

ANNUAL REPORT



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Uttar Pradesh 201301*

Basera Samajik Sansthan-(BSS),

As the first MSM/TG/HIJRA Community Based Organization in Gautam Buddha Nagar, we are pleased to present this report. This report states the work that we and our partners (INDIA HIV/AIDS ALLIANCE and MAMTA-HIMC) have undertaken to address MSM, TGs and Hijra sexual health, welfare, and human rights concerns in our District.

Sexuality and sexual health being taboo subjects in our society, have resulted in the naïve and rusted ity. The sexuality which remained hidden from the past thousands of years resulted in vague expressions and somehow ignorance resulted in pandemic situations. The shackles and constraints of the subject being taboo worsened the condition. Being part of the community, it was always there in our mind to help address those who were suffering from the deadly diseases, who sacrificed their lives for a noble cause, who were exploited because of their sexuality. These ideas paved way & got structural realization with the registration of our work as BSS Trust in the year 2006.

HIV/AIDS intervention program has been running all over the country with different objectives, philosophy, ideology and designs with a general idea of educating different target groups, involved in high-risk behaviors, for HIV/AIDS, MSM/TGs/HIJRA being one of them. MSM/TGs/HIJRA are the most underprivileged and disempowered section of the society, unrecognized by the mainstream because of their indifferent behavior and sexual preferences.

BSS- A BREIF HISTORY

Basera Samajik Sansthan is a community-based organization with its registered number 914 under Uttar Pradesh NGO Registry ACT. Founded in 2006, Basera Samajik Sansthan is a non-governmental organization operating its intervention in Delhi NCR and Noida to support sustained responses to HIV in India that protect rights and improve health. Complementing the Indian national programme, we build the capacity of LGBT communities. Forced to the margins of our society are the people bearing the brunt of the epidemic: Sex workers. Men who have sex with men (MSM). Transgenders and hijras. Vulnerable youth and women. People living with HIV (PLHIV).

The organization focuses on protecting and expanding the rights of LGBTQ Individuals, most notably advocating for Transgender rights, anti-discrimination and hate crimes legislation, Documenting and reporting on Gender Base Violence and HIV/AIDS advocacy. BSS strongly believes in supporting LGBTQ people to thrive and live with dignity.

Basera Samajik Sansthan has been implementing various projects with support from Civil society organizations such as India HIV/AIDS Alliance, The Hum Safar Trust, and MAMTA. (AINWS) All India Sex workers Network & NATTKHA, BSS has been also associated with Asia Pacific Transgender Network, Integrated Network of Sexual Minority (INFOSEM),

Some of the long-term projects that we implemented are Pehchan, Wajood, and Prayas supported by Alliance India <http://www.allianceindia.org/> and CONNECT Project by the Humsafar trust.

<https://humsafar.org> We have also implemented a project supported by Asia Pacific Transgender Network <https://weareaptn.org/> for recent COVID pandemic support to Transgender people in 2020.

Mission & Vision Statement

Core Values: - Determination Benevolence Hard-work Love Believe

Mission: - Empowering transgender and Hijra's through education, vocational training, and employment.

Vision: - Creating a country where we all live in peace, harmony, fraternity, respect, and integrity without any fear of marginalization.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To mentor and provide guidance to the children confused with their gender identities.
- ❖ To teach the people more about gender identities.
- ❖ To make people aware about the STIs, HIV and sexual health.
- ❖ To Focus on protecting and expanding the rights of LGBTQ Individuals, notably advocating for Transgender rights, anti-discrimination.
- ❖ To provide counsel to the families and the children.
- ❖ To help the youth in gaining employment opportunities by the needbased trainings, professional skills in getting instant employability.
- ❖ To provide crisis mitigation.
- ❖ To help people with legal Aid.
- ❖ To provide scholarships to deserving students.
- ❖ Provide support for social entitlement to marginalized communities.
- ❖ Training upcoming students as volunteers and interns to be industry ready.
- ❖ To help LGBTQ get benefits from governmental schemes.
- ❖ To accelerate leadership qualities from transgender community & Formation of SHG (Self Help Group) form the community for the betterment and the welfare of the marginalized communities.
- ❖ • Helping LGBTQ community to get micro finances to start their own venture or get loan.

