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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 31st march 2008.

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

Programme:

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

In April we supported a study on Stigma and Discrimination being undertaken by Population Council and International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and was ongoing for a period of three months and the report is still awaited.

In April we also commenced work on Supporting Karan Boolani and Rupa Pannalal on development of a Film to be produced by them on History of Massage Industry in Mumbai, Titled " The Healing Feeling" which was completed in October.

In this month we also development of protocol for Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) Toll free Helpline component of our programme, in which we had develop the training manuals which were spearheaded by Adv. Shakeel Ahmad – our advocacy officer and team members from Pune and Mumbai.

The training on Advocacy was commenced and ongoing three phases wherein different issues were discussed threadbare and its legal implications and crisis management on sites with keeping in account the safety of team was undertaken by process of role play, simultaneously the development of script was being undertaken for the helpline.

A special event for Malishwalas was organised on 8th June.

We also undertook a special programme for Adolescents in sex work through the medium of Malamaal Game- provided by Groupe Development on June 14th, wherein we had 36 Adolescents and Youth participants from the age group of 11 to 17.

In the month of 29th June attended the Conference organised by DFID- RSCHA in Delhi in our programme on Source- Destination – Backward Integration study was presented

In the month of July we conducted the first evaluation of our Youth Programme- of Integrated Education Programme on Gender Sexuality and Human Rights (IEPGSHR), initially with students of Symbiosis Law College to understand the efficacy and follow up was done by inviting 34 individuals from varied background -Academicians, Activists, Advocates, NGO/CBO and Corporates which was ongoing till December, 07 and the final draft was prepared for evaluation, thereafter the text book development work was undertaken, which still under process from various.

In August, we conducted a follow up with students of Symbiosis Law College on the evaluated content and also another follow up with the team of experts

In August a visit was also organised for Swissaid for understanding the workings of Masseurs Community

In the month of September we conducted a sensitisation programme for Counselors from Gujarat State AIDS Control Society organised by TISS and was ongoing till February, 08, wherein we sensitized and trained 150 Counselors from Various districts of Gujarat

In this month a team of 20 Youth were given exposure visit opportunity to visit Akola in Maharashtra district supported by Swissaid on Organic Farming for sustainability Livelihood options.

The Review of content for IEPGSHR was ongoing

In the month of October the Project Director was invited by Pathfinder to visit their project in Mysore and also took the opportunity to meet with Hivos Team and conducted a small speech for Pathfinder International for their programme Mookala Akash for the MSM Community from 10 district of Maharashtra.

From August to September end we also successfully for the fourth time completed our Sentinel Surveillance programme of MSACS in Poona working days which is a feat in itself and submitted the report and documents.

In the month of October, our ISO Audit was undertaken and we commenced on Community Lead Structural Programme for programmatic sustainability with training the MSM and Malishwalas (masseurs) / Male Sex workers Community by developing a one day training agenda on Safe Sex, Condom, HIV/AIDS and ART treatment another two day module on Advocacy was also undertaken with Issues of Right to Information, CrpC, IPC and Constitutional and Human Rights.

In November we were ongoing with all the activities of Drop In Centre (DIC), and other programme as per the timeline plan.

In December, The film "The Healing Feeling" developed by Mr. Karan Boolani was screened for the Malishwalas Community, which was attended by 89 masseurs.

In December we initiated the programme for Doctors forum by outreaching with 26 hospitals and clinical facilities of NGO/CBOs to give access and options to our target communities.

In January, we had our annual ISO Audit undertaken, we also initiate formation of Volunteers for Astitva, 08 and conducted media trainings for N.M. College, Mithibai College and Pravin Chandra Gandhi college of Media

On 14th February, 08, we conducted the first workshop of Doctors Formation for Community Lead Structural Intervention for sustainable Health Programmes.

In February we finalized the contract with World Population foundation (WPF), The Netherlands to initiate their programme "World Start With Me- WSWM" in India.

We also finalized the content for IEPGSHR.

