

SUBHIKSHA

HIV-TB INTERVENTIONS IN PRISONS AND OTHER CLOSED SETTINGS

About the Project

SAATHII is a non-government organization founded in 2000. SAATHII works to expand access to healthcare, justice and social welfare for communities marginalized on account of HIV status, gender and/or sexuality. SAATHII in partnership with Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) is supporting National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) and State AIDS Control Societies in 12 states to implement HIV-TB intervention in prisons and other closed settings through project Subhiksha. The project is contributing to the National goal of 90-90-90 and implementing with an aim of providing HIV prevention and treatment services for inmates living in prisons in prisons and other closed settings in the high priority states of India. The project is being implemented in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Total Number of Prisons in 12 states: 689
Prisons covered till March 2019: 502
Tested for HIV: 188516
Found HIV Positive: 645
Inmates put On-ART: 547
PPVs Trained: 3257
Number of OCS covered till March 2019: 165
Number of OCS inmates tested for HIV: 2035
Found HIV positive: 4 Inmates put On-ART: 4

- ◆ SAATHII with the support of State AIDS Control Societies of Jammu & Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh has scaled up project interventions in Jammu and Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆ SAATHII took part in a National Consultation organized by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) at The Park Hotel, New Delhi on 10th and 11th January 2019. The consultation discussed Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act–2014

(Amendment) and HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Act. with the authorities of Police Training Academies. Mr. Manish S Mudaliar, Project Director, Subhiksha, SAATHII shared the progress and accomplishments of the HIV & TB interventions in Prisons and other closed settings from the project implementation states to the audience.

- ◆ SAATHII, after having discussion with the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS) prepared and submitted project implementation plan in Andhra Pradesh. SAATHII appointed the Project team in the state during February 2019.
- ◆ The Project Director, Subhiksha, SAATHII reviewed the accomplishments of the project and gave feedback to the staff on effective implementation of the project during the Quarterly Review Meeting from 26th to 28th March 2019 at Jaipur, Rajasthan

STAKEHOLDERS SAY



"It is a matter of pleasure to acknowledge SAATHII as a pioneer in the field of detecting and creating awareness about the STD, HIV (AIDS), Hepatitis and TB among the jail inmates since Feb 2018. This has mainstreamed the marginalized prison inmates into national health programme by active participation and creating ART links at central jails.

I congratulate on the occasion of publishing the magazine which will manifest their efforts and further creating awareness among people"

**Shri. Rakesh Mohan Sharma, Superintendent,
Central Jail, Jaipur**

"Madhya Pradesh State AIDS Control Society is doing very good awareness activities in Bhopal Central Jail. It is organizing periodic HIV testing camps and done wall paintings in this prison through SAATHII by which the inmates are being sensitized. We and our Jail administration will support you and thankful to you for this"

Sri. K.K. Tiwari, Asst. Jailor, Raisen Dist. Jail, Madhya Pradesh

"I am a prison inmate since 2016. Currently I work as a Prison Peer Volunteer. I motivate the new inmates to screen for HIV, TB and STI at FICTC. I took support of Mr. Balaram Namdev,, PPM, Subhiksha in providing counseling to reactive clients and motivate them for confirmatory test and further to ART medicines. I sincerely thank Project Subhiksha for the interventions to mainstream prison inmates. It's really a good initiative. I learnt a lot being a Prison Peer Volunteer and this work gives me self-satisfaction. I thank SAATHII whole heartedly.

Sri. Ashok, Prison Peer Volunteer, Bhopal Central Jail, Madhya Pradesh

"The interventions of Project Subhiksha play a vital role in achieving the national goal of 90-90-90. The project activities are indeed of a great need for the wellbeing of the prison inmates. The contribution of SAATHII is remarkable in providing access to HIV and TB Services for the marginalized communities including PLHIV. I wish SAATHII to continue the efforts and all the best for future course of action."

