



VASAVYA MAHILA MANDALI (VMM)

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From President's desk

The year 2017-2018 is very fruitful to Vasavya Mahila Mandali as many community based activities are undertaken successfully with the support of Government of Andhra Pradesh and donors.

Health activities for migrants, truckers and community based testing for HIV programs are showing upward trends in the disease progress. Therefore, appropriate plans for the future programmes should be planned. Similar trends are seen in TB disease and thus the need of continuing the programme is justified. However, Swetcha Gora eye bank program has been able to achieve its targets.

In the initiative to improve the livelihood of people, improved quality of life is visible as the numbers of families have been benefited in urban and tribal areas.

Education to 100 girls and differently-abled youth is not only focused on providing knowledge but also on jobs through skills development programs. This initiative for girls helps in reducing child marriages and empowering them with life skills for future.

*People are made aware of their rights through all programmes and social capital developed through Mahila Mitra for women and Yuva Mitra for youth in colleges. People in the targeted communities are trained to address their issues at local level through visibility and advocacy programs. Amaravati sustainable capital city development project is taking care of identifying the issues of families in the newly formed capital of Andhra Pradesh. **VMM is a Social Development Support NGO for Amaravati Sustainable Capital City Development Project to Government of Andhra Pradesh.***

We are thankful to Government of Andhra Pradesh and all donors for their confidence in VMM and trust in the communities to achieve the goals.

We continue to serve the people with humanity and professionalism and entering into our golden jubilee year in 2019 with more sustainable programmes.

Yours Humanly

Chennupati Vidya
President, Vasavya Mahila Mandali

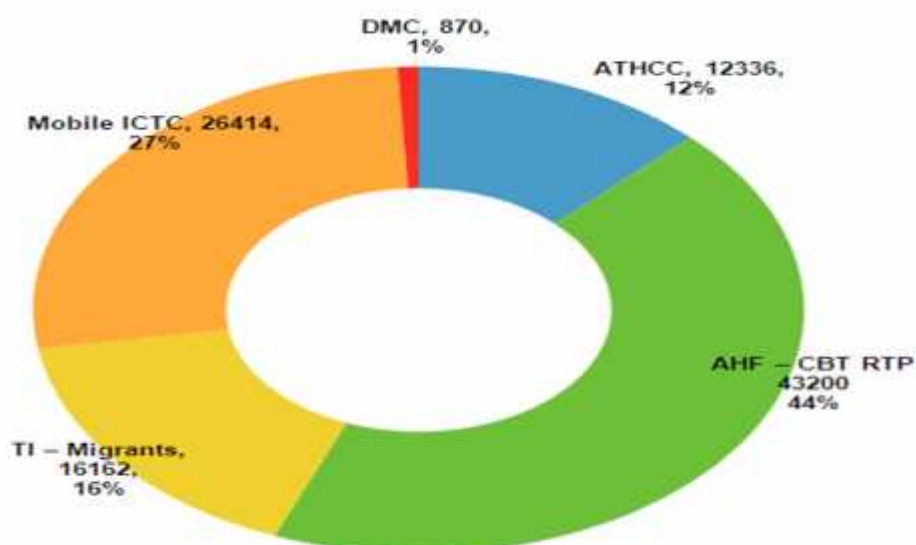
The Report

Initiatives to Improve Health

Health was one among the four focus areas of VMM. The projects were focused on *general health, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Vision, Diabetes and Cancer* through creating awareness, diagnosis and treatment. Various populations like truck drivers, Migrant workers, women and Children from urban slums, rural and tribal areas were reached. VMM was implementing these projects in *Krishna, West Godavari and Visakhapatnam districts of Andhra Pradesh*.

The Health Projects were,

#	Project	Donor	Reach
1	Apollo Tyres Health Care Center for truckers (ATHCC)	Apollo Tyres Foundation	12336
2	Community Based HIV Testing project in general population (AHF-CBT RTP)	AIDS HealthCare Foundation India Cares	43200
3	Designated Microscopic Center in Krishna district (DMC)	District Tuberculosis Control Society	870
4	Mobile Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers in Krishna and West Godavari districts (Mobile ICTC)	Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society	26414
5	Targeted Intervention for Migrants in Krishna district (TI Migrants)	Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society	16162
6	Swetcha Gora Eye Bank	District Blindness Control Society	500
7	Cancer awareness		1500
	Total		100982



Apollo Tyres Health Care Center: VMM with the support of Apollo Tyres Foundation's Corporate Social Responsibility started intervention for truckers and allied population from 2011. The project had focused on STI and HIV/AIDS along with eye care, diabetes and general health. *2,878 HIV tests were done. Among them, 38 (1.3%) were found to be HIV positive.* A total of 18 from 28 were linked to ART services and others were referred to their respective centers.

