

Subhiksha: HIV/TB Intervention in Prisons and Other Closed Settings

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Special points of interest:

- State Level orientation of Prison Officials and Medical officials in Rajasthan
- 169 FICTCs established in Prisons
- 17 Sputum Collection centers established in prisons

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Coverage of Project Subhiksha till September 19



59% of the Prisons in India, (827 out of total 1401) is being covered by SAATHII across 12 states

Coverage of Project Subhiksha

	Prison	OCS
Total	827	346
Covered	628	221
% Achieved	76%	64%

Project at a Glance

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 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.



State Level Orientation with Prison Officials and Medical Officers at Prison Training Institute, Ajmer, Rajasthan

Rajasthan

SAATHII is supporting Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society for implementing HIV and TB intervention in **126** prisons and **10** state-run homes. It has established 46 FICTCs in Prisons and providing technical support to the FICTC staff.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—**13885**
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—**48**
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—**41**
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—**13180**
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—**17**
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS— **17**
- ⇒ Inmates put on STI treatment—**16**
- ⇒ Inmates tested for Hep B—**4123**
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with Hep B—**83**
- ⇒ Inmates treated for Hep B—**63**
- ⇒ Inmates tested for Hep-C—**207**
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with Hep-C—**2**
- ⇒ Inmates treated for Hep-C—**2**
- ⇒ Spouse/Partner of positive inmates tested for HIV—**18**

Project Subhiksha screened 13 pregnant inmates. It has identified 3 positive pregnant woman with HIV and linked them with PPTCT services



Sensitization of the Prison inmates in Rajasthan



Health Camp in Jammu and Kashmir

The State Level Orientation workshop with Prison officials and the Medical Officials served as a platform to discuss on HIV Act. Addressing various issues related to HIV, TB, STI & viral hepatitis testing, treatment and linkages to care and support services for the inmates.

Jammu and Kashmir

HIV and TB intervention in Prisons and Other Closed Settings in Jammu and Kashmir is being implemented by Jammu & Kashmir State AIDS Control Society with the support of SAATHII. The project has tested 33 inmates for HIV and identified **2** among them as positive and put On-ART

Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Organisation with the support of SAATHII is implementing HIV and TB intervention in the Prisons and State-run homes of Chhattisgarh. The project has established 9 FICTCs and 3 Link ART Centers in the prisons and providing technical support to officials in its implementation.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—4445
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—12
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—9
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—3622
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—1
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS—1



Sensitization of prison inmates

Odisha

SAATHII is supporting Odisha State AIDS Control Society in implementing HIV-TB intervention in Prisons and state-run homes of Odisha. It has established 13 FICTCs in the prisons and providing technical support to them.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—4231
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—16
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—15
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—3865
- ⇒ Spouse/Partner of positive inmates tested for HIV—4



Sensitization and screening camp on HIV and TB at Swadhar home, Ganjam

Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh State AIDS Control Society with the support of SAATHII is implementing HIV-TB intervention in the state of Madhya Pradesh. It has established 47 FICTCs and 6 Link ART Centers in the prisons of the state.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—21042
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—79
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—62
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—17017
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—29
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS—28
- ⇒ Inmates put on STI treatment—77
- ⇒ Inmates tested for Hep B—4083
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with Hep B—53
- ⇒ Inmates treated for Hep B—41
- ⇒ Inmates tested for Hep-C—2462
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with Hep-C—33
- ⇒ Inmates treated for Hep-C—33
- ⇒ Spouse/Partner of positive inmates tested for HIV—13



Sensitization of the Prison inmates

West Bengal

SAATHII is supporting West Bengal State AIDS Control Society for implementing HIV and TB intervention in prisons and state-run homes. It has established 2 FICTCs in Prisons to the FICTC staff.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—7681
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—24
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—18
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—5936
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—7
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS— 8



Project Subhiksha screened 86 spouses/partners of positive inmates. It has identified 23 positive partners/spouses with HIV and linked them with PPTCT services

Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society with the support of SAATHII is implementing HIV and TB interventions in Prisons and Other Closed settings of the state. It has established 11 FICTCs and providing technical support to the officials involved in implementation of the same.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—732
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—3
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—3
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—561



Sensitization of the prison inmates

Karnataka

SAATHII is supporting Karnataka State AIDS Control Society for implementing HIV and TB intervention in prisons and state-run homes. It has established 7 FICTCs in Prisons to the FICTC staff.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—6961
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—13
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—6
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—9698
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—5
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS— 5
- ⇒ Inmates initiated STI Treatment— 72
- ⇒ Spouse/Partner of HIV positive inmate tested for HIV— 1



