

2017-2018

Annual **REPORT**



**SAMARA
SOCIETY**
YESHWANTHPUR

Sexuality | Equality | Solidarity

REG. NO: SOR/BLU/DR/1484/2010-11

ORGANISATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization	: Samara Society Yeshwanthpur
Registration Date	: 15th March, 2011
Registration Number	: SOR/BLU/DR/1484/2010-11
Registration Office	: Samara Society Yeshwanthpur, No.360, A/3, Building VNR Complex 1st cross, 5th Main road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022

COMMUNITY BASED **ORGANIZATION**

Samara Society Yeshwanthapura - Yes we are ready for the battle

Samara Society Yeshwanthpur is a Community-Based Organisation (CBO) of working class, non-English speaking LGBTQI+ communities in Karnataka working with all marginalised populations and movements in India with an ultimate goal of facilitating South-South cooperation for a Just World!

BACKGROUND

SamaraYes is a Rights-based organisation of Sexual and Gender Minorities. We are a community of sexual minorities of all identities and we work with sexual minorities. We aim to bring together, collectivise and assist sexuality minorities of all identities, including lesbians, bisexuals, homosexuals, gays, kothis, jogappas, Double Deckers, Hijras, transgender people and others who are discriminated against due to their sexual orientation and, or gender identity. We are not excluding others not mentioned here. We encourage and assist our community to live their lives with self-acceptance, self-respect and dignity; We aim and work to bring sexuality, sexual orientation, identity and gender identity into the realm of public discourse and link it to gender, human rights and development issues and movements in India.

SamaraYes advocates and lobbies for the changes in the existing laws which discriminate against sexuality minorities and for shaping the public opinion and discourse on these issues. We work with both general population, bureaucrats, policy makers, politicians and others like media, judiciary and police. We also work with family members, friends, co-workers and partners of sexuality minorities. We focus on working with lesbian, bisexual, homosexual women, who are doubly disadvantaged, as sexual minorities and as women. We also work with Kothis, Hijras and transgender people, who face oppression due to their gender non-conformity. We also work with people of inter-sex, especially female-born. We actively advocate for the rights of sex-workers and people living with HIV.

We emphasize the concerns of sexuality minorities from poor and non-English speaking background and sexuality minority sex workers who otherwise have little or no access to information and resources. At the same time, we sensitise corporate communities and build bridges with English speaking, elite communities.

Samara Society Yeshwanthapura - Core Values



VISION AND MISSION

VISION

“Vibrant and sustainable Samara society yeswanthapura improving gender and sexual minority’s lives by responding effectively to the needs of every Human being”.

MISSION

“Providing high-quality services and facilities in accordance with the requirements of gender and sexual minorities with self-fund and capacitated human resources”.

PROGRAMMES BY SSY

- Samara society yeswanthapura predominantly works in Bangalore which, according to the geographical mapping done by Sangama in 2005, had a population of 0.10 million gender and sexual minorities.
- The first step towards this work was taken by the implementation of targeted interventions with the help of KSAPS and Pehchan from 2011.



- Prior to 2010, the projects related with gender and sexual minorities were scattered and had inadequate coverage. They focused mainly on risk reduction rather than vulnerability reduction. The understanding about the typology was limited and with less or no community participation.
- The HRG mapping estimates of 2006 witnessed the immediate need to completely relook at the strategies.
- During inception it was seen that the coverage of gender and sexual minorities in sex work in Bangalore was about 3,500 annually and treating around 200 gender and sexual minorities for STI per year.

