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Native Medicare Charitable Trust has been established in 1988. Since 2001 NMCT extends support to HIV infected and affected families by creating linkages and mobilizing the people. Care and Support to these families, seeing happy children and a home for the HIV affected children are our present programs to reduce the discrimination and stigma in Periyanaickenpalayam, Karamadai, Sarkarasamakulam and Annur Blocks in Coimbatore District.

NMCT with the partnership of PWDS - Alliance - Abbott implemented HIV/AIDS Care & Support project in the Coimbatore District.

There are about 350 families living with HIV/AIDS, in the area of intervention. There are 450 Children affected by HIV/AIDS of the above families and 45 children are directly infected by HIV/AIDS.

The people living with HIV/AIDS and their children are provided care and support by our organization since 2002, in the areas of education, health & hygiene, supply of nutrition food, medicine and provision of income generation assistance etc.

At the end of the 2004 year of project women communities from various blocks joined together to form a public Trust SPMD and from the PLHAs leaders formed a Community Based organization namely PFPA at 2006. The orphaned / semi orphaned children of the parents infected by HIV/AIDS, the other vulnerable children who have been mainstreamed have merged themselves into a forum namely ROJAKOOTAM, to mobilize resources for them and for their future development.

I am grateful to PWDS for all the financial and technical support rendered in the development of CBCS Project. I am thankful to more than 10 staff and 50 Home Care Guides who were behind the screen to get a reputation for NMCT.

I am happy to present before you the consolidated documents of the activities completed.

A.S.Sankaranarayanan
Managing Trustee,
NMCT

Introduction about District and CBCS Project:

Coimbatore is the second largest city in Tamil Nadu and one of the major industrial centers in South India. It has a population of 42, 71,856 according to 2001 census with an urban ratio of 66.02%. The city is home to a large number of migrants who come here in search of work in the engineering industries, brick lines, textiles units and construction industry. The north zone of coimbatore, especially the periyanaickenpalayam block has a larger population of migrants. Coimbatore is also one of the leading districts in terms of HIV prevalence. According to the coimbatore medical college report, there are an estimated 6075 persons infected by HIV in coimbatore. An average of persons 1,30,000 approach the VCTC for HIV counseling every year in the CMC.

Native Medicare Charitable Trust, is an NGO which was founded in the year 1988, and has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS since 1998 with focus on prevention and providing care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS.

NMCT is one of the leading NGOs implementing HIV/AIDS care & Support project in coimbatore District and has been active in the field of sexual and reproductive health and implementing HIV/AIDS projects since 1998. It has been implementing a project on prevention of HIV/AIDS in the industrial belt in Periyanaickenpalayam since 2002 and projects for prevention of HIV/AIDS among the Male Sex Workers and since 2004.

It is in this context that NMCT undertook the project on care & support of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS since 2002-2009 at Periyanaickenpalayam, Karamadai, Sarkarasamakulam and Annur Blocks in Coimbatore District. The project supported by Alliance – UK, ABBOTT – Germany. The Palmyra Workers Development Society (PWDS) was the lead partner in Tamil Nadu. The Care & Support completed on 31st December 2009. NMCT has been able to reach out to 350 families including 450 children. These children have been receiving help for their medicines and education.

CBCS Project Introduction

Project Title :	Community Based Care & Support Project(CBCS)
Name of the NGO :	Native Medicare Charitable Trust, Coimbatore.
Project Period :	June 2002 – December 2009

Period	Funding Agency
Jun 2002 – Dec 2008	Alliance – UK
Jan 2008 – Dec 2009	ABBOTT – Germany

Project Areas:	1. Periyanaickenpalayam Block 2. Karamadai Block 3. Sarkarasamakulam Block 4. Annur Block
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Total No. of Years :	8 ½ Yrs
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Project Goal

	2002 - 2008	2009
Goal	Work for an enabling, Sustainable, supportive environment towards community based care & support for people live with HIV/AIDS, children affected by AIDS and families affected by AIDS in Coimbatore.	Supportive and sustainable environment for treatment, care and support for children, women and families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS
Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.To initiate and strengthen Community Based Care & Support for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families2.To initiate and Strengthen Community Based Care & Support for Children affected by HIV/AIDS and their Families3.To link, strengthen and coordinate the existing service for Care & Support to PLHAs4.To Mobilize the Community towards Care & Support to PLHAs and FAAs5.To promoting Home remedies for opportunistic infections.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Prevent transmission of HIV from mother to their infant2.Identify and enroll HIV positive children into care and treatment programme3.Expand access to care and treatment for HIV Children
Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Care & Support services2.Referral, linkages & Integration3.HIV/AIDS prevention activities4.Capacity Building to Staff/PLHAs/CAAs /General community5.Developing Community Structures	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Identifying pregnant mothers – sensitizing, motivating for testing and referring for PPTCT2.Sensitizing & motivating CBOs/FBOs/PRI to participate in the program3.Promoting, Strengthening & sustainable community support structure4.Identify volunteers & home care guides among community & train them5.Capacity building of implementing NGO staff tem & community & emerging issue6.A wailing govt. welfare schemes7.Linking with CBO/FBO & Philanthropist for support8.Developing, linking & referrals with health care providers9.Providing direct services to CLHA, sibling and their families.