Awareness on STI and HIV was created through different communication modes such as street plays, games, information leaflets, graffiti, clinical services and film shows.

The project developed a good linkage system to 28 ATF centers all over India so that the medial services would be easily accessible to the trucker from other centers also. A monthly card on payment of Rs.15 with information about different centers could give access to the trucker in all 28 centers. The following table shows the reach details through different IEC activities.

#.	Type/Name of Event	#	Participants		
			Trucker	Allied	Total
1	Magic Show	12	500	290	790
2	Puppet Show		0	0	0
3	Street Play	14	455	265	720
4	Projector Show	6	290	170	460
5	Video Show	0	0	0	0
6	Health Game	49	771	92	863
7	Poster exhibition	0	0	0	0
8	Satellite clinic	48	1149	991	2140
9	Health Camp	6	278	168	446
10	EYE Camp	28	1138	1006	2144
11	Magnetic Theater	0	0	0	0
12	Others (World AIDS Day Events)	1	150	500	650
Total			4731	3482	8213

Community Based Rapid HIV Testing – AHF

VMM piloted community based rapid HIV testing in Krishna district in December 2016. Around 1,500 people were tested. Among them, 23 were tested positive (1.53%) and 100% were linked to ART centers. With the results from June, 2017, AIDS Health Care Foundation initiated six projects in three districts (Krishna, West Godavari and Visakhapatnam). The

project started from June 2017 to December 2017 and February 2018 to March 2018 and 43,200 were tested and 476 (1.10%) were tested positive and linked (410) 86% of them to the services.



The project focuses on identification of new HIV positives in the unreached areas. The lack of Prevention of HIV from Parent to Children Transmission (PPTCT) had resulted in non -availability of testing for HIV in very remote areas like tribal

areas that lead to testing of 15 HIV positive pregnant women and linked to services at public health and follow up for refilling of ART medication was also taken up as the women are unable to travel long distances. There are 24 staff members working in six sites. The below table shows the reach from June 2017 to March 2018 (except on January 2018 when there was no testing conducted). There are more male who were found to be positive than the female.

June 2017 to March 2018	Male			Female			Transgender		
	Positive	Negative	%	Positive	Negative	%	Positive	Negative	%
0 to 18 month	0	0	0.00%	1	0	100.00%	0	0	0.00%
19month to 5years	1	5	16.67%	2	2	50.00%	0	0	0.00%
6 to 14 years	6	221	2.64%	1	241	0.41%	0	0	0.00%
15 to 24 years	14	4025	0.35%	28	4737	0.59%	0	1	0.00%
25 to 49 year	153	9167	1.64%	212	15671	1.33%	1	2	33.33%
over 49 years	33	3418	0.96%	24	5234	0.46%	0	0	0.00%
Total	207	16836	1.21%	268	25885	1.02%	1	3	25.00%

Among the tested population, 60% are female. In a remote tribal village, all five members of a family, wife, husband and three children who were born through institutional deliveries, were found to be HIV positive. Paderu RTP team reached this family during the outreach program in March 2018 and identified the woman to be HIV positive while she was in the

third trimester of pregnancy. The RTP team linked the positive pregnant woman and family members to ART center.

Targeted Intervention

(TI) for Migrant workers

has been continuing since 2008 at Vijayawada with the support of Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control society (APSACS). Migrants from different parts of India work in Vijayawada for livelihood. With different industries



being set up in Vijayawada and capital region, there is a lot of demand for the labors and skill workers. The migrants came from various states in India such as Bihar, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Telangana.

As most of the migrant workers were new to Vijayawada, they didn't have enough knowledge about the health services available. In addition, the migrants are found to have less knowledge about sexual health and, therefore, are more at risk to get STI and HIV infections. VMM-TI project work was carried out in **10** mandals of Krishna district in **40** locations of **67** congregation points. Congregation point is the area where the people gather for their daily work. On an average, 200 to 1000 migrants have lived in each of these points.

The project aims at reducing the HIV prevalence, improving the health seeking behavior, changing people's attitudes in accessing the health facility services, practicing safe sex methods, ensuring correct and consistent usage of condoms and creating enabling environment for accessibility of services at community and facility level.

Reach: *VMM-TI project reached 7,780 migrants and repeat clients were 16,778. Among the repeat clients, 16,364 (98%) were male and 414 (2%) were female.* 236 migrants were referred for STI diagnosis and treatment to government hospitals. A total of **3,295** migrants were referred for HIV testing. Among them, two were found to be positive and linked to ART services. Condom promotion was made through pictorials representation, distribution and demonstrations.

