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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF PATRON



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second edition of NACO's newsletter for 2022.

India is committed to 'Ending the AIDS' epidemic as a public health threat by 2030 in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Sustained commitment and action is required at all levels to address the challenges ahead and achieve desired outcomes. For ensuring better implementation of programme nationwide and attain the envisioned goals under the national programme, a 'National Level Sensitization Programme for the Project Directors' State AIDS Control Societies on NACP-V was organized in New Delhi in April 2022.

Taking account of vulnerability and rising trend of HIV in many pockets of the North Eastern States, special focus and efforts must be given to the region. A review meeting of all State AIDS Control Societies of North Eastern States was held in Guwahati, Assam in April 2022. Follow-up visits by NACO team were made to each North Eastern States to provide handholding support to plan and scale up necessary interventions. As you know, to strengthen HIV & AIDS response in North Eastern Region, NACO signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of Development of NE Region in 2019. To take the collaboration forward, the 2nd Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between NACO and NEC was held under Chairmanship of Secretary, NEC in April 2022 in Shillong. The objective of the meeting was to look into opportunities for scaling up activities related to the prevention and control of HIV & AIDS in the North Eastern region.

It is also my immense pleasure to inform you that the Government of India notified the HIV and AIDS Policy for Establishments, 2022 as provided under section 12 of the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017. The policy applies to all establishments as defined in the Act to eliminate HIV & AIDS related stigma and discrimination at various workplace settings. We need to widely publicize and disseminate the policy to all establishments, employers, employees and workers organisations to ensure adoption of the policy.

As we are now in the second quarter of the Financial Year 2022-23, our efforts must be towards scaling up the programme activities and introduce innovations to reach newer heights.

With these thoughts, I hope that the NACO Newsletter will continue motivating and keep the readers updated.

Best Wishes!

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Alok Saxena
Additional Secretary & Director General
National AIDS Control Organisation
Government of India



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR



Dear Readers,

I welcome all our readers to the second edition of NACO News for the year 2022. The second quarter witnessed numerous significant activities.

In order to reach out to the at-risk populations on Virtual Platforms, NACO developed a White paper on 'Strategies for engaging with HIV at-risk populations in Virtual Spaces'. The White paper was launched during the Community Consultation organized to develop a Social Behavioral Change Communication (SBCC) package to reach out to the 'at-risk' populations on Virtual platforms in New Delhi.

It is also worthwhile to mention here that 18 States/UTs have notified the State Rules under the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017 and 25 States/UTs have appointed Ombudsman. Besides, over 1000 Complaints Officer have been designated at establishments in States/UTs. Considering the growing need to build capacity and to empower the authorities under the Act, a cadre of competent master trainers from across the States/UTs were trained in two regional level workshops in June 2022. These master trainers would further impart training at regional and State level to the Ombudsman and Complaints Officer.

The quarter also saw various important events such as the National Consultation & Review Meeting of Prison & other Closed Settings Intervention; workshop for developing State-wise proposal on '*Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy*'; launching of an e-Learning Management System: '*Dakshata*'; Capacity Building Workshop for Integrated Information Management System and visits by senior leadership and officials at NACO to Mumbai, Odisha, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and North Eastern States for 360° review of programme activities. To assess the implementation of activities and provide necessary support, review meetings were held for Mumbai District AIDS Control Society (MDASC) in Mumbai and of the North Eastern States in Guwahati, Assam.

I believe the beginning of the first quarter of the Financial Year 2022-23 has been noteworthy and this will pave the way for an AIDS Free India.

I wish you all a good read of these initiatives. Good luck!

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Nidhi Kesarwani
Director
National AIDS Control Organisation
Government of India



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR



Dear Readers,

Greetings from National AIDS Control Organisation!

We are pleased to offer the NACO news for the second quarter of 2022. The second quarter has been full of events and visits to States for providing necessary support.

One of factors for the success of India's National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) is attributed to the active participation of communities in increasing treatment demand, providing treatment literacy, monitoring programme quality and access. Under the NACP-V focus has been provided on Community Strengthening System (CSS) and Community Led Monitoring (CLM), which can improve impact, efficiency, effectiveness of the programme and thereby lead our country towards the 2030 goal to end AIDS. I am happy to inform that during the quarter, a meeting of SACS Nodal Officers for CSS under NACP-V was organized to orient the officials on the concept and roll-out plan of CSS in the context of India.

NACO also conducted a folk-media workshop at Jaipur. The advantage of the using folk media is that they are flexible in accommodating new themes. Themes related to promotion of HIV testing, EMTCT, the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017, Test and Treat policy, *Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy* were included in the scripts of the folk-media. Being a cost-effective component, folk media should be used to the best of its ability as it has the power to penetrate remote areas. More workshops are lined up and I wish the States lots of learning.

