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Background

Young people are at the centre of the HIV pandemic in terms of vulnerability, risk, impact and potential for change. Half of all new HIV infections are among young people, yet they have poor access to information and health services. Young people form a large percentage of vulnerable groups, such as injecting drug users and sex workers. In Nepal, young people represent more than 31% of the population and have been identified as one of the most vulnerable groups to the growing HIV/AIDS pandemic. It is estimated that about 50% of new HIV infection occurs among young people each year. As of February 2006, there were 6 128 identified HIV-positive cases, of which 415 (7%) HIV-positive cases were adolescents (NCASC, 2006). Vulnerability of young people, including adolescents, is increased due to various factors such as migration, late age at marriage, drug use, and involvement in pre-marital and extra-marital sex.

The Government of Nepal launched the first National AIDS Prevention and Control Programme in 1988. In 1995, a national policy was formulated, emphasizing the importance of multisectoral involvement, decentralized implementation, and partnership between the public and the private sectors (including NGOs). It also called for coordinated monitoring and evaluation, promoting actions for safe practices, counselling, and services to people living with HIV and AIDS. Provisions were made for reducing stigma and discriminatory practices against people living with HIV/AIDS, confidentiality of blood testing, and safe blood transfusion.

Towards this effort, Nepal established a multisectoral National AIDS Coordinating Committee (NACC) chaired by the Minister of Health in 1992. More recently, a National AIDS Council (NAC) chaired by the Prime Minister was established to raise the profile of HIV/AIDS. The NACC reports to the NAC. The NAC was meant to set overall policy, lead national-level advocacy and provide overall guidance and direction to the programme. The NACC, on the other hand, was expected to lead the multisectoral response and to coordinate active participation of all sectors in the fight against HIV/AIDS. However, both the NAC and the NACC have essentially been non-functional. Each body has met only once or twice and activating these entities is a great challenge. At the district level, district development committees are charged with implementing and monitoring HIV

projects according to national strategies and guidelines.

The main governmental agency responsible for HIV/AIDS and STD is the National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC) under the Ministry of Health and Population. The NCASC has developed a National Strategy on HIV/AIDS, which has subsequently been translated into a five-year HIV/AIDS Operational Plan for 2003-07. Each year, an annual work plan is developed. The annual work plan and budget for 2005-06 was developed in a participatory manner, involving a wide array of key stakeholders and thus it currently provides a common reference point for the national response. The strategy and operational plan seek to address management needs and define the resource requirements for an expanded response to HIV/AIDS in the country.

The government estimates a requirement of US\$88 million for the National Operational Plan for 2003-07; the current annual plan indicates a budget of about \$20 million, of which a financial gap of US\$ 5.5 million has been identified. While available funds may not be sufficient, the lack of implementation capacity has hampered the utilization of the existing resources. USAID funds are, however, an exception as they are spent directly through nongovernmental channels. Reorganizing the management mechanism to improve implementation is under discussion. One idea under consideration is the establishment of a private/semi-autonomous entity to oversee and coordinate the overall programme. The current weak capacity of NCASC, bureaucratic constraints inherent in the government system, and its inability to involve non-health sectors as well as NGOs effectively, would argue for such an entity. An institutional reform task-force that was established in May 2005 has produced an options paper and the government is actively considering its recommendations.

An antiretroviral treatment protocol has been endorsed by the Ministry of Health and Population, and treatment, with assistance from UNICEF has been started on a limited basis. The initial focus is on preventing mother-to-child transmission.

A number of multilateral and bilateral organizations support HIV/AIDS prevention and control initiatives in Nepal, including interventions for vulnerable groups, behavioural change communication, condom promotion, STD control, testing and counselling, surveillance and operational research.

USAID provides, through its cooperating agencies the largest funding for HIV/AIDS interventions in Nepal, including surveillance activities, social marketing of condom, as well as communication and advocacy programmes.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) has approved a grant to implement the national strategy over a period of four years. The focus will be on young people and migrants, as well as on providing care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS. However, there was a delay in implementation of more than two years after the funds were approved. This was mainly due to the lack of a management support agency (MSA). Recently, the UN system has been contracted to serve as the MSA, and GFATM resources have begun to flow.

DFID has recently committed a five-year grant to support the HIV/AIDS programme, based on gaps identified in the annual work plan. This grant is also implemented through the same MSA which supports the GFATM-financed programme, and includes a fast-track mechanism to contract NGOs rapidly, and a "Challenge Fund" mechanism to promote innovative ideas as well as a traditional procurement mechanism.

UNAIDS coordinates a theme group based in Kathmandu, and, between 1990 and 1999, the UN system supported the national response with approximately US\$ 5 million to build capacity, integrate HIV/AIDS into reproductive health services, and initiate a decentralized response. WHO has provided funds and technical support. Other donors include the European Union, Germany, and Switzerland.

A consortium of multilateral and bilateral donors (UNAIDS, UNDP, USAID, DFID, AusAid) collaborated with the government to address the issue of reducing the risk for female sex workers, their clients, and IDUs. Family Health International (FHI) was the executing partner of the US\$ 2.6 million project. Harm and risk reduction components included behavioural change communication, social marketing of condoms, harm-reduction equipment such as clean needles and syringes, STI treatment and drug substitution therapy. Support services, such as drug counselling, HIV care and support, voluntary HIV testing, and counselling, have been established. The project has ended and the various donor agencies involved are currently implementing separate programmes, with significant room for

improving their coordination mechanism. While the UN Theme group does meet fairly regularly, it does not include the major bilateral donors and the "Expanded Theme Group" has not been meeting regularly. More recently, an informal monthly lunch meeting has been started to supplement the formal mechanisms.

There are numerous nongovernmental organizations implementing ASRH and HIV/AIDS activities in the country. There are currently over 100 NGOs working in the area of HIV/AIDS alone. National NGO Network Group Against AIDS (NANGAN), a consortium of NGOs in Nepal, is working to coordinate and share information, education and communication materials, experiences, and lessons learned. The National Network against Girls' Trafficking, a coalition of approximately 40 NGOs initially established to tackle the problem of girl trafficking, has also begun to address the issue of HIV/AIDS.

Purpose of mapping

The WHO South-East Asia Regional Office, in collaboration with UNFPA, UNAIDS and other co-sponsors, intends to build the capacity of experts and institutions on health sector response to HIV/AIDS among young people. This report is an outcome of the mapping of experts and institutions working on adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) and HIV/AIDS among young people in Nepal. WHO/SEARO entrusted the task of preparing this document to the Centre for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities.

Methodology

Various steps were involved in the compilation of information and preparation of this document. These were:

Step 1: Review of existing information/directories on organizations involved in the sector of ASRH and HIV/AIDS

In early 2006, the research team contacted the networking agency - National NGO Network Group Against AIDS (NANGAN), and key government and nongovernmental organizations sponsoring programmes such as the National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC), Ministry of Health and Population, and Family Health International for the purpose of obtaining lists of institutions they work

with in the field of HIV/AIDS. It was found that most institutions working on ASRH also worked on HIV issues.

Step 2: Screening of organizations

The initial lists obtained by the research team was reviewed and screened on the basis of their current or recent involvement in advocacy, prevention, counselling, voluntary testing, AYFS delivery, referral, and research activities.

Step 3: Contacting the organizations and Follow-up

The short-listed institutions were contacted through e-mails and telephones to confirm their involvement in ASRH and HIV/AIDS sectors focusing on young people. The Technical Research Form prepared by WHO/SEARO was sent to institutions found to be working on this sector.

Constant follow-up calls were made by the research team to those institutions that did not respond to the e-mail or submit back the form.

Step 4: Analyses

After receipt of the forms from the organizations, they were compiled and analysed.

Outcome

- Two government ministries – Ministry of Health and Population and Ministry of Education and Sports are directly responsible for drafting policies and programme strategies on ASRH and HIV/AIDS for young people. Under each ministry, there is more than one department responsible for addressing the above matters.
- Most UN agencies in Nepal – UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNHCR, ILO and WHO – are involved in providing technical and financial support to the government agencies and INGOs/NGOs for implementing HIV/AIDS programmes focussing on youth and adolescents.

- USAID, DFID, SDC and GTZ are the four bilateral organizations which provide funds and technical assistance to government and INGOs/NGOs in ASRH and HIV/AIDS programmes.
- Eight international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs) – FHI, Save the Children US, Care Nepal, CEDPA, ADRA-Nepal, World Education, World Vision, Action Aid – have been complementing government efforts in ASRH and HIV sectors.
- As of July 2006, of a total of 154 NGOs identified to be working actively on ASRH and HIV sectors, detailed information in respect of only 50 NGOs was available.
- There are professional organizations such as Nepal Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Society (NESOG) and Nepal NGO Network Group Against AIDS (NANGAAN) that function as umbrella organizations, undertake micro-level programmes or interact with institutions working in HIV/AIDS sector and PLWHA community.

Constraints and Limitations

Information in respect of certain institutions, including INGOs, is based on published reports, websites and phone interviews since they had either not submitted back the Technical Research Form or failed to respond during initial contacts.

Organizations Implementing Programmes in the HIV/AIDS Sector for Young People

Agency's name	Advocacy and Counselling Service	BCC/BCI	Harm Reduction	Rehabilitation Centres, Care and Support	Training, Education and Awareness	VCT and Referral Service	YFHS	Remarks
GOVERNMENT SECTOR								
Ministry of Health and Population	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	In collaboration with UN/INGO/NGO
Ministry of Education and Sports					●			In collaboration with UN and NGOs
UN/MULTILATERAL DONOR								
International Labour Organization (ILO)		●			●	●		9 enterprises in Seven districts (Bank of Kathmandu, Hotel Radisson, Padmashree Carpet, Gorkha Brewery, Trishakti Textile, Himal Iron, Hulas Steel, Ami Apparels and Ragupati Jute Mills), 3 trade unions (NTUC, GEFONT and DECONT), FNCCI and Ministry of Labour and Transport Management (MOLTM).
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Through Global Fund in collaboration with governmental and nongovernmental organisations.
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	●	●			●	●	●	Through RHIYA and UBW
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)		●			●	●	●	YFHS under YFMPC and VCT through NCASC
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	UN coordinating agency
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)		●			●			
World Health Organization (WHO)					●		●	

Agency's name	Advocacy and Counselling Service	BCC/BCI	Harm Reduction	Rehabilitation Centres, Care and Support	Training, Education and Awareness	VCT and Referral Service	YFHS	Remarks
BILATERAL DONORS								
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Through INGOs
Department for International Development (DFID)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Through HMG and Global Fund Recipients
GTZ		●			●	●		Through district health office and NGOs
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	●				●			Through GOs and NGOs
INTERNATIONAL NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (INGOs)								
Action Aid Nepal	●	●	●	●	●		●	Only referral services
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)		●		●		●	●	
Care Nepal		●			●			Works in collaboration with partner NGOs
CEDPA-Nepal	●				●			Mostly on ASRH and some on HIV at community level
Equal Access-Nepal	●	●						Dissemination of information via media
Family Health International (FHI/Nepal)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Implements all the above programmes through partner NGOs.
International Nepal Fellowship (Paluwa)	●			●	●	●	●	Only care and support
PLAN International					●			
Save the Children-US	●	●		●	●	●		Only ICC, only homebased care and support
World Vision	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
World Education	●	●			●	●		Through NGO partners

Agency's name	Advocacy and Counselling Service	BCC/BCI	Harm Reduction	Rehabilitation Centres, Care and Support	Training, Education and Awareness	VCT and Referral Service	YFHS	Remarks
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS								
Aamaa Milan Kendra (AMK)	●	●			●	●		Only VCT referral
Agro Forest Basic Health and Cooperative (ABC) Nepal				●	●			Prevention, care and support
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA-Nepal)	●					●		
BP Memorial Health Foundation (BPMHF)	●	●			●	●	●	Only VCT referral
Blue Diamond Society (BDS)	●	●		●	●	●		- Advocates for rights of sexual minorities (MSM) - Provides drop in centres
Community Action Centre-Nepal		●	●		●			Only VCT referral
Community Development Forum (CDF), Nepal					●	●		Only VCT referral
Community Welfare Center (CWC) Nepal	●	●			●	●	●	
Diyalo Pariwar	●				●			
Environmental Health and Development Advisory Group (EHDAG)	●	●			●	●	●	Only VCT referral
Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN)	●	●			●	●	●	
Friends of Hope	●			●				
General Welfare Pratisthan (GWP)		●			●			Information and counselling
GIFT Bajura					●			
Himalayan Association against STI/AIDS (HASTI-AIDS)	●	●			●	●		Only ICC care and support, training on harm reduction

Agency's name	Advocacy and Counselling Service	BCC/BCI	Harm Reduction	Rehabilitation Centres, Care and Support	Training, Education and Awareness	VCT and Referral Service	YFHS	Remarks
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS								
Himalayan Social Welfare Organization (HSWO)	●	●	●	●	●	●		Only harm reduction and support
Integrated Rural Development Centre (IRDC)					●	●		Only VCT referral
Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society (LALS)	●	●	●	●		●		
Nagarjun Development Community (NDC)	●	●			●	●		Only VCT referral, care and support
NAMUNA Integrated Development Council	●			●	●	●		
National Association of PLWHA in Nepal	●	●		●	●	●		
National Health Foundation (NHF)		●			●			
Naulo Ghumti	●	●			●	●		
Nepal Environmental and Education Development Society (NEEDS)			●		●	●		
Nepal Fertility Care Center		●		●		●		
Nepal Plus	●			●	●	●		
Nepal Red Cross Society-Junior	●	●		●	●	●	●	Home-based care and support
Okhaldhunga Development Society (ODS)	●		●		●			
Prerana	●			●	●			Care and support
Public Health Concern Trust (pheckt-Nepal)	●	●			●	●	●	Only VCT referral
Public Health Development Center	●							
Punarjivan Sarokar Kendra	●					●		Drop in centers

Agency's name	Advocacy and Counselling Service	BCC/BCI	Harm Reduction	Rehabilitation Centres, Care and Support	Training, Education and Awareness	VCT and Referral Service	YFHS	Remarks
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS								
Sahara Paramarsha Kendra (SPK)	●					●		Provides counselling Training on VCT only
Samjhauta Nepal	●	●			●	●	●	Only VCT referral
SATH SATH	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Only education and awareness
Siddartha Club					●	●	●	
Skill Information Society - Nepal (SISO Nepal)	●	●			●		●	VCT is on the process
Society for Empowerment Nepal (STEP Nepal)					●	●		Only VCT referral
Society for Integrated Development (SOLID Nepal)					●			
Society for Positive Atmosphere and Related Support to HIV and AIDS in Nepal (SPARSHA Nepal)				●	●			
STD/AIDS Counselling and Training Centre (SACTS)		●	●	●		●		
Student Awareness Forum (BIJAM)	●	●	●	●		●		
Sunaulo Pariwar Nepal (SPN)	●	●			●	●	●	Only referral
The Richmond Fellowship Nepal (Male Rehabilitation Centre)			●	●		●		
Trinetra- Nepal				●	●		●	
Sakriya Sewa Samaj	●			●	●		●	- Training on VCT and Harm Reduction to NGOs and INGOs - Community home-based care and support
WATCH Nepal		●		●		●		
WOREC	●	●			●			Advocacy, counselling service, training and awareness raising activities
Youth Power	●		●		●			Only VCT referral

NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Aamaa Milan Kendra (AMK)

Background

Aamaa Milan Kendra (AMK) is a national-level nongovernmental organization established under the Social Welfare Council in 1975 with the main objective to develop and promote social and economic status and health of grassroots-level women. This agency consists of a strong network of 59 local branches in 19 districts.

Head of the Organization : Ms. Roshan Karki

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : Jan. 1986 (Magh 2042 B.S.)

Registration No : 127/042/043

Geographical area coverage : Morang (5 VDC), Syangja (5 VDC), Rupandehi (5 VDC), Lalitpur (13 VDC), Baglung (14 VDC)

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Adolescent youth sexual reproductive health
- Literacy programme for adolescent girls
- Advocacy and counselling

Health sector project on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Community Actions for Improved Youth Sexual Reproductive Health (2002-2005)
- Building Demand for RH (Reproductive Health) Project (2002-2004)

Donors : EU/UNFPA and CEDPA

Total No. of staff : 17

Total No. of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 13

Training conducted/List of publications

- Life skill-based Adolescent Youth Sexual Reproductive Health Peer Education Trainer's Manual.

