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Implementing Agencies in Nepal*



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Foreward

Approaching a decade of work on HIV/AIDS in Nepal, it seemed appropriate to reflect back on what has been accomplished and learned and then look forward to future needs. There are numerous accomplishments and lessons learned that have been shared and could be recounted. Yet in the process of capturing the overall picture of FHI's contributions to the national HIV/AIDS program, there were recurring themes of FHI's work that repeatedly surfaced in conversations with staff and partners. FHI chose to highlight each of these themes:

- **Programming both responds to the changing HIV/AIDS epidemic and supports the national HIV/AIDS program.** Over the past 10 years, the epidemic has evolved as have national HIV/AIDS strategies. In support of His Majesty's Government of Nepal, FHI programs and strategies responded to emerging needs of new vulnerable groups and in wider geographic areas. These changes and overall accomplishments are described in the publication, *FHI Responds: Expanding Prevention, Care and Mitigation Programs during a Decade of Work in Nepal*
- **Technical assistance, innovation and leadership strengthen the quality and effectiveness of responses.** FHI in Nepal has both developed innovative interventions and applied international best practices over the years, particularly for HIV/STI prevention. All of FHI's technical and programmatic contributions to the national HIV/AIDS program for prevention, care and mitigation are highlighted in the publication, *FHI Interventions: Initiating Best Practices, Providing Comprehensive Services and Monitoring Impact*
- **Partnerships create synergies, better meet beneficiaries' needs and maximize available resources.** FHI's strength comes from its large network of implementing partners that are able to adapt to local needs and build community-based projects—each of FHI's previous and current implementing agencies is highlighted in the document, *Working in Partnerships: FHI's Implementing Agencies*.
- **Community-based responses best meet the needs of beneficiaries in diverse communities across Nepal.** FHI's combination of research, responsive programming, technical assistance and partners come together in the field where local organizations develop and provide services to those most at risk. The film *The Road Ahead* features FHI's longest running implementation strategy, Safe Highways, and highlights services, needs, beneficiaries and local realities along Nepal's busy transport routes where FHI and its partners implement HIV/AIDS prevention and care projects.

Special thanks for many years of support and partnership with His Majesty's Government of Nepal—especially the National Center for AIDS and STD Control—and the United States Agency for International Development for its continuing commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS in Nepal. Special thanks to our Implementing Partners for their long term commitment and dedication to work in this field, and to the people with whom we work closely in the field and are most affected by this epidemic. FHI looks forward to continuing to support a national comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nepal.



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Acronyms

ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	FHI	Family Health International
AHH	Association for Helping the Helpless	FP	Family Planning
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	FPAN	Family Planning Association of Nepal
AIDSCAP	AIDS Control and Prevention Project	FSW	Female Sex Worker
AMDA	Association of Medical Doctors of Asia	GIPA	Greater Involvement of People Living with and affected by HIV/AIDS
AmFAR	American Foundation for AIDS Research	GPRC	G.P. Rajbahak and Company
ANMCMAP	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife and Community Medical Assistant Program	GWP	General Welfare <i>Pratisthan</i> (Institution)
ART	Anti-Retroviral Therapy	GPA	Global Program on AIDS
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development	HDI	Howard Delafield International
BCI	Behavior Change Intervention	HIMAL	Himalayan International Marketing Associated Ltd.
BDS	Blue Diamond Society	HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
BNMT	Britain Nepal Medical Trust	HMG/N	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
BSS	Behavioral Surveillance Survey	HRD	Human Resource Development
CAC	Community Action Center	HSWO	Himalayan Social Welfare Organization
C&S	Care and Support	IA	Implementing Agency
CB	Capacity Building	ICDDR	International Center for Diarrhoeal Disease Research
CBO	Community-Based Organization	ICH	Institute of Community Health
CCP	Center for Communication Programs (The Johns Hopkins University)	IDU	Injecting Drug User
CHR	Center for Harm Reduction	IMPACT	Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care Project
CREHPA	Center for Research on Environment, Health, and Population Activities	INF/Paluwa	International Nepal Fellowship and Paluwa
CRS	Nepal Contraceptive Retail Sales Company	Info-AIDS	International AIDS Control and Prevention Research Center- Nepal
CSM	Condom Social Marketing	INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
CWC	Community Welfare Center	IPC/C	Interpersonal Communication and Counseling
DACC	District AIDS Coordination Committee	JHUCCP	The Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Program
DAG	Disadvantaged Groups	KYC	Kirat Yakthung Chumlung - <i>Punarjiwan Kendra</i> (Rehabilitation Center)
DDC	District Development Committee	LALS	Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society
DIC	Drop-In Center	MASS	Management Support Services (P) Ltd.
EA	Digital Broad Cast Initiative, Equal Access-Nepal	MIS	Management Information System
FCHV	Female Community Health Volunteer	MoH	Ministry of Health
FGD	Focus Group Discussion	MSM	Males (or Men) Who Have Sex with Males (or Men)
FGI	Futures Group International		
FoH	Friends of Hope		