Tamil Nadu

SAATHII is supporting Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society for implementing HIV and TB intervention in prisons and state-run homes.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—**16250**
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—**24**
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—**18**
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—**10623**
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—**11**
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS— **8**
- ⇒ Inmates put on STI treatment— **3**
- ⇒ Spouse/Partner of HIV positive inmate tested for HIV— **1**



Telangana

Telangana State AIDS Control Society with the support of SAATHII is implementing HIV and TB interventions in Prisons and Other Closed settings of the state. It has established 8 FICTCs and providing technical support to the officials involved in implementation of the same.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—**6248**
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—**31**
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—**19**
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—**5946**
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—**1**
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS—**1**
- ⇒ Inmates put on STI treatment—**1**



Sensitization of the prison inmates

Jharkhand

SAATHII is supporting Jharkhand State AIDS Control Society for implementing HIV and TB intervention in prisons and state-run homes. It has established 26 FICTCs in Prisons to the FICTC staff.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—**8124**
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—**12**
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—**8**
- ⇒ Inmates screened for TB—**7708**
- ⇒ Inmates diagnosed with TB—**7**
- ⇒ Inmates initiated DOTS— **6**
- ⇒ Spouse/Partner of HIV positive inmate tested for HIV— **3**



Andhra Pradesh

SAATHII is supporting Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society for implementing HIV and TB intervention in prisons and state-run homes.

Major Outcomes during July to Sept 2019

- ⇒ Inmates tested for HIV—**916**
- ⇒ Inmates found HIV positive—**8**
- ⇒ Inmates put On-ART—**8**



Project Services beyond the prison walls!!!

On 15th June 2019, the project staff interacted with the women inmates living with HIV in Alipore Women Correctional Home on positive living. After the interactions, a female inmate narrated that her son is living with his father and has discontinued ART since her incarceration. She made an emotional appeal with the project staff to link back her 9-year-old son to ART services. With empathy, the Welfare officer of the correctional home requested project intervention for linking back her son to ART services.