**Sri. Hemanta Kumar Dash, District Programme Manager,
District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, Ganjam, Odisha**

There are many NGOs working inside the correctional home. But, the way SAATHII is doing a noble job by diagnosing the HIV among the inmates and working with one to one for facilitating early treatment is remarkable. Being part of this program and serving inmates living with HIV is blessings of god. I will be happy to continue being part of this program after my release also.

Mr. Aakash Ali Khan, Prison Peer Volunteer, Presidency Correctional Home

RAJASTHAN



- ◇ By March 2019, the project has covered 126 Prisons and 9 OCS. It has established 45 FICTCs and one Link ART Centre. A total of 43321 inmates were tested for HIV; 129 inmates found positive; 108 inmates are put on ART; 26778 inmates screened for TB; 35 inmates diagnosed with TB and 30 inmates put on DOTS.
- ◇ The project scaled up its activities to 60 sub-jails and 29 open jails in Rajasthan in January 2019
- ◇ Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society with the support of SAATHII and prisons department organized training for the Medical Officers of the prison on 29th March 2019 at prison headquarters in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The facilitators trained the participants on implementing HIV and TB interventions in prisons.
- ◇ RSACS conducted feasibility assessment to start Link ART Centre in Central Prison, Jaipur
- ◇ The capacitated 449 Prison Peer Volunteers are contributing in raising awareness on HIV, TB, STI and Hepatitis among the inmates
- ◇ The project team participated in the HSS training program organized by RSACS.

TAMIL NADU

- ◇ The project has covered 108 Prisons and 25 OCS till March 2019. During this period, it has screened 25085 inmates for HIV; found 51 inmates with HIV; 48 were put On-ART; 12737 screened for TB; diagnosed 35 inmates with TB and all of them were put on DOTS.
- ◇ The project team has ensured 90 % of the positive inmates linked with ART services
- ◇ The project facilitated testing of 12836 prison inmates and 417 inmates from state run homes for HIV
- ◇ Subhiksha team with the support of DAPCU officials sensitized prison officials in Perambalur, Ariyalur, Jayakondam, Ulunderpet Sub-Jails and Villupuram District Jail on Project Subhiksha
- ◇ The project team organized Sensitization and HIV testing camp for 80 inmates at Banyan and Christy Faith Home (Swadhar Home) in Chennai with the support of DAPCU, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts.



JHARKHAND

- ◇ At the end of March 2019, the project has covered 27 prisons and 4 OCS. It has established 26 FICTCs during this period. The project screened 10420 inmates for HIV; identified 13 inmates with HIV; put 6 inmates On-ART; screened 8930 inmates for TB; diagnosed 16 inmates with TB and put 14 inmates on DOTS.
- ◇ Recreational events were organized in Simdega District Jail on the occasion of Republic Day and in Nari Niketan, Asande on the eve of International Women's Day. Musical Chair, Drawing competition, Volley Ball competition were organized for the inmates
- ◇ SPC participated in International Women's Day Celebrations in Ranchi

MADHYA PRADESH



- ◇ Till March 2019, the project has reached out 128 prisons and 60 OCS. During this period, it has established 43 FICTCs and 6 Link ART Centers. It has tested 68676 inmates for HIV; found 252 inmates with HIV; 246 inmates were put On-ART; screened 44173 inmates for TB; diagnosed 113 inmates with TB and 132 were put on DOTS.
- ◇ MPSACS with the support of SAATHII and prison inmates done wall paintings on HIV and TB in 124 prisons of the state.
- ◇ Subhiksha team provided technical inputs to the prison officials and made 18 FICTCs functional
- ◇ The project team had intensified the home visits to positive inmate for linking them with the social protection schemes, facilitating their spouse HIV testing and linking them with the ART
- ◇ SPC participated in state TB-HIV coordination meeting at Bhopal and oriented the nodal officers on project Subhiksha
- ◇ MPSACS with the support of SAATHII organized 51 HIV screening camps in district jails as per the directive of Madhya Pradesh High Court
- ◇ The project team participated in the HSS training program organized by MPSACS