Globally, prisons are characterized by relatively higher prevalence of HIV, TB and Hepatitis C. It therefore becomes important to provide comprehensive services to the inmates of prisons and other closed settings (OCSs) in India also. A National Consultation & Review Meeting of Prison & other closed settings Intervention was organized with objectives to assess the progress made with respect to Prison & OCSs Intervention; collate inputs for review and revision of guidelines and developing a Standard Operating Procedure under NACP-V and finalization of Social and Behaviour Change Communication for Prison & OCSs.

Please go through the Newsletter to read about some of the important activities undertaken by NACO and SACS during April to June 2022.

We request you to provide your comments and valuable inputs.

Best wishes,

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Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri
Deputy Director General (IEC & MS)
National AIDS Control Organisation
Government of India



National Level Sensitization Programme for Project Directors on NACP-V

NACO convened a 'National Level Sensitization Programme on NACP-V' for the Project Directors' of State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) on 22nd - 23rd May in New Delhi. The objective of the programme was to sensitize the Project Directors' on key strategies and new initiatives under NACP-V. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO who shared a broad overview of NACP, how it evolved in India and is now being acknowledged globally. He also highlighted that the Government of India is committed towards global target of ending HIV by 2030 and NACP-V is funded by Government of India

with an outlay of Rs 15471.94 crore for the period 2021-26. During the event, Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, Director, NACO presented key features of NACP-V.

NACP-V Strategic document, Prevention Progress update report of TI, LWS, OST and IEC material for 'Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy' were released by AS & DG, NACO at the event. Shri JVR Prasad Rao (former Union Health Secretary) also joined the event as a Special Guest. Further, the programme experts briefed about the newer strategies in NACP-V to the participants.



National Consultation on SBCC package under Virtual Intervention

Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO chaired a three-day long community consultation that was organized to develop a Social Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) package to reach out to the 'at-risk' populations on Virtual platforms. Over 90-members comprising of key stakeholders, community representatives and project partners from across the country joined the consultation to co-create communication materials and chart out strategies to strengthen existing SBCC packages of NACO to adapt to the new age of communication. The insights ranged from the need to plan SBCC materials in regional languages, identifying key platforms to promote the SBCC materials, content style, content type, leveraging the support from regional influencers and the need for constant review and update of the materials during the campaign building.

Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, Director NACO also graced the occasion and bestowed the participants with her valuable guidance. Other senior officials present from NACO were Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri, DDG (CST, IEC & MS), NACO; Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG (TI & BSD), NACO and officials from different programme divisions of NACO. The Humsafar Trust and India HIV/AIDS Alliance were the partners involved in conducting this consultation.



White Paper on Strategies for engaging with HIV at-risk populations in virtual spaces

NACO developed an evidence led White Paper on 'Strategies for engaging with HIV at-risk populations in Virtual Spaces'. This has been developed in-light of a need to bring together all available evidences on HIV interventions on virtual platforms to reach out to 'at-risk' population.

The White Paper was released during the National Consultation on SBCC Package under Virtual Intervention by Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO and is currently available on NACO's website.



National Consultation & Review Meeting of Prison & other Closed Settings

A National Consultation & Review Meeting of Prison & other Closed Settings Intervention was organized from 19th to 21st May, 2022 under the chairmanship of Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO. The objectives of the consultation were to assess the progress made with respect to Prison & other Closed Settings Intervention during 2021 - 22 in the States/UTs, collate inputs for review and revision of guidelines, to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and finalize Social and Behaviour Change Communication for Prison & other Closed Settings.

During the three-day consultation, differential

strategies for convicted and under-trials inmates and the sustainable transition plans of Global Fund partners were discussed. Inputs for the revision of Operational Guidelines & the development of SOPs was collated.

The review was attended by community representatives, development partners, implementing partners, programme experts, representatives from SACS and TSUs and officials from NACO. Shri M.A Reza, DG Prison, Andhra Pradesh and other senior prison officials from Madhya Pradesh and Manipur also participated and provided their inputs during the consultation.



Workshop on ‘Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy’ to develop proposal

NACO organized a workshop on ‘Proposal Development and Implementation Plan’ under the ‘Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy’ (SSS) with 10 States under the chairmanship of Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO through Hybrid Mode from 7th to 9th April, 2022. The State teams developed their implementation plans and presented during the workshop. Discussions were held & inputs were provided to all 10 States to revise the proposal and resubmit it to NACO.

The meeting was attended by members from the Working Group, Development Partners, and representatives from 10 States for implementing

the *Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy*. As a next step, implementation of the strategy is expected to roll out in 65 districts by July 2022. The development of SBCC material for SSS is in process.



Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between North Eastern Council (NEC) and National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)

The 2nd Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between North Eastern Council (NEC) and NACO was held under Chairmanship of Shri K. Moses Chalai, IAS, Secretary, NEC on 06th April, 2022 at the NEC Secretariat, Shillong. The main objective of the JWG meeting was to prepare an Action Plan between NACO and NEC involving all North Eastern States.

The partnership with NEC has been viewed as extremely crucial in order to strengthen HIV/AIDS prevention activities in all North Eastern States with greater partnership and engagement of various stateholders.

The meeting was attended by Shri Calvin H. Kharshiing, IA&AS, Planning Adviser, NEC; Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, IAS, Director, NACO; Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri, Deputy Director General, NACO, Project Director/representatives of North Eastern SACS and officials from NEC, NACO & Meghalaya AIDS Control Society.

During the meeting several suggestions were made that both NEC & NACO can jointly implement in the NE Region to address the issue of HIV & AIDS.



National Level Review of Programmatic Mapping and Population Size Estimation (p-MPSE)

To review the MPSE progress and understand the gaps and challenges faced during the data collection, the Targeted Intervention division of NACO organized the National level review meeting of p-MPSE Nodal Officers from 4th- 5th May, 2022. The meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG (TI & BSD), NACO. The two-day review meeting provided a platform for sharing the innovations and strategies adopted by various States/UTs. Respective State

representatives presented summary of MPSE programme which included population mapped in comparison to the existing programme population, progress made in identifying new hotspots, data quality by measuring spot check and back check and challenges with proposed action plans. During the meeting, one of the suggestion was to engage the active community members as part of Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings to enhance the ownership of the mapping exercise.

Supply Chain Management Strengthening Project Review Meeting and Launch of 'Dakshata'

NACO conducted a review cum capacity-building activity for NACO officials and senior officers of States on e-Learning Management System named 'Dakshata' for SCM supported under GF grant 2021-24. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO in the presence of senior officials from NACO & PLAN India. The objective of the programme were to discuss and have an overview of the SCM under NACP (2021-24); the launch of 'Dakshata' (The Learning

Management System for SCM)-Empowering Workforce to get fully skilled in HIV/AIDS Supply Chain Management and orienting NACO & SACS officials on all components of 'Dakshata' and discussion on the need for the training programme for the officials at the State level engaged in the management of commodities in the State. A total of 86 officials from various divisions of NACO, all States, and partners supported staff participated in the 1-day programme.



Capacity Building Workshop for Integrated Information Management System

Integrated Information Management System, is a single source of data reporting for the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP). It is a patient-centric, integrated IT system with an embedded supply chain function. This application is a milestone for the digital transformation of the NACP to assist in tracking and achieving the global HIV target of 95-95-95. It involves the integration of earlier standalone systems used by various programme divisions to enable seamless tracking of beneficiaries and inventory across the HIV continuum, as well as enable electronic data interchange (EDI) with IT systems used by other programmes and departments intersecting with NACP at beneficiary and inventory level.

NACO organized a 5-day Capacity Building

Workshop for SACS M&E officers, representatives from various divisions at the State Level, State Epidemiologist, TSU Officers, and representatives from Development Partners (UNAIDS, WHO, CDC & PATH) from 06th to 10th June, 2022 in New Delhi to create a pool of master trainers by providing hands-on training for enhancing usage and implementation of the IT system across all the facilities under NACP.



Regional level consultation under the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017

Currently, 24 States/UTs have appointed Ombudsman and 19 States/UTs have designated over 1000 Complaints Officer at establishments. Considering the growing need to build the capacity and to empower the authorities under the Act, a cadre of competent master trainers were required to be developed, who would further impart training at regional and State level to the Ombudsman and Complaints Officer.

NACO along with SHARE INDIA, held two regional level consultations at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh from 16th and 17th June, 2022 and at Bangalore, Karnataka from 23rd to 24th June, 2022. Senior officials from NACO participated in the workshop physically and through virtual mode. Through these consultations, NACO was able to train a total number of 72 Master Trainers.



National Workshop for review of Targeted Intervention training modules

A two-day National workshop to review the draft TI training modules was organized under the chairpersonship of Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG (TI & BSD), NACO. The objective of the workshop was to review and finalize the TI Training Content

for Out Reach Workers, Programme Managers, M&E Officer and Accountant and Peer Educators. The participants were organized into 4 groups for reviewing the draft modules for any further recommendations.