MSW	Male Sex Worker	RRF	Rapid Response Fund
MTS	Management and Technical Support	RS	Research and Surveillance
NANGAN	National NGOs Network Group Against AIDS-Nepal	SACTS	STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Service
NAP+N	National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nepal	SADG	Social Awareness Development Group
NCASC	National Center for AIDS and STD Control	S&D	Stigma and Discrimination
NCDA	Nepal Chemists and Druggists Association	SBS	<i>Samijik Bikas Samuha</i> (Social Development Group)
NDP	Nepalgunj Drugs Program	SC/US	Save the Children US
NFCC	Nepal Fertility Care Center	SEDA	Society for Education and Development Activities
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization	SFSARCD	Secretariat of the First South Asian Regional Conference on Dermatology
NHF	National Health Foundation	SMC	Social Marketing Center
NHEICC	National Health Education, Information, and Communication Center	SMD	Nepal Social Marketing and Distribution (P) Ltd.
NI	Nepal Initiative	SMH	Siddhi Memorial Hospital
NMA	Nepal Medical Association	Solutions	Solutions Nepal (P) Ltd.
NNAGT	National Network Against Girl Trafficking	SOMARC	Social Marketing for Change (a USAID project)
NRC	National Research Council	SPK	Sahara <i>Paramarsha Kendra</i> (Counseling Center)
N'SARC	Nepal STD and AIDS Research Center	STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
NTAG	Nepal Technical Assistance Group	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
ORDF	Oxygen Research and Development Forum	Stimulus	Stimulus Advertizers (P) Ltd
ORG-MARG	ACNielsen + ORG-MARG in Nepal	TASO	The AIDS Support Organization
OREs	Outreach Workers	Thompson	Thompson Nepal (P) Ltd
PATH	Program for Appropriate Technology in Health	TOT	Training of Trainers
PE	Peer Educator	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
PLHA	People Living with and Affected by HIV/AIDS	VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS	VDC	Village Development Committee
PSB	Policy Support and Development	VaRG	Valley Research Group
PSI	Population Services International	VSO	Voluntary Services Overseas
PSK	<i>Punarjivan Sarokar Kendra</i> (Concern Rehabilitation Center)	WATCH	Women Acting Together for Change
REC	Repeated Educational Contact	YVVCT	Youth Vision VCT Service Centre
RH	Reproductive Health		
RHCC	Reproductive Health Coordination Committee		
RR	Risk Reduction		

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INTRODUCTION

Background

Family Health International (FHI) is an international non-governmental organization (INGO) working in Nepal since 1994 on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and mitigation. Central to FHI's work over the past 10 years have been partnerships. Most importantly, FHI works in support of and in partnership with His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N), particularly the National Center for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC). FHI also works with donors, such as United States Agency of International Development (USAID) and others to support government strategies. Other INGOs, local governments, committed individuals and NGOs collaborate with FHI to share information, build synergies and avoid duplication of efforts. Over the past decade, FHI has worked in partnership with numerous agencies to implement activities that control the HIV/AIDS epidemic, promote healthier behaviors and provide care for those affected.

FHI's main implementing partners are its implementing agencies (IAs). FHI directly supports many non-governmental organizations, associations and companies that receive funding and technical assistance to implement a range of activities within FHI's broad strategies. It is these IAs that are the implementing partners that are essential to FHI's effective implementation in 32 districts across Nepal. The comparative advantage of working with NGOs and other local partners is their ability to interact with population groups that are typically hard to reach, and often socially and economically marginalized. These include the high risk groups such as FSWs, IDUs, PLHA and MSM.