SSY KSAPS PROJECT

ESTIMATION OF SSY TIS	
TGTI Bangalore Urban	
MSM TI 1 Bangalore Urban	
MSM TI 2 Bangalore Urban	
MSM/ TG TI Bangalore rural	1180
Total	1180

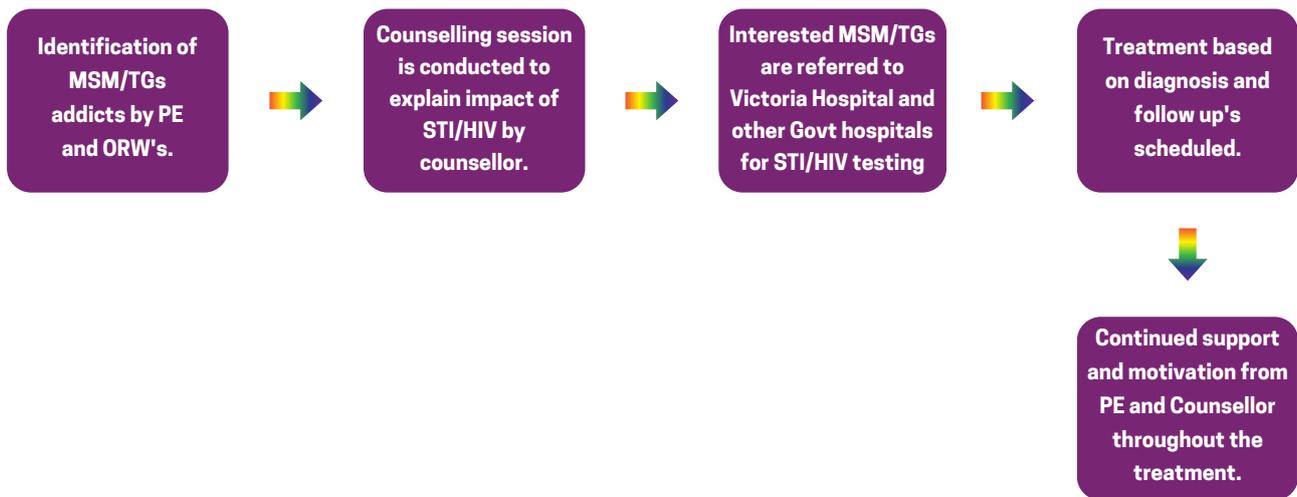
- Initially it was planned to cover 6000 population in the allotted four TIs
- Project KSAPS i is staffed by over 64 team members, more than 80% of which are from the Key Population. The positions range from field peer educators(PE) to field operations manager

Combination Programming



- This project has reached over 1180 MSM/TGs and has provided STI treatment and referrals to over 2000 MSM/TGs in Bangalore urban & Bangalore rural this project has reach 800 FSW and has provided STI treatment and referrals to over 700 FSWs . Around 100% condom are distributed every month.
- The partnership between SSY and KSAPS is based on mutual respect, equality and tolerance and involves them in designing the project and implementation.
- Project KSAPS is staffed by over 24 team members, more than 80% of which are from the Key Population. The positions range from field peer educators(PE) to field operations manager

THE PROCESS



STRATEGIES

- The strategy which assisted in making the endeavour a success was working with the key leaders among MSM/TGs. When these leaders shared their experience they served as role models for many others WSW's and paved way for many others to follow.
- Regular campaigns are conducted to create and maintain awareness.
- The SSY team has received training and support from institutes , which has allowed them to continue their work, despite the many challenges.