Staff Details (2009):

Name of the Staff	Designation	Date of Joining	Qualification	Training Undergone
Mr.D.Selvadevan	Project Coordinator	17.11.2008	MSW	-
Mrs.C.Saraswathi	Community Organizer - 1	01.06.2002	B.Sc.	Project Design, HIV/AIDS Care & Support, Ethical & Legal issues related to HIV/AIDS, Counseling, CAA Leadership, Life Skill Education and SCR & SCM training.
Mrs.T.Thulasimani	Community Organizer - 2	05.01.2006	BA	Peer Education & Life Skill Education and Care & Support
Mr.R.Ravikumar	Community Organizer - 3	12.10.2009	B.Ed.	-
Mr.R.Muthusamy	Accountant	01.06.2008	MA	-

Details of Turn over of Staff:

SLNo	Name of the Staff	Designation	Year of Resignation
1	Mr.K.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator	2007
2	Mr.Shanmugam	Project Coordinator	2008
3	Mr.Rameshkumar	Project Coordinator	2008
4	Mr.Gunamahan	Field Organizer	2004
5	Mr.K.Kamaraj	Field Organizer	2004
6	Mr.Prabu	Field Organizer	2008
7	Mr.Jayaprakash	Community Organizer	2009
8	Mr.Subbayan	Accountant	2007
9	Mr.Sivaraj	Accountant	2008
10	Ms.Gomathi	Secretary	2007

Total Staff Trained during the project period (2002-2009): 9 Staff

Coverage:

Block	Target Community						ANC +ve
	PLHA		CAA		CIA		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Periyanaickenpalayam	105	75	64	68	12	4	5
Karamadai	41	45	38	28	7	3	2
Sarkarasamakulam	11	15	12	20	0	4	3
Annur	19	38	22	20	5	4	5
From other Blocks	46	34	26	30	1	4	-
Total	222	207	162	166	25	19	15

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2002-2007	2008-2009
Project Director	Project Director
Project Coordinator - Secretary - Accountant	Project Coordinator - Accountant
Counselor	Community organizers 1/2/3
Field Organizers	
Home Care Guides	Home Care Guides

Roles & Responsibility of Staff:

Project Coordinator	Counselor	Field Organizer
Project Monitoring, Conducting Program / Meeting / Training, Reporting to NGO/Funding Agency, Advocacy Initiatives, Participating in the project review / meeting and report building with govt. dept. officials etc.	PLHA Home Visit, Counseling to PLHA/CIA/CAA/FAA, ART Counseling, Linkages, Referral to VCTC/ICTC, PLHA Identification and OI Management and Keeping Records.	PLHA identification, Home visit, one to one interaction, one to group interaction, Formation of support groups, Referral & Linkages, identification of field problem, nutrition & medicine distribution, IGP Support and rapport building with govt. official and mobilization and keeping records

Major Project Activities & Best Practices Adopted for the Activities:

Project Activity	Best Practices Adopted
Sexually Transmitted Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate Referral Book for PLHAs• Regular visit to Govt. Hospital on every Monday.
Information, Education & Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted IEC events• Printed & distributed IEC Materials
Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted HIV/AIDS Awareness Program, Sensitization meetings and trainings
Voluntary Counseling & Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct & Phone Counseling and Referring
Antiretroviral Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ART Counseling & Referral• Regular Visit to ART Centre• Motivation to ART treatment
Home Based Community Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Visit to Houses, PHC• Regular Meeting with ANM/CNW• Sharing meeting with IGP Takers
Children Affected by HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular health monitoring of CIA• Children News Letter• Children Day Celebration• Child Rights Day• Annual Day Celebration for Children's Clubs• Education support through Rojakootam Day
Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular meeting with VHN/CNW & Anganwadi workers for identification• Motivation for PPTCT
Nutrition/Medical support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Nutrition & Medical support through Damotharan Trust to CLHAs
Resource Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rojakootam Day for CAA/CIA for their Education• Deepavali Celebration with PLHAs family members
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting training on self care / home care / ART services to PLHAs / FAAs• Conducting training on Life skill education / Leadership etc.
Policy and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted Advocacy meeting with Govt. Hospital / Dept. officials, NGOs/PLHAs network• Initiated National Level Consultation meeting on Child at Coimbatore• Released book on Child Rights• Regular meetings with govt. officials & inviting them in to programs
Knowledge Management & Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted Mutual Sharing meeting to PLHAs/ CIA/CAAs

Problems Faced and Action Taken:

Problems Faced	Actions Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Area Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted PCA & Got SHG Leaders support
<ul style="list-style-type: none">At initial Stage high stigma among the public in the working area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted Sensitization meeting & Cultural Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No treatment facilities in the PHC & private hospitals in the initial stageHigh death rate of PLHADistance of GH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Given emergency support for treatment & travelImmediate admission in the govt. hospitals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PLHAs faced lot of Legal issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Linkage with advocates free legal supportFormed CBO among the PLHAs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PLHAs are hesitated to participate in the PSG meeting in the early because of stigma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motivated them and than they slowly came forward to participated in the meeting also they developed as positive speaker in the later stage
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most of the PLHA family are very poor & needy condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identified most needy family and given more important & support to that family in the early stage
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family Acceptance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Given special counseling / motivated them to participate PLHAs meeting and then they changed their attitudes about the HIV
<ul style="list-style-type: none">OI Problems among CIAs/PLHAs was very high	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Referral to GH & provided medicines to them
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fulfillment of Children education needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Started Join Hands scheme for Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased widows, Orphan & semi orphan in the early stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Importance given to most OI problems PLHAs and taken special care for treatment

Innovative IEC Developed:

- 1.Together we make a difference Notice
- 2.Join Hands Broucher
- 3.Punnagaiyai Parisalipom Sticker
- 4.Punnagaiyai Parisalipom 2004 Calendar
- 5.Rojakootam Children News Letter
- 6.Ungal Nalanukaga leaf lets on HIV/AIDS Does & Doesn't Spread
- 7.Punnagaiyai Parisalipom to Children Notice
- 8.Rojakootam Children Forum Broucher
- 9.One Rupee Scheme stickers
- 10.Nalvazhi Katti Book let
- 11.An Issue of Rights on Child
- 12.Smiles - Souvenir on National Consultation on Children
- 13.Printed IGP loan pass card & Join Hands Contribution card
- 14.New Year Greetings Card



Collector Visited Our Exhibition

Important IEC Events Conducted:

Name of the Event	Cumulative	No. of Peoples Benefited		Total
		Male	Female	
World AIDS Day	8	1500	1200	2700
Candle Light Day	3	163	185	348
Cultural Programs	12	1345	860	2205
Sensitization Meetings to SHG Leaders, Police officials, Students and Teachers	13	3600	1850	5450
TB Day meeting	1	115	85	200
Rojakootam Day	4	310	430	740
Deepavali Celebration	4	260	525	785
Total	45	7293	5135	12428