Targeted groups

Since 2011 BSS working with MSM & TGs/ Hijra at Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida & Now in Delhi and other parts of Delhi- NCR with consolidating its field presence & has extensive support from the community

BSS worked with the group (Support group, hotspot group & Volunteer group, etc) because:

- Hijra/ TGs (transgender)/ transvestites & MSM & their partners, both male & female, are most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS not only because they practiced high risk behavior but also because they are illiterate and ignorant.
- They are overlooked by the current HIV/AIDS prevention strategy appropriate messages on HIV/AIDS prevention specific to their life situation does not reach them.
- They do not access health services especially for sexual health problems due to shame, fear, discrimination, traumatic violence etc.
- Condoms and other health services are not easily accessible to them.
- Most of the times the need to earn living is more important than safer sex practices

Thus, BSS has chosen to promote sexual health seeking behavior by increasing access to HIV/AIDS/STD prevention & care information & services, promote informed choices leading to safer sexual practice and create a safe and open environment to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission amongst MSM in Delhi by the help & support of MTH community.

AREAS INTERVENED BY BSS

BSS had established intervention norms in various areas of Gautam Buddha Nagar. Now BSS is active not only in Gautam Buddha Nagar but also in Delhi NCR region (Delhi, Noida, Gr. Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad) with the support of India HIV/AIDS Alliance, MAMTA-HIMC and DSACS. The areas are designated as per the following plan:

DETAILS OF POPULATION COVERED

- Kothi
- MSM
- Panthi
- Bi- Sexual
- Gay
- Double Decker
- Transgender/ Trans Community
- Hijra

Previous Projects

1. "WAJOOD"- Project:

Strengthening community-led responses to mitigate violence and support empowerment as a strategy to enhance access to sexual health.

Wajood, based on learning from Pehchan, is a ground-breaking rights-based program that strengthens the capacity of community-based organizations to provide effective, inclusive, and sustainable HIV prevention programming for transgender and hijras. Incidentally, Wajood also meaning 'identity' or 'pride' in Hindi and Urdu, Funded by Amplify Change, Wajood focuses on enhancing access to sexual health, mitigating violence, and providing linkages to social welfare and entitlement schemes for the transgender and hijra community. Presently, the project is being implemented in five Indian states, namely Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. Wajood aims to reach 6,000 transgenders and hijras in two years, from November 2015 to October 2017. Now wajood project extend till 31st Oct 2021. India HIV/AIDS Alliance is implementing this project in partnership with Basera Samajik Sansthan, Sangama and Lakshya Trust partners.

Wajood works towards mitigating gender-based violence, challenging stigma and discrimination, and advocating for community-friendly laws and policies. This is done by strengthening community-led organizations and systems and expanding access to quality sexual health services. The project also focuses on improving awareness and reporting on gender-based and sexual violence against transgenders/ hijras by building the capacities of Crisis Response Teams to mitigate and prevent such violence.

Baseras' work areas and experiences within WAJOOD Project---

1. Client Registration: We achieved the target 1600 clients and then as per need of working geographical area updated target given by the supporting Organization which is also achieved successfully after a lot of efforts at grassroots level by the Community Mobilizer and volunteers and AOC, preplanning/strategies, support by India HIV/AIDS Alliance and Samarth Delhi Clinic.
2. Sexual Health Services: Target achieved as we have registered client strategies through HIV and STI Testing for Registration a new Client after counseling, BCC in Govt. Clinics and Delhi Samarth Clinic.
3. Crisis Mitigation: 90% cases resolved within 48 hours by the CRT team which is a big achievement due to enrolment of active CRT members and Wajood Staff.
4. Social Entitlement and Social Welfare:
 - a. In DSLSA, TGs and Hijra worked within Delhi Traffic Discipline Campaign that gave honorarium to the community. Due to this a huge community attracted towards Wajood Project for fame as RED FM Radio broadcasting channel invited the community that was working in this campaign and many more print media interviewed the community with the NALSA Judgment point of view.
 - b. In DSLSA, one out of three community members is now working after interview as selected that referred by Basera Wajood team. This employment case for community empowerment is a big

achievement for us and those who really want to upgrade their lifestyle, interested to be a working person.