With a range of capable community-based IAs, FHI has been able to reach new target groups with expanded prevention and care services into new geographic areas. As the epidemic has changed, FHI expended its strategies, program areas and implementing partners.

Since the beginning, one of FHI's major objectives in Nepal has been to build national and local capacity. FHI demonstrates its commitment to capacity building:

- By strengthening human resource and organizational development of IAs
- Providing technical assistance and institutional development skills to IAs
- Issuing small grants to small NGOs and newly-formed associations to develop their capacity to implement activities, develop projects, complete reporting and manage a growing organization
- Contracting experienced organizations to pair with newer projects to transfer skills and capacities from one NGO to another

FHI values partnerships, collaboration and capacity building and has developed programs that are guided by these essential working principles.

About this Profile Book

This Partner Profile Book was created to highlight the capacities and accomplishments of all of FHI's IAs over the past 10 years. The collection of information for this compendium occurred over several months in 2004 and 2005. Data presented in this final report is current through July 2005.

Each IA profile contains information on:

Implementing Agency (Alphabetical by organization name): Mission, agency objectives, expertise and skills, geographic coverage and other ongoing HIV/AIDS activities

Projects Developed in Partnership with FHI, highlighting key information on:

- **Funding Source**
 - **AIDSCAP I:** The 3-year USAID-funded *HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project* was implemented from 1993–1997 in nine districts in the *terai* (plains) of the Central Region along the main highways. AIDSCAP I aimed to reduce STIs, increase the use of condoms among risk populations and reduce risk behaviors through BCI and outreach education.
 - **AIDSCAP II:** Building on AIDSCAP I, AIDSCAP II expanded prevention and control interventions to an additional seven districts to cover 16 districts along the main transport routes. This 5-year USAID-funded project was designed to enhance the capacity of local organizations to reduce the rate of sexually transmitted HIV infection in Nepal. AIDSCAP II sought to increase risk-reduction behavior among target populations, improve access to and utilization of quality STI services, and improve HMG/N's capacity in policy development, surveillance and evaluation.
 - **Nepal Initiative (NI):** Implemented from 2001–2002 as a rapid response to the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic and was funded by a consortium of donors—including USAID, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the Joint United Nations Program for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). NI provided risk reduction services for IDUs, FSWs, clients of FSWs and MSM in urban clusters while providing technical assistance to government for policy and advocacy.
 - **IMPACT:** Further increased USAID's support to FHI to expand prevention, care and mitigation services into 29 districts across Nepal. *Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care Project (IMPACT)* began in 2001 and is structured on three main implementation strategies: Safe Highways, Safe Migration and Safe Cities. FHI will increase national capacity to manage an effective response to the HIV epidemic, improve HIV/STI prevention and implement appropriate care and support strategies to mitigate the impact of the epidemic.

- **Intervention Area**
 - Prevention Interventions
 - Behavior Change Interventions (BCI)
 - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)
 - Mass media communications (MMC)
 - Risk reduction of IDUs
 - Condom social marketing (CSM)
 - Care Interventions
 - Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)
 - Care and support including treatment
 - HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination reduction
 - Mitigation Interventions
 - Research and surveillance
 - Policy development and support
 - Capacity building
 - **Geographic Region**
 - Farwestern Region
 - Midwestern Region
 - Western Region, including Pokhara Valley
 - Central Region, including Kathmandu Valley
 - Eastern Region
 - **Target Populations**
 - FSWs
 - Clients of FSWs
 - IDUs
 - People Living with and Affected by HIV/AIDS (PLHA)
 - Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and Male Sex Workers (MSWs)
 - Migrants
 - NGOs, government, health care providers and Security Personnel
 - General public and others

The document presents the IAs in alphabetical order in the following sections:

- **Former Partners:** IAs no longer funded by FHI under its current program as of October 2004
- **Partners Through September 2004:** IAs with current funding through IMPACT, including some with multiple projects over the past decade
- **Recently-Added Partners:** Since October 2004, FHI has added some new IAs that are briefly highlighted in this section as part of FHI's diverse pool of partners.