World Aids Day



Candle Like Day

Activities Undertaken for Creating Enabling Environment:

- Formed PLHAs / Children Support Groups in the Panchayath Level
- Conducted awareness Program to General public
- Conducted Sensitization program to local ward members/panchayath leaders
- Orientation to ANMs / Anganwadi workers
- Regular interaction with communities
- Involving the community in the Advisory Board Meeting
- Developed Positive Speakers



Volunterers Meeting.jpg

Advocacy Initiatives:

List of Advisory Committee members

Sl. No	Name of the Advisors	Contact Number
1	Mr.Mathivanan, Advocate	94430 40609
2	Dr.Thomas V Chako, PSG	99943 59901
3	Dr.Mahadevan, CMC Hospital	94433 59014
4	Mr.Damotharasamy Naidu, Micro Industry	954254 - 223485
5	Dr.Jothimani, PSG Arts College	-
6	Dr.Arivoli, TB Dept.	94430 57664
7	Mr.Balamoorthi, Union Leader	98422 51987
8	Mrs.Meenakshi, SPMD	98422 14342
9	Mr.Srinivasan, Advocate	-
10	Ms.Aswathi,	98432 23495
11	Mr.Murugesan, Apex Club	94433 61516
12	Mr.Parthiban, Insurance Company	98422 21220
13	Dr.Sujatha	98428 27594
14	Mr.Kanagaraj, Media	98431 54796

Usefulness of Advisory Committees Meeting

- ★ Supports for technical & legal
- ★ Advocacy with Govt. officials
- ★ Linkages services with hospitals, care homes etc.



Home Care Guides:

Details of HCGs

Advisory Board Meeting

Sl. No.	Name of the HCG	Worked Area	Year of Worked
1	Mrs. Tamilarazy	Edyarpalayam	2005
2	Mrs. Boobathi	Pannimadai	2005
3	Mr. Ramakrishnan	Thudiyalur	2005
4	Mr. Senthilkumar	Vadavalli	2005
5	Mrs. Nagarathinam	Kavundapalayam	2005
6	Mrs. Thulasimani	Periyanaickenpalayam	2005
7	Mrs. Jothimani	Karamadai	2005
8	Mrs. Sangeetha	Kazuvai	2005
9	Mrs. Jayalakshimi	Vellandipalayam	2005
10	Mrs. Santhamani	Kavundapalayam	2006
11	Mr. Manikandan	Thudiyalur	2006
12	Mrs. Sowdeshwari	NGGO Colony	2006
13	Mrs. Nagarathinam	Kavundapalayam	2006
14	Mrs. Shanthy	Karamadai	2006
15	Mrs. Jothimani	Karamadai	2006
16	Mr. Senthilkumar	Vadavalli	2006
17	Mrs. Nagarathinam	Karamadai	2006
18	Mrs. Chithra	Periyanaickenpalayam	2007
19	Mrs. Rubha	Vellandipalayam	2007
20	Mrs. Jayaprabha	Edyarpalayam	2007
21	Ms. Gaythri	Mettupalayam	2007
22	Mrs. Thilagumalar	Karamadai	2007
23	Mrs. Buvaneshwari	Narasimanaickenpalayam	2007
24	Mr. Murugesan	Annur	2007
25	Mrs. Parameshwari	Sarkasamakulam	2007
26	Mrs. Janaki	Annur	2007
27	Mrs. Savithri	Thudiyalur	2007
28	Mrs. Nagarathinam	Kavundapalayam	2008
29	Mrs. Jayaprabha	Edyarpalayam	2008
30	Mrs. Parvathi	Periyanaickenpalayam	2008
31	Mrs. Kamalleshwari	Mettupalayam	2008
32	Mrs. Vijayalakshimi	Karamadai	2008
33	Mrs. Janaki	Annur	2008
34	Mr. Murugesan	Annur	2008
35	Mrs. Parameshwari	Sarkasamakulam	2008

36	Mrs.Nagarathinam	Kavundapalayam	2009
37	Mrs.Jayaprabha	Sarkarasamakulam	2009
38	Mrs.Janaki	Annur	2009
39	Mrs.Parvathi	Periyanaickenpalayam	2009
40	Mr.Murugesan	Annur	2009
41	Mrs.Amsaveni	Karamadai	2009
42	Mrs.Jessy	Kavundapalayam	2009
43	Mrs.Babby	Sarkarasamakulam	2009
44	Mrs.Buvaneshwari	Periyanaickenpalayam	2009
45	Mrs.Muthulakshimi	Kavundapalayam	2009
46	Mrs.Anitha	Periyanaickenpalayam	2009

Activities of HCGs

- ★ New PLHA / CIA / CAA Identification
- ★ Home visit
- ★ Referral & Linkage services
- ★ Follow up of ART / IGP Takers
- ★ Regular visit to GH / PHC in their working area
- ★ Mobilization for the Project
- ★ Keeping records



HCGs & Staff Review

Efforts undertaken to motivate & sustain the interest of HCGs

- ★ Regular review and sharing meeting with all HCGs
- ★ Motivate to Participate NMCT & other NGOs Meeting / Training / Program
- ★ Recognition of best HCG in once in six month
- ★ Giving Leadership to organize program in their working area
- ★ Promotion to working as a staff in NMCT
- ★ Exposure visit & Tour

Details of HCG MSLM

Sl. No	MSLM/Training	Date & Place
1	MSLM to Home Care Guide	28.11.2008 & 29.11.2008 At Erode
2	CG Convention	13.12.2008 at Madurai



Usefulness of MSLM

- ★ Tool for increasing involvement in the work
- ★ Mutual sharing of the previous experiences
- ★ To know unknown HCGs & develop rapport among themselves
- ★ Help for learning new things (HIV/AIDS, ART, PPTCT etc.)

