



AIDS Community



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Our Very First Update!

Time Flies ... AIDS Community has already finished three months since it started Solution Exchange service. It was preceded by the NACP-e-Consultation which lasted three months and was a remarkable success. It has been an incredible six months of our journey, together we have learned a lot and continue to learn new things with every passing day or perhaps it is more appropriate to say with every query!

It is our pleasure to send the first AIDS Community update. Till now we have had 11 queries with over 250 email exchanges. It has been a very rewarding experience for us and we hope it has been the same for our community members as well.

We plan to issue this update periodically as a regular service to our community. In it we will provide:

- Information on network activity- Queries, e-discussions and other messages posted over the period; members signed up
- Contribution from members announcing events or other happenings, job openings, and readings/resources on related subjects.

Community News

The Start...

Launch of Solution Exchange- AIDS Community

The Solution Exchange AIDS community was launched at the The 5th International AIDS Conference held in Chennai on 21 October 2005 by the Vice chancellor of Chennai University, Dr. N.M. Samuel and Ms. Nafisa Ali. The Solution Exchange Stall at the Conference was very well received by the 2000 delegates at the Conference. More than 300 individuals subscribed to the different communities of Solution Exchange

Recently Held

- Announcements and news about community events and other activities , as well as news of interest from other Solution Exchange Communities and from our UN system partners

These Updates are for our members and we envision improving with every update. Please send us any useful information that you would like to disseminate to members as well as suggestions on how we can improve our Updates.

We have made a beginning and look forward to your support to make it a useful, interesting and valuable source of information for all of us.

We await your responses. Keep writing!

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Network Activity

Completed Queries (From start up to 28 January)

Public-Private Partnerships for treatment of AIDS, from Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University, Chennai (Comparative experiences) Posted: 21 October 2005
Consolidated Reply posted: 3 November 2005

*Contains examples and experiences of private and public partnerships on treatment and care and suggestion on scaling up partnerships **and challenges faced***

The AIDS Community Action Group Meeting (AGM)

AIDS Community's first AGM was held on 9 Jan 2006 at Mumbai on nomination for the Red Ribbon Award 2006 in Stigma and discrimination. This was an opportunity to document the cream of the response made by the country to the issues of Stigma and Discrimination and showcase it for the Red Ribbon Award to be given in Toronto at the XVI International AIDS Conference in August 2006. It was attended by 21 participants.

[Read the report](#)

From other Solution Exchange Communities

Recently Held

Food and Nutrition Security Community successfully held its first Visioning workshop at Manesar, Gurgaon on 16 and 17 January 2006.

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, 7-9 January 2006, Hyderabad

Solution Exchange made a presentation as well as set up a stall at the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas. The stall was well received. Also, the Prime Minister made a reference to knowledge management in his speech.

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Behaviour Change Communication for prevention of HIV, from Christian Medical College, Vellore (Comparative Experiences; Examples) Posted: 31 October 2005

Consolidated Reply Posted: 15 November 2005

Contains examples of using traditional folklore and songs as BCC, BCC needs assessment and lessons learnt as well as examples of simple BCC material in Indian languages

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Roles for Faith Based Organizations, Emmanuel Hospital Association, Delhi, (Advice)

Posted: 8 November 2005 Consolidated Reply Posted: 22 November 2005

Information on strengths and weaknesses of faith based organisations in developing a response to HIV and AIDS

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Information on Injecting Drug Users, from Social Awareness Service Organization, Imphal, and (Comparative Experience) Posted: 9 November 2005

Consolidated Reply Posted: 30 November 2005

Contains list of studies and documents that detail the prevalence and pattern of drug abuse North Eastern states the work that has been done on prevention and treatment

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Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission, from Prof. S.Y.Saptasagar, Y. P. S., Sangli, (Comparative

[Read the PM's Speech](#)

From our Partners

"Scaling up towards Universal Access to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support"

UNAIDS organised a stakeholder Consultation on Wednesday 1st February 2006, in collaboration with the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO). The purpose of the consultation was to look at (i) the status of the national HIV response in India, (ii) specific obstacles to scaling up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support (both overall and in the environment/context in which you work) (iii) determination of India's targets on prevention, treatment and care and support to be reached by 2011, and (iv) Development of a "roadmap", highlighting key milestones and major interventions required to reach 2011 targets.