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IA Partner	FUNDING SOURCE				INTERVENTION AREA									GEOGRAPHIC REGION					TARGET POPULATION								
	Page	AIDSCAP I	AIDSCAP II	Nepal Initiative	IMPACT	Prevention					Care		Mitigation		Farwestern	Midwestern	Western	Central	Eastern	FSWs	Clients of FSWs	IDUs	Migrants	PLHA	MSM/MSW	Organizations	Others
						BCI	STI	CSM	MMC	RR	VCT/C&S	S&D	R/S	PSD													
Info-AIDS	20				X	X											X					X				X	
JHUCCP	22		X			X			X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X
KYC	131				X							X							X					X			
LALS	24	X	X			X								X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MASS	84				X									X	X	X	X	X	X							X	
NANGAN	125				X								X	X	X	X	X	X								X	
NAP+N	86				X						X				X	X	X	X	X					X			
NCDA	28	X	X			X									X		X	X	X						X	X	
New ERA	92	X	X		X							X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NFCC	90			X	X		X										X			X	X			X			
NG	88				X						X						X			X	X						
NHF	129				X	X									X			X				X					
NMA	30	X	X														X									X	
NNAGT	26		X			X									X	X	X	X	X							X	
N'SARC	94				X		X				X						X			X	X		X				
ORDF	96				X				X								X						X			X	
ORG-MARG	36		X			X			X							X	X	X	X	X	X					X	
Prerana	128		X			X											X				X	X				X	
PSI	38	X		X				X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	

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SACTS	98		X		X						X						X			X	X								X
SC/US	102	X			X		X							X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X					X	
Siddhartha Club	123				X	X														X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SMD	34		X			X		X									X	X	X	X	X	X			X				
Sparsha	126				X						X							X						X					
SPK	100				X									X			X	X	X								X	X	
Stimulus	40	X	X			X		X	X								X			X	X								X
Thompson	108		X		X	X			X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Trinetra	112		X		X	X											X			X	X			X					X
UMN	44				X									X				X									X		
VaRG	45	X											X				X	X	X	X									
VSO	132				X									X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WATCH	114		X	X	X	X											X	X		X	X								
YVVCT	117				X						X							X			X	X							X



FORMER PARTNERS



Adventist Development and Relief Agency

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1956 (1987 in Nepal)

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: One

AGENCY MISSION: ADRA actively supports communities through a portfolio of development activities that are planned and implemented cooperatively, equitably and in a sustainable manner.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Communities worldwide

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide
- Nepal: Kavre, Rasuwa, Jhapa, Makwanpur, and Dang districts

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- A leading non-governmental relief organization granted General Consultative Status by the United Nations in 1997
- Program implementation across many sectors of health and development including: maternal and child health; empowerment; social development; biogas and sanitation; tourism, HIV/AIDS and voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), disaster relief, leprosy rehabilitation; hospital management; youth reproductive health (RH); education; and community health financing
- Networked with a large number of public and private donors and foundations

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: HIV/AIDS Project, Switzerland

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Assessment of HIV/AIDS Risk Along the Arniko and Banepa-Bardibas Highways

PROJECT TYPE: Research

PROJECT PERIOD: January 1 to September 30, 2003 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kavre, Sindhupalchowk and Dolakha districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (including transport workers and factory workers)

PROJECT SUMMARY: Conducted an assessment to identify the high risk populations, high risk behaviors and high risk places in three districts of the Central Region

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted a Needs Assessment Survey to identify HIV/AIDS related high risk behaviors among different high risk groups

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To reflect the character of God through humanitarian and development activities
- ▶▶ To actively support communities in need through a portfolio of development activities which are planned and implemented cooperatively
- ▶▶ To provide assistance in situations of crisis or chronic distress, and work toward the development of long-term solutions with those affected
- ▶▶ To work through equitable partnerships with those in need to achieve positive and sustainable change in communities
- ▶▶ To build networks that develop indigenous capacity, appropriate technology and skills at all levels
- ▶▶ To develop and maintain relationships with our partners, which provide effective channels for mutual growth and action
- ▶▶ To promote and expand the equitable and participatory involvement of women in the development process
- ▶▶ To advocate for and assist in the increased use of communities capacities to care for and responsibly manage the natural resources of their environment
- ▶▶ To facilitate the right and ability of all children to attain their full potential, and to assist in assuring the child's survival to achieve that potential

