



**KARUNA MYTHRI POSITIVE
PEOPLE SERVICE SOCIETY**



Community Strength, HIV Awareness
జనసమైక్యత, బలం-హెచ్ఐవి తో అవగాహన

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024





We are delighted to share our annual report for 2023-24 that captures the 19th year of Karuna Mythri Positive People Service Society (KMPPSS). As a community-based organization (CBO), it has been a personal and emotional journey for us, filled with joy and pride at having overcome many challenges and becoming more resilient along the way.



Mr. Ravinder Kondra

President, KMPSS

India has come a long way in its HIV services response since the detection of first HIV case in 1986. The collectivization of the People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) community through the formation of district level networks, state level networks and the national network, supported by the Government, NGOs and the international agencies, has played a significant role in creating an enabling environment for the PLHIV community throughout the country. The recent legislation 'The HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 is an important constitutional commitment, protecting our human rights and dignity legally.

The initiation of the Vihaan Care and Support Centre (CSC) Programme in 2013, supported by the Global Fund and executed by the PLHIV networks, is a national initiative aimed at providing holistic services to improving the survival rate and quality of life of the PLHIV. As a district level network, KMPPSS has been successfully implementing the Vihaan CSC project in Warangal district since 2013. Throughout our journey, we have been focused on empowering the PLHIV community by building on their leadership and advocacy skills and enhancing their knowledge of legal aspects and constitutional rights. The non-health needs of our community and their family members have also been our priority.

In the last 2 decades, we have received immense support from the State AIDS Control Society (SACS), initially of Andhra Pradesh and later of Telangana. With support of SACS and with effective collaboration with the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), other district authorities, health care providers and NGOs, we have been able to ensure that the community receive varied services in a stigma free environment. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, stakeholders, partners, volunteers and media for their support; our accomplishments would not have been possible without their generous support.

Organizational Overview:

KMPSS is a non-governmental organization working for the rights, health and socio-economic well-being of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in Warangal district of Telangana. The idea of KMPSS was conceived in 2005, when a group of 14 PLHIV came together with the intent of addressing the stigma and discrimination faced by the community in Warangal district. Driven by our own experiences of having faced stigma and struggled through the challenges of living with HIV, we shared the goal of providing a better quality of life for the PLHIV community by creating a sense of belonging and togetherness. To amplify the voices of our community members at the District and State level, we registered as a CBO under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 35 of 2001. Our first priority was advocating for better

health services at the district level through sensitization of the district authorities and the health care staff. By means of mobilizing the community, we worked towards sensitizing them and demanding our right to receive ART services in a responsive, non-discriminatory setting. Gradually, in addition to health, we also focus on the socio-economic development by facilitating access to social entitlements, social welfare schemes, legal aid support, nutrition and education support, skill building and livelihood.

Over the past 19 years, KMPSS has successfully worked towards developing an enabling environment for the PLHIV community through a collaborative approach that brought together the varied stakeholders in the district - the community, the govt. and the civil society.



KMPSS Board members discussing PLHIV issues and rights with the local MLA, Dec 2023

KMPSS is affiliated with:

- Network of Telangana People Living with HIV/AIDS (NTP), Telangana
- Indian Network of People Living With HIV/AIDS (INP+), Chennai



Vision:

Every PLHIV in Telangana enjoys quality of life with self-respect and self-esteem.