In month of March on 15th & 16th day, we held the Astitva Cultural festival which was presided by the Sheriff of Mumbai, Dr. Indu Shahani and 76 Fine Art colleges participated and 48 Mass Media Colleges, the events were held at The National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) and Nehru Centre for Media, which were judged eminent personalities attendance of 320 community members from MSM and Masseurs Community as well as numerous students.

This year we had extensive training programmes for the team and the community as volunteers training programme and various community events were also held in the DIC for Masseurs/ Male Sex Workers and men Who have Sex with Men community.

Through out the year we have been doing intervention with the support of our ORW and volunteers by assisting the MSW & Masseurs and their Male and Female clients as well as the Men who have Sex with Men Community to access health care, Advocacy and their Income generation programmes facility as and when required

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-Sweden- Finland, UK, HLPPT and Female Health Company, BMGF-Avaahan, European Union, Swiss Aid, Group Development, American Indian Foundation (AIF) World Education (USA), World Population Foundation (WPF)- The Netherlands* and National Agencies such as *NACO, RCSHA, APSACS, GUJSACS, GOASACS, MPSACS and many others*

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- Program Officer- Hivos, Reena Fernandes, Biswajeet, Chandana, Juliet and many other friends in Bangalore, Rajamma in absence of Raja and Mr. Teyo from Head office for having spend time with us and all the wonderful people from Hivos for supporting us with a two year project and moreover for supporting us with additional programmes and upgrading the current one and also like to Thank Dr Thomas Phillip, Piyali Acharya, Udayan Pandya and the entire team of RCSHA & DFID-India for its immense support.

We are also thankful to our Mumbai team of Mahipal, Badani, Sukhdev, Keran, Dalchand, Laxman, Om, Subhash and our MSM team headed by Vijay, Rupesh, Ram, and Pramod for keeping his head above for managing Finance, Namrata for great Administrative support, Rajesh (Rajaram) for his fantastic development of IEC Material and Ketan for getting his bearings organised for the overwhelming task of sustainability and Nikhil for taking over the daunting documentation work *Ms. Tejaswi Sevekari* 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.

We also take this opportunity to Thank Dr. Michelle Andina and her team at Pathfinder International for their support for Advocacy programme in Pune.

Dr. Mrinal Raste- Vice Chancellor – Symbiosis International University, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur- Principal- Symbiosis Law College, Adv Pednekar- Professor and her students,

Dr Mangesh Kulkarni, Dr Ram Gambhir, Dr Hemant Apte- Pune University and our team of 32 experts Adv Sonali Shrikhande and her students and colleagues in various law colleges and Adv. Veena Gowda, Adv Apurva Kaiwar, for being on the panel of advocacy and Adv. Shakeel Ahmed for the great job as Advocacy officer, Adv. Vijay Hiremath and Adv, Rebecca of ICHRL for supporting us time and again, special mention to Symbiosis Law College Pune- Human Rights cell for their continuous support.

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 Choudhari- HOD-Microbiology Dept-Grant Medical College (J.J. Hospital) , Dr. Hema Jerajani- HOD- OPD-16, LTMG Hospital (Sion), and special thanks to Dr. Prachi Bedekar and her team at CMPH Hospital, Irla for supporting us with our unusual concept of peripheral clinics at four sites, Ram Krishna Mission Hospital Vrindavan with special thanks to Omar Maharaj and Swamiji for their continuous support.

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Special Thanks to Mr. Wadkar – Branch Manager of Bank of Maharashtra- Jacob Circle Branch for facilitating opening of bank accounts for our communities.

Mr.Hemant Kolwankar and Mr. Thomas for supporting us with Income Generation programmes

We also thank the BMM students of M.D. College furthermore Students of St. Xavier's and Wilson College, Santosh of Prabhat Chitra Mandal, Karan Boolani and Rupa Panalal for undertaking filming on issues of Masseurs in Mumbai city.

Arundhati Char for her constant support, guidance and being their for us.

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

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Jasmir Thakur
Secretary & E.O

Mumbai- Dated: 25 /6 /2008