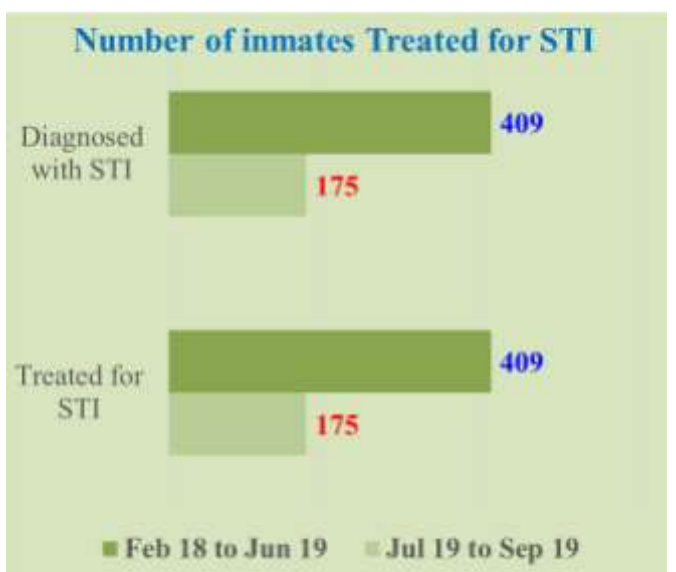
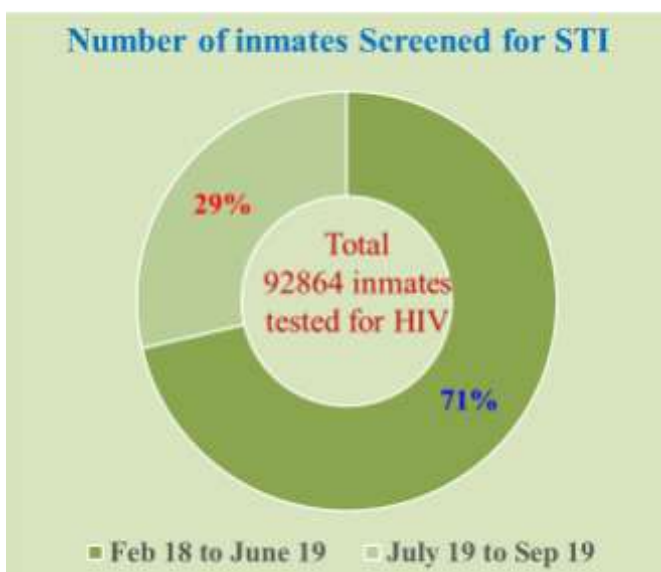
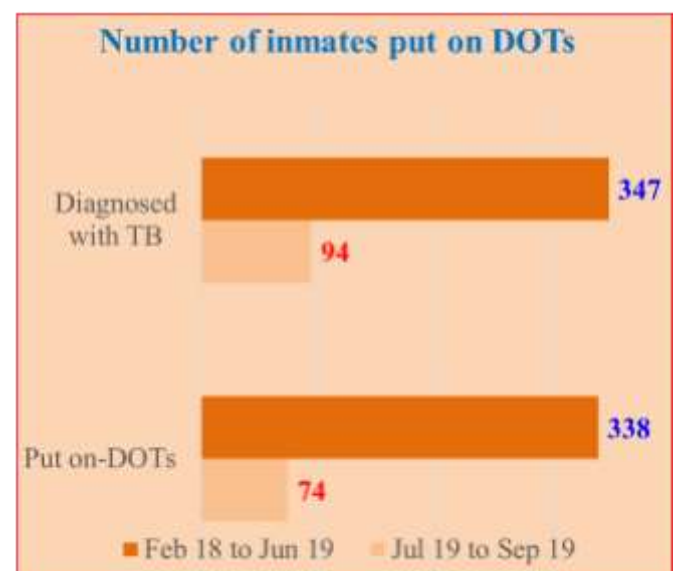
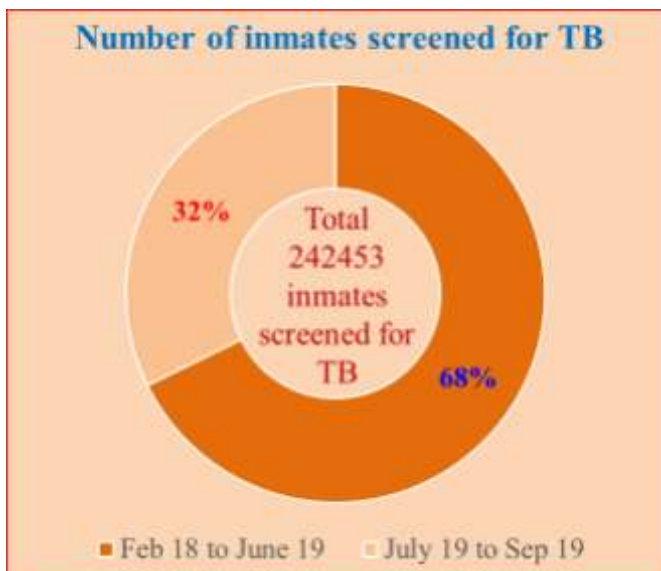
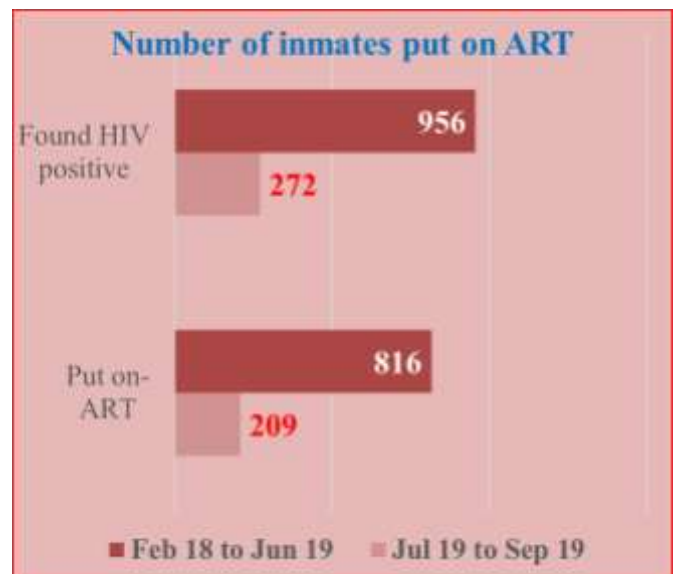
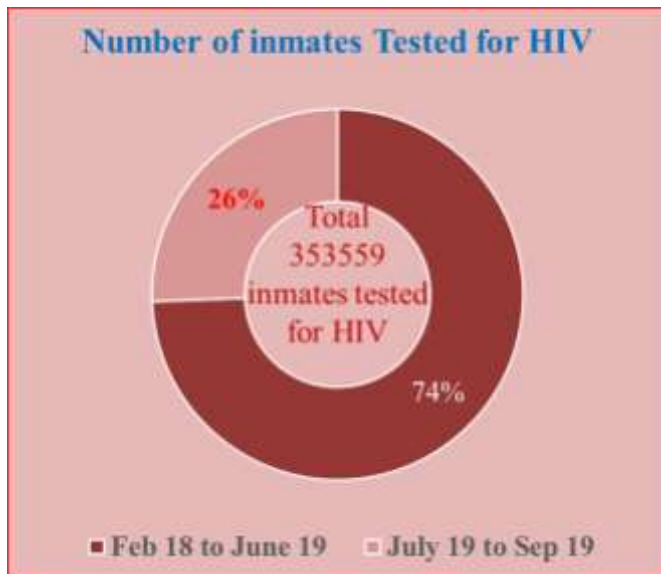
On the next day, the project staff had a telephonic conversation with the inmate's elder daughter living in her in-law's home to gain further information about her brother. She informed that her father forbids her to meet her brother. All she knows is, his brother is living with his father and stepmother. She assured of collecting further information from her father and share it with the project staff. She expressed her concern about her brother to continue ART and a safe roof upon him. The next day, she informed that she could only able to know from her father that her brother is in some Madarasa and her father not disclosed her the name of the Madarasa.