Networks formed / Forum formed by the project:

- ★ Name of the Network / Forum
- ★ Society For Positive Mothers Development (SPMD)
- ★ Positive For Positive Action (PFPA)



List of office bearers

Sl. No.	Name of the office Bearer	Position	Contact No.
SPMD			
1	Mrs.Meenakshi	President	98422 14342
2	Mrs.Thulasimani	Vice President	99652 42149
3	Mrs.Gomathi	Secretary	-
4	Mrs.Sunantha	Join Secretary	97906 40753
5	Ms.Gaythri	Treasurer	97888 51295
6	Mrs.Kamelashwari	Board Member	92458 35518
7	Mrs.Saraswathi	Board Member	-
8	Mrs.Valarmathi	Board Member	93457 19083
9	Mrs.Abirami	Board Member	-
PFFA			
10	Mr.Ramakrishnan	President	-
11	Mr.Senthilkumar	Vice President	99940 60614
12	Mr.Santharaj	Secretary	-
13	Mr.Manikandan	Join Secretary	98949 41772
14	Mrs.Jothimani	Treasurer	-
15	Mrs.Kanniyammal	Board Member	-
16	Mrs.Sowdeshwari	Board Member	96557 61269
17	Mrs.Thulasimani	Board Member	99652 42149



Capacity Building Program:

Name of the Training	Name of the Staff	Position
Project Design	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
	Mrs.Saraswathi	Counselor
	Mr.Gunamahan	Field Officer
HIV/AIDS Care & Support	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
	Mrs.Saraswathi	Counselor
Cultural Training on Traditional Media - HIV/AIDS	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
Ethical & Legal issues related to HIV/AIDS	Mrs.Saraswathi	Counselor
	Mr.Gunamahan	Field Officer
Counseling Training	Mrs.Saraswathi	Counselor
Home Care Training	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
TOT on Sex & Sexuality	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
	Mrs.Saraswathi	Counselor
Life Skill Training for CAA	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
Leadership Training to Children	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
	Mrs.Saraswathi	Counselor



Peer Education & Life Skill Education	Mrs.Thulasimani	Community Organizer
Training to HCG on Care & Support	Mrs.Thulasimani	Community Organizer
Training on Documentation	Mr.Sugaraja	Project Coordinator
SCR, SRM, CSV, SRH Training	Mrs.Saraswathi	Community Organizer
Safe motherhood	Mr.Jaysprakash	Community Organizer
Life Skill Education	Mr.Jaysprakash	Community Organizer



Usefulness of the Training

- To learn about basic facts on HIV/AIDS, ART
- More input on care & support
- Received scientific knowledge on the HIV virus
- To learn how to approach with Govt. officials, PLHAs
- Learning to face field challenge
- Develop communication skills



Exposure Visit:

Year	Name of the NGO/Project Visited	No. of Staff
2005	Vikasana Children Home, Karnataka	2
2006	SSH NGO for Children Support Group, Namakal	3
2008	RUSS Foundation, Madurai	1

Participation in the Seminar / Conference:

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Name of the Seminar / Conference	Date	Place
1	Mr.Sugaraja	National Level Thematic Workshop on CAA	13.12.02	New Delhi
2	Mr.Sugaraja	National Level Thematic Workshop on CAA	17.12.02 19.12.02	New Delhi
3	Mr.Sugaraja	Workshop on Advocacy	25.03.03 28.03.03	Madurai
4	Mr.Sugaraja	Workshop on Resource Mobilization	26.08.03 27.08.03	Madurai
5	Mr.Sugaraja Mrs.Saraswathi	State Level Seminar on HIV/AIDS Care & Support	14.10.03 15.10.03	Kanyakumari
6	Mr.Sugaraja	Workshop on Children Centre Program	10.03.04 12.03.04	New Delhi
7	Mr.Sugaraja	Workshop on CABA	16.02.06 18.02.06	Kanyakumari
8	Mr.Sugaraja	National Level Workshop on PLHA	03.05.06 04.05.06	New Delhi

Strategy adopted for PLHS identification:

- Regular Visit to GH & PHC
- Participation in the Medical Camps
- Participation in the SHG Federation Meeting
- Motivating the Care Takers
- Referral from Private Hospitals & Clinics
- Field Rapport with Networks Staff

Structure Developed in the Project:

- Children Support Group
- Childrens Clubs
- PLHA Support Group
- Rojakootam Children Forum

Income Generation Program:

Year	S.No	Name	Loan Rs	Purpose
2002-2006	1	Radakrishnan	1500	Bangle sales
	2	Valarmathi	1000	Hen rearing
	3	Rajalakshmi	1000	Vadagam pve
	4	Jothibasu	1500	Goat rearing
	5	Lakshmi	1000	Vegetable sales
	6	Ahiraani	1500	Petty shop
	7	Saravanan	3000	Workshop
	8	Hemavathi	1500	Petty shop
	9	Santhanam	1500	Petty shop
	10	V.J.Mani	3000	Vadagam pve
	11	Kanniammal	2000	Idly shop
	12	Senthil	1750	Tea sales
	13	Jothimani	1000	Gift sales
	14	Kanagaraj	1000	Cow rearing
	15	Rajeswari	1000	Cow rearing
	16	Rangan	1500	Goat rearing
	17	Tulasimani	1000	Vegetable sales
	18	Tamilarasi	1000	Petty shop
	19	Chitra	1500	Grinder
	20	Baby	2000	Grinder
	21	Saraswathi	2000	Grinder
	22	J.B Saraswathi	2000	Pots purchase
	23	WIN SHG	20000	Vadagam pve
	24	Sangretha	2500	Gift sales
	25	Jothimani	2000	Gift sales
	26	Sreeja	2000	Chappell production
	27	Saravanan CAA	2000	Toys sales
	28	Thulasimani	2000	Tailoring
	29	Sananda	2500	Tailoring
	30	Tangaperumal	2500	Vegetable sales
	31	Pootha	2500	Tailoring
	32	Chandraleka	2500	Tailoring
	33	Ravi	2000	Goat rearing
	34	Sarawathi	2500	Pots purchase
	Total	79250		