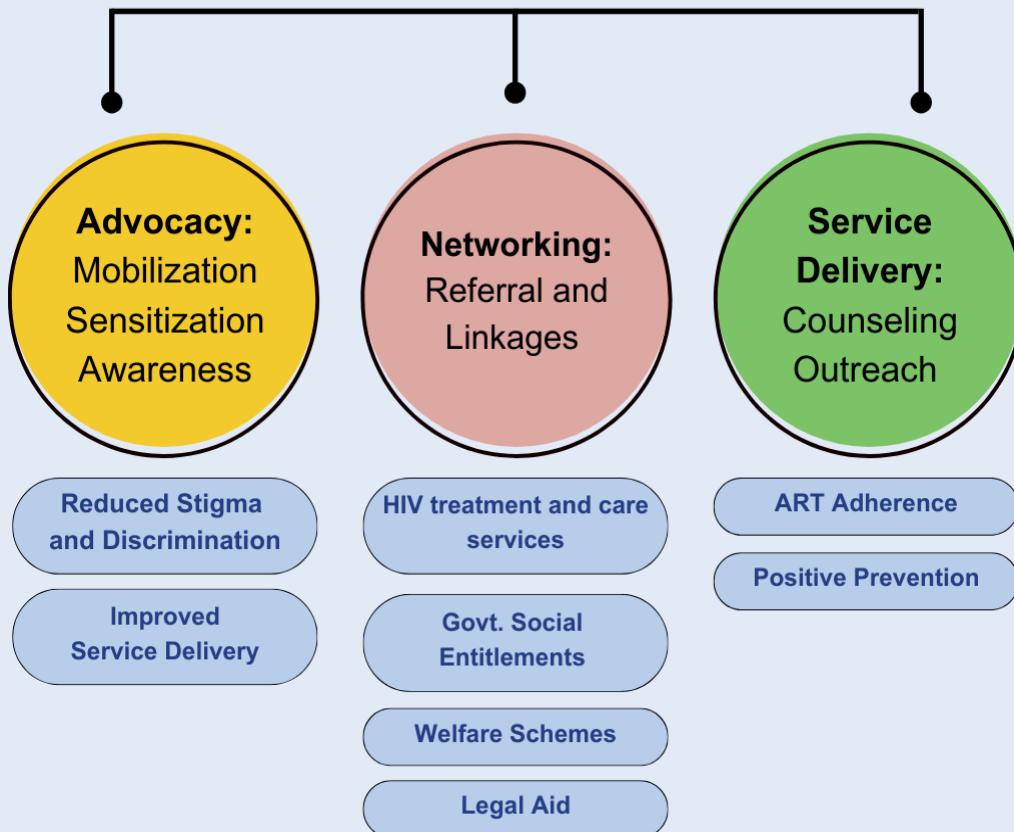
Mission:

We work to improve healthcare systems for ensuring better health of PLHIV by means of advocacy, sensitization and collaboration.



Approach:

APPROACH





Beneficiaries:

KMPSS works with all individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Greater Hyderabad district, including the high-risk groups most affected by HIV and AIDS - LGBTQI community, injecting drug users, sex workers, migrants.