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Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)

Background

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global network of independent humanitarian organizations established in 1984 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the specific purpose of providing individual and community development and disaster relief. ADRA established an office and began programme activities in Nepal in 1987. ADRA serves people without regard to their ethnic, political or religious association. It simply helps people in need, especially those most vulnerable such as women, children and the elderly. This organization is registered under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Health and ADRA. Nepal has also signed an MoU with the Social Welfare Council.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Mark Webster

Nature of the Organization : INGO

Registration No : Oct. 2005 (Kartik 2062 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage : Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Primary health care
- Reproductive health
- VCT services
- HIV prevention care and support
- Youth friendly delivery services
- Community mobilization for behavioural change

List of projects

- Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) (2001-2002)
- STD/HIV/AIDS Control Project (2003)
- Nepal Youth Volunteer Testing, Counselling and Referral Project (2003-2005)
- HIV Prevention Care and Support (in progress)

Partner organizations

- USAID/ NGO Network for Health
- ADRA Switzerland
- USAID/PACT/ADRA International
- ADRA Australia

Total No. of staff : 108

Total No. of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 10

Training

- Peer education training to 150 peer educators
- Life skills training to PLHAs and outreach educators

List of IEC material

- ASRH Newsletter (Quarterly)
- VCT brochures
- HIV/AIDS/VCT Information Book
- STD/HIV/AIDS and VCT programme/ Question and Management
- VCT pocket diary
- Yuba Chautari
- Annual Report

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Agroforestry, Basic Health and Cooperative (ABC Nepal)

Background

Agroforestry, Basic Health and Cooperative (ABC Nepal) is a social organization working to eliminate violence against women. It also works for the rights of children, and creates awareness on issues such as HIV/AIDS through training and orientation. It is accessible through two rehabilitation centres i.e. one in Kathmandu and one in Biratnagar.

Head of the Organization: Ms. Durga Ghimire

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : 1987 (2044 B.S.)

Registration No : 8534

SWC Affiliation No : 529

Geographical Area Coverage: Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Rehabilitation homes
- Awareness programmes
- AIDS education to school students
- Girl trafficking and HIV/AIDS awareness programme
- Community radio programme

List of projects

- Capacity Building of Marginalized Community Through Health Clinic and Income Generation Activities (2002-2002)
- Rehabilitation Programme for Women Rescued from Prostitution (2000-2004)
- Assisted Return and Integration of Trafficked Women (2001-2003)
- Cross-Border Programme on Capacity Building for Prevention of Trafficking and Rehabilitation of Potential and Rescued (2002-2005)
- Girl Trafficking and HIV/AIDS Awareness Education Programme (2002-2005)
- Combating Trafficking of Women and Children in Nepal (2001-2004)
- Gainful Employment Opportunities for Girls at Risks of Trafficking and Trafficked Survivors (2003-2004)

- Education Programme for Adolescent Girls (in progress)
- Care and Support to Survivors of Trafficking (in progress)

Donors: World Neighbours, Caritas, IOM-Dhaka, Planete Enfants, The Royal Danish Embassy, The Asia Foundation, World Education and Doctors of the World

Total No of staff : 109

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 39

List of publications/IEC material

- Posters on HIV/AIDS and trafficking
- Nepal Parkiaka Cheliharu
- AIDS Ko Attanka
- Chelibeti Becbikhan Biruddha Rastriya Abhiyan
- AIDS Kehi Tathyankpurna Jankari
- Maiti Farekeka Cheliharo
- Red light traffic
- Cheli Ko Awaj – Booklet
- Shakti Booklet
- Cheli Ko Afnai Katha
- Yaad Garnopame kura
- Sukhi Pariwar Ko Lagi Sahakari
- Jail Ko Samjhana
- Life in Hell
- Sexual Exploitation

Audio cassettes

- Cheli Ko Awaj
- Shakti

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- Samjhauta
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Association of Medical Doctors of Asia-Nepal (AMDA-Nepal)

Background

AMDA/Nepal is a humanitarian, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, non-governmental organization working with a mission to promote the health and well-being of the underprivileged and marginalized people under the slogan “Better quality of life for better future”. The organizations expertise is in health and care including VCT, HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, case management and control, care and support, refugee health, hospital operation and health Human Resource Development (HRD).

Head of the Organization: Dr. Ramesh Acharya

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment: 1989

Registration No. : 321/047/048

Geographical area coverage: 16 districts

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Reduce the rate of STI and HIV/AIDS among high risk groups
- Provide care and support to PLWHAs
- Raise awareness on HIV/AIDS
- STI clinics
- Drop in centers
- VCT services
- Primary referral centers
- Condom distribution
- Provide PHC services in seven refugees camps

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- HIV/AIDS prevention project (1999)
- Primary Health Care Project (From January 2001)
- STI delivery project (July 2003)

Donors: FHI, UNHCR

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Action Aid Nepal

Background

AAN is an international development organization that started implementing HIV/AIDS program since 2001. The organization has been working with more than 11 PLWHA groups. AAN has been working with three DDCs and VDCs on HIV/AIDS and decentralizes Governance Program. It is currently working with eleven national level NGOs and has total number of twenty five partner NGOs. The mission of the organization is to empower poor and excluded people to eradicate poverty and injustice.

AAN is one of the active members of Asia Pacific People's Alliance for Combating HIV/AIDS. In this connection, in Nepal, AAN has been working with Trade Union, Student Unions and media.

Head of the Organization: Dr. Sibesh Chandra Regmi

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Establishment: 1982

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Care and support of PLWHA
- Group formation of PLWHA
- Advocacy and empowerment to PLWHA
- Empowerment of female sex workers.
- STI services
- Counseling and referral services
- Rehabilitation center
- Community and school student mobilization on HIV/AIDS issue

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Blue Diamond Society (BDS)

Background

Blue Diamond Society (BDS) is Nepal's first and only organization established in 2001. It works for the rights of sexual minorities (MSM) and provides HIV/AIDS information among their targeted community. To support this work the institution has executed drop-in centres (DIC), outreach work and facilitated clinical referrals. Currently, they are implementing various HIV/AIDS activities via drop-in centres and volunteering counselling and testing centres, which are based in 6 urban cities of country.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Sunil Babu Pant

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Geographical Area Coverage :Kathmandu, Butwal, Bhairahwa, Janakpur, Dharan, Itahari, Pokhara, Nepalgunj

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- HIV/AIDS comprehensive programme
- Advocacy and human rights of sexual minorities
- VCT and referral
- Drop-in centres
- Behavioural change intervention

List of projects

- Behaviour Change Intervention (2002)
- Condom Social Marketing (2002)
- Blue Diamond Fortnightly (2004)
- Care and Support (2004)
- Blue Diamond Mitini LBT women (Rights and Advocacy - 2003)
- Community Actions for Improved Youth Sexual Reproductive Health
- Building Demand for RH

Donors : Family Health International (FHI), Population Services International (PSI), British Embassy, Elton John AIDS Foundation and Astrea Foundation Fund for Women

Total no. of staff : 80

Total no. of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector: 50

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B. P. Memorial Health Foundation

Background

B. P. Memorial Health Foundation (BPMHF) is a national-level health-related nongovernmental organization, registered under the district administration office, Kathmandu, and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council. It is a non-profit making, non-political and non-sectarian organization working for the development of health and human resources of the underprivileged people of Nepal.

Head of the Organization : Dr. Dinesh Pokhrel
Nature of the Organization :NGO
Establishment : April 1991 (Baisakh 2048 B.S.)
Registration No : 422/042/048

Population/Area Covered

Kathmandu Valley, Pokhara, Nawalparashi, Jhapa, Chitwan, Dang, Banke, Rupandehi, Doti and Achham

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Adolescent reproductive health programmes on HIV/AIDS and life skill-based training programme for young people of 10-24 years (peer education training to in and out of school)
- Teachers training programme on HIV/AIDS and life skill- based programme
- Infection and prevention training programme on (YFS) to service providers
- Clinical counselling training to service providers
- Hot line counselling
- VSC mobile camps, free health camps and RH mobile camps
- Clinical services at factory-based clinic to factory workers
- Clinical services at Himalayan Centre to factory workers and general public.
- Establishment of Youth Friendly Services.

List of projects

- Global Fund GFATM HIV/AIDS Programme- 1st Phase (August-October 2005)

- Global Fund GFATM HIV/AIDS Programme – IIInd Phase (in progress)
- Reproductive Health Mobile Health Outreach Camps for conflict-affected Vulnerable Groups (9 – 31 December 2005)
- Better Information for Young People Programme
- Empowering Young people for HIV Prevention programme (in progress)
- Youth Expression Project (Jun. 2003-Jun. 2005)
- Participatory Adolescent Reproductive Health Programme (Dec. 2003 – Jun. 2005)
- Family Planning and Reproductive Health Programme (Apr. 1998 – Mar. 2003)
- Better Life for Youth Programme
- STD, HIV/AIDS Programme (Sept. 1996- Jun. 2002)
- HIV/AIDS Curriculum Development Programme for Youth (Oct.1999- Apr. 2002)

Donors

Global Fund through UNDP, UNFPA/Quick win project, EU/UNFPA through RHIYA programme MISEREOR through Ray of Hope, Engender Health, University of Heidelberg/NCASC, UNICEF, HPIEGO Corporative, Family Health Division through Mass and Family Health International Nepal

Total No of staff : 38

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 33

List of IEC material

- Kishor Kishori
- Kishor Kishori ko Katha
- Youn Bhawana Ko Byabsthapan
- ARHD Flip Chart
- Poster for Hot Line Counselling
- Peer Education Training Manual
- Teachers Training Manual
- Preeti
- YFS Training Manual

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Care Nepal

Background

Care Nepal is an international nongovernmental and non-profit organization which works for the welfare of poorest individuals and families of the third world countries. The organization has also conducted a study to better understand the stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs), capacity and skill development needs of service providers, and support mechanisms for them to create an enabling environment for PLWHAs to have a dignified life.

Head of the Organization : Ms. Alka S. Pathak

Nature of the Organization : INGO

Establishment : 1978 (2035 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage : 36 districts

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Peer education
- Youth friendly services
- Care and support for PLWHAs
- BCI

List of projects

- HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention, Care, and Support Project (2002-2004)
- HIV/AIDS/ STDs Prevention, Care and Support Programme. (Feb.2002 – 2003)
- Reproductive Health for Married Adolescent Couples Project (in progress)
- Nepal Family Health Programme (in progress)

Partner organizations

- Save the Children US
- Nepal Fertility Care Centre
- Nepal Technical Assistance Group
- Management Support Services
- ADRA

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Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA/Nepal)

Background

CEDPA is a US-based non-profit organization with its mission to empower women at all levels of society to participate as full partners in development. In Nepal, CEDPA is working towards achieving its mission by helping rural women and girls to acquire knowledge and skills to make informed decisions and to take appropriate actions to address their educational, social and reproductive health needs. CEDPA works with and on behalf of government organizations and non-government organizations. It also aims to contribute towards achieving the national goal as outlined in government policy and planning documents.

Head of the Organization: Dr. Chhatra Amatya

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Geographical area coverage: 9 districts of five geographical regions

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Girls education and youth development
- Reproductive health and HIV/AIDS

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS among young people

- Advocacy programs for adolescents on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention and care

List of projects

- BuD for RH Project (Building Demand for Reproductive Health Awareness among the Adolescent Girls in Conflict Affected District of Nepal)
- CFP Project (The Communities for Peace Program)

Partner organizations

- Aamaa Milan Kendra
- Nagarik Aawaj
- Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) and
- Nepali Technical Assistant Group (NTAG)

List of publications/IEC materials

- Partners for Positive Action - A Training manual on social mobilization for HIV/AIDS
- Talking together – A facilitator guide for the training of community health workers
- Choose A Future Manual – Issues and options for Adolescent girls
- Choose A Future Manual – Issues and options for Adolescent boys

Total no. of staff = 17

Community Action Centre – Nepal

Background

Community Action Centre (CAC-Nepal) is a non-profit, nongovernmental and social organization established by a group of intellectuals, social workers and individuals experienced in community development work. CAC Nepal is working in the sector of Education and Health. Under the health sector CAC Nepal has implemented a Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) Project with female sex workers in Bhaktapur district. The goal of this project is to reduce the prevalence of STDs and HIV/AIDS among female sex workers of Bhaktapur municipality.

Head of the Organization: Ms. Tulasa Lata Amatya

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: January 2001 (Magh 2057 B.S.)

Registration No : 595/057/058

Geographical Area Coverage :13 village committees

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Female sex workers (FSWs)

Health sector project on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Behaviour Change Communication
- Education and Awareness

List of projects

- Study on Stocktaking of Existing Research and Data on Trafficking (2001)
- Internal Trafficking Among Children and Youth Engaged in Prostitution (2001)
- Carrying out Baseline survey of Five Village Development Committees of Nuwakot District (2002-2003)
- BCI for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS/STDs of High Risk in Bhaktapur District (2002)
- BCI Programme Among FSWs of Bhaktapur Municipality (2003-2005)
- Programme Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (in progress)

Donors : UNS task force against trafficking/JIT Project, NEP/96/003, ILO/IPEC, FHI Nepal, PLAN Nepal and Winrock International Institute for Agriculture Development

Total No of staff : 22

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 8

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Community Development Forum- Nepal

Background

Community Development Forum (CDF-Nepal) is a non-profit organization registered on 7-7-1994 under the Society Act of Nepal. It covers all VDCs of Doti district and emphasizes adolescent sexual health and HIV/AIDS sector and disseminates awareness and sensitizes the young generation. This organization is actively involved in people infected with HIV/AIDS and also provides medical appointments.

Believing HIV/AIDS is fatal it itself campaigns and motivates youth to campaign against HIV/AIDS and also evokes youth about the deadly transmittable disease via radio programmes as well.

Head of the Organization: Bhakta Bahadur Singh

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Establishment : 1994 (2051 B.S.)

Registration No : 36

Geographical Area Coverage : All VDCs of Doti district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Awareness dissemination and sensitization
- Pre-counselling and referral
- Group information in India consisting of migrant workers

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Social movement against HIV/AIDS
- HIV/AIDS awareness and radio listener programme

Donors

Pact Nepal, LWF, UNDP/DDC Doti, Save the Children Norway, UNDP, Save the Children UK, SPDI, GTZ, CLP, IFSP, Nagarik Aawaj, NEWAH, CRT and RAP, WSP, CARE Nepal, REDP and CEDPA - Nepal

List of projects on HIV/AIDS and adolescent reproductive health

- HIV/AIDS Programme (1997-1999)
- Social Companion Against HIV/AIDS Programme (2000-2003)
- HIV/AIDS Programme (in progress)

Total No of staff : 32

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 11

Training courses

Conducted more than 10 training courses related to HIV/AIDS and adolescent health

- Training for Representatives ensuring to make their planning on HIV/AIDS a priority at VDC level.
- Volunteer group formation and mobilization trainings
- HIV/AIDS orientation programme, interaction, workshop, street drama show/TFD show, training peer educators, volunteers networking
- STD and HIV/AIDS presentation, care and support training.
- SOVAA mobilization training
- HIV/AIDS facilitation training to Board member, TFD, orientation in community.

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Community Rural Development Society – Nepal

Background

Community Rural Development Society (CRDS – Nepal), a nation-level NGO, especially focuses on building HIV/AIDS awareness to youths and working migrants and emphasizes on sensitizing people located in border areas.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Hari Prasad Awasti

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Establishment : Sept. 1992 (Bhadra 2049 B.S)

Geographical Area Coverage : 3 districts

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- HIV/AIDS awareness

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Creating Awareness for Migrants, School Teachers, Farmers on HIV/AIDS
- HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health Programme at Cross Border

Donors

STITCHING – Nepal, Care Nepal, SNV Nepal, CDP/ADB and CRDS/ASHA Project

List of projects on HIV/AIDS and adolescent reproductive health

- HIV/AIDS and migrants to Asia (1999-2001)
- Maternity Health Care (2000-2003)
- HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme for School Teachers (2001-2004)
- HIV/AIDS Awareness for Farmer Group (in progress)
- HIV/AIDS Reproductive Health Training for Community Leaders (in progress)

Total No of staff : 64

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 11

IEC material developed: Brochure, Pamphlet

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Community Welfare Council

Background

Community Welfare Council (CWC) is a non-profit making voluntary organization working in the field of Education, Health, Legal, Gender and Local Development especially targeting the marginal groups including women and children. It is a supportive institution to government to meet the target of the national socio-economic policies, works with vulnerable and stigmatized section of the society.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Banmali Subedi

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Geographical Area Coverage :Kathmandu Valley

Date of Registration : June 2000 (Asadh 2057 B.S.)

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Peer-based education
- Behavioural change intervention

List of projects

- Clients of Sex Workers in Kathmandu Valley (June 2003)
- Male as Partner of Reproductive Health (April 2005)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme (2005)
- Child Survival Project (July 2003)

Donors

FHI, Nepal, NFHP/USAID, and PLAN International

Total No of staff : 33

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector :21

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Digital Broadcast Initiative, Equal Access Nepal

Background

Digital Broadcast Initiative, Equal Access Nepal is a nongovernmental and non-profit organization. It aims to provide required information and education through media (radio, T.V etc). The poor and disadvantaged group of rural areas get information regarding HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and become cautious. The unprivileged groups are the main targets of the organization for creating awareness and disseminating information.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Nirmal Prasad Rijal

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Establishment : Feb. 2004 (2060 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage :Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- HIV/AIDS prevention and care
- Information dissemination
- BCI
- Training

Project

- Safe Migration Radio Programme (2004-2005)

Partner NGO

- FHI

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Diyalo Pariwar

Background

Diyalo Pariwar is a nongovernmental organization, basically focusing on the HIV/AIDS sector in Chitwan district of Nepal which was registered under Chitwan CDO (05/042/043) and SWC (124/042/043) – Ktm.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Dilli Ram Ghimire

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Geographical Area Coverage :Nationwide

Date of Registration: Aug 1986 (Shrawan 2043 B.S.)