Year	S.No	Name	Loan Rs	Purpose
2008	1	Janaki	2500	Iron Box
	2	Sareja	2500	Tailoring Machine
	3	Rajamani	2500	Tailoring Machine
	4	Malarvathi	2500	Goat Rearing
	5	Jagadeeshwari	2500	Vegetable Sale
	6	Kalamani	2500	Goat Rearing
	7	Murugesan	2500	Ready Made Stitching
	8	Rani	2500	Goat Rearing
	9	Suzela	3000	Goat Rearing
	10	Loganayagi	2500	Tailoring Machine
	11	Ramakalshini	2500	Tailoring Machine
	12	Gopal	2500	Vegetable Sale
	13	Palanisamy	2000	Iron Box
	14	Manikandan	2500	Tea Shop
	15	Santhamani	2000	Garlic Retail
	16	Nagarathinam	2500	Goat Rearing
	17	Nataraj	3000	Petty Shop
	18	Sowdeshwari	3000	Grinder
	19	Palani	2000	Sanga Retail
	20	S.P.Muruges	2500	Rice Sale

Loan Given through Repayment Amount :(2002-2009)

Sl. No.	Name	Amount in Rs.	Purpose
1	Senthil	2000	Veg sales
2	Vidya	2500	Lilonwork
3	Rooba	2500	Tailoring
4	Shanti	2000	Goat
5	Visalakshi	2500	Grinder
6	Ramakrishnan	2000	Idli sales
7	Pandiyammal	2500	Veg Vendar
8	Chitra	2000	Grinder
9	Malliga	2000	Goatrearing
10	Gayathri	2100	Education
11	WIN IGP Shed	3100	Shed cons
12	WIN CARD	1000	Greetings
13	Coinbox	2300	Resource
14	WIN IGP	1000	Vadagam pre
15	Tamilarasi	1000	Petty shop
16	Ramakrishnan	1000	Idly sales
17	Senthilkumar	1000	Tea sales
18	Coinbox	1500	Resource
19	Tamilarasi	1000	Petty shop
20	Saravanan	1000	Workshop

21	Jothimani	2000	Gift making
22	Coinbox	2000	Cion Box
23	Tamilarasi	1000	Petty Shop
24	Saraswathi	1500	Pot purchase
25	Thangaperumal	1800	
26	Chithamparam	3000	Mini AutoPurchase
27	TVS Purchased & Repaired	20000	
	Total	47300	

Milestone of the Project:

- Referred 793 ANC Mothers to ICTC and identified 15 Positives
- 136 Children getting regular education support
- 5 children are getting regular education support up to higher studies
- 15 PLHAs benefited under Widow Pension
- Selvi.Savithri promoted as a staff from Rojakootam in CHAHA Project

Impact of the Project:

Among Beneficiaries

- Reduced Positive Child Birth
- Improved Health Seeking Behaviour among ANC Positive Mothers
- Improved Family & Community acceptance
- PLHAs & CIAs are taking ART regularly
- Developed positive attitude & self confidence among PLHAs/CAAs/CIAs through trainings
- Improved health seeking behaviour among PLHAs / CAAs / CIAs
- Promoted positive speaker from the project (35 PLHAs & 10 CIA / CIA)
- Through life skill training 5 childrens are motivated to complete their studies & now they are working in the company after completing professional course
- Promoted 2 Positive people Networks and 1 Children Forum for sustain their activities
- Death rate was reduced because of proper counseling & early treatment
- Reduced the Stigma among the society & hence the PLHAs / CAAs / CIAs voluntarily came for support & development
- Developed good rapport with govt. hospital & departments, networks, NGOs and public
- Created awareness on HIV/AIDS & PLHAs among the public in four blocks
- 136 children are getting regular education support from the donors
- 21 PLHAs continue their business through the IGP loan & increased their income.
- 10 Children are getting regular nutrition support from Damotharan Trust
- 15 PLHAs got jobs in Govt. Dept. & NGOs because of skill training
- Improved family & community acceptance
- Reduced family burden for treatment and education
- Increased community based responses for care & support of HCG
- PLHAs/CIAs are taking ART regularly
- Local resource mobilized up to Rs.7 lacs & supported education
- 35 PLHA widows got widow pension through the project staff
- Initially people are hesitated to go for VCTC, but now they are voluntarily going
- 4 Children's are getting full sponsorship up to completion of course
- 32 CIA/CAA mainstreamed with the near by Care Homes

Among Staff

- Increased know ledge on HIV/AIDS
- Developed skills in Identification, Referral & Linkages
- Increased knowledge on life skill education & ART treatment
- Developed skills in planning & implementation
- Developed as Resource person in HIV/AIDS Care & Support, Promoting Income Generation Program, preparation of Health Mix, Life Skill Education, and Communication & Leadership etc.
- Developed skill in report & documentation

Among Home Care Guides

- Increased community based response for care & support of HCGs
- Increased knowledge on HIV/AIDS, Self Confident to work
- Developed capacity to work as a staff
- Increased Knowledge of Reporting

Lessons Learned:

- HIV/AIDS awareness in rural areas is less than urban areas
- Stigma in rural areas is more than orphan areas
- Education for CAA is to be given more importance in the future
- TANSACs Supporting Network/CBOs – Already working in the two blocks
- Lack of awareness on STI,HIV/AIDS & Condom among Vulnerable Groups
- Migrant Population (Vulnerable Groups) high in the four Blocks
- Education for CAA is to be given more importance in the future
- Reduced OI problems among newly identified ANC Mothers, because they identified their status in the early stage & taking proper treatment

Limitations / Challenges:

- Discrimination in Govt. & Private Hospital for family planning & surgery
- Higher expectation of regular services from the project
- PLHA Migration and fear for revealing their status

Experience In working with PWDS:

- PWDS provides an enabling environment for the NGOs to use innovative approaches to reach the objectives. PWDS gives important for capacity building of the staff recruited which has a great contribution in its achievement in the field of care & support in Coimbatore, Tamilnadu
- Leverage and freedom is given to NGOs
- The views of the implementing partners are given due consideration and are received

Suggestion to PWDS:

Added some items

Project Mainstreaming Initiatives / Sustainable Initiatives:

- Formed 2 Community Based Organisations
- These two CBOs are merged with District Level Network namely CDHUNS (Coimbatore District HIV Ulloor Nala Sangam)
- Formed One Children Forum called Rojakootam Children Forum, and this forum integrated with NMCT's other children forum to get continue supports
- Most of the PLHAs and Children are mainstreamed with Networks and Care Homes.
- Participating in the Network Advisory Board meeting
- Providing technical support to this Network

Innovative Model Initiated:

- Initiated 2 positive network (CBOs) in implementing area (SPMD & PFPA) now these two networks are merged with CDHUNS
- Promoted Childrens Forum called as Rojakootam – this forum motivate the children themselves & create awareness on HIV/AIDS & Child Rights in the School & mobilize funds for education support etc.,

Rojakootam Children's Forum:

NMCT staffs have been contributing part of their salary towards sponsoring needy children when required.