To create enabling environment for the migrants, interactive sessions with employers and health camps were organized. To increase awareness on STI and HIV, street theatre shows were organized along with month long HIV/AIDS awareness campaign in the month of December 2017. Graffiti on STI and HIV at about 50 places were created at community centers, hot spots and work sites.

Community mobilization: VMM-TI programme staff developed a good rapport with Gayatri Medical Stores & Community key persons and had mobilized the medicines worth of Rs.50,000.

“MeeNestham” Mobile Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers (MICTC)

MeeNestham Mobile ICTC was a project that is being continued since December 2008 under public-private partnership with Andhra Pradesh State AIDS control society (APSACS). The focus of MICTC is to provide services to the people in unreached areas.



MICTC team will communicate with NGOs, para medical officers, PPTCT + staff and AASHA volunteers involving local key persons like surpanches, ward members, faith based leaders, heads of the working community, ICDS staff, SHG leaders and local health practitioners. VMM was taking

the MICTC to the people of Krishna and West Godavari districts.

Motivated people were given pre-test counseling after noting their behavior patterns. With consent, the blood samples were collected and test results were shared within 10 minutes. Post-test counseling was given if found positive. Confirmation tests were also done and results were given within a day. HIV positive persons were linked to ART centers for CD4 testing and treatment. They were also referred to nearest NGO for follows up.

In the two districts, the target population was antenatal women, female sex workers, MSMs, truckers, migrant people, injection drug users and people who did not have access to testing facilities.

All the mandals in Krishna district and 243 key villages based on the prevalence were covered.

Particulars	Male	Female	Pregnant women	Total
Clients registered and tested	13183	12921	310	26414
Tested positive	73	37	0	110
Percentage	0.55%	0.29%	0%	0.42%

Target Group wise:

FSW	6271
Positive	15
Percentage	0.24%
MSM	1185
Positive	2
Percentage	0.17%
IDU	703
Positive	3
Percentage	0.43%
Truckers	2617
Positive	37
Percentage	1.41%
Migrants	4278
Positive	3
Percentage	0.07%
ANC	310
Positive	0
Percentage	0
General	9730
Positive	50
Percentage	0.51%

Table: Among the 1.41% HIV positive truckers, the prevalence of high risk groups of FSW, MSM and IDUs are less than 0.5%. Even among general population, prevalence is more than 0.51%. The targeted interventions have shown result in decrease of HIV positives among high risk groups. The table shows that the need of interventions for truckers (bridge population) and general community.



MICTC staff created awareness through IEC material for vehicle driver and attenders about HIV spread, preventive measures, testing, medical treatment and government facilities.

MICTC staff printed wall writings through stencils with message on HIV, counselor mobile number and APSACS toll free number.

Designated Microscopic Center under RNTCP: To strengthen the RNTCP program through quality testing facilities, VMM had taken Ranigarithota DMC (Designated

Microscopic Center) from June 2015. From February 2017, another DMC was taken up by VMM at Machilipatnam. It has identified 92 persons with tuberculosis. Among them, 67 were tested with sputum positive and 25 persons were identified through x-ray diagnosis. The diagnosis process has improved at DMC and a number of diagnostic TB tests are currently available. Three of these are now recommended in the new National TB plan to be used for adults who might have pulmonary TB.

The three tests are sputum smear microscopy, chest X -ray, and the new CB-NAAT test. The CB-NAAT test is now available throughout India. The CB-NAAT test is also called Genexpert. The test is a molecular test which detects the DNA in TB bacteria. It uses a sputum sample and can give a result in less than 2 hours. World Health Organisation recommended that the test should be used as the initial diagnosis test in individuals suspected of having MDR TB, or HIV associated TB. They also suggested that it could be used as a follow on test to microscopy in settings where MDR TB and/or HIV is of lesser concern, especially in smear negative specimens, because of the lack of accuracy of smear microscopy. With the diagnosing technique, 10 Multi Drug Resistance (MDR – TB) have been identified.

Swetcha Gora eye bank was an ongoing project of VMM to impart knowledge to people on eye donation, collecting eyes from donors and doing keratoplasty for corneal blind people. A 15-day-campaign on eye and eye donation was conducted with quiz competition to children, drawing competition and songs. Around 500 students actively participated in the campaign and family pledges were taken. As a result of the campaign, 18 eyes were collected and 1 got their eye vision again.

Cancer awareness among women: It is also a continuous project that focuses on early identification of breast cancer by self-examination and importance of early treatment. The awareness program on identification of cervical cancer and need for PAP testing for women to reduce morbidity and mortality was also conducted.