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- HIV/AIDS information and counselling service for migrant population HIV/AIDS awareness training to women and children

List of projects

- Strengthening Education and Participation on AIDS (2003)
- HIV/AIDS Information and Counselling Programme (2005)
- CBO's Strengthening Programme (2003)
- Drinking Water and Sanitation
- Child Labour Elimination Programme (2005)

Donors

UNICEF, SAP Nepal, Fund Board, ILO/IPEC, UNDP and Kathmandu School of Law

Total No of staff : 41

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 7 paid staff and 4 volunteers

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Environment Health and Development Advisory Group

Background

Environment Health and Development Advisory Group (EHDAG) is a nongovernmental, non-profit and community-orientated organization. It was registered under the Ministry of Home Affairs (Kathmandu Chief District Officer's office).

Head of the Organization : Mr. Shiva Hari Maharjan

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : Jan. 1994 (Magh 2050 B.S.)

Registration No : 283/051/052

Geographical Area Coverage: Kaski, Sunsari, Lalitpur, Kathmandu districts

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Youth awareness through peer educators mobilizations
- Counselling
- Referral

List of projects

- Improvement of SHR and prevention of HIV/AIDS Drug Abuse Among Adolescents and Youths in Nepal (in progress)
- Improving Reproductive Health of Women, Men and Adolescents in the Urban Slum Communities of Kathmandu and Lalitpur, Nepal (1999- 2003)

Donors : EU/UNFPA

Total No of staff : 15

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 06

List of publications

- Meeting the Generation Gap (booklet in Nepali)
- ASRH Advocacy (booklet in Nepali)
- PNC Care (brochure in Nepali)
- Infertility Care (booklet in Nepali)

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Family Health International

Background

Family Health International was established in Nepal in 1971 to provide financial and technical assistance to local and partner organizations in order to reduce, prevent and make accessible service and care to people infected by HIV/AIDS. It is one of the largest non-profit organizations in the international public health sector.

Head of the Organization : Dr. Asha Basnyat

Nature of the Organization : INGO

Establishment : June 2004 (Jestha 2061 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage : 32 districts of Nepal

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support
- VCT
- Behavioural change communication
- Research

Project

- IMPACT – Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care Project (in progress)

Donor : USAID

Total No of staff : 37

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 12

List of publications

- ABC; Being Faithful; and Care and Support - posters
- Various topics related to care and support of PLHA - brochure
- ARV; Managing side-effects of ARV; OI management- brochures
- Sexually Transmitted Infection; Syphilis - brochure
- Photo Novella

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Family Planning Association of Nepal

Background

The Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN) is committed to promoting and providing health services to men, women and youth and supports the Government of Nepal for these services throughout the country.

FPAN has been contributing 25-30% to the national family planning programmes, other activities consist of meeting the needs of family planning and also STI/HIV/AIDS prevention, control and prevention.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Chhatra B. Giri
Nature of the Organization :NGO
Establishment : 1959 (2016 B.S.)
Registration No : 5/022

Geographical Area Coverage: National level (29 clinics, 33 districts, 651 VDCs, 8.1 million population)

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

Creating awareness, VCT, Care and support, Youth friendly services

List of Projects : All programmes (2005),
All programmes (in progress)

Donors : IPPF, EU/UNFPA, KFW, PPFA-I, UNFPA, DFID

Total No of staff : 449 (Volunteers-6, 368)

List of IEC material/publications

- Various posters
- Use Condoms for Protection Against Pregnancy, STI and HIV/AIDS – booklet in Nepali
- An Introduction to STIs- a booklet
- Reproductive Health Information for Young People – flip Chart
- Guidelines for Reproductive and Sexual Health – manual in Nepali
- Training Manual for Reproductive and Sexual Health Counselling - manual in Nepali
- Meeting Young Peoples' SRH Needs – brochure
- VCT, HIV/AIDS – leaflet
- Legal Aspects of Safe Abortion – leaflet in Nepali
- Reproductive and Sexual Health Education
Reproductive Rights Abortion – flip chart

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Friends of Hope

Background

Friends of Hope (FOH) is a nongovernmental organization working to reduce discrimination and oppression to PLWHA.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Anand Ale

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Establishment : 2005 (2062 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage :Kaski district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Provide quality care to PLWHA
- Improve PLWHAs' quality of life
- Reduce discrimination and oppression

Project :

- HIV/AIDS Stigma Reduction Activities in Pokhara (in progress)

Donor : FHI

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General Welfare Pratisthan

Background

General Welfare Pratisthan (GWP) is a NGO that has implemented HIV/AIDS programme in 17 districts, mainly in the east-west highway. The programme ranges from creating awareness to behavioural change intervention (BCI), STI clinic, volunteering testing and counselling services (VCT).

Head the Organization: Mr. Mahesh Dev Bhattarai

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : 1993 (2050 B.S.)

Registration No : 336/049/050

SWC Affiliation No : 1366/049/050

Geographical Area Coverage : Central Region, Western Region and Mid and Far West Region

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Training and orientation
- Care and support to PLWHAs
- HIV prevention and care by BCC/BCI method

List of projects

- BCI Programme on STI/HIV/AIDS in Central Region (in progress)
- HIV/AIDS and STD Prevention Programme for FSWs in Kathmandu Valley (2003-2005)
- Right-based Care and Support Programme to PLHA and Social Access Among
- FSWs and Their Children (2003-2004)
- Digital Broadcast Initiative Radio Programme (in progress)
- HIV/AIDS Western Highway Project (2003 -2005)
- HIV/AIDS awareness and STI Treatment Project (2004 -2005)
- Girls Anti-trafficking and HIV/AIDS Programme (in progress)
- Safe Injection Promotion Programme (2002-2005)

Partner organizations : FHI, Free A Child USA, Action Aid Nepal, Save the Children US, PLAN Nepal, UNDP

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Gift – Bajura

Background

GIFT-Bajura, previously known as Community Development organization (CDO), is a non-profit making NGO with its head office in Manakot VDC and the Project Office as well as Contact Office in Martadi, the district headquarters of Bajura.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Janak Bhadur Rokaya

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : June 1996 (Asadh 2053 B.S.)

Registration No : 23/053

Geographical Area Coverage : 27 VDCs of Bajura district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Awareness creation
- Capacity building of local health workers

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Social Movement Against HIV/AIDS

List of projects

- Post Project Support (2002-2005)
- Scholarship Programme (1993-2005)
- Remote Area Model Project (RAMP) (2003-2005)
- Social Movement against HIV/AIDS (2002-2004)
- ASHA (2005-2005)
- Small Business and Micro Enterprise Support Project (in progress)
- The Communities for Peace Programme (in progress)

Donors: CARE Nepal, Ms. Devi Lama, Mr. Theo Gouwerok, Save the Children, UK, The World Bank and Nagarik Aawaj

Total No of staff : 18 (14 paid staff)

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 03

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Himalayan Association against STI/AIDS

Background

Himalayan Association against STI/AIDS (HASTI-AIDS) is a branch of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) for the countries of the Himalayan and SAARC region (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation).

It facilitates activities related to human resource development on STIs and HIV/AIDS, provides consultancy services on STIs and HIV/AIDS-related issues, promotes research activities on STIs and HIV/AIDS. It also promotes unity among the devoted people/forces for fighting against STIs and HIV/AIDS.

Head of the Organization: Dr. Ranga R. Dhungana

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: Sept. 2004 (Ashwin 2061 B.S.)

Registration No: 16813

Geographical Area Coverage: Far Western region of Nepal (Achham and Doti)

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Creating awareness
- VCT services
- ICC centres (information and counselling service centre)

List of projects

- International Training Course on STI Case Management (2005)
- Continuation of VCT/STI Service Centre (in progress)
- Information and Counselling Service Centre (in progress)

Donors : WHO and Global Fund

Total No of staff : 50

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Himalayan Social Welfare Organization

Background

Himalayan Social Welfare Organization (HSWO) is a non-profit NGO working towards preventing HIV/AIDS and STIs through peer networking and promotion of safer sex behaviour among clients of FSWs. This organization's targeted population are transport workers, transport unions, PLHA groups, migrant workers and their families as well as the general population.

Head of the Organization: Ms. Anupama Shrestha

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment: January 2000 (Magh 2056 B.S.)

Registration No: 1128/2056/10/05

Geographical Area Coverage : Kathmandu Valley Pokhara municipality

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Behavioural change intervention
- PLHA support work
- Capacity building to PLHA group
- Tradition media – drama and cultural shows
- Information and counselling centre to migrants and their families

Total No of staff : 25 (excluding peer educators)

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector: 25

List of publications

- Two Folder AIDS brochure with picture
- Two Folder condom brochure
- Condom Punch
- STI pamphlets

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Integrated Rural Development Centre

Background

Integrated Rural Development Centre (IRDC) is a non-profit organization working to uplift the health sector by creating awareness among people. This organization has been working in the Kathmandu valley focusing on transport and restaurant workers, and has mobilized health workers, social health workers and peer educators to sensitize people on hot topics such as HIV/AIDS and reproductive Health.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Khila Nath Dahal

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: May 1996 (Jestha 2052 B.S.)

Registration No: 597/051/052

Geographical Area Coverage: Kathmandu Valley, Udayapur, Chitwan and Dhading

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Behavioural change intervention
- Creating awareness

Total No of staff :05

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector: 03

International Nepal Fellowship

Background

International Nepal Fellowship is a Christian humanitarian international non-governmental organization which aims to uplift Nepali people in the sector of health and development. The organization has been working in collaboration with His Majesty's Government since 50 years and Paluwa is one of its sections. Paluwa has been working in Pokhara since 1999, focusing on VCT/ HIV and AIDS and care and support services.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Steve Aisthorpe

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Establishment: 1999 (2056 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage: Kaski district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- VCT
- Education, counselling, care and prevention
- Referral
- Rehabilitation centres
- BCC

List of project

- VCT, Care and Support Project (2003-2004)

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Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society

Background

Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society (LALS) is a Kathmandu-based NGO working in the field of risk reduction and provision of human resource development targeting HIV/AIDS sector and substance abuse to agencies working in this sector. Basically, the target groups of this organization are IDUs, FSWs and clients of FSWs.

Head of the Organization: Ms. Padma Shree Shrestha

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment : 1992 (2049 B.S.)

Registration No : 136/049/050

Geographical Area Coverage: Kathmandu, Lalitpur

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Behavioural change communication education
- Counselling
- IEC material distribution
- Primary health care and referral services
- Detox and rehabilitation
- Harm reduction programme for injecting drug users

List of projects

- Enhanced Support for HIV Prevention Programme Phase II (2001)
- HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention Programme Among and From IDUs (2002)
- Harm Reduction Programme for Kathmandu and Lalitpur (2002-2003)
- Harm Reduction Programme (2003)

Donors: Save the Children US, FHI and Centre for Harm Reduction

Total No of staff : 19

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 10

List of publications

Safer Injection with Flip Chart, Sterilization with Bleach Demonstration, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STI, Adverse consequence of Drug Use, Harm Reduction, Condom Use

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Nagarjun Development Community

Background

Nagarjun Development Committee (NDC) is a national-level, nongovernmental and non-profit making organization. It basically targets around 8000-10000 population of youth to reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS among them. Currently, focusing Rupandehi district, it has implemented Peer-Led Intervention among IDUs with the support of the Ministry of Home Affairs, HMG/ Nepal and UNODC New Delhi.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Jagdish Chandra Bhatta

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment : Sept. 1995 (Bhadra 2052 B.S.)

Registration No: 117 SWC 3292

Population/Area Covered : Mahendranagar, Rupandehi, Nepalgunj

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Risk reduction programme on HIV/AIDS
- Peer-led intervention among IDUs

Health sector Projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- HIV/AIDS Counselling Training Programmes conducted in various districts of Nepal.

List of projects

- Counselling training (2002)
- Orientation/counselling (2002-2003)
- Peer-led Intervention Establishment of Counselling and Information Centre (2005)

Donors: WHO, UNDP, UNODC, GFATM, NCASC, DPOHO and HOHA

Total No of staff : 12

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 08

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NAMUNA Integrated Development Council

Background

NAMUNA Integrated Development Council (NAMUNA) is a district-level nongovernmental organization working actively in Rupandehi district focusing on the HIV/AIDS sector. It is registered under the district Administration office, Rupandehi, and Social Welfare Council, Kathmandu.

Head of the Organization :Ms. Gyanu Poudyal

Nature of the Organization:NGO

Establishment: October 2002 (Aswin 2059 B.S.)

District Administration Office : 702

Social Welfare Council : 14820

Population/Area Covered: 2 municipalities and 28 VDCs in Rupandehi district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Awareness creation and life skills among young people
- Counselling service – hotline, personal and family
- VCT, care and support
- Programmes for drug users and their sexual partners

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Awareness Rising on HIV/AIDS and Life Skills Among in School and Out-of-School Young People
- Youth information and Counselling Service in Operation
- Awareness rising on HIV/AIDS Among Spouse of Migrant Workers and Group Formation MED Programme
- Programme on Intervention for Drug Users to Reduce Incidence of HIV Among Drug Users.

List of projects

- HIV/AIDS, Drug Awareness Programme (2002)
- HIV/AIDS, Drug Awareness Programme for School Children (2003)
- HIV/AIDS Programme for Young People (in progress)
- Peer-led Intervention on Drug Programme (2005-2006)
- Behavioural Change Intervention on 'Safe Abortion' (2005-2006)
- Comprehensive Package Approach for IDUs (In progress)

Donors

Nepal Safe Motherhood project/ DFID, District Health Strengthening Project/DFID, World Vision International, MOHA/UNODC, Family Health Division- MoHP/PATH, America and DFID Fast Track/UNDP.

Total No of staff : 32

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 17

Training conducted/List of Publications

- Brochure on HIV/AIDS, Life Skills
- Posters on HIV/AIDS and Drugs
- Parenting Education booklets
- Bulletin on Sexual health, HIV/AIDS and Drugs

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National Association of PLWHA in Nepal

Background

National Association of PLWHA in Nepal (NAP+N) is a national network of organizations of people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHAs) with the regional-level members and groups in Dharan, Makwanpur, Jhapa, Butwal, Narayanghat, Nawalparasi, Pokhara and Kathmandu. It aims to provide a voice for PLWHAs at local, regional and national levels in order to facilitate systemic change in critical areas such as care and support, access to treatments and addressing issues of discrimination in society.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Rajiv Kafle
Nature of the Organization : NGO
Establishment : 2003 (2060 B.S.)
Geographical Area Coverage : Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Empowering PLWHAs to fight for their rights
- To reduce social stigma and discrimination for PLWHAs
- To create suitable environment for PLWHAs
- Care and support for PLWHAs
- VCT

List of projects

- National PLWHA Network Development (2004-2005)

Partner organization/donor : FHI

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National Health Foundation

Background

National Health Foundation (NHF) is a social organization which is committed to work for capacity building, health service delivery and HIV/AIDS prevention programme through BCI, and care and support in Nepal.

Head of the Organization : Dr. Ranga Raj Dungana
Nature of the Organization : NGO
Establishment : 1994 (2051 B.S.)
Geographical Area Coverage : Central, Midwestern and Far-western

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Skill development
- Radio programmes
- Capacity building
- BCI
- IEC production

List of project

- Radio Listener Programme in Far West (2005)

Donor : FHI

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Naulo Ghumti

Background

The mission of Naulo Ghumti is to adopt a holistic approach to people affected by drug use and to reintegrate them into their family and community. This institution aims to reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS and try to reduce drug usage in the young generation. The organization focuses on IDUs and FSWs as they are the most vulnerable group to contract HIV/AIDS and STIs.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Som Lal Ojha

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : 1995 (2052 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage : Kaski district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- To create awareness and reduce the chances of transmission of HIV/AIDS
- VCT
- BCC
- Counselling

List of project

- HIV Prevention and Demand Creation for VCT in Pokhara (2003-2005)

Partner NGO/Donor

- FHI

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Nepal Fertility Care Centre

Background

The mission of Nepal Fertility Care Centre (NFCC) is to prevent and control HIV/AIDS through effective diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections by promoting and counselling for safer sex in cooperation with BCI partners.

Head of the Organization : Dr. Tika Man Vaidya

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : 1988 (2048 B.S.)