- c. Social Entitlement camp not organized and the reasons behind it are: First, Coordination with Social Entitlement Department, Government Rules, Regulation and Permissions; Second, Community ID's updates requires affidavit, rent agreement and other legal doc(s) for which money and time for each individual is essential that no one interested to paid for himself. Third, there is not any kind of Social Housing Scheme launched by the Government.
 - d. Sensitization Meeting with Health care Providers: Good Achievement gradually as we have wide geographical area in which many more Govt Hospitals exist that required 33 sensitization (1-1 and group) meeting.
5. Sensitization Meeting with POLICE/ Media/ Lawyers etc.: Excellent achievement gradually as we have wide geographical area in which many more Govt authorities/Departments (police/ Media/ Lawyers/Political Leaders/School etc.) exist that required 25 sensitization (1-1 and group) meeting.
 6. Agent of change: Over achievement due to good efforts of our Basera Wajood Team that have a great impact on Community members who really wants to be a part of Wajood Project as a AOC. Wajood Services provided by us by the cooperation of AOC (networking with the Derra gurus/ Community Linkages/Sexual Health Services and networking of Basera Wajood).
 7. Volunteers: Target not achieved well due to a wide working area and promoted volunteers to make an AOC and Basera Wajood focused more on registration of New Clients and other services.
 8. Follow-Up Services: As we have achieved our target through the factors of Sexual Health Services, Crisis Mitigation, DIC, Hotspot Meeting, Support group Meeting, Health Camp, BCC etc.
 9. Health Camp: Camp organized well within time and money.
 10. No. Of life skills Education Camp: Edacity of community towards easy earnings i.e. Sex Work, Toli badhai-Mangti (bagging) is a big issue for us after a lot of counseling to improve community's Life skill. Basera WAJOOD approached to DSP Delhi Police Amjad Khan for free Education Campaign but Community not interested for it and same response given by the community in case of Ramjas College Ennactus, Ola Cab , Uber Cab, Security Guard Company employment, etc. A few community members shows there interest but after sometime they withdrawn due to their reasons.
 11. Behavior change Communication: The wide geographical area has a lot of travelling time requires and expenses also not provided as per need. Second, New client registration increased our Client Load that have a negative impact to give BCC services.
 12. No. Of TGH cases published in Media: Media support due to sensitization and advocacy helped a lot in Wajood Project as our work and efforts for change in Society.
 13. PLHIV Client: We didn't achieve PLHIV target rather than we have a good New Client Registration after all efforts i.e. BCC, condom Promotion, good networking within Community. It is an excellent result for our community.

14. ART Linkages: out of PLHIV achieved 1 is died as we found at the last stage, 2 are on migrant from our geographical area, 1 is not ready to accept PLHIV and Basera Wajood is in touch with BCC to link him/her with ART and other CSC linkages.
15. Support Group Meeting: Due to a good experience in support group activities, Basera Wajood created these groups at the starting of the Project which requires on the grassroots (for community networking and other reasons) rather than this service came into exist later in Wajood Project. Wide geographical area forced us to make more Support group as essential.
16. Hot Spot meeting/Community Sabha: Excellent achievement due to wide geographical area coverage we have eight site(s) for Hotspot meeting and lots of community deras, timing and community categories are also a big factor for hot spot meeting.

2. COVID RELIEF FUND-APTIN (AISA PACIFIC TRANSGEDER NETWORK):

1. In March 2020, the COVID -19 pandemic which affected countries globally had posed significant challenges for trans-led and trans-inclusive organizations to continue and implement programs and Projects for gender diverse movement in India.
2. The Asia Pacific Transgender Network along with AIDSFOND HAD BEEN Closely Monitoring the development of COVID 19 and thinking about its impact on Communities for its critical work that it does. Several surveys were sent to see the impact for its services. Based on the findings Asia Pacific Transgender Network APTN launched the COVID 19 response framework with a focus on 5 key areas: Advocacy, Leadership building, Health, Strategic information, and Relief support to partners and communities.
3. In May 2020 AIDSFONDS launched the COVID-19 response fund for its current partners to help mitigate the impact of COVID 019 from people living with or vulnerable to HIV. The CRF grant was in line with APTNs COVID-19 approved of the CRF grant. In July 2020 APTN awarded this initiative to Basera Samajik Sansthan to support the impacted communities in India. The aim of this fund was to ensure localized advocacy materials highlighting the needs/ challenges and experiences of human rights violation among vulnerable Trans Community and PLHIV communities.