Initiatives to improve Livelihood

#	Project	Donor
1	Street Vendors in Business Development Skills Project	Axis Bank Foundation
2	MAA THOTA for Tribal population	NABARD
3	Market Linked Vocational Skill Development Program For "Underprivileged Youth"	YOUTH 4 JOBS
4	Digital Learning Center	Anudip Foundation
5	VasavyaMahila Self Help Group Farmers Producer Company Ltd	NABARD
6	Rural Mart	NABARD
7	Commercial tailoring training center	Shriram Foundation

Street Vendors in Business Development Skills Project



A total of 135 women from marginalized families in Vijayawada were engaged in sustainable livelihoods program through healthy and hygienic food vending. VMM had series of interactions with street vendors in urban slums doing petty business in their localities. About 149

women were provided grant to improve and start new business. Around 18 women were given trolleys, 13 women with grinders and 118 with working capital. The project was launched on 13th July 2017 by Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner.

The women improved the business with additional nutritive food items that attracted the customers. Ms. Durga from Krishnalanka started vending sprouts as an experiment with 5 packets a day and now demand had increased to 100 packets a day.

Ms. Nirmala from Rajeev Nagar was running tiffin center but it took a lot of time and energy for her to get the dough grinded from a grinding center that was far away. So, she was provided with a grinder that improved her shop significantly. Constant support was provided to them on financial management and hygiene.



MAA THOTA for Tribal population

VasavyaMahilaMandali (VMM) with the support from NABARD had started Tribal Development Fund (TDF) at A. Konduru (Tribal) mandal of Krishna District in 2011 for the promotion of sustainable participatory livelihood programmes (Wadi model). The principal goal was “facilitating the promotion of sustainable participatory livelihood programs through development of plantations and other livelihood interventions like basket making and goat/



sheep rearing. Core plantation is mango and guava in 65 acres, boundary plantation is “teak” and live hedge is “vakkai”. The project was at the end of first phase (7th year). The project developed Maathota Mandal Development Committee for continuation of the project with the

support of village development committees.

30 Farmers Exposure visit to Bapatla Farm Engineering Expo on 27th February 2018 was organized by College of Agriculture Engineering, to let farmers know about the new farm equipments and their utilities. Farmers understood that government schemes, subsidies and supplying of agricultural equipment.

Loan repayment to NABARD: VMM received loan amount of 20,00,000/ in the month of March 2015. The purpose of loan was to improve the livelihood opportunities of tribal people in the project area. VMM found out the tribal beneficiaries with the support of Mandal Maathota Committee and Village development committee members. VMM gave loans to 37 tribal families buffalos, Bullocks; Garment making, welding shops, petty shops and others.

VMM issued loans to the beneficiaries in diminishing balancing system with low interest rates. People felt happy and monthly repayments were 100%.

YOUTH 4 JOBS: VMM with the support from YOUTH4JOBS provided training to disabled youth on employment skills, digital literacy, spoken English and communication skills for three months. Placement of the trained youth and follow up was successful. About 128 youth were trained. Nearly 55% were placed in jobs in shopping malls and training institutions.

Anudip Foundation Initiative: Computer literacy training and spoken English for unemployed youth provided placement services in shopping malls and other shops. The trained youth were earning around 5000 to 7000 per month.



Vasavya Mahila Self Help Group Farmers Producer Company Ltd.:

VMM promoted Farmer Producer Organization in 2016 under companies Act with five members as directors and 25 women as members. NABARD supported to start the producer company for sale of products made by Artisans to achieve

economic and social development. On the basis of mutual help and cooperation in accordance with the organization's principles, it provided marketing facilities to the agricultural products and supplied agricultural inputs. VMM had promoted the products through exhibitions at different places. NABARD also provided skill improvement for the FPO directors and members on marketing, branding and business expansions. Our FPO members visited Srikalahasti Pen Kalamkary unit as part of exposure visit. This visit was useful to improve their marketing and manufacturing skills.

Rural Mart: It is a place to display products of the FPO members for promotion. The products were displayed for sales with the help of an experienced sales expert. Kalamkarikurties, Kalamkari fabric, kalamkari cotton, silk sarees, dress materials, boutique sarees and tie and dye, Khadi print and block print dress materials, herbal products, thread jewelry, quelling frames, pickles, mirchi powder, turmeric powder, flak seeds and drumstick leaves powder, floor designs, honey, jute and cloth bags and wallets, decorative items were available. Encouraging sales from 35,000 to 40000 per month were established.