Community at the Centre of HIV response by Strengthening Community Systems

An orientation meeting with the Nodal officers from State AIDS Control Societies on 'Orientation for Community System Strengthening (CSS) under NACP-V' was conducted on 6th May, 2022 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Anoop Puri, DDG (CST, IEC & MS), NACO. The objective of the meeting was to orient SACS Nodal Officers on the concept of CSS in the context of India, the core approaches for CSS and the expected roles and responsibility of SACS under CSS at the State level. The meeting saw participation of NACO leadership, SACS officials, representatives of UNAIDS, USAIDS, CDC and key communities. This meeting also gave an opportunity to communities to put forward their

expectations from CSS while reaffirming their support to NACO, SACS officials and partners for CSS implementation at the National, State and right down to the district level, thus, amplifying community support through community system strengthening and by keeping communities at the centre.



Regional Review Meeting-North Eastern Region

A 360 degree review meeting of North Eastern State AIDS Control Societies was conducted under the chairpersonship of Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO. The objective of the meeting was to ensure that the annual targets set by SACS and NACO are achieved in a time bound manner and identify the programme gaps for taking immediate corrective action. Along with this, a meeting was conducted with the partner organisations in order to review and understand the progress of the activities taken up by these partners across the HIV prevention and care continuum.



Training of NACO Officials on Programme Management

The 1st batch of capacity development training on Programme Management for NACO officials was conducted from 25th -27th May, 2022 by the Programme Management and Review (PMR) Division, NACO at the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi. The programme was conducted under the Project

SAHYOG of HLPFPT. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Vidyadhar Jha, Deputy Secretary, HR, Fin & Proc. Division, NACO and facilitated by Dr. Sai Prasad Bhavsar, Deputy Director, NACO. The objective of the programme was to orient NACO officials on all components of NACP and its activities.



Training of Master Trainers for Community, Community Networks, and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on Community System Strengthening

A Training of Master Trainers under Community System Strengthening was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG (TI & BSD), NACO from 10th-14th May 2022 with an objective to develop a cadre of community resource pool, who are available to their own community as well as to the National AIDS Control Programme. 39 Community Master Trainers from 6 regions (21 States) and 5 typologies participated in the first batch of the 5-day residential training. The master trainers were selected based on the process of nominations of community members from national

level networks of the community, CBOs and development partners working in the field of HIV. The modules of training covered topics ranging from advocacy, demand generation, community networks and linkages, knowledge management & learning, organizational & leadership strengthening and resource mobilization. It is envisioned that the community master trainers trained under this programme will play a crucial role in cascade trainings planned to be conducted right down to the State and district level with community, community networks and CSOs in the country.



Regional Folk Media Workshop

National AIDS Control Program has extensively used the folk media as an innovative tool for developing an effective communication package to reach the unreached in the remote and media dark areas. Folk Media has been recognized as a powerful communication tool to reach out to people with social messages, particularly in rural areas.

In this line, a Regional Folk Media workshop was conducted from 25th -27th May 2022 at Jaipur by NACO with an objective to revive the scripts

for folk troupes as per the new initiatives under the National AIDS Control Programme. Folk artists and representatives from the states of Rajasthan, Punjab, Goa, Haryana, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and Ahmedabad participated in the workshop. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri, DDG (CST, IEC & MS), NACO.

The folk troupes were divided into groups and were allotted focused themes namely- Basics of HIV & AIDS; Myths & Misconceptions; Migration & Truckers; Risk perception & linkage to the services

(Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy); EMTCT; Safe Sex Practices ABC/Condom Safe Sex Practices-ABC/Condom; Stigma & Discrimination and the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017; Care, Support and Treatment and HIV-TB. Groups were given adequate time to work on their old scripts. The scripts were reviewed and validated by a committee. Folk troupes were awarded certificate of participation by NACO officials.

During the workshop, the following key points were emphasised upon -

- ▶ Focus on the words used and to make sure that the message is conveyed to the right age group.
- ▶ Troupes were suggested to be judicious about their physical gestures in order to ensure the message is interpreted as desired by programme.

- ▶ It was suggested to ensure pre-publicity in the area of performance.
- ▶ Troupes were suggested to encourage folk troupes for making the spectators dial 1097 on the spot and at the time of performance.
- ▶ Troupes were suggested to develop route plan in consultation with TI division so that HIV testing can be promoted.
- ▶ Troupes were suggested to publicize HIV and AIDS (P&C) Act, 2017 to reduce Stigma and Discrimination.
- ▶ States were suggested to refrain from talking clinical aspects of HIV and just promote 1097 in order to ensure correct dissemination and complete knowledge.

The objective of the workshop also included focusing upon the need gap of 95-95-95 targets and therefore effectively targeting specific population to achieve the first 95.