Population/Area Covered :Kathmandu Valley

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- To coordinate with government in meeting the objectives of HMG in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and STIs.
- BCI
- VCT

List of projects

- Radio Listener Programme in Far West (2005)

Partner organizations

- FHI
- USAID
- Nepal Family Health Service Programme
- HMG, Department of Health Service, Family Health Division, National Training Centre

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Nepal Environment and Education Development Society

Background

Nepal Environment and Education Development Society (NEEDS) is a district-level NGO and has good collaboration and networking with its local partners. Its working style consists of self-administrative programmes as well as implementation of projects with aid provided by donors. This organization is affiliated to the Social Welfare Council and NGO Federation of Nepal.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Bhawa Raj Regmi
Nature of the Organization :NGO
Year of Registration :Mar. 1999 (Falgun 2055 B.S.)
Registration No : 312
SWC Affiliation No : 10308
NGO Federation of Nepal Affiliation No :NF 75-61
Geographical Area Coverage :Kanchanpur district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Free health camps
- Condoms and educational material distribution
- Training organization

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Safe migration and VCT
- Care and support
- Condom and education material distribution
- STI treatment
- Awareness creation and mobile camps

List of projects

- Sexual and Reproductive Health Project (2002)
- Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction Project (2003-2004)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Project (Ongoing)
- Community Literacy Programme (2003)
- Vocational Skill Development Training for Youth (2005)

Donors : ADP/JFPR Unit, DEO, FPAN, IFAD/PAPWT, HKI, ILO, HMG/LM and SC/US/NNSWA

Total No of staff : 12

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 04

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Nepal Plus

Background

Nepal Plus is a national-level NGO having its motto to empower people living with HIV/AIDS through care and support and advocacy.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Salim Akthar
Nature of the Organization :NGO
Establishment : 2003 (2060 B.S.)
Registration No :15211
Geographical Area Coverage : Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Awareness programmes for youths, school and college students on HIV and AIDS
- Drop-in centre for PLWHAs
- Counselling, care and support
- Referral service

List of projects

- Empowerment of PLHIV for GIPA (2002-2005)
- Information for all – A Radio Programme on HIV and AIDS (2004-2005)
- School and Youth Awareness Programme (ongoing)

Donors : UNDP and British Embassy

Total No of staff : 06

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector:02 staff and 07 volunteers

List of publications/IEC material

- Newsletter – Ray of Hope (5 issues)
- Year Planner - 2005 and 2006
- Various posters

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Nepal Red Cross Society

Background

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is a self-sustainable and independent humanitarian organization committed to provide immediate relief to human suffering and reduce vulnerability.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Ramesh Kumar Sharma

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment: October 1977 (Kartik 2034 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage : 53 districts national level

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Junior/Youth Red Cross circle, school/ college
- Sex and sexuality, mode of transfusion, prevention, safe behaviour and life skills

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- HIV/AIDS Prevention and RH programme

List projects

- HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme (2000)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health programme (2000)
- Youth for Each Year (2001)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health programme (2002)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health programme (2003)
- Adolescent Reproductive Health Programme (2003)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health programme (2004)
- Peer Led- Education for In-school Youth and Out-school (2005)
- Peer Led- Education for In-school Youth and Out-school (2006)
- District Information Centre Establishment (2006)

Donors : Swiss Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, CEDPA-Nepal, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, OPEC Fund, GTZ and Global Fund

Total No of staff : 205

List of publications

- Afno Bhabisyia Affno Hatma
- Yuba Chautari (Quarterly Publication)
- Maile Malai Paribartan Garna Sakchu
- Asal Bhabise Ko Lage
- Flip Chart of RH (Adopted)
- HIV/AIDS Dekhi Sajak Banau – Poster
- Yuba Khulduli Ra Samadhan

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Okhaldunga Development Society

Background

Okhaldunga Development Society (ODS) is a district-level NGO working in the HIV/AIDS sector. This organization mobilizes various CMA and ANM to create awareness among the young people. It also provides information regarding maternity protection, reproduction health via volunteers and health workers. This agency has been generating funds from advertisements and from local resources.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Khila Nath Dahal
Nature of the Organization : NGO
Establishment : Apr. 1997 (Baisakh 2054 B.S.)
Registration No : 53/053/054
Geographical Area Coverage : District level

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Creating awareness
- Mobilization of health workers

List of projects

- Awareness About HIV/AIDS, Maternity protection (ongoing)

Total No of staff : 03

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector :02

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Population Service International/Nepal

Background

Population Service International Nepal (PSI Nepal) employs commercial marketing strategies to promote health products, services and other types of healthy behaviour that enable low income and vulnerable people to lead healthier lives. It social markets a variety of products such as a range of family planning items, products HIV/ prevention, maternal health and child health.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Steven W. Honeyman
Nature of the Organization : INGO
Geographical Area Coverage: Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- HIV/AIDS prevention activities through social marketing of wide range of products and services.

Total No of staff : 60

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 30

List of publications/ IEC material

- Short television movie "TikeKoTeen Mantra", depicting message on abstinence, being-faithful, and correct and consistence condom use (ABC) for HIV/AIDS prevention.
- Docu-Drama "ManKoAawaj", recipient of the Global Media Award 2005 for Excellence in population reporting in the category of best television documentary focusing on ABC messages around HIV/AIDS prevention.
- ABC posters and small leaflets.
- Training Manual on Stigma and Discrimination.
- STI Training Manual.
- Multimedia Campaign of Number One Condom.

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Prerana

Background

Prerana is the first organization established in 1997 by a group of people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHAs). It is a non-profit organization which basically focuses its work on advocating for the rights of PLWHAs to help them lead a healthy and dignified life.

Head of the Organization :Mrs. Asha Lama
Nature of the Organization: NGO
Establishment: Mar. 1999 (Chaitra 2054 B.S.)
Registration No: 127/042/043
Geographical Area Coverage:Kathmandu Valley

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Care and support
- Awareness rising
- Counselling
- HIV/AIDS prevention advocacy and peer-led intervention (among young people)

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- HIV/AIDS Youth awareness, Prevention, Peer Education and Community-based Advocacy, Sensitization Programme targeting at least 550 youth per month.

List of projects

- Skill Building for PLWHAs (2004)
- Stigma and Discrimination (2005)
- HIV/AIDS/STI/Drugs Youth Prevention Programme (ongoing)
- Building Demand for RH (2002-2005)

Donors : NCASC, FHI, Elton John AIDS Foundation-UK, Mercury Phoenix and British Embassy

Total No of staff: 18 (Full Time)

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector :1 Project Officer and 4 Peer Educators

List of publications : Young People and HIV/AIDS in Nepal, HIV/AIDS/Drug Awareness stickers and handouts

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Public Health Concern Trust

Background

Public Health Concern Trust (pfect – NEPAL) is a secular, non-political, non-profit making, national-level, nongovernmental organization committed to health development, established with the aim to create a model of sustainable health care system based on the principles of equity, social justice, people's participation and self-reliance. The organization provides quality and curative services at Kathmandu Model Hospital, a nongovernmental institute. which functions under it.

Head of the Organization:Dr. Bharat Pradhan
Nature of the Organization:NGO
Establishment:May 1991 (Baisakh 2048 B.S.)
Registration No: 451/047-048
Geographical Area Coverage:Dolakha district and Kirtipur municipality

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Creating awareness, Life skills
- Girl trafficking, Peer education to youths
- Non-clinical relaxation therapy
- Training
- Youth friendly service delivery

List of project : Improving Sexual Reproductive Health and Reducing (ongoing)

Gender-based violence among adolescents and youths in Dolakha district

- Gender-based Violence Programme in Kirtipur (ongoing)

Donors : EU/UNFPA, Italian Association for Women in Development (AIDOS)

Total No of staff : 30

List of publications/ IEC material

- AYSRH and gender sensitization counselling - Reader's Manual for clinical and non-clinical counsellors
- AYSRH and gender sensitization counselling - Trainer's Manual for clinical and non-clinical counsellors
- Gender Based Violence flip chart "DIYALO"
- GBV wall chart, GBV poster
- Male involvement in RH – brochure

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Public Health Development Centre

Background

Public Health Development Centre is a nongovernmental, non-profit organization especially working in the sector of media advocacy. The organization sensitizes youth through media and its publications.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Raghu Nath Giri

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment : Feb. 2000 (Magh 2057 B.S.)

SWC Affiliation No : 1187

Geographical Area Coverage :National-level

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Media advocacy
- Production of programmes and presentation
- Creating awareness through audio-visual cassettes

List of projects

- Public Health – Radio programme focusing HIV/AIDS (2002)
- Swasthya Manch – Radio programme focusing HIV/AIDS (ongoing)
- HIV/AIDS related Telefilm “Kashoor” under production

Donor : Flure Himalayan Ltd.

Total No of staff : 07

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 03

List of publications

- Janaswasthe, monthly health magazine

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Plan Nepal

Background

PLAN International started its work in Nepal in 1978 by providing financial assistance to community development programs to 200 families in the Sitapaila area of Kathmandu Valley. Today, almost two decades later, the organization supports development programs that affect approximately 30,000 needy children and families in 10 districts, out of which 72 per cent belong to disadvantaged ethnic communities.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Prem Sukla

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Establishment: 1978

Geographical area coverage: National Level

Main areas of work

- Anti-trafficking to prevent young girls
- Early Childhood Development
- Adult literacy
- Improvements in health care facilities
- Access to safe drinking water,
- Prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS and child labor.
- Rehabilitation services to street children
- Rehabilitation for brothel returnees

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Samjhauta Nepal

Background

Samjhauta Nepal, is a secular, non-partism, national NGO. It aims to empower communities, specially women and girls, to break the vicious cycle of poverty and discrimination through empowerment and education. This organization was registered under the Societies Act 2043 under the District Administrative Office, Kathmandu.

Head of the Organization :Ms. Usha Jha

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : Nov. 2001 (Kartik 2058 B.S.)

Registration No : 127/042/043

Geographical Area Coverage : Bara, Mahottari, Dhanusha districts

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Awareness activities against HIV/AIDS
- Youth information centre and youth friendly service centre (YFSDC)
- Advocacy

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Combating HIV/AIDS: A Literacy and Economic Approach
- Empowering Youth through Life Skill and Sexual Reproductive Health

List of projects

- RHIYA (ongoing)
- QoC I (2003 -2004)
- QoC II (ongoing)
- HIV (April 2002 – June 2003)

Donors : EC/UNPA, UNFPA and World Bank

Total No of staff : 71

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 11

List of publications

- Booklets on Combating HIV/AIDS series 1-8
- Booklet on STI, HIV and AIDS, and Drug abuse
- Booklet on Adolescent and Youth's Sexual Reproductive Health
- Booklet on Life and Credit
- Booklet on Gender-based Violence
- Booklet on Human Trafficking
- Wall Charts on Youth Information Centre and Youth Friendly Service
- Safe Motherhood
- Booklet on Quality Sexual and Reproductive Health Care of Women
- Booklet on Sexual and Reproductive Rights

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SATH SATH

Background

SathSath is a non-residential (referral) organization working for street and street-based children and youths.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Biswo Bajracharya

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: 2000 (2057 B.S.)

Registration No. : 662/057/058

SWC Affiliation No: 1304

Geographical area coverage: Nation wide

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Peer education
- Prevention and Awareness
- Harm reduction and Psychosocial Counseling.
- Health services at the centre and outreach (24 hour emergency services).

List of Projects

- Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices and Beliefs in the Context of HIV/AIDS among the out-of-school street-based children
- BCC/BCCI advocacy through a radio program called "Radio Magazine SathSath" on Radio Sagarmatha

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Sakriya Sewa Samaj

Background

Sakriya Sewa Samaj (SSS) was established with the name of "HIV/AIDS Sakriya Unit" under United Mission to Nepal (UMN) in 1997. The organization was separated from UMN in 2003 and registered as a non-government organization in 2003. The goal of this organization is to prevent and control of HIV infection, to provide care and support to infected and affected people, to improve the quality of life of poor, marginalized, disadvantaged and indigenous people; and to reduce the social-economic impact of HIV/AIDS.

Head of the Organization: Ms. Bishnu Ghimire

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: 2003

Registration No. : 18/060/61

SWC Affiliation No: 15066

Geographical area coverage: Nation wide

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Peer education
- Prevention and control of HIV infection
- Care and support to infected and affected people
- Voluntary counselling and testing (VCT)

Major Activities on HIV/AIDS

- Conduct awareness, sensitization/ orientation and training programs in the areas of HIV/AIDS prevention
- Voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) and care and support
- Community home based care and support
- Training for technical capacity building of organizations committed to providing HIV/AIDS counselling care and support services, including VCT centres and hospitals.

IEC materials: HIV/AIDS training manuals and other IEC materials

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Sahara Paramarsha Kendra

Background

The main goal of Sahara Paramarsha Kendra (SPK) is to conduct training programme on voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) to professionals increasing their capacity to provide care and support services in the field of HIV/AIDS.

SPK initially began as a counselling centre by a group of psychologists. It broadened its scope of work by including research, training and by extending technical assistance to other agencies after being formally established in 1995 realizing that the community needed more services in the respective field.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Kedar Bahadur Rayamajhi

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Establishment : Nov. 1995 (Kartik 2052 B.S.)

SWC Affiliation No : 3546

Geographical Area Coverage :Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Voluntary HIV/AIDS counselling and testing (VCT)
- Counselling
- Research on HIV/AIDS, STI and drugs

List of project

- VCT Training Programme (ongoing)

Donor : FHI

Total No of staff : 07

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 07

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Siddhartha Club

Background

Siddhartha Club is a non-profit and nongovernmental organization working to build a peaceful, prosperous and healthy society. Basically, its targeted groups are young and the general public.

Head of the Organization: Mrs. Nira Shrestha

Nature of the Organization:NGO

Establishment : 1984 (2041 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage: Kaski district

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Youth friendly health service
- VCT

List of projects

- Youth Friendly Services and Awareness Programme for HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention in Pokhara Sub Metropolitan city in Lekhnath Municipality (ongoing)

Donors/partner organization : FHI and World Vision

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Skill Information Society – Nepal

Background

Skill Information Society – Nepal (SISo Nepal), a national-level NGO comprises young people in the field of reproductive health and life skill-based HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control and Care Programme .

Head of the Organization: Mr. Khumananda Subedi

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Year of Registration : 2003 (2060 B.S.)

Registration No : 2005/060/061

SWC Affiliation No : 15278

Population/Area Covered : National-level

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Young peoples' sexual and reproductive health
- Life skill-based HIV/AIDS prevention
- Control and care support
- Youth friendly health care providers
- Telephone hotline counselling
- Training package development

List of projects

- Orientation package development and training for PTA SMC orientation: Life skill-based school education (2005)
- Workplace-based orientation on HIV and AIDS prevention, control, care and support programme (2006)

Donors : UNICEF and GTZ

Total No of staff : 14

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 11

Training conducted in the area of reproductive sexual health for including HIV/AIDS prevention, care and control and child right.

- MTOT, TOT/ Teachers/ Counsellors/ Health care providers (on youth friendly services)/ Peer education (in schools and colleges)/ Parent teacher association and school management committee (PTA and SMC) members

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Society for Empowerment Nepal

Background

Society for Empowerment Nepal (STEP Nepal), a nongovernmental and non-profit organization focusing Kathmandu Valley in the HIV/AIDS sector.

Head of the Organization : Ms. Roshani Karmacharya

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Year of Registration : July 1999 (2056/2057 B.S.)

Registration No : 1176

SWC Affiliation No : 16200

Population/Area Covered : Lubhoo, Lamatar, Badikhel, Champi, Godawari, Godamchaur, Siddhipur, Imadol and Tikathali.

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Sensitizing people on prevention of HIV/AIDS

List of projects

- Gender Sensitive HIV, AIDS and STI (ongoing)
- Freed Kamaiya Livelihood Support Programme (2004-2005)
- Service Access Programme (2004)

Donors

- Lutheran World Federation
- Ockenden International
- District Development office, Lalitpur

Total No of staff : 13

Total staff in the sector of HIV/AIDS : 13

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Society for Local Integrated Development Nepal

Background

Society for Local Integrated Development Nepal (SOLID NEPAL) is a nongovernmental, and non-profit making organization, registered under the District Administrative Office, Kathmandu with the fundamental goal to empower children, women and youth on health and development issues such as reproductive health, noncommunicable disease prevention and control through research, publications, advocacy, training and social mobilization.

Head of the Organization : Dr. Khem Karki

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : January 1999 (Poush 2055 B.S.)

Registration No: 445/055/56

Geographical Area Coverage :National level

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Research
- Advocacy and capacity building
- Development of teaching learning packages on population reproductive health (STIs HIV/AIDS for young people)

List of projects

- Sex Education in Nepal (2001 – 2002)
- Sex Education in Nepal – Follow-up programme for Capacity Building and Research Programme (2003 – 2004)
- Sex and Relationship Education in Nepal (2005)
- Development of Teaching Learning Packages on Population Reproductive health STIs, HIV and AIDS for Young People (ongoing)
- Advocacy on Empowering Adolescent and Women to Minimize Gender-based and Sexual Violence in Conflict-affected areas (ongoing)

Donors : The Safe Passages to Adulthood (DFID-funded programme) and UNFPA

Total No of staff : 10

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 05

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Society for Positive Atmosphere and Related Support to HIV and AIDS in Nepal

Background

Society for Positive Atmosphere and Related Support to HIV and AIDS in Nepal (Sparsha Nepal) is a national-level organization working for the betterment and quality of life for people infected by HIV and AIDS. This organization protects and tries to reduce stigma and discrimination in respect of people suffering from HIV/AIDS.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Suden Sherchen

Nature of the Organization :NGO

Establishment:October 2004 (Aswin 2061 B.S.)

Registration No : 230/061/62

Geographical Area Coverage :Kathmandu Valley

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Treatment, care and support for PLWHA
- Drop-in centres and education
- Creating awareness

List of projects

- Basic Care and Support Project (ongoing)
- Comprehensive package for IDUs and PLHAs (ongoing)
- Gain in Power Project (Jun. – Oct. 2005)
- Psychological Care and of Five districts of Nepal (Aug – Oct. 2005)
- Community-based Antiretroviral Therapy Programme (ongoing)

Donors: FHI Nepal, UNDP, Care Nepal and Naya Health Foundation

Total No of staff :11

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector: 09

List of IEC material/Publications

- Vulnerability and Risk Migration of HIV/AIDS
- Treatment Literacy and Positive Thinking
- Institutional Development and Leadership
- Rights for PLHA and Advocacy

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STD/AIDS Counselling and Training Service

Background

STD/AIDS Counselling and Training Service (SACTS) especially works for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and STIs. The organization has actively targeted female sex workers and their clients as well as people living with HIV/AIDS, in order to sympathize with them and give required care and support.