NMCT has also helped these children organize themselves into a child forum called ROJAKOOTAM (Bunch of Roses), helping them to start small savings, providing them with training in life skills, leadership and enhancing their cultural development by staging street plays by them.

The needs of this vulnerable, stigmatized, special groups of children cannot be met by one, single NGO. It needs a sensitive, understanding and responsible community to recognize and reach out them.

- Join Hands Scheme – Education Support to CIAs/ CAAs through Community Contribution

These children are provided educational support by a novel scheme initiated by us namely JOIN HANDS scheme in which donors are contributing at Rs.600/- per child. About 136 children are presently covered under this scheme.

- Nanaya Nanban Scheme through Donation Box



In order to meet children medical expenses, we have placed coin boxes in Hotel, Shops, Pharmacies and Industrial to collect contribution.



- Corporate support to children living with HIV/AIDS – PRECOT Mills (Damotharan Trust) are supporting nutrition support to 10 Children regularly
- Celebrating festivals & days (Childrens Day, Rojakootam Day, Deepali, Pongal) with communities.
- Formed Childrens Cultural Troup with CAAs
- Started Home for CAA Girl children
- Initiated scheme of Take a Child to your Home
- Oru Padi Kai Arisi Thittam for food support to PLHAs
- Developed Resource Directory for integrated service utilization
- Developed IEC for Communities – (Punnagaiyai Parisalippom, Rojakootam)
- Promoted SHG – in the name of Win with PLHAs
- 5 PSG & CSG formed and running very well
- Preference for jobs in our institution
- Mainstreamed CAA/CIA in the Care Home
- Linkage for higher education to CAA to reduce vulnerability
- Mainstreaming the CBCS project with the existing project in NMCT



- News Paper Coverage (Ex.) Selvi.Yasodha & Mr.Kirubani
- "Take a Child to Your Home"
- Referral for Family Planning to Private Hospital
- Linkages through School Program (Regular Education Supports)
- Collaboration program with TB Dept. through Children Cultural Troup
- Integration with Care Homes
- Participation in the District AIDS Advisory Committee meeting.

Award / Recognition Received:

Year	Name of the Award/Recognition
2004	Best NGO in HIV/AIDS Care & Support in Coimbatore District by Nirmala College, Coimbatore
2004	Excellence Services to PLHAs by SPMD, Coimbatore
2006	Excellence Services to PLHAs by SPMD, Coimbatore
2007	Excellence Service to HIV/AIDS infected / affected Children by KPL Trust, Coimbatore
2007	Excellence Services to PLHAs by CDHUNS, Coimbatore
2008	Best NGO in Supporting education to the HIV/AIDS infected/affected Children by GGPF, Coimbatore
2008	Recognition for Participation in the World TB Day by TB Dept., Coimbatore
2009	Best Coordination NGO for TB in the District by TB Dept., Coimbatore
2009	Recognition for Participation in the Girl Child Rights Mela by Mariyalaya Society, Coimbatore.

Future Plan / NGO Plan for ensuring follow up of the Sustainability:

- All lessons learned should be a our future focus
- Tie up with govt. programm for regular support service
- Advocacy initiatives with Network on
 - ★ Getting GO for alternative support for breast milk for reducing infection of CIA up to 1 yr
 - ★ Insist the govt. for Special Scholarship for CIA/CAA
 - ★ Employment opportunity for CAA/CIA
- Concentrating the Adolescent for sex education
- ANC follow up & linkages
- Media coverage for linkages for family support & education support

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Ressource Mobilisation :

Year	Cash			Kind (in Cash Value)	Total
	Join Hands	Rojakootam Day	Deepavali Function		
2004	-	-	Dress, Sweets & Karam	2000.00	2000.00
2005	-	-	Dress, Sweets & Karam	20000.00	20000.00
2006	-	-	Dress, Sweets & Karam	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
2007	24,000.00	Note Books, Dress	Dress, Sweets & Karam	1,50,000.00	1,74,000.00
2008	82,600.00	Note Books, Dress & School Bags	Dress, Sweets & Karam	2,30,000.00	3,12,600.00
2009	90,390.00	Note Books, Dress & School Bags	Dress, Sweets & Karam	2,39,150.00	3,29,540.00
Total	1,96,990.00	-	-	7,41,150.00	9,38,140.00

Supporting Institutions to Care & Support Project since 2002:

Hospitals	
Government Hospitals	Coimbatore Medical College & Hospital
	All Taluk Govt Hospitals
	All Primary Health Centres in the working area
Private Hospitals	Ramanagaraslar Hospital (Ternoo), Thudiyalar
Care Homes	
Abhaya Students Shelter	Kallapanasickerpalyam
Asin Sreegalya	Erinade
Saraswathyam	Kasabhaladewa
Community Care Centres	
Preetha Social Service Society (CCC)	Perur
Education Institution	
Arinadalingam University	Coimbatore
Trust / Network	
Damotharan Trust	Pakkal
Good Shepherd Social Service Society	Karamadai
CDHILNS	Coimbatore
CNP+	Coimbatore
Vinuktha Federation	Karuvai
CIHAM	Periyanaickerpalyam

Annexures:

Case Study

Name : Bethammal
Age : 11 years (10.06.1997)
Residence : Subhramaniyam palayam - Coimbatore

Family : Mother (Selvi, 29 years - HIV positive)
Father(Palani, 34 years - HIV positive)
Brother (Kottai Raja, 7 years)
Brother(Dhilip Kumar, 3 years - HIV positive)
Brother (Dhinesh Kumar, 1 year - HIV positive)

The HIV/AIDS rate is often very high in areas where unawareness and poverty come together. One of these areas is Dindigal district, from where Bethammal's family is coming originally. Her grandparents, who migrated to Andrapradesh, were beggars. When Bethammal's mother Selvi was married to her own cousin in the age of 14 her husband Palani started a business for selling decorations. Bethammal's parents both are not educated and do not know how to read or write.