Review cum orientation of Deputy Directors & Assistant Directors of SACS – Lab Services Division

A review cum orientation of Dy. Directors (DD) & Assistant Directors (AD) of the Lab Services Division was held on 27th and 28th June, 2022 at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The purpose of the meeting was to review the components of Lab Services Division of the participating SACS and develop strategies to address the gaps and challenges presented during the meeting. The meeting was attended by

NACO officials presented the update on the ongoing lab activities under NACP, i.e.:

1. ICTC QMS and certification
2. Rationalization of CD4 testing machines
3. Optimization of HIV-1 viral load testing
4. Updates on EQA activities and accreditation
5. NACO Prayogshala
6. SOCH module update

During the meeting, the participants discussed the following technical aspects:

NACO officials (Lab Services Division), SACS official of LS and CST divisions of Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand. Technical Support Unit (TSU), SHARE INDIA is technical support partner through funding support from US CDC.

- ▶ Hiring state-level sample transportation agency for HIV-1 viral load testing
- ▶ Filling of vacant positions at the SACS, SRLs, VL labs, ARTCs and ICTCs
- ▶ Accreditation of labs under NACP and certification of ICTCs
- ▶ Integration of existing public health services with NACP for efficiency and sustainability
- ▶ Improving the utilization of SOCH Information management system
- ▶ Participation in EQA programme and data entry in NACO Prayogshala for maintaining quality data management services



Establishment of Centre of Excellence-Gender Affirmation Care (GAC) for Transgender person

In order to provide Gender Affirmation Care (GAC) services to transgender persons in India, NACO conducted a meeting with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi to establish Centre of Excellence (CoE)-Gender Affirmation Care Centre for Transgender Persons in India. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri. Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO. During the meeting, Dr. Sanjay K. Rai, Professor & HOD, Centre for Community Medicines and Dr. Maneesh Singhal, Professor & HOD, Burn & Surgery Dept AIIMS described all the possibilities for facilitating CoE as one-stop Gender Affirmation Care Centre for

providing high quality health care service for Transgender persons.

The CoE-GAC would facilitate a spectrum of initiatives from research to capacity building, courses on transgender health, leadership and international collaboration, beyond the surgical and medical aspects of health for transgender persons. It is expected, that Centre will have a capacity to perform 150 major and 350 minor surgeries during the initial phase with a possibility of future expansion in form of satellite and regional centers.

360-degree review of NACP by AS & DG, NACO in Chennai

Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO, visited Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS) to review the progress of the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) in the State.

Shri Deepak Jacob, IAS, MD, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited (TNMSC) & Project Director, TANSACS (In-charge) co-chaired the review meeting along with AS & DG, NACO. The review meeting had participation from all the divisions under TANSACS. Component-wise deliberations were held with SACS officials. Certain programmatic challenges in the implementation of NACP were brought to the notice of AS & DG,

NACO for which suggestive and appropriate directions were provided.



Visit of AS & DG, NACO to Gujarat

A visit was made by Shri Alok Saxena AS & DG-NACO, along with a team comprising of APD, Gujarat SACS; Deputy Director (BSD & TI), NACO; National consultant (TI), NACO; Consultant (IEC & MS), NACO; Associate Consultant (TI) and TSU officials to different NACP facilities in Vadodara with the objective of reviewing the progress of NACP activities. The team visited ICTC and ART centre-at

Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Targeted Intervention project implemented by Lakshya Trust, Garima Greh (supported by MoSJE), CSC centre run by Gujarat State Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS under the Vihaan Project and suggested various measures for improving the services offered by the centres to ensure the quality of life of the beneficiaries.

