enhance financial inclusion of FSWs through support to CBOS to establish co-operative societies.
- Give formal recognition to CBOS as implementation agencies of State Government programs.
- Sponsor programs that empower and improve the overall quality of life of adolescent girls by ensuring their continuation in schools, reducing early marriage, preventing entry into sex work and stop trafficking.

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“It was indeed an eye opener in terms of the ethical principles we ought to apply while designing, implementing and evaluating a program/research. The sessions did sensitise on the dilemmas associated with applying ethics and how to tackle them and exercise the principle of individual and community rights. Thanks to KHPT for giving me the opportunity to attend the course on ethics in public health practice conducted by Azim Premji University”

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