When Bethammal reached the age of six the family started moving around in purpose of earning more money by selling their decorations. In those times they used to live in temporary tents. To continue Bethammal's education without disturbance she stayed back with her grandparents in her uncles' house in Dindigal. There she went to school regularly. But the uncles were not content with these circumstances and made issues that Selvi should not to leave her daughter alone. Therefore Bethammal's family moved to Coimbatore in the year 2006 after having traveled around for four years. But instead of going to school Bethammal dropped out school after her 4th standard and loitered around in her area taking care of her younger brothers.

Subhramaniyam palayam is an area including lots of huge houses. Many of these landowners lend parts of their property to poor families who have to pay 100 Rupees per house a month. To build up a hut constructed of bamboo and banana leaves costs in total about 4000 to 5000 Rupees. Bethammal's family built up such a home one and a half years ago, but in times of heavy rains it cannot even stand the rain. The colony has neither sanitary arrangements nor water connection. They have to carry their water for about one kilometer and have to pay two Rupees per pot.

One year ago, in 2007, the mother was pregnant with her fourth child. While the periodical examination was done she got to know about her innocent HIV infection. Immediately the father and the children were tested as well. The father and Dhilip Kumar, the third child, were found positive. Out of this reason the mother was advised to deliver in hospital to prevent her child from HIV.

Unfortunately she delivered five days earlier at home without having enough time to go to hospital as her birth pain only lasted two hours. Not aware of the fact that it is possible to prevent the child even after delivery she did not inform any counselor and went to hospital many days too late. Dhinesh Kumar is now one year old and his health condition is presently very weak.

Since the family came to Coimbatore the father was employed as a construction worker. But since he had an accident he suffers a constant headache. Next to this, his weakness caused by his HIV infection hinders him to continue this job. The only chance to earn money was to leave his family again trying to sell his homemade decorations.

As soon as Bethammal's family was identified as very needy NMCT started to begin their counseling work as well as their support by providing some utensils and money. The parents were convinced to start ART (Anti Retro Viral Therapy) medicine as soon as necessary. The father started immediately but he was not able to stand the side effects so that he does not take his treatment regularly.

Furthermore Bethammal was offered to stay in Abhaya Students Shelter for vulnerable and underprivileged children. It was very easy to convince Bethammal and her family to take this offer because the mother was not able to provide enough food for her four children and could not take care of Bethammal's education. Very rarely Bethammal got three proper meals a day, she had only two dresses and no one bothered about her drop out from school. Only after she joined Abhaya she attends the 6th standard regularly. She still has some problems to cope with the others but her big dream for the future is to become a doctor. She wants to be able to care for her own parents as well as for other needy people.

Not only Selvi is happy to know her daughter in Abhaya but also Bethammal feels very comfortable and jolly in her new home, as she says: "Here I have many friends, I never have to feel lonely like at home".

Only Kottai Raja, Bethammal's oldest brother still lives in Subhramaniyam palayam together with his grandfather. He is not attaching value to his education. Seeing the many advantages for Bethammal staying in a hostel, NMCT has convinced her mother to stay together with her two HIV infected children in a home named Snehalya in Ettimadai in order to give her sons the best treatment and chances as possible.

Name : Jothimani
Age : 10 years (18.03.1998)
Residence : Karamadai – Coimbatore

Family : Mother(Vasanthamani, † 2007 - HIV positive)
Father(Palanisamy, 42 years - HIV positive)
Brother(Sri Kannan, 3 years)
Grandmother(Sinnammal, 60 years)
Grandfather(Kappini, 70 years)

10- years old Jothimani comes from Karamadai. Before she joined Abhaya Students Shelter for vulnerable and underprivileged children in June 2008, she lived with her grandparents, her father and her little brother in a two room house. Whenever rain was coming, the whole family had no place to sleep because the water was coming inside.

Her mother Vasanthamani, who was HIV infected, passed away because of tuberculosis last year. Being pregnant with her second child Sri Kannan she got to know about her infection. Immediately her husband and daughter were tested. The result for Palanisamy was also positive. Thanks to medical measures it was able to spare the son from HIV/AIDS.

The mother's last request was that her daughter Jothimani should take care of her younger brother Sri Kannan. Since then Jothimani was only going to school in times of exams. Most of the days she stayed at home, looked after her younger brother and totally adapted the role of a mother. Jothimani never liked school. As her father only went to school up to his 2nd standard and her grandfather also did not finish his education, she was never taught the importance of education.

When Jothimani was living with her family she was not studying at home, but did much homework like washing dresses, cleaning vessels, room cleaning and tying flowers on the weekends. She only had regular meals in the afternoon in school. Only if they had enough money the grandfather could cook for the day. In former times the mother went out begging for some money.

Her father Palanisamy's present health condition is very weak. He takes regular ART (Anti Retro Viral Therapy) and tuberculosis medicines. He often feels sick and at these times he cannot practice his job as an ironer. His 750 Rupees a month are the only family earnings. Due to these circumstances Palanisamy tries to give his daughter Jothimani a proper future by sending her to a hostel. Even though he is not happy giving his daughter away, he feels that "a life in hostel is the best for her".

Because of the lack of money Jothimani never dressed properly. She had only a few dresses and these were made of the father's old clothes. Now she has many dresses and knows how to dress properly as a girl. Every morning she takes some coconut oil, uses powder and attaches value to her hair being neatly. In Abhaya she likes the food very much and enjoys being together with the children as she only had two friends at home.