3. "PRAYAS"- Project:

PrEP preparedness for transgender in India With the objective to increase awareness and access to Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for transgender and hijra communities as a service within combination prevention, Prayas(meaning attempt) project was implemented in November 2016 till December 2018. The project is supported by ViiV Health Care Foundation and implemented in six states with local partners – Shaan Foundation in Punjab, Lakshya Trust in Gujarat, Alliance Hyderabad in Telangana, Sangama in Karnataka, Amitie Trust in West Bengal, and Basera Samaji Sansthan in Delhi. The project also emphasizes building the capacities of the TGH community to advocate for PrEP as part of the service delivery package of the HIV prevention programme of the government of India. To accomplish this, the project made efforts to influence the government to develop and formulate policies to adopt the WHO recommendation of PrEP in the context of Test and Treat to reach the global goal of 90-90-90.

Project Highlights 12 ‘PrEP Champions’ across six states continue to mobilize and educate the communities through community meetings, group meetings, and sharing knowledge of PrEP. Prayas successfully created the only evidence available to understand the perspective of the transgender community about the use of PrEP in India. The baseline and end-line study capture the perspectives of transgender women on PrEP as well as that of health care providers and stakeholders.

4. **“PEHCHAN”- PROJECT:**

Strengthening capacity in MSM, transgender and hijra communities to improve HIV prevention impact. Named for the Hindi word meaning ‘identity,’ ‘recognition’ or ‘acknowledgement,’ the Pehchan program strengthens and builds the capacity of 200 community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide effective, inclusive, and sustainable HIV prevention programming in 17 states in India for more than 450,000 men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender and hijras (collectively, MTH). Pehchan is funded by the Global Fund and remains their largest single-country grant to date focused on the HIV response for vulnerable and underserved sexual minorities. Along with Alliance India, the Pehchan consortium includes the Humsafar Trust, Pehchan North Region Office, SAATHII, Sangama, Alliance India Andhra Pradesh, and SIAAP.

Pehchan is a rare example of a Community Systems Strengthening program working at a national scale. It provides organizational development, technical and capacity building support to new and existing CBOs working with MTH communities. Using a rights-based approach, the program develops CBOs to serve as implementing partners with the National AIDS Control Programme’s Targeted Interventions (TIs) that provide HIV prevention services to high-risk groups. By helping build strong CBOs, Pehchan addresses capacity gaps that often prevent them from receiving government funding.

Through PEHCHAN, Basera have attempted to optimize the connexions between SRH and HIV services ensuring holistic well-being of key population. Basera Samajik Sansthan has a clear stand on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR), particularly when it comes to key populations (KPs) that are most affected by HIV. We strengthen the sexual and reproductive health and rights of people with HIV (PLHIV), men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender, etc. We ensure holistic services in a stigma free and enabling environment. We are committed to make sexual and reproductive health and social rights for these groups a priority through rights-based and participatory initiatives.

PEHCHAN Project Services:

- Drop-In Centre (DIC), Community events, Community Mobilization Meeting
- Referral and stakeholder mapping
- Linkages to medical facilities and service providers
- Linkages to government schemes, nutrition, and welfare program
- Sensitization meetings with stakeholders

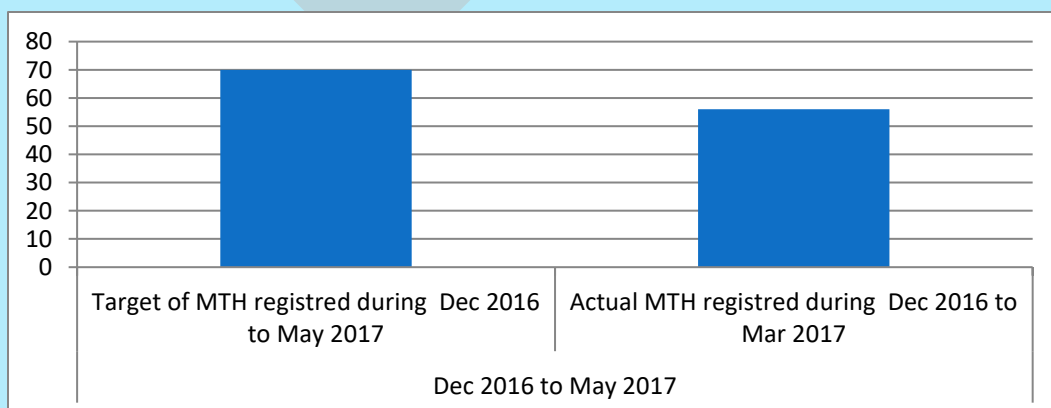
- Advocacy for the dignity and rights of MSM, TG and their female partners in the health sector to avail SRH services without any stigma and discrimination.
- ICTC Referrals/Testing, STI Referrals/Testing, TB Referrals & Testing
- ART Referrals, CSC & PLHIV Linkages
- Counseling, Advocacy, Social Entitlement
- CRT (Crisis Response Team)
- Support Group Meeting