8503 People Living with HIV/AIDS including 367 CLHIV (Children Living with HIV/AIDS) are registered with KMPSS.

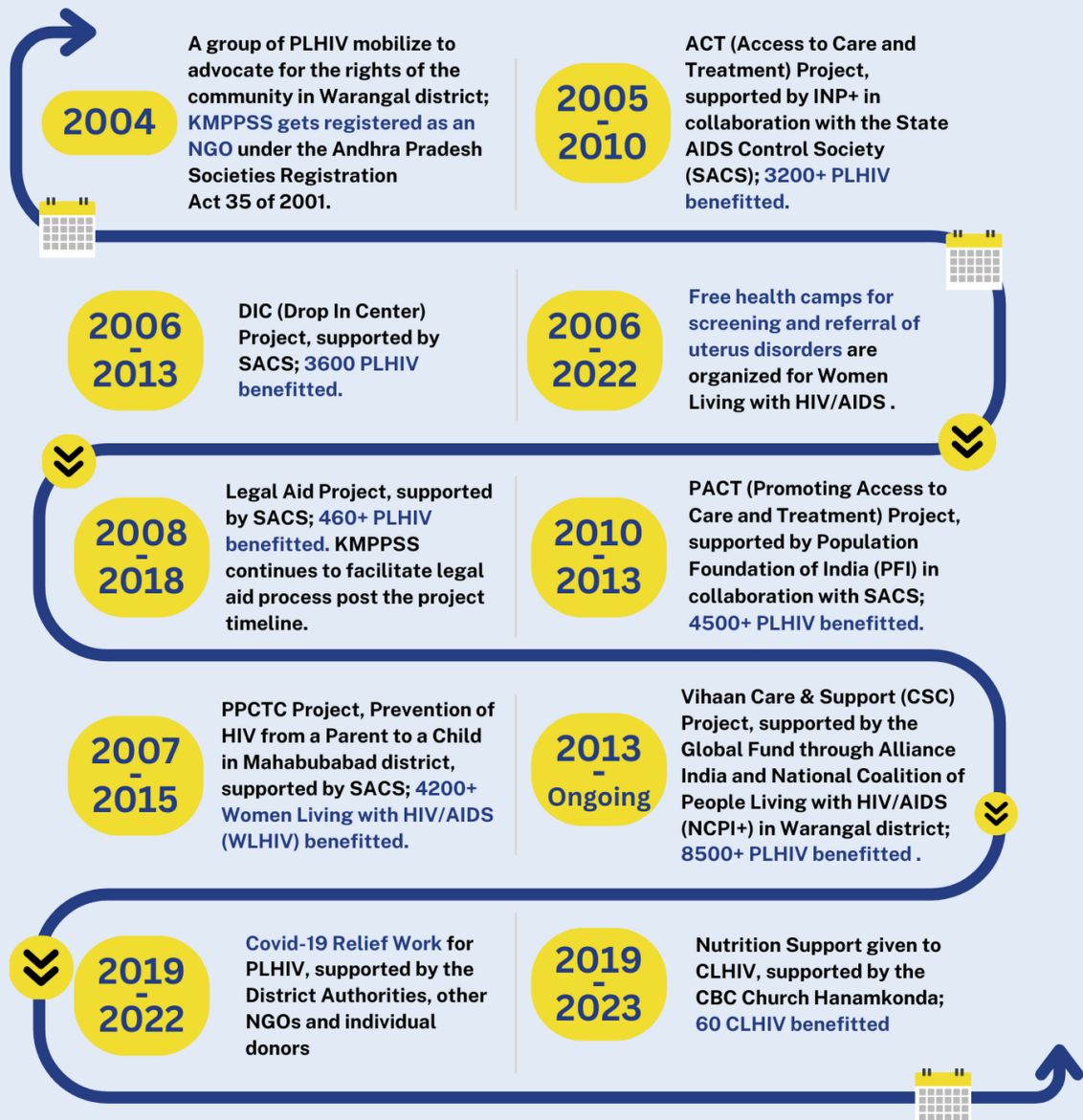


Home delivery of ART medicines and counselling on drug adherence, Oct 2023

Male PHLIV	3902
Female PHLIV	4233
Transgender PHLIV	1
Male CHLIV	182
Female CHLIV	185



Work Journey:



Impact:

- 9100+** PLHIV and their families received timely HIV care, support and referral services, enabling them to lead a healthy life.
- 3000+** PLHIV and their families availed social welfare and protection schemes, leading to their social and economic empowerment.
- 350+** PLHIV provided with legal aid services.

VIHAAN Care & Support Center (CSC) Project:

Awareness about and access to Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) treatment and other support services are crucial for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV). The challenges faced by the community, particularly for the poor and the marginalized, are further exacerbated by the HIV related stigma from the family and the society and the structural and economic barriers in accessing healthcare services.

Supported by the Global Fund, Vihaan CSC is a national initiative, focused on provide expanded and holistic care and support services to PLHIV and their families. It is a comprehensive program targeted at improving the survival and quality of life of PLHIV and reducing further transmission.

Since 2013, KMPSS has been implementing the Vihaan CSC project in Warangal district of Telangana. Vihaan CSC follows a differentiated service delivery model, adapting and prioritizing HIV services that reflect the preferences and expectations of various groups of PLHIV.

In addition to limited knowledge of treatment adherence, socio-economic factors such as poverty, poor accessibility, etc. are also responsible for LFU cases and poor treatment adherence. To address this, our team provides comprehensive information, address concerns and facilitates appropriate linkages for health and non-health needs of the PLHIV. Nutrition support is regularly mobilized for the marginalized PLHIV and CLHIV.

The CSC staff provide information on social entitlements and welfare schemes and also facilitate access to the same PLHIV and their care givers in the family are trained on basic infection control practices at home, management of general ailments and minor infections at home and identification of signs and symptoms of health issues requiring immediate medical care.

The testing of spouse/partner, children and family members of the PLHIV is also conducted and appropriate referrals are established.



Peer Counselor counselling on SRH & Condom Promotion to WLHIV in the SGM, April 2023



SGM in KMPSS Vihaan Office, June 23-06-2023

VIHAAN (CSC) Service Model:

Counselling	Need based Individual and Group Counselling at the CSC centre ensure that PLHIV get Psychosocial Support and Information on 1. Treatment literacy 2. Treatment adherence 3. Nutrition 4. Sexual and Reproductive Health 5. Positive Living and Positive Prevention
Outreach	By means of Prioritization and Outreach Mapping, home visits are made to ensure 1. Early linkages of PLHIV to care 2. Improved treatment adherence and retention in care 3. Periodic HIV testing of discordant couples 4. Regular screening for TB symptoms among PLHIV and family members 5. Treatment Compliance among TB positive cases 6. LFU and MIS clients are linked back to ART Centre
Referrals & Linkages	Through Coordination and Collaboration, Linkages are established with various govt. and non-govt institutions to ensure that the health and non-health needs of the PLHIV are met 1. Social Entitlements and Welfare Schemes 2. Legal Aid 3. Treatment for General Health and Opportunistic Infections 4. Nutritional Support 6. Education Sponsorship 7. Skill building and Livelihood
Support Group Meetings	Support group meetings held at the CSC, provide a safe space for the PLHIV to share their problems and concerns and learn from each other on how to cope. Theme based discussion, prioritized based on the needs of the group provide emotional support, enhance their knowledge about HIV/AIDS through experiential sharing and motivate them to have a positive outlook.
Advocacy	CSC strives towards creating an enabling environment for the PLHIV to receive stigma free services by repeatedly sensitizing important stakeholders about the issues and concerns of the community. A discrimination response team (DRT) has been set up to deal with issues of discrimination faced by the community. Activities at district level are organized on special occasions such as World AIDS day, World TB Day, etc. to sensitize and strengthen partnership with critical stakeholders.

KMPSS Vihaan CSC Team:



Capacity Building Training on Vihaan work in Warangal with support of NCPI+ and Alliance India, Dec 2023

The Vihaan Project is being guided by the President of KMPSS, Mr. Ravinder Kondra, who also serves as the Director of the project. The implementation of the varied activities is through a team of a Project Coordinator, an Accountant, a Peer Counsellor and 20 Health Promoters/ Outreach Workers.

In 2023-24, Vihaan CSC of KMPSS has benefited 8500+ PLHIV by:

- Early linkages to care, support & treatment services, supporting the newly-identified PLHIV to enrol into the ART program.
- Improved treatment adherence and education, helping the PLHIV to sustain and manage their treatment regimens.
- Increased early testing and expanded positive prevention activities, contributing to national efforts to prevent HIV transmission and reduce overall burden of disease.
- Improved social protection and wellbeing of PLHIV, by facilitating access to existing social welfare and protection schemes.
- Strengthened community systems and reduced stigma & discrimination, by building skills of community members to advocate for access to stigma- and discrimination-free services.



Reach 2023-24:

8500+ PLHIV benefitted through Vihaan CSC

674 New PLHIV registered

5023 PLHIV received counselling

149 Loss to Follow Up (LFU) cases restarted ART

4833 Follow-up of missed cases

199 Follow-up for CD4

150 Testing of Family Members of PLHIV

349 Referrals for TB and other opportunistic infections, STIs & General Health

24 Support Group Meetings (SGM) organized

350 PLHIV benefitted from Social Protection

11 Issues addressed by the Discrimination Response Team (DRT)

21 PLHIV benefitted from Social Entitlement

4 PLHIV supported with Legal Aid

4 Advocacy Programme Conducted

350 PLHIV supported with Nutrition

30 CLHIV supported with Education Sponsorship



Partnerships:

- Alliance India
- National Coalition of People Living with HIV/AIDS in India (NCPI+)
- Network of Telangana People Living with HIV/AIDS (NTP), Telangana
- Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (INP+), Chennai
- Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TSCACS)
- LEPRASOCIETY

Organizational Capacity Building

KMPSS is being mentored and provided with technical assistance by Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) project of Family Health International 360 (FHI 360) since 2024 through LEPRASOCIETY on organizational development and on sustaining services to PLHIV community.

Through EpiC project, KMPSS board and team shall self-assess their performance, identifying strengths and areas for improvement, along 9 core areas of organizational development –

1. Organizational Strategy & Governance
2. Finance Management
3. Human Resources
4. Program Management
5. Program Quality
6. Client Needs & Participation
7. Monitoring & Evaluation
8. Networking, Partnerships & Knowledge Management
9. Resource Mobilization

A Capacity Development Plan (CDP), prioritized by a participatory process, shall be made in consultation with the EpiC team. The identified priority areas shall be strengthened through workshops and mentoring visits conducted by the EpiC team.