Head of the Organization: Dr. V.L. Gurubacharya

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment : Aug 1993 (Bhadra 2050 B.S.)

Registration No : 315/050/051

SWC Affiliation No : 3133/050/051

Geographical Area Coverage: Kathmandu Valley

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- VCT service
- Care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs)
- Outreach service
- Condom distribution

Project

- Voluntary Counselling and Testing Service to FSWs and Clients in Kathmandu (2003-2005)

Donors : FHI

Total No of staff : 16

List of IEC material/Publications

- Management of HIV/AIDS
- AIDS - booklet
- HIV/AIDS Manual
- General Information on STD – manual
- VCT – brochures
- VCT - posters

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Sunaulo Parivar Nepal (SPN)

Background

Sunaulo Parivar Nepal (SPN), a non-profit, non-religious organization established in 1994 is committed to helping the unmet need for family planning/reproductive health in the country. SPN is a partner organization of RHIYA. Within the RHIYA Project, SPN has been selected as the main organization for the development of Youth Friendly Services Guidelines and a Provider Manual. Marie Stopes International provides technical assistance to the organization.

The organization aims to meet reproductive health needs of men and women of the country and has been operating quality reproductive health and family planning services in collaboration with NGOs and health camps in coordination with the government, especially in rural areas and far remote areas keeping in mind that health facilities are not available and people in that area have to travel far in order to get health services.

Head of the Organization: Ms. Kamala Thapa

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: 1994

Registration No. : 420/051/052

SWC Affiliation No : 2193

Geographical area coverage: 38 clinics and 26 districts

Main areas of work among young people

- RH and FP services via Marie Stopes Centres,
- Free mobile sterilization camps
- Social marketing of family planning product "Jodi Condom"
- Reproductive Health Training Centre
- Youth Friendly Health Information and Information Centres

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Save the Children US

Background

Save the Children US (SC/US) started its work in Nepal in 1981 in a single Village Development Committee (VDC) in Gorkha District. Since, then it has steadily expanded its activities to over more than 42 districts and reached around 850,000 beneficiaries through multi-sectoral programming around the country. Recognised areas of expertise include child survival, HIV/AIDS prevention, non-formal education, early childhood development, micro-finance and capacity development of non-governmental organisations.

Head of the organization: Mrs. Victoria Clawson

Nature of the organization: INGO

Main areas of in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Basic health including maternal child health and HIV/AIDS prevention and care through local organizations
- Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) program to empower youth (10-21 years old) to make informed decisions about their reproductive and sexual health

Main area of work in the health sector

- Peer education program on physical and emotional changes, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, sexual violence, early marriages and life skills for adolescent group
- Awareness on safe behavior, strengthened capacity of NGOs working in the sector of HIV/AIDS, produced training manuals, launched media campaigns, improved STD services and care
- Prevent HIV among high risk groups in eight areas of Nepal by strengthening STD services and care

- HIV/AIDS impact mitigation by mobilizing affected communities in Kanchanpur district
- Safe migration initiative in the Far West region to reduce HIV/AIDS transmission and increase access to prevention and care services
- HIV information and counseling centers (ICCs)

List of projects

- Enhanced Support for HIV Prevention in Nepal (ESHPIN) 1995
- HIV/AIDS Impact Mitigation Project 2003
- Safe Migration Initiative in the Far West 2005

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Student Awareness Forum

Background

Student Awareness Forum (Bijam) is a NGO working to raise awareness in HIV and AIDS, harm reduction and prevention. It is one of the first initiatives taken by the youth to come together and provide support to those involved in using injection and other types of drug.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Mahesh Aryal

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: June 1995 (052/53 B.S.)

Registration No: 3763/052/053

Population/Area Covered :Bara, Parsa and Makwanpur

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Harm reduction material supply
- Primary health care
- HR BCC education
- Counselling, referral service and drug treatment
- Drop-in centres and education
- Voluntary counselling and testing
- Home-based care and support
- Basic clinical care and support
- Distribution of IEC material
- Creation of enabling environment
- Nutritional rehabilitation centre

List of projects

- Comprehensive Package for IDUs (ongoing)
- Drug Treatment Programme Comprehensive Package for IDUs and PLHAs (ongoing)
- Harm Reduction Programme
- VCT and Home-based Programme (ongoing)
- Youth Friendly Multipurpose Service Centre (ongoing)
- Peer Led Intervention (ongoing)
- Community Information Centre (ongoing)
- Youth Community Centre (ongoing)
- DIC-based Programme (ongoing)

Donors

DFID, UNDP, AuSAID, FHI, UNICEF, UNODC/ ROSA, DDC, Parsa, Birgunj Sub metropolitan City, Elton John AIDS Foundation, London

Total No of staff : 54

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 43

List of IEC material/Publications

- Sajha Dayitwa booklet]
- Chhyati Nunikaraan (Harm Reduction)
- Awasyakta Kina booklet
- BIJAM souvenir
- HIV/AIDS and STIs brochures and pamphlets
- Pocket calendars and posters

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The Richmond Fellowship Nepal - Male Rehabilitation Centre

Background

The Richmond Fellowship – Male Rehabilitation Centre is a national-level NGO working for the welfare of IDUs and DUs. This organization is actively involved in rehabilitation and crisis care including drug awareness programme among young masses.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Kedar Sharma
Nature of the Organization : NGO
Establishment : 1996 (2053 B.S.)
Registration No : 8534
SWC Affiliation No : 529
Geographical Area Coverage : National level

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Treatment and rehabilitation and crisis care centres
- Harm reduction, peer-led intervention
- Care and support project for IDUs and DUs

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Drug and HIV Awareness Programme for Youth, especially Students, Street Children and Orphans
- Reproductive Health Programme for Rural women

List of projects

- Research on Women Substance Abusers (1999-2001)
- Treatment And rehabilitation (ongoing)
- Peer Volunteer Outreach (ongoing)
- Harm Reduction on Substance abusers (ongoing)

Donors : DFID UK, DFID/UNDP, UNODC/HMG Home Ministry and DFID/UNDP

Total No of staff : 09

Training conducted / List of publications

- Brochure on Harm Reduction
- Information booklet on Treatment and Rehabilitation
- Research book on Women Substance Abusers
- Curriculum on school-based education on drug and HIV

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Trinetra Community Development

Background

Trinetra strives to build a healthy, self-reliant and prosperous society through social justice, equality and improvements to the wellbeing of its members and the community at large. The overall goal of this organization is to conduct sustainable community development activities mobilizing local resources.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Choodamani Sharma
Nature of the Organization: NGO
Establishment : July 1991 (Asadh 2048 B.S.)
Registration No: 32/047/048
SWC Affiliation No: 394
Geographical Area Coverage : Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Community health
- STI/HIV and AIDS awareness and prevention
- Youth health and development
- HIV/AIDS prevention programme

List of projects

- HIV/AIDS Awareness Project 2nd and 3rd Phase (2001-2004)
- Youth Health and Development: HIV/AIDS (ongoing)
- HIV/AIDS prevention through life skill-based peer education and youth friendly multipurpose service centre (ongoing)
- Use traditional Media – drama and cultural events for awareness raising (ongoing)
- Awareness Raising among the Mobile Population and Families in Parsa District (ongoing)
- Involving man in Reproductive Health Pproject in Nawalparasi District (ongoing)

Donors : FHI Nepal, UNICEF, UNDP and NFHP

Total No of staff : 51

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 40

List of publications : STI, HIV/AIDS, peer education brochures/ IEC cap/ T-shirt and bag/ Pocket, wall and table calendar/ IEC Ludo and chess board

IEC material developed : STI, HIV/AIDS, peer education brochures/ Key ring
IEC cap/ IEC T-shirt/ Pocket, wall and table calendar/ IEC Ludo and chess board/ IEC bag

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Voluntary Services Overseas – Nepal

Background

Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO Nepal) increases participation in decision-making and mainstream development of disadvantaged group such as women, children, dalits and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Danny Pelletier

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Geographical Area Coverage: 8 districts

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Organizational development
- Support to government's National HIV/AIDS Strategy and Operational Plan
- Capacity building of NGOs, networking in HIV/AIDS and PLWHA organizations.

Total No of staff :18

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Women Acting Together for Change

Background

Women Acting Together for Change (WATCH) is a secular, non-profit, politically non-aligned NGO. It focuses on helping the poor, oppressed, and backward communities of Nepal, especially rural women. WATCH is committed to and experienced in supporting self-reliant and sustainable development through organizing women and other oppressed groups at the grassroots level and supporting them as they carry out action research to improve their lives.

Head of the Organization :Mrs. Shanti Agrawal

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: March 1992 (Falgun 2048 B.S.)

Registration No :293-048/49

Geographical Area Coverage:Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi, Okhaldhunga

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Comprehensive programme of HIV/AIDS/ STI treatment and care
- BCI
- VCT

Health sector projects on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Organizing Rural Women through Primary Health Care
- VCT, STI Treatment Care and Primary Health Care

List of projects

- HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Project (ongoing)
- BCC Project (ongoing)
- Organizing Rural women Through Primary Health care (ongoing)
- VCT Project (ongoing)
- Girls Education and Scholarship Programme (ongoing)

Donors : FHI Nepal, Consortium of AIFO, DAHW and Fontiles, Global Fund for Women, Winrock, WATCH Australia and UNDP

Total No of staff : 139 (80% are female staff)

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 41

IEC material developed

- HIV/AIDS flip chart, HIV/AIDS posters, HIV/AIDS comics
- STI poster, STI leaflet, STI wall chart
- HIV/AIDS brochure, STI brochure,
- Safe Motherhood poster, Menstruation Management poster
- Maya Ko Chino – comic book
- Bhram ra Yathartha – book on HIV awareness
- Various posters

Training conducted

- Team Building/Team Planning
- Organizational Assessment
- Peer Education Training
- Life Skill Training
- PRA Training
- Assertiveness Training
- Dialogue and Conversation Training
- BCC Training
- Conflict Management Training
- Mapping and Visioning Training
- Basic Orientation Training
- CHBC Training
- Counselling Training
- Needs Assessment Training
- Violence Preparation Training
- Gender and Equity Training
- Training of Trainers Training
- Proposal Writing Training
- Advocacy Training
- Professional Realization Training
- Training in Community Organization and Development
- Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights Training
- Opportunistic Infection Treatment Training

World Education

Background

World Education has been working in Nepal for the last 25 years to meet the needs of the educationally disadvantaged. The organization provides training and technical assistance in non-formal education across a wide array of sectors. World Education's mission is to help rural people of Nepal, improve their livelihoods through a community-oriented and participator development process. Non-formal literacy is its main focus. World Education believes that literacy helps people to empower themselves. It encourages people to critically reflect on their circumstances, ask crucial questions, take action to make positive changes in their lives, their communities and nation.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Chij Kumar Shrestha

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Establishment: 1981

Geographical area coverage: Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Morang, Jhapa, and Udaypur

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Education on adolescent health including reproductive health, early pregnancy, unsafe sex, STIs and HIV/AIDS
- Advocacy and counseling service

Health sector project on HIV/AIDS and young people

- Girls' Access to Education (GATE) 1998

No. of staff = 60

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World Vision Nepal

Background

World Vision is an international Christian relief and development agency working to promote the well being of all people, especially children. The programs of the agency focus on children's education and health, water and sanitation, nutrition and food security, HIV/AIDS and micro enterprise development.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Dinesh Shrestha

Nature of the Organization: INGO

Establishment : 2000

Geographical area coverage: Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Morang, Sunsari, Kaski, Lamjung, Rupandehi, Kailali and Jumla Districts

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Rehabilitation center
- Counseling service
- Harm reduction program
- BCI and awareness raising program for rickshaw pullers and taxi drivers
- Awareness through non formal education on HIV/AIDS for carpet factory workers
- STI referral
- Advocacy and school awareness program
- Peer education program for school students
- Home based care and support for PLWHA in Kaski district
- BCI awareness for sex workers
- HIV/AIDS Youth friendly Service

List of projects/programs

- Sangati Project
- HIV Main streaming Project
- Gaps Identification on HIV/AIDS (Mar. 2006)
- Income Generation Program (in process)
- Radio awareness raising program

Total no. of staff : 160

Total no. of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 15

List of publications/IEC materials:

- Dohari cassette
- "Nahou Niras",
- Training manual addressing stigma and discrimination
- Brochures and posters
- Puppet show in CD, street drama in CD, research materials
- Peer education kit bag
- Street drama

Donors: World Vision Hong Kong, World Vision Australia, World Vision America, World Vision Canada, World Vision Switzerland, World Vision UK and World Vision Newzeland, AusAid and UNFPA.

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Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC)

Background

Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC) is a non-governmental organization established in April, 1991 to bring about positive changes in women's and children's rights for an environmentally sound, economically productive, equitable and sustainable development of Nepalese society. Collective empowerment and social mobilization, human rights and social justice and sustainable livelihood and development are the three strategic directions that govern WOREC's activities. The goal of the organization is to prevent the trafficking of human beings from a human rights perspective. It aims to reduce all forms of discrimination against women, children and marginalized people.

Head of the Organization: Dr. Renu Rajbhandari

Nature of the Organization: NGO

Establishment: April 1991

Registration No.: 392/047/048

Geographical area coverage: Dhanusha (5 VDCs), Rupandehi (5 VDCs)

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- Empowerment program for youth and adolescent girls in prevention of trafficking and HIV/AIDS
- Different workshops and interaction programs at VDCs, DDCs at the national level
- School education activities (HIV/AIDS, violence against women, gender discrimination, trafficking, and safe migration)

Project: Trafficking and HIV/AIDS prevention through empowerment and mobilization of youth and adolescent Girls in Nepal (2000 and 2002)

Donor : UNDP

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Youth Power Nepal

Background

Youth Power Nepal (YPN) is a nongovernmental and non-profit organization which works in the area of policy making and planning, drug users, PLHIV, sex workers, prisoners, MSM, migrant workers and their families, and sports persons. The organization intends to assist these groups of people to lead a dignified life with sound health.

Head of the Organization : Mr. Rishi Raj Ojha

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Establishment : 1991 (2048 B.S.)

Registration No : 457/047/48

Geographical Area Coverage: Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, Parsa, Chitwan, Makwanpur, Kaski, Rupandehi, Banke, Kailali, Kathmandu Valley

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Advocacy
- Orientation
- District HIV/AIDS planning
- Harm reduction
- Awareness

Total No. of staff : 15 paid staff and 10 volunteers

IEC material developed

- Brochures
- Posters
- Manual
- Stickers
- Research report
- Annual report

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MULTILATERAL DONORS

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Background

Nepal joined ILO in 1966. ILO/Nepal basically works with trade unions, government and other partner organizations in order to establish codes of practice regarding employing children and to sensitize them towards the worst forms of child labor, i.e., prostitution, mining, rag-picking, domestic labor and bonded labor. It is a member of a UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS with UNAIDS on youth and working children. It is developing a training and tool kit on HIV/AIDS education for the workplace. ILO/Nepal works with young people between the ages of 5 to 18. It also works with employers in developing livelihood apprenticeship programs for youths of 15 years and above and with identifying new employer partners.

Head of the organization : Mr. Sheng Jie Li

Nature of the organization : Multilateral Donor

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Reduce employment discrimination with PLWHA
- HIV/AIDS workplace Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) program

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Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Background

UNAIDS is the main advocate for accelerated, comprehensive and co-ordinated action on HIV/AIDS. UNAIDS' mission is to lead, strengthen, support and expand response to HIV and AIDS that includes preventing transmission of HIV, providing care and support to those already living with the virus, reducing the vulnerability of people and communities to HIV and alleviating the impact of the epidemic. UNAIDS established its office for the first time in 1988 to support the struggle against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Since 1988, UNAIDS worked at building partnerships that enhance effective design and implementation of HIV/AIDS programs in Nepal.

Consistent with Government of Nepal's strategic plan (2002-2006) and the National Action Plan (Nap-1) 2006, UNAIDS is a key partner in advancing the objectives of NAP. UNAIDS has recognized the importance of developing linkages between policy support at the central level; capacity building at the district level; and direct intervention at the village, community level to achieve maximum impact.

UNAIDS serves as a coordinating body among UN agencies in Nepal for AIDS-related activities. As such, UNAIDS does not directly implement projects. An example of UNAIDS' coordination role can be seen in the committee they have brought together to focus on improving youth-friendly services. Besides UNAIDS, this committee includes ILO, UNESCO, UNFPA and UNICEF.

UNAIDS is co-sponsored by the UN agencies present in Nepal (including UNDP, UNICEF, UNFA, ILO, WHO, UNHCR, UNESCO, WFP and the World Bank) and these organizations, along with FAO, meet regularly as the "United Nations Theme Group on HIV/AIDS". Members of this Theme Group also include PLWHA and the government, represented through the National Center for AIDS and STI Control and the National Planning Commission. The main objectives of the UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS in Nepal

includes support on expanded national response, facilitation and support of new partnerships, joint advocating for a sustained broad response at all levels, joint design and implement programs in support of the national response.