5. “Sabrang Mobile App”- Project-

Dr Sunil Mehra, who started MAMTA HIMC after witnessing the dismal state of mother and child healthcare in a slum near his house, moved by their state, he disbanded a thriving private practice and began clinical interventions within the slum community. In more than 25 years of its existence, MAMTA has adopted the life-cycle approach towards maternal and child health and its goal is to provide equity, and quality health for the marginalized, especially women and children. Continued collaborations with international organizations encouraged MAMTA to work with the community and create participatory models of running its programs. Today, MAMTA’s projects and initiatives run exceedingly successful yet its true actualization is because, MAMTA mobilizes community, strengthens health systems, networks and conducts policy level advocacy in close partnership with the government and public health systems, civil societies, academic institutions, corporate sector and community at large.

We are pleased to announce that our partner organization MAMTA Health Institute for Mother & Child has been shortlisted for the prestigious mBillionth South Asia Awards 2017 for its SABRANG app. These awards are given every year to recognize and honor excellence in mobile communications across South Asia. SABRANG mobile App based project is for MTH community to trace the community to get the statistical data related to the community Education background status, safe sex education status, online Health related free consultancy services and sexual health centre located over the online Google Map. This project helped a lot to educated community that registered with the mobile number with their smart phone to know the information and to resolve their queries any time without hesitation.

SabRang Mobile App. Target and achievement



6. “CONNECT”- Project:-

Network of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in India responds to health and human rights of Sexual Minorities the Humsafar Trust (HST); an LGBTQ Community Based Organization (CBO) based in Mumbai, was selected through a competitive process and awarded PROJECT CONNECT for India funded by AMPLIFY CHANGE. The overall objectives of the project include setting up of a secretariat in Delhi and build capacities of the communities for effective delivery of Advocacy initiatives.

The initiatives include setting up of LOK PANCHAYATS (Peoples forum) and invite various stakeholders to share community concerns and disseminate findings. It will also aim at identifying community leaders in 18 states and arrange monthly meetings with Parliamentary forums to address their concerns and give updates to the secretariat. The five regional boards will implement the defined activities in 18 states. Research will conduct a literature review/assessment of all research on Sexual minority issues that exists in the country and documentation of the oral history of sexual minorities, MSM and TG living with HIV in the country will be undertaken. The project will aim to improve information dissemination and strengthen community participation in enhancing knowledge and access to health and human rights issues.

The project activities will focus on creating visibility of a National Network at regional and national level through strengthening community participation and creating online database of policy documents, reports, papers, and advocacy tools to increase accessibility of information to a wider audience. The project will strengthen a national network website, set up an E-Resource Centre.

BSS has organized many events and have been part of several as well, this year BSS not only organized two community events for their group members where fifty percentage of target group participated but also be part of many others like one year celebrating living with homosexuality legally etc.

Current Projects

Basera implemented “WAJOOD” Project in Delhi NCR with support of Alliance India as an implementing partner for the duration April 2021 to March 2022.

Wajood Project (Implementing Partner of Alliance India)

April 2021 to March 2022

Category	Number of Client
Total Registration Total Registration Transgender/Hijra's	740
New ICTC Test	724
Repeat ICTC Test	556
PLHIV New Client	15
PLHIV New Client Registered-ART	12
BCC Session DURING-New	724
BCC Session -Repeat	556
Social Welfare	131
Social Entitlement	10
DIC Events	22
Sensitization meetings	10
Health Camps	12
Support Group Meetings	22

As well implementing the current project BSS focused in implementing the Community specific events to sensitize the community how to overcome the challenges faced by the time of covid-19,

Particularly after witnessing (COVID-19) outbreak, BSS ensure to create significant response mechanism for the structural change and employment generation to the low-income groups and the Trans Community in Delhi NCR. & Uttar Pradesh for the betterment of the societies.