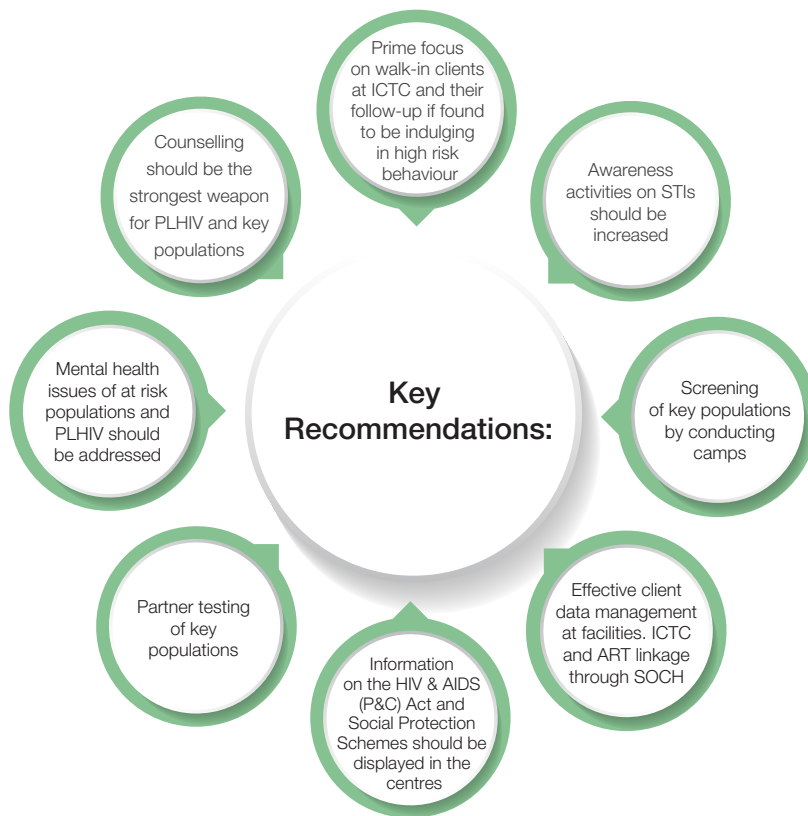


AS & DG, NACO conducted field visits to NACP facilities and hotspot sites in Mumbai

Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO along with officials from NACO visited Mumbai Districts AIDS Control Society (MDACS) and facilities viz. Anti-Retroviral Therapy Centre (ARTC), Centre of Excellence (COE) in JJ Hospital, Integrated Counselling & Testing Centers (ICTC), and Designated STI/RTI Clinic (DSRC) branded as Suraksha Clinic were visited in JJ hospital. Besides, two hotspot sites were also visited. A review meeting of MDACS was also held under the chairpersonship of AS & DG, NACO to review progress of activities and provide necessary guidance.



Key Recommendations:



Visit of DDG (TI & BSD), NACO to Odisha

A team led by Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG (TI & BSD), NACO visited Odisha State AIDS Control Society (OSACS) on 30th March, 2022 with an objective to visit the NACP facilities and guide population Mapping Size Estimation activities in the State. The NACO team along with the Project Director, OSACS; Additional Project Director, OSACS & TSU Officers visited the district facilities at Khorda, Puri and Cuttack. This visit served as an opportunity for NACO team to understand the barriers and challenges faced in achieving the State specific

goals. The team appreciated the overall progress made by the State specially 100% ART adherence and it was suggested to document the best practices for replication across the country.



Status of NACP on Key Indicators

National AIDS Control Programme response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to be comprehensive three-pronged strategy of prevention, testing and treatment supported through critical enablers of Information, Education Communication (IEC), laboratory services and Strategic Information Management. During the Financial year 2021-22, the programme has reached to 99.60 lakh vulnerable population who are most at-risk for HIV infections, covering them with a holistic package of services for HIV prevention, early detection and treatment. The

programme has undertaken around 4.30 crore HIV testing during the same period. This included undertaking around 2.14 crore HIV testing among pregnant women towards attainment of Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV. As on March 2022, around 15.56 lakh people (including 1.06 lakh from the private sector) are on free life-long anti-retroviral treatment (ART). The programme has undertaken around 10.14 lakh viral load testing to monitor the effectiveness of treatment during April 2021 to March 2022.

SI- Programme Monitoring & Evaluation : Status of National AIDS Control Programme - Phase V during the FY 2021-22

Strategic Information - Programme monitoring and Evaluation reports the progress towards the stated targets and goals periodically to the various National and International Forums. The Status on key indicators during the FY 2021-22 (April 2021-March 2022) is presented below. The same will be updated periodically as appropriate.