Major achievements of the Theme Group in recent years include development and distribution of HIV/AIDS Training Tool Kit and operationalization of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. UNAIDS also publishes much material on the subject of AIDS, such as The HIV/AIDS/STD Situation and The National Response in Nepal.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Background

UNHCR provides international protection and seeks permanent solutions to the problem of refugees. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, the agency was created by the United Nations General Assembly and began work in 1951, initially aiding more than one million European refugees in the aftermath of World War II.

In Nepal, UNHCR's main objectives are to actively support Government of Nepal to provide refugees with international protection and seek durable solutions, to safeguard the welfare of vulnerable refugees through the establishment of community support mechanisms, to maintain preventive response mechanisms to combat Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).

Current program in Eastern Terai

UNHCR is implementing a program in Eastern part of Nepal (Jhapa, and Morang Districts) covering 106,000 Refugees. The package consists of prevention program, which comprises works such as universal precautions and safe blood supply. Universal precautions are taught in the camps.

Similarly, access to condoms and access to STD services are available within camps. The organization is implementing program through IEC and BCC activities in the Bhutanese camps which is heavily orientated towards information and education. Information and education is currently communicated to individuals through community health volunteers and during clinic-based counseling sessions at the time of consultation. HIV/AIDS learning is also provided through a peer network and schools program, which targets school age children of grades 7, 8, and 9 in collaboration with CARITAS.

AMDA in collaboration with UNHCR offers VCT services at a local hospital, (AMDA with funding from a separate donor source) which remained as the only source of VCT for the Refugees. Over the course of the year, mobile VCT camps were piloted in refugee camps. Two VCT camps in each of the seven camps were conducted over a period of 2 months.

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The recent provision of VCT services by the implementing partner represents a major and rapid development in the HIV/AIDS program, which has overtaken progress in other areas of surveillance such as sentinel monitoring of antenatal clinics and blood transfusions.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Background

UNFPA started assisting His Majesty's Government to implement population programmes in the 1970s. The organization aims to improve the quality of life and to manage and stabilize the country's population. Its main areas of work are to help ensure universal access to reproductive health including family planning and sexual health and support population and development strategies that enable capacity building in population programming. It also promotes awareness of population and development issues and advocates for mobilization of resources necessary to accomplish its areas of work.

UNFPA's Country Programme of support to HMG of Nepal

- To assist HMG under the current Fifth Country Programme (2002-2006) in reducing poverty and enhancing the quality life of the people in Nepal.
- To strengthen the Department of Health Services in the promotion of RH Services, to improve access to quality RH service for women, men and adolescents, including prevention of HIV/AIDS.
- Support for RH-TEC and BCC is made available; major support is provided to the National Family Planning Programme.
- UNFPA is also providing support for strengthening management and training capacities to improve the delivery of health services, including capacity to plan, monitor and evaluate RH programmes and other health-related activities, integrating gender concerns and gender sensitive health planning, monitoring and evaluation.
- Under UNFPA's 5th Country Programme of Support, HMG/Nepal is integrating adolescent reproductive health education in school curricula and in the non-formal education sector and providing support to teacher training and curricula development.
- UNFPA is also promoting the capacities of population teaching and research in Nepal by supporting three universities to produce mid-career professionals in the

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area of population, gender and development.

- UNFPA aims to strengthen through Population and Reproductive Health Integrated Project (PARHI) the capacity of local governing bodies (VDCs, municipalities, DDCs and civil society) to manage and mainstream population, RH, and gender issues in districts and communities.

A Glimpse of PARHI Project

UNFPA has been assisting HMG/N in implementing population and reproductive health activities in all the 75 districts of Nepal. The Population and Reproductive Health Integrated (PARHI) project is UNFPA's foray in decentralizing its activities and a key component of its Fifth Country Programme. The PARHI project is being implemented in six districts, namely, Saptari, Mahottari, Rautahat, Kapilvastu, Dang and Dadeldhura. The project builds upon both the sub-programmes and is intended to tackle population and RH issues in a decentralized context. It is designed to address critical issues underlying provisioning of RH services by building the capacity of major stakeholders involved in planning, management and delivery of RH services. The central strategy is to strengthen decentralized governance, improve service provision and ensure people's participation to exercise their reproductive rights.

The project is executed by District Development Committees while the Ministry of Local Development acts as the focal ministry at the central level. There are four implementing partners: District Development Committee (DDC), District Health Office, District Education Office and Women Development Office.

Objectives of the project

- To improve access to quality RH service to women, men and adolescents in the districts.
- To improve the capacity for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the population and RH programme.
- Increase access to appropriate RH issues including HIV/AIDS information, utilizing various channels of formal and informal education and mass media through HMG, local governing bodies and NGOs.

- Integration of population, RH and gender concerns in local development policies and programmes of local government bodies.
- To strengthen district capacity in gender and population teaching and research.
- To strengthen district-capacity to collect, analyse, disseminate and utilize gender-sensitive data for local-level planning.
- To develop policies and strategies for gender equity, equality and women empowerment.

The four activities being carried out pertaining to the Reproductive Health

- Orientation of DPHO staff and DDC/VDC members on ASRH
- Advocacy workshop for community leaders and teachers
- Establishment of youth friendly services with RH IEC material and counselling services
- Formation of youth friendly centres group through NGOs
- Training of leaders and peer educators
- Training of service providers on ASRH counselling skills
- Development on IEC material on ASRH

Under DDC implementation, efforts are being made to sensitize DDC/ staff and members on ASRH and making issues an agenda of DDC meeting.

District Education is implementing the following activities

- Orientation about ASRH education to school and health post management committee
- Development of material and training of peer leaders
- Training of school teachers and peer leaders on LSE
- Periodic interaction among teachers, parents and community leaders on ASRH issues
- Scholarship to a girl child

The women Development Office is focusing the out-of-school adolescents and providing them life skills education following the "choose your future" manual.

Teacher educators training

As part of its teacher training programme series on population education, the Population Education Unit of Tribhuvan University organized a one-week training course on population education from 5-11 July 1994. Attended by 20 teacher educators who are involved in teaching population education in their respective campuses, the training provided opportunities for upgrading the participants' knowledge and changing their attitudes and behaviour with regard to population concepts. It also developed their skills in more effective methodologies for teaching population education in their campuses. The Faculty of Education, through its Population Education Unit, has been introducing population education in its teacher training programme under the UNFPA-funded country programme. This is done by incorporating population education contents into different subject areas such as health education, geography and economics in the curriculum of Proficiency Certificate level, Bachelor level and Master's degree. In addition, it has been offering population education as a major subject at the Proficiency Certificate level in Mahendra Ratna Campus. Thirteen resource persons from Tribhuvan University, Curriculum Development Centre of the University and UNFPA Field Office and Country Support Team, Kathmandu, provided lectures on the following topics: population education in Asia and the Pacific, population situation in Nepal, demography and population dynamics, population theories, curriculum development in population education, teaching methods, human sexuality, STDs and AIDS, population education programme, research, and population policy.

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A Glimpse on EU/UNFPA Reproductive Health Initiative For Youth in Asia (RHIYA Project in Nepal)

Reproductive Health Initiatives for Youth in Asia (RHIYA) is a regional project supported by EU/ UNFPA and this programme is executed in seven countries in South East Asia, including Nepal. EU/UNFPA Nepal is an umbrella project which implements its project via seven local NGOs in close coordination with the Ministry of Health. These NGOs are:

- Aaama Milan Kendra (AMK)
- B.P. Memorial Health Foundation (BPMHF)
- Environment, Health and Advisory Group (EHDAG)
- Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN)
- Public Health Concern Trust – Nepal (Phect – NEPAL)
- Samjhauta Nepal
- Sunaulo Pariwar Nepal (SWN)

Geographical Area Coverage :19 districts of Nepal (93 VDS and 7 municipalities)

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Reproductive health of adolescent and youths
- Creating HIV/AIDS awareness and sensitizing people
- Training in and promotions of Life skills techniques in youth
- To establish youth friendly service delivery (YFSDs) and youth information centres (YICs)

List of projects

- RAS/03/P29 (2003)
- RAS/03/P29 (2004)
- RAS/03/P29 (2005)

Donors : EU/UNFPA

Total No of staff :09

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector :03

List of IEC material developed

- RH Handbook for Community Health Volunteers

- Prajanan Swasthya tathaa bikaas bisyak sadak naatak aalekhharuko sangalo (Collection of street drama scripts on RH and their development).
- Swastha Jeewanko saral tareekaa; Kishor-kishori prajanan swasthya tathaa bikas (Simple tips for healthy life; Adolescent RH and Development)
- Sahabhaagimulak prajanan swasthya karyakaram prakriyako laggi sahayogi nirdeshika (PRA guidelines on RH)
- Annotated Bibliography: Adolescent and Youth RH Reference and IEC material
- Yaun tathaa prajanan swasthya purushharuko chasso tathaa jigyasasharu, prasnottasr mala
- Jigyasa (ASRH newsletter) 1-9 issues
- RHIYA Nepal brochure
- CD-ROMs RHIYA radio programme titled 'Haammro RHIYA Club' collection of 1-52 episodes
- Baseline study reports (A set of two reports Qualitative and Quantitative)
- Client Exit Survey Report

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Background

United Nations Children's fund (UNICEF) is an organization within the United Nations that helps to look after the health and education of children all over the world. It has the global authority to influence decision-makers and a variety of partners at grassroots level to turn the most innovative ideas into reality. Proper care at the youngest age forms the strongest foundation for a person's future, so it advocates for measures to give children the best start in life. Similarly, UNICEF works to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among young people as well as help children and families affected by HIV/AIDS to live their lives with dignity. UNICEF is working in 157 countries around the world. In Nepal, UNICEF has been working to improve the status of the children by focusing different issues such as literacy, health, legal aspects, etc.

Life Skills Initiative

An initiative combining education and information with entertainment has been conceived out of a Knowledge, Attitude, Practice and Skills Survey conducted in 2000, among 14,000 Nepalese adolescents aged 12 to 18 years. The findings showed a compelling need to build up the young Nepalese' knowledge and confidence to tackle daily pressures, including those from peers and parents, and habits that put their health and survival at risk. UNICEF Nepal has created 3 interlinked ways to reach young people: edutainment through radio and television; communication material; and interpersonal discussions.

"Chatting with My Best Friend"

"Chatting with My Best Friend" ("Sathi Sanga Maka Kura") is the first Nepali radio programme produced for young people in Nepal. It is designed to interact with teenagers as another peer who speaks their mind without moral judgment, to help break the silence surrounding physiological and emotional issues such as sex, love, relationships, peer pressure and conflict with parents. A group of young producers aged 19 to 27 have been selected to design chat topics,

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and create stories modelled on real-life situations, to stimulate reflections, and inspire positive actions. Each one-hour episode combines music, drama and chat between a young female and male host. The programme is currently broadcast nationwide every Saturday on Radio Nepal. It has generated enthusiastic response from teenagers; the young hosts receive between 200 and 500 letters per week from listeners as far away as Sikkim, India, and the remote districts of Humla, Jumla and Accham.

“Catmandu”

“Catmandu” is Nepal’s first TV programme acted and directed by young people for young people. Broadcast by Nepal Television every Saturday evening, the drama series improvises stories created in “Chatting with My Best Friend” and draws inspiration from the hundreds of letters its listeners send in each week. The “Catmandu” plot is created around the concept of life skills by putting protagonists through emotional conflicts, tough choices, setbacks and situations that demand empathy, creative and critical thinking, problem solving and other skills.

Supplementary Communication Materials

Complementing the radio and TV programmes are a number of reading material to stimulate interpersonal discussions on life skills. The first life skills guide, written in English, has been translated and adapted into 8 booklets in Nepali, along with 7 photo-novellas, a popular form of reading among teenagers. Each topic consists of exercises to help teenagers better understand themselves and learn how to tackle daily situations by using one or a combination of skills. Similarly, the initiatives taken by the organization in the health sector are:

- Life skills facilitator guide to induce discussion, possibly through a national network of youth clubs to provide teenagers with a forum to share experiences and draw positive lessons from their peers was developed.
- Life skills booklets designed as self-learning tools to master life skills which are available in Nepali.
- Photos and novellas which portray real-life pictures about other people’s successes and mistakes.

Currently, UNICEF is implementing, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) and the Innovative Forum for Community Development (IFCD), both in and out-of-school life skills-based education programmes in seven Decentralized Action for Children and Women (DACAW) districts. In four of the DACAW districts, UNICEF and MoES are closely collaborating to implement life skills-based health curriculum in schools (grades 1-10) with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS prevention among young people. With the aim to reach those youths at highest risk of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse, UNICEF is also overseeing a pilot project targeting urban out-of-school youths using a peer education approach in non-formal settings. The project will involve life skills based education for prevention of HIV/AIDS and drug/substance abuse, and is being implemented in five DACAW districts at the community level through out-of-school programmes, child clubs and radio listener’s clubs. Both the in-school and out-of-school peer education programmes are in line with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (2002-2006) for preventing new HIV infections among young people.

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World Health Organization (WHO)

Background

The World Health Organization (WHO), which came into being on 7th April 1948, is a United Nations agency with the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people. Its primary functions are to direct and co-ordinate activities in international health, and to encourage technical co-operation for health among member states. WHO provides technical assistance and other support aimed at strengthening health systems and providing optimal health for all people.

The organization at present has been giving priority to various programs in collaboration with Government of Nepal (GON). It's called GON/WHO Collaborative Program 2004 – 2005. The organization is assisting GON in various fields of Health like Communicable Diseases, Non-Communicable diseases and Mental Health, Family and Community Health, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environment, Health Technology and Pharmaceuticals and Evidence and Information for Policy (Health Systems Development).

Communicable Diseases

WHO strengthens Epidemiological Surveillance and establishment of an Early Warning and Response System (EWARS); elimination of Leprosy; successful TB programme through implementation of DOTS strategy; mass drug administration against Lymphatic Filariasis; cross-border collaboration for combating Malaria, Kala-azar and Japanese Encephalitis; and establishment of sustainable cost-effect Malaria control measures.

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health

WHO is also assisting to develop policies and strategies to combat NCDs, like Cardio-Vascular Diseases, Diabetes, Cancer, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases and Mental Disorders. Assistance is provided for the implementation of obligations resulting from the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control, to which Nepal is a signatory. Other programs aim at Health Promotion, the implementation of the National Oral Health Strategy, Disability/Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation (including prevention of blindness and deafness).

Family and Community Health

The organization is also contributing on family and community health by working plans under the areas that focus on Child and Adolescent

Health and Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) as a core element; on Making Pregnancy Safer with the objective of reducing maternal and neonatal mortality and on Women's Health. In the area of HIV/AIDS priorities are strengthening of surveillance, prevention of HIV transmission including Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), voluntary counseling and testing, fighting stigma and community based care, prevention of HIV/AIDS and introduction of Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) at larger scale.

Sustainable Development and Healthy Environment

WHO/N with the assistance of WHO Headquarter and Regional Office activities are under way aimed at making political decisions in consonance with the recommendations of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health in development of Pro-Poor District Health Investment Plans (PPDHIPs). It also addresses issues of Health and Environment (including arsenic in drinking water), Chemical Safety, Food Safety and Nutrition. One most important program in the context of Nepal aims at the improvement of Emergency Preparedness and Response as an inter-sectoral task.

Health Technology and Pharmaceuticals

WHO ensures to access good quality essential drugs and their rational use on the basis of the National Drug Policy. Other important programmes are immunization with special focus on Polio and Measles, quality of care, including strengthening laboratory, other health technology and supply of safe blood. Strengthening of the standardization process, service provision, and quality assurance within the Ayurvedic system is another area of collaboration.

Evidence and Information for Policy (Health Systems Development)

It aims at helping countries gather data and create information for evidence-based decision-making. This includes areas like research promotion, health systems development, human resources development and collaboration with civil society. It is also a contribution to capacity building in the Ministry of Health.

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Department for International Development (DFID)

Background

The Department for International Development (DFID) is one of the major bilateral donors in Nepal aiming to eliminate poverty in poorer countries. It supports multilateral agencies in Nepal and British international NGOs that are active in the health sector. DFID also has significant involvement in water and sanitation. DFID's work in the health sector will contribute to this aim through the four internationally-agreed-upon development targets (IDTs) for health:

- to reduce by two-thirds the rate of infant and child mortality by 2015,
- to reduce by three-quarters the rate of maternal mortality by 2015,
- to attain universal access to reproductive health services before 2015,
- to reduce by one quarter HIV infection rates in 15-24 year olds by 2010.

DFID's programme supports the priorities outlined in the PRSP's/Tenth Five Year Plan, the Health Sector Strategy- An Agenda for Reform, and DFID's own country assistance plan. The organization has been supporting the development of health sector reform/health sector strategy- implementation plan.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Mark Mallalieu

Establishment : 1999 (2056 B.S.)