Everyone cares for everyone. This is a behavior she could never experience at home. Although Jothimani sees many advantages in A.S.S. she says: "I am happier at home".

She is very affectionate to her small brother, thinks a lot of him and wishes to go home again. Often she cries the whole night long. Through counseling and good experiences with her new friends she now tries to cope with her feelings and has the aim to become a teacher to give knowledge to other children. One day she wants to earn enough money to build up a proper house.

Before she came to Abhaya she was not interested in any hobbies and did not know about her abilities. Now she is getting aware of some of her talents like dancing and drawing. It is very important that Jothimani concentrates on herself and stops living just for her small brother.

Name : Isakiammal /Thilagavathi
Age : 11 years (19.06.1997) / 10 years (04.07.1998)
Residence : Kavundampalayam – Coimbatore

Family : **Mother (Ramalakshmi, 31 years - HIV positive)**
Father (Lakshmanan, 37 years - HIV positive)
Sister (Kavitha, 8 years)
Sister(Annapoorani, 7 years)

Both sisters Isakiammal, who is usually named Nandhini, and Thilagavathi, 11 and 10 years old, are living in Abhaya Students Shelter for vulnerable and underprivileged children since June 2008. Their home is set in a slum area in Kavundampalayam. They used to live together with their parents Ramalakshmi and Lakshmanan and their two younger sisters, Annapoorani and Kavitha, in a house with two rooms.

The father had a regular income as a candy maker and this earning was enough to supply the whole family. But one and a half years back the father suddenly lost weight and often felt sick and tired. The neighbors suspected him to be HIV positive and convinced him to get tested. Since its result in March 2008 he is confirmed to be infected with HIV. All family members got tested immediately and it turned out that the mother is positive as well. Lakshmanan soon had to start taking ART (Anti Retro Viral Therapy) medicine. He began to work as a night watchman earning 2000 Rupees a month, as his former job forced him to travel a lot and he was not able to handle this stress anymore. To support the families' income the mother started a small business. Whenever she feels strong enough to do some work she stitches up to three blouses a day, each charged 25 Rupees a piece. Even though they do not have enough money to pay their rent in amount of 700 Rupees the last few months, the father wastes a lot of money for cigarettes and alcohol. When he came home drunk, he was scolding his family which scared especially the children. His drinking habits lead to a draining of money and they had to suffer from hunger. So the father started to ask the neighbors for some money. Soon they had lots of trouble in their neighborhood and again the children felt sad and embarrassed.

In the 4th standard Nandhini and Thilagavathi had to help their father in his work as a candy maker. They kept on packing up the sweets on weekends and after school even though they did not like it. They were not able to study regularly in the evenings. Still they both were two of the best students. For each day working for the father they got 10 Rupees each. But after having saved a bigger amount, the father demanded the money back in purpose of spending this money in alcohol.

The father, Nandhini and Thilagavathi and especially their mother needed much counseling to convince them to leave home and live in Abhaya as they share a lot of love, caring and affection. But on the other hand Ramalakshmi is very happy to know her children getting a good opportunity for education and for improving their capacities.

Even though she never attended school herself Ramalakshmi knows about the importance of education and attaches great value to the children's education. To give them a motivation she named all her children after famous Indian personalities. The father Lakshmanan does not accept the advantages of staying in Abhaya.

As their mother experienced a lot of help from NMCT for her children as well as further support like free medicine, she wants her children to be sensitized to help others.

Nandhini and Thilagavathi are very motivated in their studies. Attending the 6th standard especially Nandhini shows a great interest in English and is also keen to help her younger sister to keep up with her. They both know about their parents' status. Because of the present health condition of their parents Nandhini is very worried and already understands the seriousness of HIV/AIDS. She often thinks a lot about the problems and sorrows she had at home and is anxious about her present family situation. She hardly showed interest in any activities next to her school studies.

In the last months she developed and shows special interest in craftworks. Now she sometimes joins the other children in their games and also her mood is slowly turning into a happier and sorrow free one. Next to the change in her behavior she has also changed in her outer appearance. She now knows how to dress up properly and neatly whereas she did not have many dresses at home. Since she lives in A.S.S. she has more dresses, more times for her studies and regular meals.

Her vision for her future is to be a good student and to become a doctor one day. With this job she hopes to earn enough money and to gain the ability to help poor people and especially her family. All in all Nandhini likes to go to Abhaya but still she misses her family, her friends and relatives. To improve her development even more she should be motivated to join the games with others to make her more cheerful and let her forget her sorrows.

While Nandhini is one of the calm and ambitious girls, her sister Thilagavathi is very jolly and has a carefree character. As well as her sister she detests her father's habits and the poor situation at home. But different to her sister she is playing a lot and has no time for brooding over it.

She is a good student and has great interest in Mathematics. In addition she is talented in craftworks, singing and likes to listen to music and do some sport games with the other children as she gets along very good with all of them. Thilagavathi's dream for her future is to become a collector in purpose of caring for the whole district.

Thilagavathi does not miss her home. Because of the proper food, many clothes, friends and the opportunity to study regularly she says, "I am happier in Abhaya than at home".

Letters



Paper News



A Deepavali to treasure

The HIV affected welcome festival with gaiety

Deepavali, the festival of lights, was celebrated with a special glow at the HIV affected community centre in Kerala. The children and their parents gathered to celebrate the festival with a variety of programmes. The children performed traditional dances and songs, and the parents shared their experiences. The festival was a great success and a source of joy for everyone involved.





Children's group takes a message across through songs, plays

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Project to help HIV patients

एन.डी.ए. - एक नया परियोजना शुरू की गई है जो HIV रोगियों को सहायता देने के लिए है।



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CHENNAI TIMES

HIV/AIDS Assumes Monstrous Proportion

एन.डी.ए. - चेन्नई में HIV/AIDS का प्रमाण बढ़ रहा है।



Working Area



India



Tamilnadu



Coimbatore