Status on key Indicators during the FY 2021-22 (April 2021-March 2022)#

State/UT	High Risk Group & Bridge Population Covered Through Target Intervention & Link Worker Scheme	STI/RTI patients managed at Designated STI/RTI Clinic	HIV Testing among 'at risk' Population (excluding pregnant women)	HIV positive results among 'at risk' Population (excluding pregnant women)	HIV testing among pregnant women	HIV positive result among pregnant women	% of HIV positive mothers initiated on lifelong ART	% of HIV exposed babies initiated on ARV prophylaxis	New registration of PLHIV at ART Center	PLHIV initiated on ART	PLHIV on ART (Cumulative)*	HIV-TB Cross referrals	Viral load tests conducted
Andaman & Nicobar Island	NA	2,319	20,040	21	4,784	1	0.0	NA	24	24	143	831	NA
Andhra Pradesh	4,28,381	4,38,904	12,84,277	12,959	7,69,610	1,453	>95	>95	13,648	13,440	2,04,081	1,18,274	1,72,485
Arunachal Pradesh	55,712	19,368	16,006	65	12,856	12	>95	>95	58	49	218	2,038	159
Assam	50,980	63,698	1,52,491	1,362	2,60,498	197	>95	>95	1,977	1,651	9,360	21,200	4,073
Bihar	1,91,166	1,75,562	7,35,391	7,178	20,74,460	575	>95	87.2	8,613	7,982	68,470	92,443	27,917
Chandigarh	73,424	22,108	75,469	467	20,751	50	>95	88.9	431	379	5,096	2,133	5,507
Chhattisgarh	2,38,708	1,37,299	2,39,831	1,312	3,67,662	304	>95	91.4	2,080	1,884	18,027	28,731	10,416
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	NA	2,890	38,253	44	20,532	4	>95	>95	41	41	235	873	468
Delhi	7,06,002	2,40,047	4,06,238	3,916	2,15,314	217	94.5	>95	4,034	3,658	37,498	45,985	18,574
Goa	73,921	35,329	62,983	225	32,381	26	>95	>95	204	192	3,118	2,723	3,200
Gujarat	10,75,159	4,20,610	14,73,455	6,452	12,96,997	949	>95	>95	6,567	6,129	78,800	1,73,991	56,384
Haryana	1,18,466	1,11,217	5,86,825	6,947	5,32,919	278	>95	>95	340	311	23,409	52,719	6,275
Himachal Pradesh	53,786	48,128	1,70,148	353	96,079	41	>95	>95	4,946	4,807	4,847	14,709	4,803
Jammu & Kashmir	57,181	4,367	2,27,827	284	2,08,870	22	>95	88.2	217	201	3,031	9,041	1,823
Jharkhand	99,211	61,528	2,36,712	1,126	6,06,798	188	>95	89.7	1,449	1,356	13,364	38,310	9,872
Karnataka	7,38,716	4,71,153	22,59,891	10,628	12,36,579	1,272	>95	93.3	10,568	10,138	1,80,490	1,47,905	1,19,685
Kerala	4,49,793	1,31,607	4,97,563	1,791	3,41,366	62	>95	>95	825	685	16,235	31,033	11,849
Ladakh	NA	NA	3,188	4	1,710	0	0	0	-	-	23	175	NA
Madhya Pradesh	4,74,761	4,89,950	11,81,394	3,974	15,77,818	519	>95	>95	4,117	3,906	33,458	1,23,995	22,432
Maharashtra	25,12,647	7,95,827	28,39,422	10,964	23,08,004	1,639	>95	94.7	14,682	14,029	2,92,325	2,68,356	2,08,083
Manipur	68,616	43,145	41,716	431	20,204	87	>95	95.0	779	742	14,207	1,497	9,279
Meghalaya	3,478	12,555	43,353	1,104	51,864	229	>95	>95	794	721	3,718	4,332	2,226
Mizoram	51,852	30,519	55,497	1,561	25,179	230	>95	>95	1,826	1,795	12,949	2,854	8,044
Nagaland	52,534	40,614	76,036	1,141	18,774	141	89.4	>95	1,484	1,337	10,982	5,146	9,193
Odisha	2,04,062	1,57,763	6,61,053	1,381	5,19,465	230	>95	87.5	2,074	1,958	22,685	81,091	11,020
Puducherry	27,157	16,142	92,277	146	26,607	14	71.4	91.7	83	82	1,265	1,245	847
Punjab	2,21,448	1,37,359	5,42,728	5,710	3,04,038	597	>95	90.5	9,064	8,942	50,872	43,869	22,626
Rajasthan	1,81,894	1,99,508	12,41,819	5,219	11,33,082	701	>95	>95	5,422	5,263	51,706	1,19,531	31,006
Sikkim	2,709	4,482	12,620	30	4,985	2	50.0	>95	38	35	258	743	316
Tamil nadu	4,88,681	4,55,351	29,78,786	5,921	12,75,399	825	>95	>95	6,098	5,638	1,25,684	2,16,568	85,054
Telangana	3,49,518	2,14,284	4,54,001	5,892	6,22,254	820	>95	91.0	8,005	7,739	1,15,810	60,506	62,206
Tripura	39,783	39,139	57,322	619	34,322	72	>95	72.2	1,008	1,002	2,864	2,474	1,395
Uttar Pradesh	3,63,360	13,11,769	10,46,009	9,651	37,46,429	1,113	>95	86.7	10,914	10,457	97,316	3,28,791	61,623
Uttarakhand	2,81,984	1,13,325	1,25,577	746	1,54,381	42	>95	78.0	1,044	788	4,541	16,528	4,419
West Bengal	2,25,317	1,47,758	16,66,056	4,169	15,32,274	446	>95	>95	4,390	4,050	48,941	84,163	19,040
India	99,60,406	65,95,624	2,16,07,111	1,13,793	2,14,55,518	13,358	98.6	94.4	1,27,824	1,21,411	15,56,026	21,44,817	10,14,299

Note: # Provisional Data * Inclusive of 1.06 lakh PLHIV on ART in private sector

In A & N Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Ladakh - there is no Target Intervention and Viral Load facility. In Ladakh - there is one Link-ART center.