Commercial tailoring training center: Women and girls were provided training on tailoring as per the demand in the market and employment. Training was provided for three months on commercial sewing machines to stitch designer blouses, garment making with the support from Samana Institute of Designer Sciences (SIDS) and USHA international. Around 81 women and girls were trained in four batches. The SIDS provided training to the instructor on fashion designing



(garment making and garment construction) and the new techniques in garments making. They also supported in conducting examination and distributed certification for the trainees for first two batches. Similarly, next two batches were supported by USHA International. Among 81, nearly 50% were earning by starting stitching in their own premises, and some others were working in tailoring units. The women and girls said that they were able to see the family income increase with their own earnings.

“I am Roopa, aged 19. My father is a watchman in an apartment and irons clothes. My mother works in nearby houses. I have one brother who is a car driver. While I was studying 7th class in a private school, my parents suggested me to discontinue and arranged marriage in 2013(aged 13). I am not aware of child marriage act then.

After I got married, my husband was not interested in me as he was in love with another girl. I informed my mother-in-law who she said that he would slowly change and asked me to be patience. My in-laws ran a curry point and we all worked there. After 2 months of my marriage, my monthly period stopped and I was feeling weak. I informed my condition to my mother-in-law. She gave two tablets and pineapple juice to drink. After using the tablets for 3 days, I got monthly periods. I told the same to my husband and he said that he only suggested his mother to give tablets for aborting the baby. The abuse continued and I didn't share my problems with my parents. Even after knowing the situation, my parents asked me to adjust.

But, I came back to my parents' home and started to work for daily wage. I wanted to have a skill which would support me and my parents also. One of my neighbors who learned tailoring at VMM was leading a happy life. Through her, I came to know about VMM and approached the management. I am very happy now to earn my living through tailoring. Here, I also came to know about child marriages act and share my story with all to stand against child marriage.

Initiatives to improve Education

#	Project	Donor
1	Urban Deprived Residential hostel for girls	SarvaSikshaAbhiyan, government of Andhra Pradesh
2	Education Sponsorship	Global Giving

Urban Deprived Residential hostel for girls: With the support from SSA (SarvaSikshaAbhiyan), Rajiv Vidya Mission shelter, clothing, food and other medical services are provided to 100 girls. About 32 girls are orphans, while around 70% of the girls had only one parent or grandparents while the rest 10% had unsupportive parents. During this year, 19 girls appeared for 10th public examinations and all of them have passed. The performance improved as more focus was given on personality and academic development. Recreation and life skill education were also provided.

Education Sponsorship: Through Globalgiving crowd funding that focuses on youth education, especially for professional education, VMM supported youth with their professional education through part payment of their tuition, examination and book fees.

I am Tejasri and I am studying engineering 3rd year in Vijayawada. We are staying in a relocated urban slum of Vijayawada. I am living with my parents in a small house. My father was a daily labour with the little earnings but we are living happily. I am good in my academics and my ambition is to become a software professional. So, I joined the engineering college. I am scoring more than 75% in each semester. With my father's income of INR 3000 per month, it was very difficult to continue my education. Both of my parents were living with HIV and are on treatment. In the year 2014, when I was studying 2nd year, my father passed away. We have no income source as my mother worked. As there is no other option for me and I started working in a restaurant in Vijayawada. With the little earning, I was able to feed myself and my mother. However, continuing my education was a challenge for me. My semester exams were nearing and I needed to pay examination and part of tuition fees. At that time, I approached Vasavya Mahila Mandali. Previously, they had supported in educating my family about HIV/AIDS and referred our parents to the facility centres for accessing free medicines. They supported me with INR 10000 for my education, which was really a turning point in my education career. I had paid my examination fee and now I am preparing for my exams too.

Initiatives to improve Human Rights

#	Project	Donor
1	AMMA project	HCL Foundation
2	Community Led Action Programme with Police (CLAPP) in Vijayawada	PCVC / US Consulate
3	Amaravati sustainable capital city development project	World Bank
4	YuvaMithra Project	US Consulate

AMMA project

Amma means mother who is the creator of life, curator of family, counselor for children and has a sense of compassion and consideration to forgive. The project was initiated to work towards equality and equity of womanhood.

The aim of the project is to make Vijayawada a women-friendly city in India. The focus is on empowerment and dignity for women by building strong network with various stakeholders especially Vijayawada City Police and communities. The goal is to make places (home, work and public) safe for women and girls and to develop youth in academic institutions gender friendly.

The program is being implemented in Vijayawada city for three years starting from financial year 2017-18 as first phase. The two consecutive financial years will continue with exit strategies for sustainability. Women were trained to work in collaboration with police to make community and institutions sensitive towards women issues. By the end of three years, March 2020, Vijayawada will become a women friendly city with gender inclusivity through involvement of various stakeholders, government, community and academic institutions playing a vital role in imbibing values in younger generation as a sustainable and replicable model in the country.

Training around 229 Mahila Mitra members, mapping of the problematic areas at 20 Police Stations Levels was done.