KARNATAKA

- ◇ By March 2019, the project has covered 32 Prisons and 30 OCS in the state. It has established 3 FICTCs; screened 14854 inmates for HIV; identified 78 HIV positive inmates; put 66 inmates On-ART; screened 2390 inmates for TB; diagnosed 10 inmates with TB and 8 among them were put on DOTS
- ◇ On the eve of International Women's Day, 4 recreational activities are conducted for the women inmates of Central Prison, Swadhar and Ujjawala Homes
- ◇ The project has established FICTC in Shivmogga, Dharwad and Mysore Central Prisons.
- ◇ Home visit to positive inmates were initiated by Subhiksha team to facilitate linkage of Social Protection Schemes and to the ART



TELANGANA

- ◇ By the end of March 2019, the project has covered 30 Prisons and 15 OCS. It has established one FICTC and screened 6552 inmates for HIV. It has found 38 inmates with HIV; 22 inmates are put on ART and 4031 inmates screened for TB
- ◇ The project ensured 100% linkage of positive inmates to ART Centre in Other closed settings
- ◇ Subhiksha team organized recreational events for the women inmates on the eve of International Women's day in one central prison

ODISHA

- ◇ By March 2019, the project has covered 9 prisons and established 9 FICTCs. It has tested 7428 inmates for HIV; identified 25 inmates with HIV; put 20 inmates On-ART; screened 1189 inmates for TB; Diagnosed 6 inmates with TB and put all of them on DOTS.
- ◇ Circle and District prisons
- ◇ Subhiksha team has facilitated spouse testing of a positive inmate and linked her with ART and DSRC for treatment
- ◇ Indoor games were organized for the women inmates of Baripada Circle Jail on the eve of International Women's Day 2019
- ◇ The District Collector reviewed the program activities in Balangir District and given inputs to organize HIV screening camps in all Sub-Jails of the district.
- ◇ Project team participated in HSS training and supporting sample collection in Jharpada Special Jail and Berhampur Circle Jail.



HIMACHAL PRADESH

- ◇ By March 2019, the project has covered 19 Prisons and 20 OCS in the state. It has established 11 FICTCs and 3 Link ART Centers. It has screened 3217 inmates for HIV; identified 19 HIV positive inmates and put them On-ART. It has screened 1971 inmates for TB; diagnosed 20 inmates with TB and 17 were put on DOTS.
- ◇ Project Subhiksha facilitated organizing 5 coordination meetings in the state with the participation of Prison officials, ART Centre, ICTC, TI NGOs and TB officials to establish effective coordination mechanisms
- ◇ The project team provided technical support to prison officials in making 11 FICTCs functional in the state.
- ◇ The staff made use of Kara Radio to spread the awareness messages on HIV with the prison inmates.



Chhattisgarh

- ◇ Till March 2019, the project covered 15 prisons; established 3 FICTCs; 3 Link ART Centers; screened 3930 inmates for HIV; found 16 inmates with HIV; 13 inmates were put on ART; screened 5622 inmates for TB; diagnosed 36 inmates with TB and put 22 on DOTS
- ◇ Dr. S.K. Bhinjwar, Assistant Project Director, Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society inaugurated the FICTC and Link ART Centre in Raipur Central Prison. The prison inmates performed a short skit on HIV prevention during the inauguration event
- ◇ Recreational event organized in Raipur Central Prison on the eve of International Women's Day.
- ◇ World TB Day was observed at Mahasamund District Jail in collaboration with District Health Department.