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Job Opportunities

From Elavarthi Manohar, Sangama, Banagalore

experiences) Posted : 14 November 2005 Consolidated Reply
Posted: 6 December 2005

Contains approaches of bringing down rate of parent to child transmission of HIV and the need to integrate PPTCT with maternal and reproductive child health programs

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Monitoring indicators for HIV prevention, PSU, Kerala, (Comparative experiences; Examples) Posted: 17 November 2005 Consolidated Reply Posted: 10 January 2006

Contains suggestions and examples of the key indicators that have been found useful for monitoring and evaluating HIV prevention programmes

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Stigma and Discrimination, SHADOWS, Chirala (Comparative experiences) Posted: 29 November 2005 Consolidated Reply Posted: 20 January 2006

Presents examples of HIV-related stigma and discrimination as well as offer suggestions on how best to counter HIV-related stigma

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Information Communication Technology (ICT) and HIV, from CSDMS, Noida (Comparative Experiences) Posted: 15 December 2005 Consolidated Reply Posted: 26 December 2005

Contains information on role played by ICT in addressing various issues related to HIV and AIDS

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Nutrition and PLHIV, World Food Programme (Examples) Posted: 27 December 2005 Consolidated Reply
Posted: 5 January 2006

The following vacancies are open in **Sangama**, a South India based organisation working with sexual minorities- **Program Manager, Finance Manager cum Administrator, Coordinator (4 posts), Documentalist (Project/MIS/Library- 2 posts). Post CVs at sangama@sangama.org .**

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Resource Corner

Is anyone interested to share their readings, new publications with the community? We are building this resource corner, where your recommended readings will feature.

Contains examples from various countries on development of guidelines, training modules, IEC and counselling material on nutritional care for people living with HIV

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Website Content, UNAIDS-India, (Advice) Posted: 14 January 2006 Consolidated Reply Posted: 27 January 2006
Contains suggestion on making UNAIDS website more informative, interactive and user friendly

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Open Queries

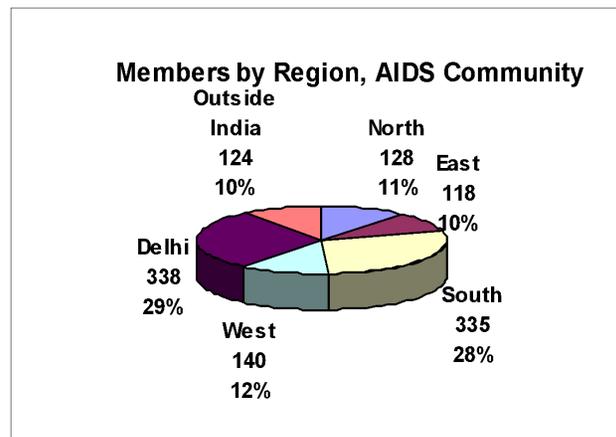
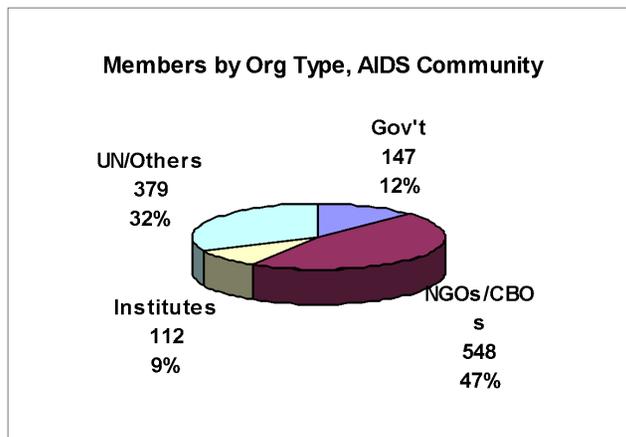
Send your replies to
aids-se@groups.solutionexchange-un.net.in

Building management capacities of CBOs, from TCIF, (Comparative Experiences). Reply by 10 February 2006.

