

# 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 from all walks of life 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 Statement**

- BSS empowers sexual minority groups who face problems due to their sexuality, by providing support that allows choice of safer sexual practices, sexual responsibility, and a life with dignity.
- BSS also encourages all men to live responsibly and with dignity, social justice and wellbeing and works towards securing rights where they are either denied or abridged.
- BSS coordinates & facilitate integrated sustainable community MSM/TGs/ Hijra community develop program through community participation.

## **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Since founded Basera Samajik Sansthan organization operating its intervention in Delhi NCR and Noida, for support and sustained responses to HIV in India that protect rights and improve health, implementing the Indian national programme, we build capacity of LGBT communities.

Vision of Basera Samajik Sansthan is dedicated to the building of healthy and empowered LGBT communities in Uttar Pradesh. Mission of Basera Samajik Sansthan is to work towards LGBT health and rights to promote sexual health seeking behavior of MSM/Queer community by increasing their access to sexual and reproductive health service and informed choices leading to safer sexual practices and there by reduced HIV transmission amongst MSM

- Create a safe and accessible environment for MSM/Queer community by empowering them with information on HIV/AIDS /STI prevention & health concerns leading to prevention of HIV/AIDS transmission.

## **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. "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

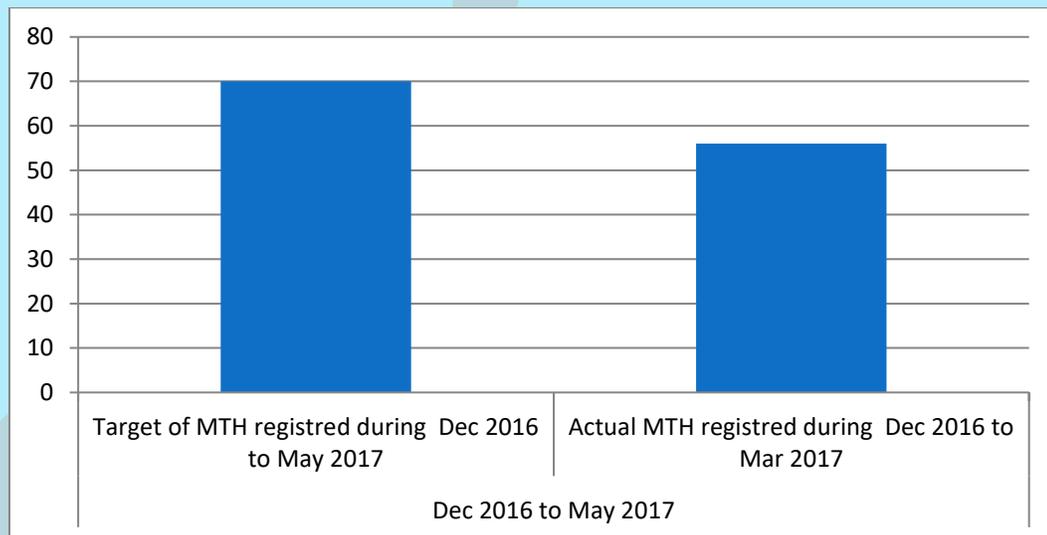
#### **2. "Sabrang Mobile App".- Project-**

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



### 3. "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:**

### **4. "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.*

### **"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 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021. IndiaHIV/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, Tolibadhahi-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.*

**Staff Detail**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Date of Joining</b>
1.	Rattan Singh	Project Director	Intermediate	07-02-2016
2.	Pradeep Singh	M&E cum Finance officer	Graduation	07-02-2016
3.	Rizwan Ansari/ Ramkali	Program Officer	10 <sup>th</sup> Pass	07-02-2016
4.	Sagar Kumar Jatav/Mona	Community Mobilizers	9 <sup>th</sup> Pass	01-08-2018
5.	Rohit/Ruhi	Community Mobilizers	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	01-03-2017
6.	Vikas/Visky	Community Mobilizers	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	01-08-2018
7.	Dhiraj Kumar Gupta/Dhani	Community mobilizer	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	01-04-2018
8.	Vikas Kumar/Mannat	Community mobilizer	Graduation	01-05-2019
9.	Suraj/Kajal	Community mobilizer	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	01-01-2019
10.	Barham Saran Dutt/Bobby	Community Mobilizer	12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	01-08-2018

**Registration during 2019-20**

<b>Registration during (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of Client</b>
1	Transgender	166
2	Hijra	44
<b>Total Registration</b>		<b>210</b>

### HIV Testing Data during 2019-20

#### **ICTC TESTING DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>New ICTC Test</b>	<b>Repeat ICTC Test</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>209</b>	<b>574</b>

#### **PLHIV Found DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>PLHIV New Client</b>	<b>Art Registered</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

#### **STI TESTING DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>New STI Test</b>	<b>Repeat STI Test</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>

#### **BCC Session DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>BCC New</b>	<b>Repeat BCC</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>209</b>	<b>574</b>

#### **Social Entitlement, Social Welfare DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Social Welfare</b>	<b>Social Entitlement</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>

#### **DIC Event DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>DIC Event</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>18</b>

#### **Sensitization And Health Camp DURING (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Sensitization meetings</b>	<b>Health Camp</b>
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

## **Staff Training Session(s)**

Basera in House training to HIV/ AIDS and STI and other issues (health, Social) under Wajood Project.



## **Basera's DIC Event**

Once in a month Basera Samajik Sansthan organized a skill development program for all staff & community members.



## **Hotspot Meeting**

Total 54 Hotspot Meeting Held in this Year April 2019 to December 2019



## **Support Group Meeting**

In this Year from April 2019 to December 2019 total 18 SGM conducted by Basera



**Community Sabha @Basera DIC on 23 June 2019**



**Diwali celebration & Gift distribution**



## Patiala House Court



## World TB Day -2019



## Awareness Program about PrEP



## Christmas Day celebration with slum children

With support of Guiding Soul (NGO) Basera Samajik Sansthan distribute some gifts on Christmas Day to slum's Kids.



## **Abbreviation and acronyms**

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

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