WEST BENGAL



- ◇ By March 2019, the project has covered 25 Prisons and 2 OCS. It has screened 7068 inmates for HIV; identified 28 inmates with HIV; put 23 inmates On-ART; screened 419 inmates for TB; identified 2 inmates with TB and put them on DOTS.
- ◇ The project staff conducted home visits to link the released/bailed-out positive inmates and their spouses with the Social Protection Schemes
- ◇ Subhiksha team undertaken home visits to facilitate spouse testing of two positive inmates and found them as non-reactive to HIV
- ◇ Institutional mechanism established to organize TB diagnostic camps through Active Case Finding/Intensified Case finding in 59 correctional homes
- ◇ Wall painting has done in two Central Correctional Home of Kolkata

ANDHRA PRADESH

- ◇ Project Implementation Plan was prepared and submitted to APSACS
- ◇ Staff for project implementation were recruited

JAMMU & KASHMIR

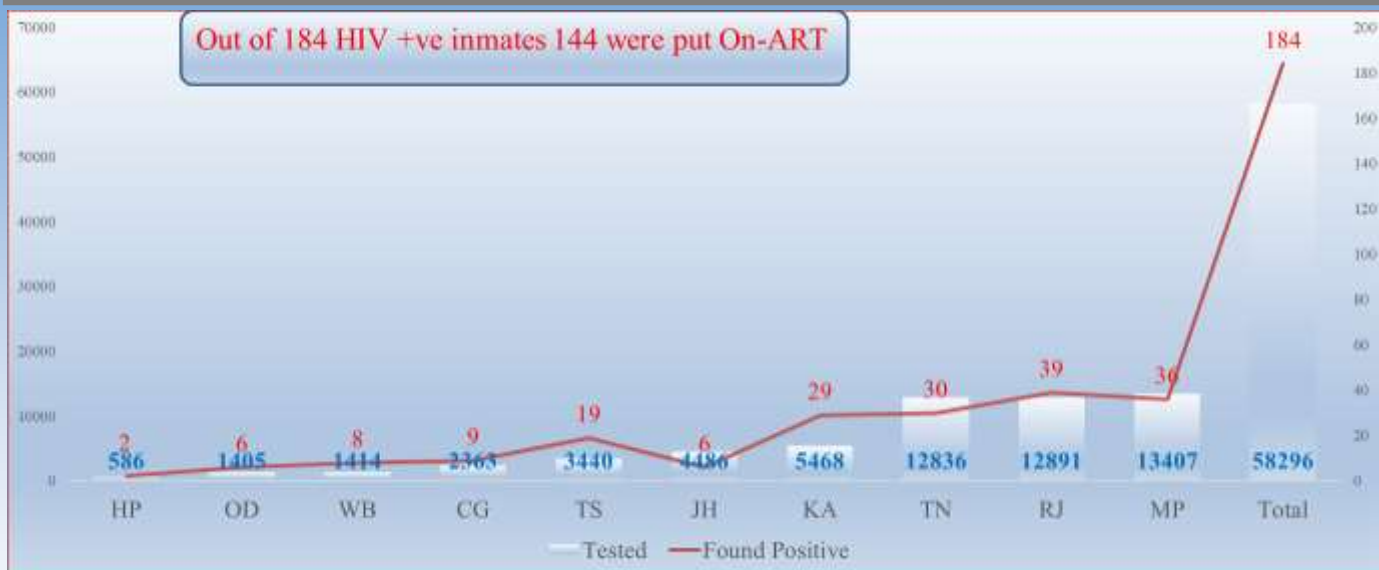
- ◇ JKSACS organized a meeting with the stakeholders to sensitize them on project activities and to prepare joint action plan