Follow up visit in continuum of 360 Degree review of North Eastern States

In continuation to 360 degree programmatic review of north east region follow up visits were conducted by NACO officials under the leadership of DDGs & ADG to review the key actionables. The objectives of the visits were to review the following activities and to provide guidance to SACS for

Below are the activities undertaken:

- ▶ Follow up on the Action Taken Report of the North East Review Meeting conducted in the month of April, May and June 2022.
 - ▶ Provide guidance or resolve issues related to the programme implementation.
 - ▶ Undertake field visits and provide necessary guidance to the field functionary and the State Officials based on the observation of the visit.
- ▶ filling up the identified gaps:
 - ▶ Programmatic activities
 - ▶ Performance of implementing partner based on the predefined indicators.
 - ▶ Key programmatic perspectives
 - ▶ Challenges and way forward.
 - ▶ Joint meeting with the SACS and implementing partners in the State for better coordination.
 - ▶ Meeting with community representatives.
 - ▶ Meeting with MD NHM for convergence of the activities for achieving the objectives.
 - ▶ De-briefing to the Principal Secretary Health on the observations of the State



Figure 1:
Visit to Assam during 17th -21st May 2022



Figure 2:
Visit to Meghalaya during 24th -28th May 2022



Figure 3:
Visit to Manipur during 27th-28th May 2022



Figure 4:
Visit to Tripura during 1st-3rd June 2022



Figure 5:
Visit to Sikkim during 7th -10th June 2022

Activities by Red Ribbon Clubs

Jammu & Kashmir SACS



Open poster making competition on the theme of HIV/AIDS

Goa SACS (GSACS)

The 166th Red Ribbon Club in Goa was inaugurated at Don Bosco College of Agriculture



Bihar SACS (BSACS)



Hon'ble Health Minister, Shri Mangal Pandey in presence of Shri Anshul Agrawal, Project Director, BSACS awarded winners of quiz competition conducted through Red Ribbon Clubs

Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS)



SACS organized an Orientation and Capacity Building workshop on Prevention and Control of HIV & AIDS for enrolling members from 1st year in the Red Ribbon Club of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS).

Haryana SACS (HSACS)

Haryana SACS observed weeklong activities from 7th to 14th April 2022 on the occasion of World Health Day through awareness lecture on HIV & AIDS by RRC members at streets near by college, signature campaign and organized rally for awareness purpose.



Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS)



The District Level Observation of Candle Light Memorial 2022 was organized by Jaintia Network of Positive People (JNP+) in collaboration with Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS), Shillong.

Kerala SACS (KSACS)



Kerala SACS and NSS Industrial Training Department jointly organized one-day Peer Conference for Red Ribbon Club Volunteers. Topics on basics of HIV & AIDS, Voluntary Blood Donation, getting to zero new HIV infection by 2025 mission, sexual and reproductive health were covered.

Chhattisgarh SACS (CGSACS)

On 21st May 2022, HIV positive “Yuvak Yuvati Parichay Sammelan” was organized for the first time in Chhattisgarh in which PLHIV from different States 12 couples gave consent for marriage.



Pondicherry SACS (PSACS)

A meeting of PLHIV stakeholders of Yanam region was conducted at ARTC-Kakinada (AP) in coordination with Costal Network of Positive People (CNP+), East Godavari District -AP chaired by Dr. S. Chitradevi, Project Director, PSACS also conducted Advocacy meeting with Advocates and official/staff of Taluk Legal Services Committee. Participants were sensitized about the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017 and its salient sections. Role of Ombudsman and

Complaints Officer was explained to the People Living with HIV and High Risk Groups.



Jharkhand SACS (JKSACS)

One Day Consultation to discuss the strategy to achieve 95-95-95 targets was organized by Jharkhand SACS at Dumka, with the staff of ICTC, ART and members of PLHIV Network of Santhal

Pargana district in presence of Additional Chief Secretary Health, Mission Director, NHM and Project Director, JSACS.



Mumbai DACS (MDACS)

MITWAA (Friend) is an initiative of MDACS for the holistic development of Adolescents Living with HIV (ALHIV) registered at ART centers. It aims at promoting Adolescent Friendly Health Services (AFHS) at the ART Centers through capacity

building training of ART staff. Interactive sessions with the group work were conducted on various topics like Nutrition, Growing up changes, HIV & ART Adherence and life skills.





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