Nature of the Organization: Bilateral donor

Geographical Area Coverage :Nationwide (excluding Bara District)

List of projects

- Safer Motherhood Project (1997/98 - 2002/03)
 - The purpose of this project is to increase utilization of good quality essential obstetric services in NSMP districts.
- National Reproductive Health Care Programme (1997/98 - 2000/01)
 - The purpose of this project is provision of contraceptives.
- Nepal District Health Strengthening Project (1997/98 - 2001/02)
 - The purpose of this project is improved health service delivery and utilization in the project districts, which can be replicated elsewhere.
- Support to National Tuberculosis Programme (2001 -2005)
 - The purpose of this project is to provide effective diagnostic and treatment facilities for all patients with TB within the existing primary health care system. DFID is funding drug procurement and expansion of services into the Mid-Western Region.
- Programme Preparation Phase to develop a Health and Population Programme for Nepal (1999 – 2001)
 - The purpose of the programme is to improve access to and utilization of quality health services, building on the above existing DFID contributions in health. The first stage involved participation in the Health Sector Review exercise, which should be the basis for a sectoral strategic plan in which key interventions will be identified for support.

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GTZ-Health Sector Support Programme

Background

GTZ – Health Sector Support Programme (HSSP) is Germany’s bilateral agency which was established in order to provide technical assistance to countries. It has been assisting the Department of Health Services/Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) to develop and implement new health strategies within the framework of the National Health Policy.

Head of the Organization: Dr. Angelika Schrettenbruner

Nature of the Organization :Bilateral organization

Geographical Area Coverage: National level, Dhading, Surkhet, Jumla, Dailekh, Dadaeldhura, Baitadi, Doti and Achham

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Adolescent reproductive health including HIV/AIDS awareness through schools and local clubs
- Supporting district health office in strengthening VCT and STI services.

Main area of work in the health sector

- Health system development
- Reproductive health
- Social mobilization
- Physical assets management

Total No of staff : 40

Total No of staff in the HIV/AIDS sector : 05

List of IEC material/publications

- HIV/AIDS Training Tool Kit
- Flip chart on HIV/AIDS
- CD ROM on HIV/AIDS (both in Nepali and English)
- RH package
- Flip chart on Uterus Prolapse

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Swiss Development Corporation (SDC)

Background

SDC has implemented a project namely ‘HIV/ AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health Project’ in collaboration with the line agency Ministry of Health. At the district level the partners of SDC are Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) District Chapters, District Health Office (DHO), District Education Office (DEO), District Development Committee (DDC), Rural Health Development Project (RHDP) and at the community level the partners are NRCS Sub-Chapters and Sahayog Samiti (Co-operation Committee), Village Development Committees (VDCs) and, in Schools, Junior/Youth Red Cross Circles (J/YRC), Teachers’ Sponsors, Peer Educators, Street Drama Performance Teams, Female Community Health Volunteers and Women/Women’s groups. The implementing agency is Nepal Red Cross Society, which closely works with the district chapters, and mobilizes the J/YRC, Peer Educators, Teachers’ Sponsors and Women’s Groups.

Head of the Organization: Joerg Frieden

Nature of the Organization: Bilateral donor

Geographical area coverage: Six mid-hill districts of Nepal (Ramechhap, Dolakha, Sindhuli, Bhaktapur, Baglung and Parbat) including 15 schools and 10 communities (prone to high risk behaviour) from each project district

Main areas of work in the HIV/AIDS sector among young people

- HIV/AIDS prevention program
- Awareness on reproductive health for young people
- Peer education for school students
- Increased access to information and service
- Safe behaviour related to HIV/AIDS, RH and STIs
- Reduction of stigma and discrimination among PLWHA

Major activities on HIV/AIDS awareness

- Mass orientation on HIV/AIDS, RH and STIs

- Video shows
- Competitions (essay, art, folksong, quiz, debate)
- Celebration of World AIDS Day, Condom Day etc.
- Teachers training on HIV/AIDS, RH and STIs
- Peer-to-peer sharing

Project

- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health Project

Line Agency

Ministry of Health

Partners

At district level : Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) District Chapters, District Health Office (DHO), District Education Office (DEO), District Development Committee (DDC) and Rural Health Development Project (RHDP).

At Community level : NRCS Sub-Chapters and Sahayog Samiti (Co-operation Committee), Village Development Committees (VDCs) and, in Schools, Junior/Youth Red Cross Circles (J/YRC), Teachers' Sponsors, Peer Educators, Street Drama Performance Teams, Female Community Health Volunteers and Women/Women's groups

Information and Publications

- Training guidelines
- Conflict & health in Nepal
- Community empowerment for health, RHDP Folders 2001-2005
- RHDP documentary 2001-2005

UNDP (UN Management Support Agency (MSA) at UNDP (DEX Modality) HIV/AIDS Programme Management Unit)

Background

UNDP is UN's global development network advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. UNDP office in Nepal was established in 1963. It is on the ground in 166 countries, working with them on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. As they develop local capacity, they draw on the people of UNDP and its wide range of partners.

Nepal has developed a "National Strategy on HIV/AIDS, 2002 - 2006", 5-year Operational Plan with an annual National Programme on HIV/AIDS (2004-2005). The National Programme is the overarching framework to guide, monitor and coordinate an expanded response to the epidemic in Nepal.

Included in the National Programme are activities supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), and DFID (in a "programme" approach). It has also received parallel funding from AusAID and USAID (through their respective partners), and the UN system.

His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N), Ministry of Health (MoH), has requested the United Nations System in Nepal (the UN system) for support in the implementation of the National Programme and in assisting with the management of GFATM-funded activities programme.

The project is directly executed by UNDP as the administrative and management agent on behalf of the UN system in Nepal. HMG/MoH/National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC) and one of the representatives from MoH in the expanded UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS in Nepal, as the guiding and coordinating body for the UN system for implementation of the activities.

In this regard, a Third-Party Cost-Sharing Agreement between His Majesty's Government of Nepal, Ministry of Health and the United Nations Development Programme (on behalf of the UN

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system in Nepal), a project document was signed on 27 February 2005.

The HMG/N National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC), as the principal monitoring agent, will monitor implementation through agreed indicators with added responsibility for epidemiological surveillance, care and support. And, as Management Support Agency (MSA), the UN system will assist HMG/N, MoH, in managing specific activities funded by GFATM which form part of the National Strategy on HIV/AIDS, for the period February 2005 to March 2006.

The project is inspired by the principles of the Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). Currently, UNDP Nepal is implementing through partner NGOs, various HIV/AIDS prevention and care activities. The activities are as follows:

Harm reduction activities for injecting drug users

HIV/AIDS Harm Reduction Programme among Injecting Drug Users in Nepal (IDUs) succeeds and builds on the lessons learnt from the multi-donor project "Nepal Initiatives". There are eight harm reduction partners in different locations in Nepal providing essential advice and services for IDUs. Based on the lesson learnt from the present activities, continuity and having a comprehensive harm reduction programme in Nepal, this project aims to (a) maintain and expand harm reduction activities, (b) establish and expand oral substitution treatment, and (c) design and implement social support services in harm reduction activities linked to rehabilitation and antiretroviral therapy (ARVT).

Prevention and care and support activities among labour migrants and young people

The present political situation in Nepal has encouraged the outflow of migrants, many of whom are youth, to migrate towards major Indian cities. They remain out of the country for long periods visiting only during major festivals. The HIV/AIDS prevention and care activity has targeted migrants and youth due to their increased vulnerability in engaging in high risk activities which are peer pressure, solitude and other underlying factors. The overall goal of HIV/AIDS programme is "to prevent HIV infection in labour migrants and young people in Nepal and provide care and support to the affected people".

The programme is implemented in six districts with high migration pattern, especially to India. The strategies to prevent HIV/AIDS/STI transmission executed by the programme are Advocacy; BCC; Peer education; Establishment of information counselling centres; Establishment of youth friendly service centres and Establishment of STI/VCT centres.

Comprehensive Package for IDUs

Injecting drug users (IDUs) constitute the population sub-group in which HIV threatens to rise most rapidly. Behavioural research among IDUs in Nepal clearly indicates that needle sharing, the major risk factor for HIV, is common. Studies have shown that HIV prevalence among IDUs is high. A rapid assessment in 1999 showed HIV prevalence among IDUs nationwide of 40% and 50% in Kathmandu. Furthermore, in 2002 a survey revealed that the prevalence rate has risen to 68% among IDUs in Kathmandu.

With the objective of reducing HIV/AIDS incidence among IDUs, a comprehensive service package including primary health care services; IEC/BCC; community sensitization; availability of clean needle and syringes; peer education; condom distribution; establishment of STI/VCT service or referral links and counselling and psychosocial support has been planned.

Drug treatment

Drug treatment activities for IDUs include procurement of methadone; oral substitution programme; rehabilitation and reintegration programme; development of guidelines for Harm reduction and linkage to ART programme.

Comprehensive package for mobile population and families. The National HIV/AIDS Action Plan has identified the need to target mobile population and their families due to their increased vulnerability HIV/AIDS infection.

The comprehensive package for mobile population and families includes the following activities: community orientation and sensitization; district planning; establishment of district information centres; BCC and community media; development and distribution of destination package and cultural dramas and events.

The comprehensive Package for People Living with HIV/AIDS includes community sensitization; peer education and psychosocial support and strengthening of PLWHA network.

Adult and paediatric care and support

The services planned under Adult and Paediatric Care and Support are procurement of ARVs for adults and paediatrics; procurement and training for CD4 and viral load; support establishment of grassroot networks for home-based care; support to hospice for palliative care and support patient follow-up and outreach for ART.

Geographical Area Coverage: Far Western Development Region, Mid Western Development Region, Western Development Region, Central Development Region

Donors: Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, AusAID and DFID

Partner Organizations

- Britain Nepal Medical Trust
- Save the Children U.S.
- Youth Power Nepal
- Women Acting Together for Change
- Himalayan Association Against STI-AIDS
- Community Awareness Against HIV/AIDS and Drug Addiction
- Association of Medical Doctors of Asia Nepal
- Innovative Forum for Community Development
- Nepal Fertility Care Centre
- Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries
- Sakriya Sewa Samaj
- Nepal Red Cross Society
- Care Nepal
- B.P. Memorial Health Foundation
- Himalayan Social Welfare Organization
- Institute of Cultural Affairs
- Pro-Public
- Knight Chess Club
- Help Group for Creative Development
- Kirat Yakthum Chumlung Punar Jivan Kendra
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United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Background

USAID is an independent federal government agency that receives overall foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State. The agency's work consists of support to long-term and equitable economic growth and advance U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting economic growth, agriculture and trade; global health; and, democracy, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance, especially to third world countries.

In September 1997, USAID signed a bilateral Strategic Objective (SO) Agreement with HMG for a five-year period (1997-2002). The programme includes activities not only with MoH but also with MOPE and NGO and private sectors. The SO agreement focuses on four major sectors, including:

- Family Planning (FP)
- Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
- Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS/STD
- Control of Infectious Diseases

Activities of USAID Nepal Initiatives

In September 2001, UNDP signed a 12-month agreement with FHI to implement an expanded rights-based response to the concentrated HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nepal. The programme, initially for one year, focused on FSW, clients and IDUs in Kathmandu valley. It was designed as an emergency response to the concentrated epidemic pending finalization and resourcing of the national strategy. The consortium of donors included DFID, AusAID, UNAIDS, UNDP and USAID. The USAID-funded FHI programme served as the basis for this initiative. Relevant USAID programme activities were viewed as a contribution to the Nepal Initiative.

The Nepal Initiative reached the IDU target population working with 20 NGOs to conduct peer education, establish drop-in centres and provide needle exchange programmes for IDU networks in Kathmandu valley, Pokhara, Dharan and along the highways. This vital activity was curtailed in December 2002 when MOH decided to stop

funding FHI supported NGO, the Centre for Harm Reduction and take on the responsibility through the National Centre for AIDS and STD Control. Eventually, NCASC contracted with Save the Children/US to implement the programme. By March 2004 the number of NGOs funded to reach the IDU population decreased to 10 and the current funding expires in April 2004. The national strategy is still not resourced. The Nepal Initiative has been completed and the donors are still waiting for the Government of Nepal to operationalize the national strategy before committing funds.

Health and Family Planning (2006)

In 2006 USAID is in the process of introducing a programme namely, Health and Family Planning. This programme aims to reduce fertility and protect the health of Nepalese families by:

- increasing access to and use of quality voluntary family planning services;
- increasing access to and use of quality maternal and child health services;
- strengthening the prevention-to-care HIV/AIDS programme among most-at-risk groups, and
- controlling infectious diseases.

The ultimate beneficiaries are 11 million men and women of reproductive age.

Reduce transmission and impact of HIV/AIDS

USAID will continue to expand and strengthen behavioural change interventions using the Abstinence, Behaviour Change, and Consistent Condom Use (ABC) multisectoral approach. The 13 sites for voluntary counselling and testing, and care and support activities will be expanded with three additional sites linked to ongoing behavioural change interventions to establish a continuum of prevention-to-care services in target areas. USAID is in the process of developing a new home and community-based care and support programme targeting people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) among migrant communities in the Far West. It will be linked to prevention activities for migrants travelling between Nepal and Mumbai, India.

Similarly, the agency has decided to provide ongoing technical assistance and policy support

to strengthen national capacity to implement and manage its HIV/AIDS strategy, improve surveillance systems, and address policies, laws, and regulations which are discriminatory towards persons living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

It is planning to improve adolescents' knowledge to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS by supporting the adaptation of a revised national curriculum to incorporate HIV prevention with a life skills-based educational approach. Approximately 400,000 children from grades one through ten in nonformal education classes will pilot the curriculum. In addition, USAID and UNICEF will develop and institutionalize inclusive school enrollment and teacher hiring policies for PLWHAs. USAID will strengthen reproductive health and HIV prevention components in UNICEF's national broadcast radio programme for youth, increase broadcast range through community FM stations, and form listeners' groups.

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GOVERNMENT SECTOR

Background

The policy and plan of HMG/Nepal have laid more emphasis on fostering partnership programmes with NGOs and the private sector and its health sector development partners for STI/HIV/AIDS prevention, control and management. The policy, plan and priority areas of HMG/N are reviewed briefly as below:

Ministry of Health and Population

Long-term Health Plan of Nepal (1997-2017)

The Ministry of Health adopted a National Health Policy in 1991 to bring about an improvement in the health conditions of the people. The primary objective of the National Health Policy is to extend the primary health care system to the rural population so that they benefit from modern medical facilities and trained health care providers. The National Health Policy (1991) addressed the health issues in the following four components (a) Preventive Health Services, (b) Primitive Health Services, (c) Curative Health Services, and (d) Primary Health Care Services. Again, the Ministry of Health developed a 20-year Second Long-Term Health Plan (SLTHP) for the period 1997-2017 aiming to create a socioeconomic environment for enabling Nepalese citizens to lead a healthy life through preventive and curative health services. Importantly, the plan focuses on preventive aspects of all reproductive health services in a package. It places greater emphasis on community involvement, increasing access to PHC outreach, sub-health posts, health posts, PHCC and district hospitals as well as establishing functional referral linkages between various levels. The following targets were identified in the National Health Plan to be attained by the end of the Tenth Five-Year Plan and by the end of a twenty-year period.

STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme is placed under the reproductive health package, which includes family planning, safe motherhood, child health, prevention and management of complications of abortion, human sexuality, sub-fertility management, adolescent reproductive health and life-cycle issues and problems of elderly people. However, the plan does not pay

much attention to the alarmingly growing epidemic of HIV/AIDS. The programme activities for HIV/AIDS prevention and control are loosely integrated with the reproductive health package. The growing expansion of the HIV/AIDS epidemic was not realized during the plan formulation period.

However, the long-term plan of the government has emphasized community participation, equitable access and intersectoral collaboration in all aspects of the reproductive health package. In order to ensure supplementary and complementary roles of NGOs and the private sector in the implementation of the reproductive health package in a sustainable way and to expand coverage and quality of services, the plan has identified the need for strengthening NGO/private sector partnership with HMG/N.

The following strategies adopted by the plan for an effective and efficient provision of quality RH services have given enough scope for NGOs and the private sector to supplement and complement the national RH programme including STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and control:

- Implement Integrated Reproductive Health Package at hospital, primary health care centre, health post, sub-health post and primary health care outreach, TBA, FCHVs, mother's group and other community and family-level activities based on standard clinical protocols and operational guidelines.
- Encourage nongovernmental organizations and associations to provide health services under the prescribed policies of HMG/N.
- Encourage private parties interested to extend health services through the establishment of hospitals and health units without any financial liability to HMG/N to open and operate such health facilities based on prescribed standards.
- Encourage the establishment of an alternative health fund in the nongovernmental sector to increase the per capita health expenditure from Rs. 538 in 1997.

- Decentralize the planning and programme formulation system (from the centralized departmental decision making to the lower tier of health facilities).
- Ensure effective management system by strengthening and revitalizing the existing committees working at various levels.
- Develop a national RH research strategy, which outlines research priorities and work plans based on the information requirement of policy makers, planners, managers and service providers.
- Construct/upgrade appropriate service delivery and training facilities at national, regional, district and health post levels.
- Review and update the existing training health curricula to include missing RH components.
- Enhance the functional integration of RH activities carried out by different divisions within the Ministry of health.
- Emphasize advocacy for the concept of RH including the creation of an environment conducive to inter and intra-sectoral collaboration.
- Review and develop IEC/BCC material to support all levels of intervention including rumour-countering messages.
- Develop appropriate RH programmes for adolescents.
- Support national experts and consultants and
- Promote intersectoral and multisectoral coordination.