GOOD PRACTICES

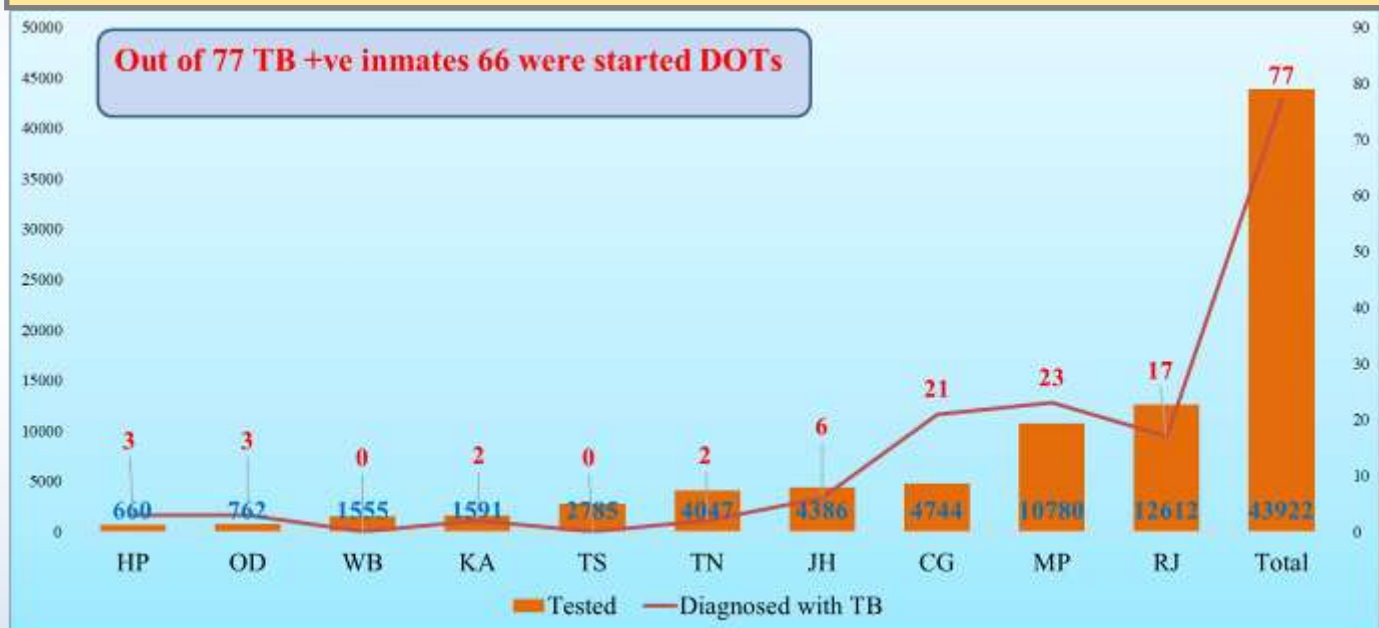
- ◇ One of the most challenging tasks is to reach the partners/family members of the positive inmates for linking them with the care, treatment and support services. To address this challenge, the project team has collaborated Community Support Centres of the Vihaan project. This institutional mechanism has helped linking family members of positive inmates to the services during Jan-March 2019.
- ◇ In West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh the family members are reached through home visits and further linked with TI NGOs and Community Support Centres.
- ◇ To establish effective coordination mechanism between the service providers and the prison officials, 5 coordination meetings been conducted in Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan with the participation of Prison officials, ART, ICTC, TI NGOs and TB officials
- ◇ In Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh the Prison FM Radio services were used to spread HIV & TB messages for large number of inmates with minimal human resources

Testing and Treatment in prisons during Jan-Mar 2019

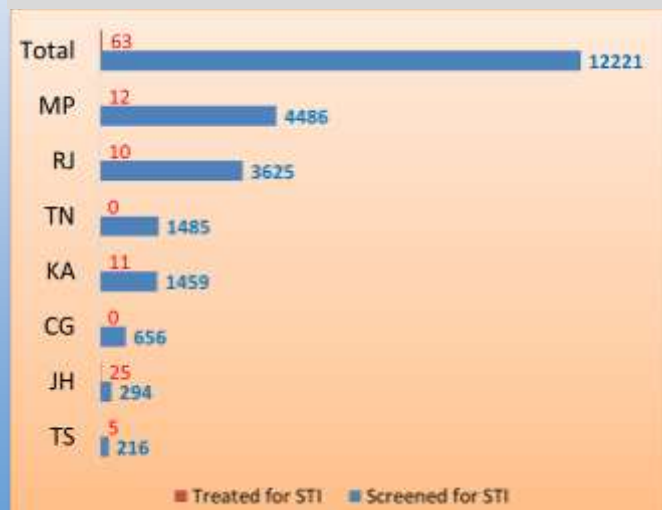
HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT



TB TESTING AND TREATMENT



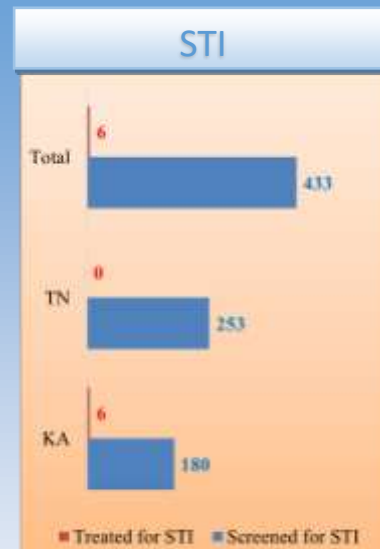
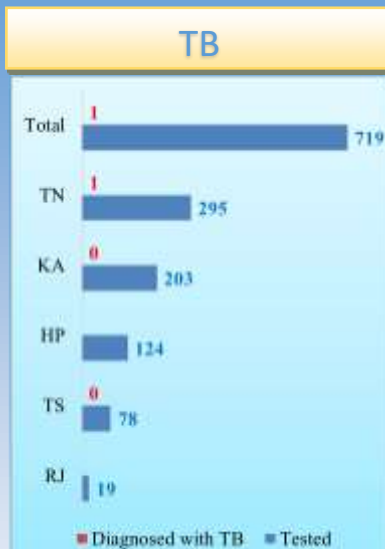
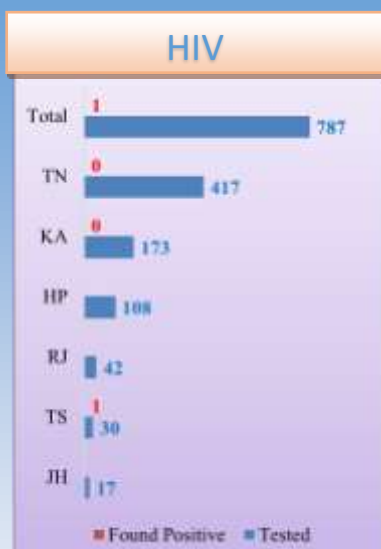
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HEP-C TESTING AND TREATMENT



Testing and Treatment in Other Closed Settings during Jan-March 2019



“Communication tools”

An effective strategy for HIV-TB interventions

MPSACS is implementing HIV & TB interventions in prisons and other closed settings with the support of SAATHII under project Subhiksha. Project Subhiksha undertook various activities to prevent HIV, TB and STI among the inmates and their families. Enhancing knowledge of prison inmates on HIV was imperative to increase the access to services. The authorities of MPSACS, Prison and SAATHII explored the ways to create awareness among the inmates within the resources available. One of the effective communication tools identified for reaching many inmates with minimal human resources is Jail Vani. Wall paintings are also started simultaneously to enhance knowledge of the inmates on HIV.

Jail Vani is an FM radio for the Jail inmates to enhance their knowledge on various social issues besides entertainment. Every day the program is on air between 2 to 4 pm. 3000 to 4000 inmates of all genders listen Jail Vani every day. Use of Jail Vani for spreading HIV awareness was piloted in 3 Central Prisons of the state. The monotony of the conventional sensitization broke, as the HIV messages are in between the song breaks. There was no hesitation in inmates mind on what other say while learning about HIV, as everyone is listening songs.

The Project Director and Joint Director of MPSACS took initiative for wall paintings in all Central and District prisons of the state in the meantime. The prison authorities and SAATHII team has facilitated the entire process of wall paintings with the support of inmates. Near to the barracks, the inmates chose the location of the wall paintings. The Prison Peer Volunteers took support of these wall paintings to sensitize their fellow beings. By the end of March 2019, the project has scaled-up wall paintings in 124 prisons of the state.

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