Round Table Meeting was conducted on promoting school safety and digital safety for children and discussed on various issues of women such as domestic violence, sexual abuse of girls, sexual harassment at workplace and cybercrime. For convergence and better coordination

of services, we also involved representatives from Police department, Government Education Department, Schools, Colleges and staff from VMM with 275 representatives. The guests Smt.SudhaMurali, Child Protection Specialist & Former UNICEF Officer, Sri. Goutham Sawang, Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada and Smt. Chennupati Vidya, President, VMM delivered their valuable messages on women issues and how to coordinate to achieve the goal.

Awareness on rights and responsibilities of women were created through street plays like Burra Katha. About 3000 people in various communities were covered. The MahilaMitra members in each village hamlet, colony and group of apartments formed support groups with 2000 women to create awareness on 4th Lion App, crisis management, contacts during emergency etc.

Counseling sessions to 1108 girls in 3 Government Colleges were conducted. Girls and women learned self-defense techniques. Age-specific life skills education was given to 460 students for girls and boys. We had conducted counseling sessions to 1073 boys and 548 girls in 5 colleges and 5 schools in Vijayawada city. To improve their understanding, drawing competitions in 20 government high schools for 1016 boys and girls were conducted.

VMM collaborated with MEPMA (Mission for Elimination of Poverty in urban areas) under Department of Urban Development for inclusion of gender in their trainings and made them aware of safe cities for women. We motivated them to involve the women groups in this mission. We organized meetings with self-help group members and about 1040 women from below poverty line participated and received training on gender, gender based violence, sexual harassment. Later, they decided to help MahilaMitra members in their respective areas to support women in crisis in the city.



VMM have installed the Solar Energy system in VMM compound with 36 kWp and inaugurated on 7th March, 2018 by the Honorable Minister of Irrigation Sri. Devineni Uma maheswara Rao in the presence of MLA, representatives from HCL and the members of VMM.

VMM also conducted seven counseling sessions for 428 eve teasers and their parents. The concerned police officers, MahilaMitra members and VMM staff conducted counseling sessions to them. 80% of them were students and the remaining were at work.

On the occasion of International Women's day, we organized a rally and a seminar with 6000 women. The issues of women and girls and boys was displayed and discussed.

On 14th March, 18, VMM organized a workshop for 86 MahilaMitra members on legal aspects of Sexual Harassment, Domestic Violence, Cyber and Digital Crime. On 23rd March, 2018, we trained 30 teachers from the schools and colleges about eve teasing, sexual harassment and violence against women in public places in Vijayawada city. MahilaMitra members conducted awareness meetings at slums, colonies and villages under twenty police stations of Vijayawada. On 24th March, 2018, we have organized a mass awareness meeting at Vuyyuru on MahilaMitra for around 700 support group members from East Zone of Vijayawada City Police.



#	Activity	Target Group	Reach
1.1	Police station (PS) level monthly meeting	MahilaMitra Coordinators, M M Members and Facilitators	1352
1.2	Division review meeting of MahilaMitra	Police Inspectors, MahilaMitra Coordinators, MM Members	122
1.3	Core team review meetings at Vijayawada Police Commissionrate	Commissioner of Police, ACPs, Inspectors	48
1.4	Mapping of the issues at each PS Level 20 PS	MahilaMitra members, Coordinators and facilitators	221
1.5	Training to MahilaMitra members, coordinators and station officers	MahilaMitra members, Coordinators and facilitators	315
1.6	Round Table Meetings on various issues of women	Police Officers, Stakeholers and service providers	338
1.7	Awareness at Community	Community members	6031
1.8	Support Groups	Community members	2013
1.9	VMM will collaborate with MEPMA	Self Help Group members	1040
1.1	VMM collaborate with women and child development department	Anganwadi Supervisors, Teachers and Ayas	360
1.11	Counseling of Eve teasers and their parents	Eve teasers	428
2.1	ToT for teachers from government managed and government aided schools and colleges	Teachers/Lecturers from high schools and colleges	30
2.4	Age specific life skills to students	Students in High Schools and Colleges	467
2.5	Counseling of boys	Boys in High Schools and Colleges	1073
2.6	Counseling sessions for girls in colleges	Girls in High Schools and Colleges	108
2.7	Parents meeting	High Schools and College students parents	3850
2.8	Cultural events at government schools	Students in High schools	1016
2.1	Crisis mitigation	Community members	816
2.11	Residential educational institutions	Government Residential Institution students	578
Total			20206

Community Led Action Programme with Police (CLAPP) in Vijayawada

Community led project was initiated by Sri. GautamSawang, IPS, Commissioner of Police Vijayawada and Mrs. ChennupatiVidya, Former Member of Parliament and President VasavyaMahilaMandali on 24 January 2017.