TGTI Data Review for the month of Apr-2017 to Mar -2018

Sl. No	Indicators	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	July-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Total
1	Contracted population	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022	1022
2	Deaths & dropouts (Cumilative)	44	44	45	45	46	47	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
3	Active population	1030	1034	1038	1045	1046	1052	1057	1067	1071	1073	1079	1079	1079
	Total Registration	1074	1078	1083	1090	1092	1099	1103	1113	1117	1119	1125	1125	1163
4	New contacts	4	4	5	7	2	7	4	10	4	2	6	0	55
	HIV testing of New hrg	4	0	7	6	1	7	2	10	4	2	4	0	47
5	Once contact	1002	1002	998	1013	1013	1015	1010	1029	1034	1040	1051	1053	12260
6	Regular contact	991	985	974	973	975	978	975	993	1000	1002	1018	1021	11885
7	Total clinic attendance	254	204	288	281	254	204	295	303	257	208	257	256	3061
8	RMC	250	199	282	274	249	197	278	282	246	197	246	251	2951
9	PT	4	4	4	7	2	7	4	10	4	2	6	0	54
	PT (NEW)	4	4	3	7	2	7	4	10	4	2	6	0	53
	PT (OLD)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Symptomatic cases	0	1	2	0	3	0	13	11	7	9	5	5	56
	Symptomatic cases (ARD) N	0	old-1	(New) 1	0	3	0	(old) 9	5	(old) 4	(OLD) 5	(old) 2	3	33
	Symptomatic case (UD) A	0	0	(New) 1	0	0	0	(old) 4	6	(old) 3	(OLD) 4	(old) 3	2	23
11	ICTC referral	99	99	147	138	149	153	149	199	91	151	142	151	1668
12	ICTC tested	99	99	147	138	149	153	149	199	91	151	142	151	1668

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13	Found Positive	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	6
14	Linked to ART	29	29	30	29	29	29	29	30	31	32	33	33	363
15	No. of Positive cases (cumulative include death)	29	29	30	30	32	32	32	33	34	35	36	28	380
16	Syphilis referral	99	99	148	100	1	153	149	199	91	151	142	151	1483
17	Syphilis tested	99	99	148	100	1	153	149	199	91	151	142	151	1483
18	Found Positive	0	1- (Balamma)	1- (Usha)	(Usha)1	1- (Usha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Condom demand	67280	67600	68140	68800	69000	699003	70080	71029	70284	69377	28033	52561	772087
20	Condom distribution direct	63850	63500	65750	66050	63400	66341	65800	67339	68400	69262	44970	56396	761058
21	Condom distribution outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	No. of site / hotspot meeting conducted	18	18	20	19	21	23	22	18	18	18	18	18	231
23	No. of participant attended	172	184	181	185	178	174	173	180	172	157	177	175	2108
24	No. of DIC meeting conducted	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	12
25	No. of participant attended	62	67	32	32	33	10	31	34	40	32	0	0	373
26	No. of HRGs counselled by TI counselor	195	197	209	235	232	199	180	187	165	150	175	178	2302
	Counselled one time	191	181	207	217	222	191	168	169	149	138	147	148	2128
	Counselled two time	2	8	2	9	5	4	6	9	8	6	14	15	88

SSY TRANSCEND PROJECT

Pilot a Transgender Needs assessment study focused on educational and socioeconomic needs.
Improve the advocacy capacities of transgender community organizations
Sensitize Corporates and Educational Institutions Across India on Transgender Issues
Develop an advocacy document to devise future goals and benchmarks for follow-up
Dearth of baseline data, beyond health related data, about the needs (especially, socioeconomic and academic needs) of transgender populations in India
Hold a TG Community Consultation and setting up of TAB (Transgender Advisory Board)
Pilot a Transgender needs assessment
Capacity Building Trainings
3 two-day capacity building workshops with 20 trans persons from each city
Transgender Skill Building Program
Skill building workshops per CBO with 15 participants
Develop Content for Educational and corporate sensitization
Conduct Sensitization at Corporate and Educational Institutes
Four sensitizations per CBO - two educational institutes and two corporate
National transgender consultation and development of a transgender advocacy and action plan
Aadhaar Card Camps across three cities – a total of 500 transpersons benefitting
One 3-day Aadhar Card Camp per CBO – sustainability plan
PAN, Bank Account, and Gazette Set Up - a total of 500 transpersons benefitting

ACHIEVEMENTS

- We have made around 235 voter ID cards
- We have made around 189 Aadhar cards
- We have given Skill building training for 2 members of Car driving
- We have done 4 educational sensitization with KLE Law College, St Mount Carmel College, St Josephs collage and Crist College
- Self employment loan was provided for 234 members