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**SEVENTH
ANNUAL
REPORT
AND
STATEMENT
OF
ACCOUNTS**

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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 2007.

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 this month we also attended the NACO Research Conference where two of our studies submitted had got selected for poster presentation, the studies were on "*Library Search and Literature Review on Male Sex Work & Masseurs in India*" and "*Sexual Behaviour of Male And Female Clients of Male Sex Workers and Masseurs in Mumbai City*" from 21st to 23rd April, 06.

The secretary was selected by Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT) and Female Condom (UK) as their resource person for studies in Kolkatta and Ahemdabad.

In the month of June, we supported by Ashish Kumar of IIT- Kanpur on his research on Psychological issues of Men who have sex with Men in Mumbai for his dissertation for Post Doctorate study.

In June, we also started the process for acquiring and getting trained for ISO 9001:2000 supported by Zenith Quality Assessors Pvt. Ltd which is a assessor for UK based organisation ASCB (E)

In the month of July we were assessed by Mr.Rajarathinam, external evaluator from Hivos on our progress for the Hivos project.

In August we submitted a concept note to Resource Centre for Sexual Health and HIV /AIDS (RCSHA) – DFID in New Delhi for Backward integration of Masseurs Community, we also resubmitted a proposal to Pathfinder International.

In the month of September we undertook a cursory mapping of villages in Mathura and prior to starting the Pilot project in Mathura.

In the month of October we started the Pilot project with visit to Ram Krishna Mission Hospital in Vrindavan and 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.

From August to September end we also successfully for the third time completed our Sentinel Surveillance programme of MSACS in Poona in 14 working days which is a feat in itself and submitted the report and documents.

In the month of October, Secretary Mr. Jasmir Thakur visited Bangkok to try and learn more regards the world Population Foundation Programme- "World Starts with Me", as we were keen to partner with them to undertake the programme for adolescents and youth in India

In the month of October we also got an extension for existing work with Male Sex Workers and Masseurs Community in which we also added the component of Men who Have sex with Men and upgraded the programme to be more holistic from Hivos till the period of March 2010, and added the Programmes based on our proposal of Advocacy- Helpline for the MSM, MSW and Masseur community and Youth Power – programme with Youth on sexuality and Human Rights training to students of Mass Media, social work, Law colleges and National Students Scheme (NSS).

In November we conducted a Media Advocacy programme along with Open space- Pune

In November, we got an additional programme support from Hivos for Help line and crisis Management – Advocacy and Youth Power programme

In December, Mr. Jasmir Thakur and Mr. Mahipal Singh attended the Malamaal Launch in Manesar in Haryana, which was organised by Groupe Development a French organisation; we received our ISO 9001:2000 certification after a grueling training & preparatory work of six months, it was a joyous occasion for all of us.

In January & February, 07 we were part of seminars and workshops organised by Pune University on Masculinity and our films were screened in Queer seminar organised.

In February we signed the contract with Pathfinder International for Advocacy- Helpline programme in Pune and received the grant on 29th March, 07.

In month of March on 17th day, we held the Astitva Cultural festival which was presided by Famous Theatre Personality Deepatai Lagoo and had paid attendance of 320 community members from MSM and Masseurs Community.

In month of March we held our Annual retreat at Lonavala from 22nd to 24th March, which for all of us was extremely productive and

In March, we held the Astitva Art Festival and had invited 15 colleges of Art and seven participated in programme we held the event on 28th and 29th March also conducted Advocacy programmes with various law Colleges in Mumbai and Pune on issues of Alternate Sexuality, Male Sex Work and HIV & AIDS.

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

This year we had extensive training programmes for the team and the community as volunteers training programme and various community events where 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-UK, AUSAID, 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.

Adv Sonali Shrikhande and her students and colleagues in various law colleges and Adv. Veena Gowda, Adv Apurva Kaiwar, Adv Sameena Dalwai for being on the panel of advocacy and Adv. Shakeel Ahmed for taking the position of 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.

We also need to give special thank the S.S.Phule Municipal High School, E- ward and Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika for their continuous support.

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

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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
Sd/-
Jasmir Thakur
Secretary & E.O

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