National Reproductive Health Strategy 1998

Following the long-term Health Plan (1997-2017), the national reproductive health strategy of Nepal, formulated in 1998, emphasized the prevention and management of STI/HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health issues through the integrated reproductive health package introduced at hospitals, primary health centres, health posts, sub-health posts, outreach clinics, TBAs and FCHVs. The national reproductive health strategy has no clear-cut policy, strategy or activities for

HIV/AIDS prevention and control. It is loosely integrated with reproductive health package. However, it lays stress on some preventive aspects and syndromic treatment of STI/HIV/AIDS at various levels as follows:

- Awareness about STI/HIV/AIDS and distribution of condoms at family level.
- Promotion of sex education, counselling and condom promotion/ distribution at community level.
- Identification, treatment and referral for vaginal discharge, lower abdominal pain, genital ulcers in women and urethral discharge, genital ulcers, swelling in the scrotum or groin in men along with condom promotion and distribution and implementation of IEC activities for preventive aspects at health post and sub-health post levels.
- Treatment and management of STIs based on a syndromic approach (if diagnostic facilities are not available), condom promotion and distribution at primary health centre-level, and
- Clinical and laboratory diagnosis and treatment of STI and condom promotion and distribution along with implementation of IEC/BCC activities for HIV/AIDS prevention at district and hospital levels.

The national reproductive health strategy is relatively progressive compared to the long-term national health plan in addressing the STI/HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nepal. However, the strategy does not clearly spell out the intervention approach and programmes required to fight the high risks and safeguard the vulnerable groups of people.

National Adolescent Health and Development Strategy 2000

Adolescent-specific health services were virtually non-existent in Nepal before the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) 1994. However, selected programmes focusing on drug abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention and control were implemented by a few NGOs. Following the adoption of the ICPD Programme of Action (1994), the Fourth International Conference on Women in Beijing (1995), WHO/ south East Asia Regional Strategy for Adolescent Health and Development (1996), and the Second

Long Term Health Plan (1997-2017) of Nepal and the National Reproductive Health Strategy of Nepal (1998), HMG/N formulated a National Adolescent Health and Development Strategy in 2000. As in the National Reproductive Health Strategy, STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and control among adolescent is only loosely integrated with reproductive health package.

The strategy aims to increase access to and utilization of friendly health care services in order to reduce the incidence of STI/HIV/AIDS among adolescents through integration of adolescent health services into existing health care delivery system. It also seeks to involve and establish links with youth clubs, NGOs and the private sector to expand and improve STI/HIV/AIDS education and services.

Major activities proposed in the document are to provide adolescent friendly health services through existing static and outreach service outlets to initiate peer counselling programme in schools/clubs and workplaces to increase knowledge of STI/HIV/AIDS, to increase communication between parents and adolescents on STI/HIV/AIDS education, and to increase STI/HIV/AIDS knowledge in adolescents (married 15-19) from 24.3% in 2000 to 50% in 2006 and 75% in 2011.

Country Profile on Adolescent Health and Development in Nepal

In order to establish a new benchmark on the prevailing health and development status of the adolescent population, the Family Health division, Department of Health Services (MoHP), with the technical support of WHO/SEARO, prepared a country profile on Adolescent Health and Development in Nepal-Status, Issues, Programmes and Challenges 2005. The country profile is intended to raise key policy and programmatic issues concerning health and development of adolescents and young people and contribute to preparing a five-year health sector strategic plan in close collaboration with other health sectors.

National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2002-2006

In the past sexually transmitted diseases were diagnosed and treated by the department of venereal diseases in all major hospitals. As STD problems increased in the country, a STD Control Committee was formed by HMG/N in

1986. The committee was later upgraded to a semi-autonomous organization of National Centre for STDs and AIDS Control (NCASC). HMG/N formulated a short-term AIDS control plan in 1988 and a medium-term plan (1990-1992). In 1992, a National AIDS Coordination Committee, chaired by the Minister for Health, was established bringing government and nongovernmental organizations for STDs and AIDS prevention and control together. Reviewing the experience of both the short-term and medium-term plans, HMG/N formulated a second long-term (1993-1997) plan. NCASC launched a HIV/AIDS control strategic plan (1997-2001) in 1997. However, these short and medium-term plans and strategic plans had no clear-cut objectives and programmes for HIV/AIDS control at the national level. The HIV/AIDS prevention and control programmes were loosely integrated with the RH package. In 2000 NCASC had only a \$ 1.4 million budget, which was too low and demonstrated that HMG/N took it as a symbol or token rather than real commitment (MEH and REGHED, 2000). To make up for the shortfalls of past plans and strategies, HMG/N formulated a comprehensive National HIV/AIDS Strategy in 2002, to bring all sectors into the mainstream and constituted the National AIDS Council chaired by the Prime Minister, to proclaim political commitment.

Overall, the national HIV/AIDS Strategy intends to expand the number of partners in the national response of controlling the HIV/AIDS epidemic and to increase the effectiveness of the response by focusing on priority areas. Due emphasis is given to the need for care and support to people already infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Similarly, commitment is sought not only from the Ministry of Health but also from all concerned agencies within and outside the government and better-coordinated support is likewise solicited from external development partners. Decentralization of HIV/AIDS programmes and activities at the local level is given enough emphasis. In response, local governments (DDC and municipalities) are expected to include programme activities from their own local development plans. INGOs, NGOs, CBOs, civil society as well as the private sector and external development partners are invited openly to supplement and complement the national HIV/AIDS control programme.

The strategy sought multisectoral involvement for building an adequate response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic with the primary focus on its prevention.

Rights-based response is advocated with a specific focus on the rights of people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, in particular the rights to confidentiality. Resource allocation will be made for defined priorities based on the vulnerability of various affected groups and communities. People and communities will be empowered to protect themselves from HIV infection within a supportive environment. Equal access to basic care and services is emphasized for all persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Similarly, gender consideration has been considered central to the development of programme and interventions, and due consideration is given to universal precautions to counteract the possibility of HIV transmission through medical interventions.

HIV testing is considered as voluntary with guaranteed confidentiality and adequate pre - and post - test counselling both in the public and the private sectors. Emphasis is given to the participation of people living with HIV/AIDS in the programmes including formulation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects. The major strategies of the government for STI/HIV/AIDS prevention, control and management are as follows:

- Prevention and control of STIs and HIV infection among vulnerable people including female sex workers (FSWs) and their clients, injecting drug users (IDUs), mobile populations, (especially migrants to India) and men who have sex with men and prisoners.
- Prevention of new infection among young people
- Ensuring the availability of and accessibility to care and support services for all people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Expansion of the monitoring and evaluation framework through evidence-based effective surveillance and research, and
- Establishment of an effective and efficient management system for an expanded response.

Ministry of Education and Sports

Background

The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) was first created in 1951. As an apex educational body in the country, the task of initiating and systematizing educational activities across the kingdom of Nepal lies with this Ministry. MoES is thus responsible for planning, management and service delivery systems in the education sector across the country.

Population education programme in the school curriculum

His Majesty's Government initiated the population education programme through the Ministry of Education and Sports. This programme incorporates the knowledge, skills and attitude related contents and practices under the adolescent and reproductive health education topic area into Lower Secondary Level (6-10 grade). Besides these, family life education, quality of life, safe motherhood and community health are some curricular content areas. This is one of the compulsory courses in schools. The population education programme is supported by UNFPA.

The Curriculum Development Centre, Ministry of Education and Sports, with support from UNFPA, has currently revised its lower and secondary level curricula Health Population and Environment Education and integrated the component of adolescence, sex and reproductive health education. The lessons developed based on the revised curricula are implemented as a pilot programme and includes adolescent sex education. Before implementing the programme, teachers and school supervisors of the respective districts were given a two-day orientation that included teaching strategies as well.

- The curricula of grade 6 include the concept of adolescent, physical, emotional and social change during adolescence, concept of sex education and introduction of sexually transmitted infection and its prevention and description of male and female reproductive systems.
- The curricula of grade 7 include the concept of adolescent in more detail,

physical, emotional, social and psychological changes occurring among adolescents and problems occurring among adolescent boys and girls. It also includes the concept of sex education and sexually transmitted diseases and their prevention, gender equality, reproductive health education and its needs, menstruation, conception and reproductive tract infections and their prevention.

- The curricula of grade 8 includes importance and need for sex education, gender roles, problems related to early marriages, unwanted sex and pregnancy, issues of trafficking, sexual abuse, STIs/HIV and its prevention.
- The curricula of grade 9 and 10 include topics in more detail, especially concentrating on management and decision making regarding SRH (sexual reproductive health). Topics such as family planning, safe motherhood, abortion law, gender role, reproductive rights and infertility have also been included.

Life skills-based education programme

The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) and UNICEF are implementing life skills based education programmes in four DACAW districts. UNICEF and MoES are closely collaborating to implement life skills based health curriculum in schools (grades 1-10) with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS prevention among young people.

RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

Center for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities (CREHPA)

The Centre for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities (CREHPA) is a private, not-for-profit consultancy and research organization offering services in three collateral areas: consultancy research, policy research, and training and action research.

Nature of the Organization : NGO

Head of the Organization: Mr. Anand Tamang

Establishment : 1994 (2051 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage: Nationwide

Field of specialization

- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Abortion
- HIV/AIDS and High Risk Population
- Girls Trafficking
- Environment Sanitation
- Public Health
- Community Development
- Training, Coordination and Advocacy for Reproductive Health and Rights
- Saving and Credit Mobilization
- IEC Material Pre-tests

List of projects

- Risk of Unwanted Pregnancies and Reproductive Health Care among Child Prostitutes in Kathmandu Valley: Self-funded Research of CREHPA
- Health-Care Seeking Behaviour of Street-based Sex Workers in Kathmandu, A Rapid Ethnographic Study: Family Health International (FHI) HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme
- Situation Assessment of Sex Workers and Drug Users in Kathmandu Valley - Focused Ethnographic Study: FHI-Nepal

- Qualitative Studies on HIV/STI Prevention with Injecting Drug Users, Sex Workers, Clients: FHI-Nepal
- Injecting and Sexual Behaviours of Male Injecting Drug Users in Kathmandu Valley, FHI-Nepal
- Qualitative FES Studies to Determine Risky Behaviours among IDUs and Sex Workers: FHI- Nepal
- Focused Ethnographic Study of Sex Workers' Networking in Pokhara: FHI, Nepal
- Mapping and Size Estimation of Injecting Drug Users: FHI, Nepal
- Mapping and Size Estimation of Sex Workers and Clients' Sub-Population, FHI
- Injecting and Sexual Behaviours of Injecting Drug Users in Pokhara and Eastern Terai of Nepal: FHI-Nepal
- Focused Ethnographic Study of Risk Behaviour and Condom Use Among Mobile and Static Female Sex Workers in Eastern Terai Cluster (Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari), FHI-Nepal
- Social Mapping and Size Estimation of Men Having Sex with Men (MSM): FHI-Nepal
- An Assessment of HIV and STI Prevalence and Behavioural and Risks among Men who have Sex with MEN (MSM) in Kathmandu, Nepal : FHI-Nepal
- Male Sexual Health Problems and Treatment Seeking in Urban Areas of Nepal A Rapid Appraisal: FHI-Nepal
- Social Mapping and Size Estimation of IDUs in Major Towns along East West Highway: FHI-Nepal
- Participatory Evaluation of Nepal Voluntary Counselling Testing Linkage and Referral Project of ADRA Nepal
- HIV Risk Factor Among Street Children: Knowledge, Attitude, Practice and Behaviour Survey Among Street-based Children, UNESCO, Nepal
- Rapid Survey on Awareness on Signs Related to Trafficking, Ways to Protect Themselves From Trafficking, Legal Measures Against Trafficking and Inter Personal Communication Among Adolescent

Girls, Their Parents and Community Members in Aamaa Milan Kendra Project VDCs in Baglung District: CEDPA, Washington DC

- Destination Side of the Trafficking of Nepalese Girls to India: Terre Des Hommes (Tdh)
- Baseline Survey of Formal and Non-formal HIV/AIDS and Life Skill Based Education Programme, UNICEF, Nepal

Donors :

- ADRA/Nepal
- CEDPA/Nepal
- Department for International Development (DFID)
- EU/UNFPA
- Family Health International (FHI), Nepal
- Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN)
- International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Nepal Red Cross Society
- Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)
- Ipas
- Population Service International (PSI)
- PLAN International
- The Population Council
- Terre des hommes (Tdh)
- The Ford Foundation
- Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
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Centre for Policy Research and Analysis

Centre for Policy Research and Analysis (CPRA) is a consultancy body registered in Nepal with the following objectives:

- To undertake research studies on development policies and programmes of the country.
- To critically analyse policy issues within specific sectors as well as intersectoral issues.
- To study and analyse short-term policy measures and its effects in the overall long-term goals.
- To study, analyse, and integrate micro issues in the overall macro framework.
- To analyse and forecast/update short and medium-term economic outlook of the nation.
- To implement action research programme.
- To provide technical assistance to government and nongovernmental organizations in a wide variety of sectors.
- To disseminate research findings through: (a) occasional papers, (b) research publications, (c) seminars and conferences, and (d) training.

Head of the Organization : Dr. Nirmal Prasad Pandey
Nature of the Organization: Research Organization

Areas of work

- Policy analysis
- Economic and sector works
- Institutional and human resource development
- Action research

Lists of projects/donors

- Work Plan Study and Strategy of Police on HIV/AIDS
- Coverage Survey of essentials of HIV/AIDS in Nepal (2003 and 2005)
- Coverage and Costing of HIV Prevention for Young People

Partner Organizations

- Policy Project – USA
- Future Groups – US
- UNFPA/Future Groups

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New ERA Limited

Background

New ERA limited is one of the first nongovernmental research institution in Nepal which was initiated to provide support and technical assistance in the field of reach activities. The research target groups of this organization are female sex workers, clients of female sex workers, MSM, labour migrants, youths and refugees.

Head of the Organization: Mr. Yogendra Prasai

Nature of the Organization: Private Limited

Establishment: 1971 (2027 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage: National level (40 districts of Nepal)

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Research (Behavioural and Biological)

List of Survey and Research conducted on HIV/AIDS

- Behavioural Surveillance Survey Among FSW and Their Clients in the Highway Routes of Nepal (2001-2002)
- South Asia HIV Database.
- Behavioural and Sero Prevalence Survey among IDUs in Kathmandu Valley (2001-2002)
- STI/HIV Prevalence and Risk Factors among Migrants and Non Migrant Males of Kailali and Achham Districts (2002)
- A Participatory Approach to Adolescent Reproductive Health in Nepal (2002)
- Behavioural Surveillance Survey among FSWs and Truckers in Western to Far-Western Sector of Mahendra Highway of Nepal (1998-2003)
- Behavioural Surveillance Survey of Female Sex Workers and Clients in Kathmandu Valley (2003)
- Behavioural and Sero Prevalence Survey among IDUs in Eastern Nepal (2003)
- A Review of Literature on HIV/AIDS and STIs with respect to Female Sex workers in Nepal (2003)

- Behavioural and Sero Prevalence Among IDUs in Pokhara Valley (2003)
- Situation Analysis of TB, HIV/AIDS and Co-infection in the SAARC Region
- STI/HIV Prevalence and Risk Behavioural Study among Female Sex Workers and Truckers Along the Terai Highway Routes Covering 22 Districts of Nepal (2003)
- Baseline Survey for Comprehensive Model of STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention for Female Sex Workers and Their Male Clients in Rupandehi District (2003)
- Baseline Study for Benchmarks of Pre-Implementation Situation of HIV/AIDS Programme Among Labour Migrants and Young People in Six districts of Nepal (2004)
- Integrated Bio-Behavioural (IBBS) among IDUs in Selected Sites of Nepal (2004)
- Baseline Survey of Empowering Young People for HIV Prevention Project (2004)
- Integrated Bio-Behavioural Survey (IBBS) Among IDUs in Selected Sites of Nepal (2004)
- Baseline study for Benchmarks of Pre-Implementation Situation of HIV/AIDS Programme Among Labour Migrants and Young People in Six districts of Nepal (2004)
- Behavioural Information Service (BIS) Survey in 4 Urban Areas of Nepal (2005)
- Behavioural Surveillance (BSS) among Bhutanese Refugees and People in Selected Host Community Sites in Eastern Nepal (2005)
- Integrated Bio-Behavioural Survey (IBBS) among Female Sex Workers in Kathmandu Valley and 22 Terai Districts; and IBBS among Labour Migrants in 11 Districts in the Western and Far – Western Sector of Nepal (ongoing)

Donors : FHI, UNAIDS, ADRA, ICRW, MSC1, World Vision International, Health Canada, Global Fund, UNHCR

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Valley Research Group

Valley Research Group is an independent, private institute. Its field of interest embraces a wide range of areas. It functions as a professional organization to ensure high quality professional standard and objectivity in work.

Head of the Organization :Mr. Shailesh Neupane

Nature of the Organization: Private Limited

Establishment: 1986 (2043 B.S.)

Geographical Area Coverage :Nationwide

Main areas of work in the sector of HIV/AIDS among young people

- Research
- Education
- HIV/AIDS and STI prevention

Donors : CEDPA, FHI, WHO, EU/UNFPA, USAID, NFHP

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