Three focal areas were,



- Enhance community participation in planning and effective implementation of the response systems by the police through community-police partnership.
- Bring a positive shift in the mindset and attitudes of community so they are able to take a stand on the issues of sexual harassment and seek support of the law enforcement agency.
- Bring a positive shift in the mindset and attitudes of the police personnel towards violence against women. Bring a change in responding to complaints of sexual harassment and prevent incidents.

To achieve the goals of the project a meeting with Commissioner of Police and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada was organized to finalize the list of police stations under CLAPP and identification of MahilaMitra Coordinators, MahilaRakshaks and MahilaMitra Members. The list of 6 police stations in Central and North zones of Vijayawada for CLAPP programme (Nunna, Singh Nagar, SatyanarayanaPuram, Machavaram, Patamata and Penamaluru). Finalized the list of 2 MahilaMitra Coordinators, 1 MahilaRakshak, and 4 MahilaMitra Members from each Police station, a total of 42 members' team under 6 police stations were identified.

Four-day internalization workshop by PCVC was done. From 22nd to 25th January, 2018 a workshop on orientation of team on CLAPP model, gender, gender identities, gender and media, Gender Based Violence and inequalities, gender power and violence sexual harassment in public places and 42 people took part.

Prepared mobility maps in six police stations to identify the public places where men/women only can go to identify the issues under Scanning. Preliminary meetings with Inspectors, Station House Officers and MahilaMitra members to identify various issues were conducted.

At police station, the writer and Station House Officer explained the systems of different cases to the members and explained from recording FIR to the proceedings of the case in court.

The CLAPP team interacted with two victims of sexual harassment in public places and got the information of the place, time, persons and feeling of family members and the response and support extended by the police. After interaction with the victims, the team met the concerned police officers and got the information of action taken and followed up. The police were also active in solving the issues; and to support the victims to lead happy life. The Team understood the process of collecting the data from the victims and the support from police department.

Movie “Aa” was screened to 105 MahilaMitra Members to sensitize them on the issue of sexual harassment and violence against women. A legal workshop for 85 MahilaMitra Members under 6 Police stations to bring awareness on violence against women was conducted.

VMM as Social Development Support NGO for Amaravati Sustainable Capital City Development Project



VMM is social development support NGO for the World Bank for “Amaravati sustainable capital city development project (ASCCDP)” with the objective “to build selected urban infrastructure in identified parts of Amaravati city and enhance capacity of its urban governance institutions”. It is focused on basic urban and pro-poor infrastructure, sustainable (‘green’) urban investments and technical assistance in Amaravati capital city area. The project commenced on 13th November 2017. VMM continues to hear the voices of project affected people (PAP). World Bank supported three components: basic urban and pro poor infrastructure, sustainable (‘green’) urban investments focused on flood mitigation works and technical assistance.

A study on Assessment of Impact on Agricultural Labor and Implementation of Benefits packages

Vasavya Mahila Mandali conducted a study on “*Assessment of Impact on Agricultural Labor and Implementation of Benefits packages*” in 25 Villages of Amravati with the

support of World Bank. The study was conducted by gathering information through qualitative research methods such as focused group discussions with labourers, key informant interviews with farmers, village officers and documented the case stories. VMM collected data from vulnerable groups from 25 villages. The key activities were,



- Conducted FGDs in the timings that are suitable to the laborers near their neighborhood
- FGDs were conducted at workplaces to collect data.
- Confidentiality was maintained while taking case studies and consent was taken

Conducted 33 focus group discussions with 378 persons in 25 Villages. 42 Key informant interviews with Village secretaries, Sarpanches and MPTC were done. The study period was from 22nd December 2017 to 25th January 2018.

YuvaMithra Project

YUVA means Youth and MITHRA means friend. As the name suggests, project deals with 900 youth between 18-22 years. Gender Based Violence can be resolved only by a “FRIEND” who can understand the feelings and emotions of the youth and address them with innovation and sustenance.

“To Empower Youth to combat Gender Based Violence (GBV) by improving sensitivity in individuals towards opposite gender, facilitating change in individual’s attitudes and encouraging Youth in volunteering for mitigating GBV by becoming a YUVA MITHRA”

Modules were being developed by Girl Rising India and Ms.AmitaVyas from U.S Washington University. List of colleges at three sites namely Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad were finalized and initial interaction with college management at four colleges in Bhubaneswar and two colleges in Visakhapatnam was completed. Global World Public Health graduate students from U.S will be included in the team for workshops which will be conducted for youth in India. Detailed work plan is being developed along with the timelines. Mapping of colleges along with radius of reach has been drafted. Teams are developed at each level to deliver the proposed project activities. The content for App will be

developed along with the module. Timelines were developed to conduct trainings in three cities.

