The World Youth Skills Day is observed globally on 15 July every year to raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development. The day is celebrated to stress on the importance of acquiring skills as a means to address the challenges of unemployment and under employment, and also as a way to achieve better socio-economic conditions for all youth.

**Project updates**

**Kangaroo Mother Care**

A vision building workshop was organised on 4th & 5th of July 2016 as part of KMC (Kangaroo Mother Care) project. The team interacted with Department officials, frontline health workers, program beneficiaries and also visited private and public facilities in Koppal district. The workshop and field visit were conducted to facilitate and achieve a common understanding between KHPT & St. Johns Research Institute about the issues and challenges related to KMC and develop possible strategies and implementation plans and models.

“KMC project gives us an opportunity to take our collaboration with St. John’s to the next level. We aim to work as a single unit ensuring that the expertise of both the organisations complement each other perfectly to achieve the objectives of this project.”

Mohan HL, Managing Trustee, KHPT

“Home visits and interactions with mothers who have recently delivered and families shed light on barriers at individual, family and more broadly at the socio-cultural level. The field visit succeeded in sensitizing the project team towards the enormity and complexity of the challenge while beckoning them to approach the issue with a new bent of mind”

Dr. Krishnamurthy Jayanna, Director, Quality Improvement and MNCH, KHPT
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The project funded by APPI (Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives) is aimed at building role models among adolescent girls using an empowerment approach. They will in turn inspire and motivate peers to make independent decisions and challenge negative norms and emerge as a force that beckons change in their local contexts.

“I want to be a doctor”. “I don’t like boys teasing me”. “I hate it when my mother scolds and beats me”. “It’s wrong to fall in love”. Some of the many responses during a group interaction between project staff and 25 girls in Hitnal village, Koppal district during a recent review field visit.

Tuberculosis Health Action Learning Initiative (THALI)

Strategy Development workshop was conducted from 1st to 3rd of June 2016 to develop strategies for eight activity streams - SBCC (Social Behavior Change Communication), private sector engagement, Government engagement, Care & Support, Monitoring & Evaluation, Non-traditional investment, MITHRA and Communication.

Second USAID Partner’s Review Meeting was held on 25th-26th July in Delhi. Achievements and progress was reviewed and work plan for year-1 was shared by the USAID partners. This meeting is a platform for common learning, cross sharing across partners and other experts in the sector to maximize synergies, impacts collaboration and minimize duplication of work.

TSU Karnataka

11 industries have been signed under Employer Led Model (ELM) and Health Captains were trained with the support from the TSU under the HIV Prevention programme among the most at risk Populations (MARPS)

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Innovations at KHPT

Summer Camps to bring Change

Platform for learning alongside children for an effective AIDS response (Place AIDS Response) in collaboration with its partners and Vihaan project organised four summer camps for children infected and affected by AIDS (CABA) during the holidays. The camps were held at Bellary, Belgaum, Bidar and Kolar districts.

308 children participated and were overwhelmed with joy. The purpose of these camps was to trigger change within children to help them to lead a better life.

A 11-year-old boy (HIV+) said “I always like playing, but there is nobody at my home to play with me. Even in school, nobody wants to play with me. I used to feel bad that I have no friends. But now I am happy to see that I have so many friends, and I don’t feel lonely anymore”.

HR corner

Induction training programme was organised for new joinees on 8-9th of July 2016 to orient them about the organisation and its policies.

“The training programme was very informative and helped me to learn about the organisational processes”

Parul Singh
Communication Specialist, THALI

Appreciation

Congratulations to Ms. Urmila Chanam for winning the “Voices of Our Future” award by World Pulse. She received the award for utilizing social networking platform to achieve high impact for community issues of menstrual hygiene, child marriage and girl empowerment.

Publications

~ Samruddhi Flip Book, Training Tool Kit, Nutrition
~ Resource Directory – Situation Analysis
~ Assesment of each district, Book, OVC KHPT Brand tool kit
~ Samatha Samachara, Quarterly newsletter, Strive