Awards & Achievements:

- Awarded the Best CBO by the District AIDS Prevention Control Unit (DAPCU), on World AIDS Day in 2023, 2022 and 2021 National Coalition of People Living with HIV/AIDS in India (NCPI+)
- Felicitated by the Collector and the District Health and Medical Office (DHMO), on the occasion of World TB day 2024
- Felicitated by the District Collector and the District Magistrate, on the 75th anniversary of the India's Independence Day
- Felicitated by the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), on World AIDS day 2021



Felicitated on Independence Day, 2023

Glimpses of our Work 2023-24



List of CLHIV shared with Dist. Collector, Mulugu for ICPS Scheme, May 2023



Mobilized local donations to support WLHIV with livestock, Dec 2023



Tailoring machine to PLHIV, supported by Friends Being a Helping Hand Society, Aug 2023



Nutrition support to flood victims in Warangal Urban, supported by Friends Being a Helping Hands, July 2023



Tailoring machine to PLHIV, with support from Warangal Dist. Collector, June 2023



International Candle Light Memorial Day Rally, May 2023



Sarees distribution to PLHIV in KMPSS Office with support of Smt. Rama Narasimha Swamy, March 2024



International Women's Day with the DAPCU team, March 2024



KMPSS Board members discussing PLHIV issues and rights with the local MLA, Dec 2023



Our Board:

Mr. Kondra Ravinder

Mr. Kondra Ravinder, the Founder and the President of the Karuna Mythri Positive People Service Society (KMPPSS), is an able organizer with the ability to build momentum and awareness toward a common cause. He is equipped with strong communication and people handling skills and has played a significant role in generating awareness about HIV/AIDS and the rights of the PLHIV community. He has liaison-ed with important stakeholders such as TNP+, NTP, NCPI+, INP+, PFI, Alliance HIV/AIDS India, FHI-360, LEPRASociety, SAATHII, DAPCU, CSR and others.



Ms. Byri Lavanya

Ms. Byri Lavanya, the General Secretary KMPPSS, has been part of the organization since its inception in 2005. She has worked on four different HIV/AIDS projects (ACT, TCC, PACT RCC, CSC Vihaan) and has received 8 certificates for her exemplary work. Currently, she works as a Project Coordinator for Vihaan CSC Project and guides the implementation of the programme at the field and at the organization level. She enables PLHIV to lead a quality life by linking them with various Government Social Entitlements and Schemes.



Ms. Siraboina Manjula

Ms. Siraboina Manjula, the Treasurer of KMPSS, joined the Network in 2005 and has been part of the KMPSS+ Board since then. In the last 19 years, she has been associated with 3 projects (ACT, PACT RCC, CSC Vihaan) in the HIV/AIDS Awareness, Prevention, and Treatment Adherence field. She is an active Positive Speaker and advocate for the Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS. She has received 6 certificates of appreciation for her commendable work in the HIV/AIDS field. Currently, she works as a Project Coordinator for the Vihaan CSC Project.



Ms. Veeramalla Rama

Ms. Veeramalla Rama, the Vice President of KMPSS, is a board member since 2005. She passionately works for the PLHIV community and facilitates awareness, treatment adherence, skill building and life skill education initiatives.



Mr. Veeraganti Narayana

Mr. Veeraganti Narayana, a Joint Secretary of KMPPSS, has been associated with the organization since 2016 and became a part of the board in 2023. He voluntarily works for the PLHIV community and facilitates the process of linking them with various Government Social Schemes and Entitlements. He is also actively engaged in conducting Support Group Meetings and arranging for nutrition support for the community.



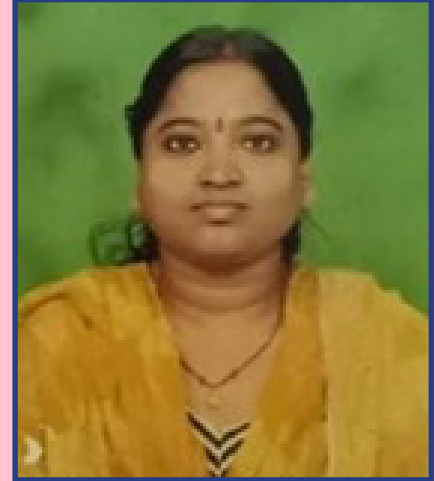
Ms. Anisetty Anitha

Ms. Anisetty Anitha joined the Board of KMPPSS in 2015. She voluntarily supports the work of the organization w.r.t prevention, treatment and skill building initiatives and motivates the community to lead a healthy life during home visits and support group meetings.



Ms. Rama Padma

Ms. Rama Padma, a board member of KMPSS since 2024, has been part of the organization since 2008. She is associated with four different projects (ACT, TCC, PACT RCC, CSC Vihaan) in the HIV/AIDS Awareness, Prevention and Treatment Adherence field. She is an active Positive Speaker and has received 4 certificates of appreciation for her work in the HIV/AIDS field. Currently, she works as an outreach worker for the Vihaan CSC programme.





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