Community Strengthening Activities Supported by “HAMSAFAR TRUST”



Skill Development linkages of Community with support of NIIT and Connecting Dream Foundation.

Since and then Covid-19 situation we all know the challenges facing by the trans-community regarding the job opportunities, income come sources in the society along with the support of training “NIIT” and Connecting Dreams Foundation the need based beneficiaries identified and provided training for 39 Trans community members.



Provided Employment to Transgender/Hijra's Community.

As a part of the community for Livelihood & training activities for self-sustainable and income generation Program BSS Consulted the private ltd companies for the providing job opportunities, "Red Cliff Labs" has provided necessary training to the trans community and provided job opportunities in their company.



HINDUSTHAN TIMES media link: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/noida-news/four-transgender-persons-hit-by-pandemic-bag-jobs-in-noida-101648927580016.html>

Trans Empowerment program with the support of SDM office New Delhi



Distribute Ration kits to Transgender/Hijra's community with the support of INDIA TV, "Jeevan Stambh" NGO, Laxmi Narayan Tripathi ji and other Individuals during Covid 2 wave.





Massive thanks and immense gratitude to all the one who have supported us to provide the need based support in distributing the ration kits to Community Members and successfully completing the generous benefactors.



Covid Vaccination camps of Transgender and Hijras Community with the support of Seeds India and Social welfare Department Gautam Budh Nagar.



Women's day Celebration 2022.

While the whole world is in the celebrations of women's day 2022, BSS is been invited as special representation from the Trans Community for the special programme organized by the "Big FM RADIO"



75th Independence Day celebration in Rajdhani College with DLSA south.



Finance Audit Report 2021-2022

**Basera Samajik Sansthan
C-45 Sector-9, Noida (U.P.)**

Income & Expenditure Account for the Period ended on 31.03.2022		
Particulars	2021-22	2020-21
I. INCOME		
Grant Income		9,89,995
Interest Income	-	4,567
Donation	2,492	4,15,405
	37,495	
TOTAL	39,987	14,09,967
II. EXPENDITURE		
FC Section		
APTN and Wajood Project		
Programme Expnses	[1] -	6,57,856
Administrative Expenses	[2] -	1,66,690
Prayas Project Expenses	-	1,32,804
Indian Section		
Programme Expenses		
Infrastructure		-
Human Resources	27,500	-
Trainings	-	-
Administrative Expenses	28,054	-
Overheads		-
Planning and Administration	-	66,722
	60,701	-
Covind Relief Expenses	-	2,33,900
	-	62,519
TOTAL	1,16,255	13,20,491
III. EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	76,268	89,476

For & on behalf of:
Mukesh Prabhu & Co.
 Chartered Accountants
 ICAI Firm Registration No.: 017133C



CA. Mukesh Kumar, FCA
 Proprietor
 MM No. 418115

Place : New Delhi
 Date: 01-09-2022

For & on behalf of:
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Mr. Pradeep Singh
 President

Abbreviation and acronyms

BSS	Basera Samajik Sansthan
UPSACS	Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society
NACO	National AIDS Control Organization
STRC	State Training Resource Center
RMC	Regular Medical Check up
ICTC	Integrated Counseling and Testing Center
MTH	MSM, Transgender, Hijra
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
CBO	Community-based Organization
CC	Compliance Coordinator
CCM	Country Coordinating Mechanism
CMIS	Computerized Management Information System
CRF	Client Registration Form
DAPCU	District AIDS Prevention Control Unit
DIC	Drop-in-Centre
DOT	Directly Observed Treatment
DQA	Data Quality Audit
GFATM	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
LFA	Local Fund Agent
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MSM	Men who have Sex with Men
PFO	Pehchan Field Officer
PID	Personal Identification
PLHIV	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PM	Program Manager
PMU	Program Management Unit

PO	Program Officer
PR	Principal Recipient
QRG	Quick Reference Guide
Qtr.	Quarter
SACS	State AIDS Control Society
SC	State Coordinator
SR	Sub Recipient
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SSR	Sub-Sub-Recipient
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
STU	State Technical Unit
TA	Technical Assistance
TB	Tuberculosis
Tis	Targeted Interventions
TO	Training Officer
UID	Unique Identification Number
CM	Community Mobilizes
A. O	Advocacy officer
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MamtaHIMC	MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child