The project staff sought support of 24 South Pargana's ChildLine through an e-mail on 26th June 2019. The ChildLine personnel visited the boy's home twice but unable to get any information about the child with the lack of support from the family members. After rigorous follow up and with no progress in getting information about the child, the project staff escalated the issue to the Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee in South 24 Paraganas. As a followup to the written communication, they interacted with the Board members of the committee and appraised them about the serious effects of discontinuing ART.

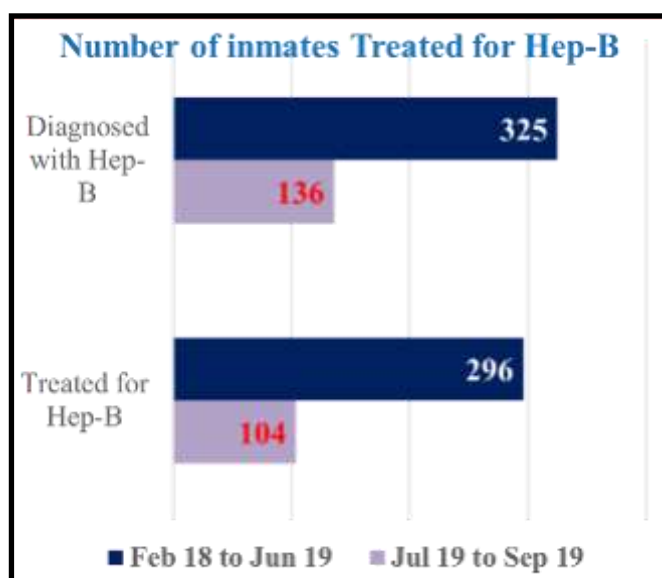
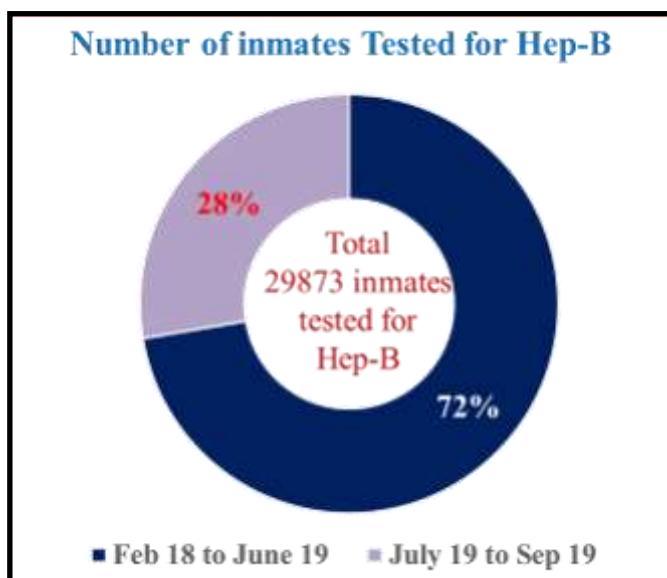
On 2nd August 2019, The committee requested the Superintendent of Police, Barui-pur to investigate the matter as it is a matter of life and also produce the boy to the Child Welfare Committee. After investigation, the Barui-pur police rescued the child and produced him to the Child Welfare Committee. The Committee referred the child to Anandaghar Shelter home and ART Centre, MR Bangul Hospital after confirming the details available with SAATHII staff.