At Visakhapatnam, our partner REWARD organization identified colleges. With the suggestion from the U.S. Consulate, LaakapalliBullayya College was included and focused was given for colleges with students from lower and middle income communities. Similarly, at Bhubaneswar VMM team has visited and interacted with partner COIGN (Technical Partner), REWARD (NGO partner). It identified volunteers in helping to implement project. This project is now in initial stages of implementation and the ground work has been completed.

“Touching emotions with home”

Mrs. MekaMalathi, 60, resident of Nowluru village, Amaravathi, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh and is one of the Project Affected People under road no: E.14. They lived in Putta area, their house was constructed 40 years ago in 400 Square yards. Her husband Mr. Krishnarao Naidu worked for 7 years in Army and later he worked in “Parry Company”. He died three years ago. She has three daughters and one son. All the children are married and settled. She told that she lost 137 square yards of house site in the road construction. The road passes main house and cut the house site from North West to



South East in triangular shape. She said that the remaining house and site is not useful for them. As she told emotionally “we are the first people to construct the house in the area and now we are forced to give our house along with others for the road.” She got a package for house and land cost and the total amount received was INR. 3,05,292 along with developed plot of 137 square yards at R& R colony, Nowluru R.S No. 69-2 through lottery system. She was sad to loose her old house but happy with the new plot and remuneration for her lost land.

Priyadarshini Working Women’s Hostel

VasavyaMahilaMandali started the Priyadarshini Working Women’s Hostel during the year 1985 for providing safe and protected shelter to the working women and girl students in Vijayawada. The programme/hostel is maintained by the revenue generated from the inmates for providing boarding, lodging and other services in the hostel.

The Priyadarshini working women's hostel is self-sustained unit with 52 single, double and multiple sharing rooms to accommodate 125 working women and girl students.

The breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided to the inmates and the lunch boxes are being arranged to the inmates at early hours of the day for those who are going for work or colleges. We also provide recreation, reading room and outdoor games facilities in the campus. Round the clock, security is provided by professional security services personnel with CC cameras.

To promote education among the adolescents, VMM provides short stay services at Priyadarshini for girls appearing for entrance examination for technical and professional courses. During the year a total of 72 students utilized the services of our hostel and felt happy.

Total Reach:

- The total number of inmates in this year is 172
- During the year, 100 Women Employees utilized the services and stayed in our hostel
- 72 students were placed in the hostel during their short and long term courses. We also provided recreation facilities in the campus.

During the year, we have improved all the rooms of the inmates with white wash both inside and outside. All the iron cupboards that were provided to the inmates in the rooms for keeping their belongings were also painted.

ODF (Open Defecation Free) Verification in Guntur District

The Government of Andhra Pradesh established an exclusive Swachha Bharat Corporation for implementation of Swachha Bharat Programme to do 100% coverage of all households with individual household toilets, community toilets, institutional toilets and public toilets. Hygiene of village roads, environmental improvement, solid waste management, village drainage were the components for making the State a Swachha Andhra by 2019.

VMM, an empaneled NGO, conducted ODF villages verification in 411 villages from 05th September to 19th September 2017 in Guntur district with support of Swachha Andhra Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Sanitation in the Villages: Out of 411 villages more than 72% households are having toilets inside the house, whereas only .047% is using common / public toilets. Nearly 2.3 % did not have toilets. Only 27% use toilets.

Awareness of SBM: About 85% of the households reported that they are aware of Swatcha Bharat Mission through IEC activities. Over 64% of the households reported to be practicing hand wash before meals and after defecation. About 29% were not interested to share the information whereas only 7% did not have the habit of using soap before meal or after defecation. Soap and water were available nearer to the toilet in about 60 % of the households.

Status in Anganwadis: Less than 50% of AWCs had toilets. 37.38% of centers had toilets.

Status of SBM in Schools & Colleges: About 90 % of the Schools were co-education with functional toilets. Separate toilets existed in 71 % of the schools. On an average, there were 25-30 students per seat. Water facility was available in 81 % of the toilets. About 72% of the school toilets appeared to be clean and in-regular use with provision of water either inside or nearby. About 28% were poorly maintained.

Home for aged women: VMM is supporting 30 aged women at Gosala with basic needs, food, shelter and clothing and medication, as the grannies are too old majority of them face health problems. The aged persons are highly traumatized in situations, they need continuous counseling, depression and loneliness are key issues, there were addressed through counseling and group



discussions on topics related to them, which everyone can share their view, which builds confidence among the aged that their words are taken into consideration.

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