Membership

As on 27 January, 2006 our membership list has reached 1224! This is indeed phenomenal growth for the AIDS community. We thank all our members for their interest and time.

Some demographics of interest:



Civil Society has a strong presence in the AIDS Community where they account for more than half at 52%. Moreover, NGOs have also been the most vocal in terms of responses that have ranged from applauding the efforts to holding the authorities accountable. The high representation of NGOs is very encouraging. What is also encouraging is that more than 14 % of the membership is from Government and Public Sector. Having an active dialogue across sectors is very motivating to this efforts and offers scope of learning from each other

Our membership ranges from 1 in Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir to more than 300 in Delhi. The Southern states have the next highest membership. Unfortunately, experiences from states such as Assam, Chhatisgarh, Haryana, Jharkand and North Eastern states are not being reflected in our discussions because of poor membership from these states.

We need to take active measures to ensure balanced membership from all the states. While we are doing our bit in this regard, we urge all of you to actively solicit members from the unrepresented or poorly represented states. Of course, to keep the community sharply focussed you would only want to introduce somebody who can contribute to and/or is keen to learn from collective experience sharing. Happy Hunting!

Member Postings

Upcoming Events

From Anant Kumar, Center of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Call for Papers: The Journal of Health and Development welcomes contribution related to public health and development and allied fields. To submit your paper, contact Dr. K R Nayar Editor at krnayar@mail.jnu.ac.in website: <http://jhd21.tripod.com>

From Daisy David, Chennai Network of Positive People, Chennai

Technical Capacity Building Short Course on Harm Reduction: Health and Social Care for People Using Drugs – by Asian harm Reduction Network to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, 06-10 March 2006. For more information contact email: info@dtwhotel.com. Full rate registration fee is USD 750. Deadline for full rate registration – **3 February 2006**

[*Read the course detail*](#)

From Meri Sinnitt, USAID, New Delhi

USAID India announces developing a new HIV program that builds on their current program. The concept note is available on the website <http://www.usaid.gov/in/> under the "Working with us" link in the next week. Comments on the program are welcome.

From Dr. E. Mohamed Rafique, Resource Person

India Institute of Youth Welfare will organize the **International Convention on Globalization and Rural Development** from **February 24 to 26, 2006 in Nagpur, India.**

The ICGRD2006 will help practitioners and policy makers in their communities; in particular discussing what possibilities are available to them in reducing differences between the rural areas and urban living in the economic, social and cultural areas and how these opportunities are related to international political debates.

For more information please visit <http://www.icgrd2006.org/>

Galilee College, Israel is organising Community **Based Prevention, Management and Treatment of HIV/AIDS, May 11- 29, 2006**. The College is offering tuition scholarships (value of €1875 each) to eligible candidates. The airfare to and from Israel and the living expenses fee (€2,865) should be covered by the participant or his/her employer or outside donor.
For details visit <http://www.galilcol.ac.il>.

Developing Asia Journalism Awards

Based on journalists' published works during 2005, the award acknowledges Asian and Pacific print journalists who cover development trends and the impact these have on the countries and people of the region. Deadline: Feb 17 2006

For details please visit: <http://www.comminit.com/awards2006/awards2006/awards-1326.html>

Best Practices in Global Health

Highlights the efforts of people dedicated to improving the health of disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations - particularly children - and recognises programmes that demonstrate the link between health, poverty and development. A person, programme or initiative selected for this award must be able to demonstrate measurable results in the field, as well as the ability and expertise to share, inspire and extend best practices for improving health.

Deadline: Feb 27 2006

For details please visit: <http://www.comminit.com/awards2006/awards2006/awards-1321.html>

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

If you have items to feature in this News Update, please send it to Solution Exchange for the AIDS Community in India at aids-se@solutionexchange-un.net.in

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