The inmate in Alipore Women's Correctional home got delighted to know that her child is now taking ART after two years of discontinuation.

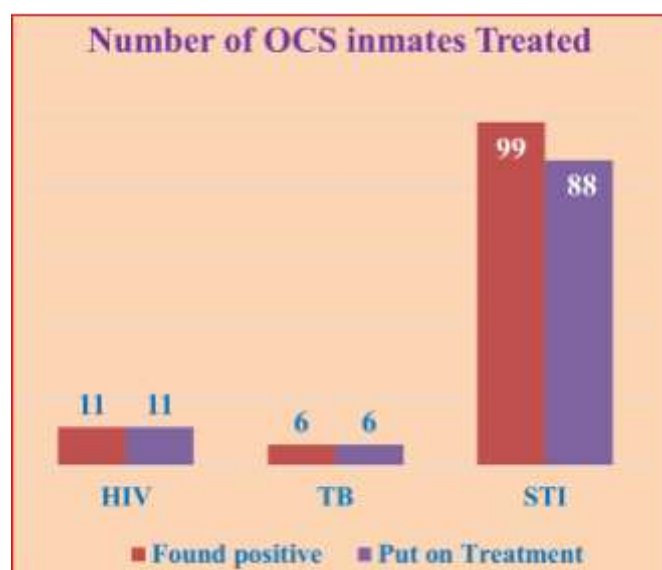
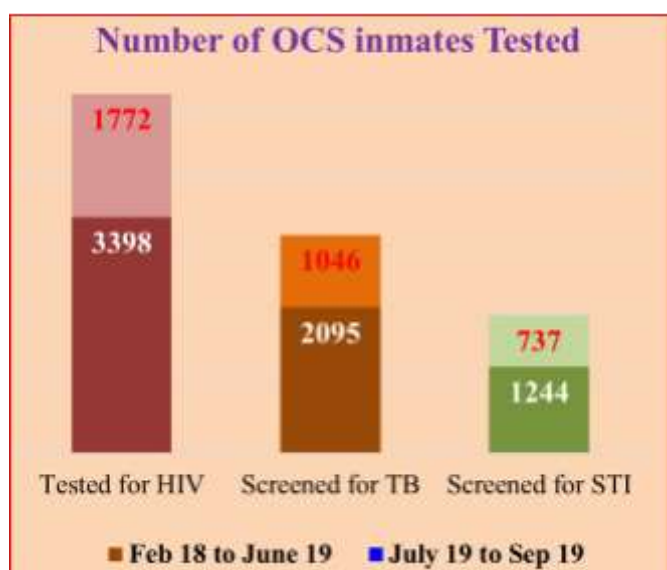
Cumulative Progress on Testing and treatment services for Prison inmates



Testing and treatment services provided to Prison inmates



Testing and treatment services provided to OCS inmates



Cumulative progress on IEC/BCC and Peer Led Intervention activities (Oct 2017 to Sept 2019)			
Indicators	Prison	OCS	Total
Number of Prison officials sensitized	4633	831	5464
Number of Medical staff sensitized	1439	41	1480
Number of Paramedical staff sensitized	639	33	672
Number of BCC activity conducted with Inmates	2838	209	3047
Number of inmates sensitized	152526	5082	157608
Number of inmates given IEC materials	54424	3380	57804
Number of recreational events organised	130	19	149
Number of inmates participated in recreational event	15781	478	16259
Number of PPVs indentified	5608	46	5654
Number of sensitization sessions organised with PPVs	764	10	774
Number of PPVs trained	5007	43	5050

Project Glimpses



Best Practices

- ◇ District level Prison Intervention Team formed in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh involving all the stakeholders of the District to review and plan HIV-TB interventions in Prisons effectively.
- ◇ Periodic District Level Co-ordination meetings being organized to discuss the challenges and seek support from stakeholders.
- ◇ Involving Prison Peer Volunteers in the project activities to increase the awareness levels of the inmates on HIV, TB, STI and Viral Hepatitis.
- ◇ Periodic coordination meetings with the stakeholders providing Care, Treatment and Support services for promoting post-release linkages and Social Protection Schemes
- ◇ In Madhya Pradesh, Prison Peer Volunteers are sensitizing the prison inmates through “Jail Vani” and Wall Paintings for reaching a more number of inmates within short time.
- ◇ In Rajasthan, the project organized a State Level orientation program for the prison officials and medical officers to discuss the issues in providing prevention, testing, care, treatment and support services for the inmates effectively.



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