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To promote empowerment
- ▶▶ To work with partners at all levels
- ▶▶ To ensure accountability and promote responsibility
- ▶▶ To address discrimination
- ▶▶ To promote non-violent resolution of conflict
- ▶▶ To seek sustainable results

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1978 (Nepal)

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Two

AGENCY VISION: To provide a better tomorrow by identifying and confronting the root causes of poverty

AGENCY MISSION: CARE-Nepal is a non-profit, international non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking to serve individuals and families in the poorest communities in the world. Drawing strength from its global diversity, resources and experience, CARE promotes innovative solutions and advocates for responsibility. CARE works to strengthen civil society, promote good governance, and encourage caste and gender equity.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Poor communities

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide
- Nepal: Thirty-five districts across the country

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS: CARE is a leading international poverty fighting organization. In Nepal, CARE has 18 development projects in eight sectors including emergency relief, conservation and environment, agriculture, education and training, small business support, gender and diversity, primary health care, and rehabilitation.

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Currently conducting a study to better understand the situation of stigma and discrimination faced by people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS (PLHA), capacity and skill development needs of service providers, and support mechanisms for them to create an enabling environment for PLHA to have a dignified life.

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention, Care, and Support Project

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: February 7, 2002 to February 29, 2004 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

- 40 (all) Village Development Committees (VDCs) in Bajhang district (Farwestern Region)
- 10 VDCs in Doti district (Farwestern Region)

PROJECT PARTNERS WITH SUB-CONTRACTS:

- Samajik Bikas Samuha (see below)
- Nepal Red Cross Society (see below)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Primary
 - Current and potential migrant males
 - Wives of migrant males

- Secondary
 - Other women at risk (Badi women, other women with multiple sex partners who do not identify as FSWs, and those who sell sex occasionally residing in the newly emerging towns along the highways)
 - Other men at risk (partners of other women at risk)

PROJECT SUMMARY: The goal was to increase the number of people reporting safer sexual behavior, and the number of high risk individuals reporting symptoms of STIs and seeking care from trained providers. CARE-Nepal collaborated with district level stakeholders to produce synergy and complementary HIV/AIDS programs, and networked with the larger community engaged in HIV/AIDS. The project demonstrated a high level impact through positive changes in health seeking behavior among risk groups through the number of STI cases recorded at health facilities, and the openness with which HIV/AIDS issues are now discussed. The staff and partners' capacity was enhanced in the area of BCI, which will help to implement future HIV/AIDS prevention programs.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Identified and educated 4,208 migrants and 4,222 wives of migrants about HIV/AIDS and STI transmission and prevention resulting in positive behavior change
- Trained 370 peer educators (PEs) on basic HIV/AIDS information
- Trained 26 partner staff on HIV/AIDS, counseling and project implementation information
- Distributed 100,000 condoms through community-based depots, social marketing centers and drop-in centers (DICs) (established DICs in both districts)
- Conducted 1,300 condom demonstrations
- Produced and distributed 2000 *kosheli* survival kits to migrants to promote safe sexual behavior
- Reached 4,000 adolescents who are potential migrants through school sessions

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Kosheli* survival kits
- Cassettes of local folk songs with HIV/AIDS messages

Additional Project Partners

SUB-CONTRACT AGENCIES: Samajik Bikas Samuha and Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)

SUB-CONTRACT PERIOD: May 1, 2002 to January 31, 2004 (IMPACT)

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

- 18 VDCs in Bajhang district (Farwestern Region)
- 10 VDCs in Doti district (Farwestern Region)
- 17 VDCs in Bajhang district (Farwestern Region)

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To build the capacity of NGOs, CBOs and VDCs by raising their awareness and training for quality implementation and sustainability of HIV/AIDS and STI programs, to reduce the incidence and prevalence of STIs

SUB-CONTRACT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Conducted Rapid Situation Assessments
- Implemented intervention programs to raise the awareness of NGOs, CBOs and VDCs on HIV/AIDS and STIs
- Hosted training programs for health workers to reduce the incidence of and treat STIs
- Organized health camps for STI treatment

"My name is Harina Gaine (pseudonym). I am married and live in Chainpur-1, Bajhang. Before going to India my husband used to provide the only source of income, working as a laborer in the village making Rs. 50 per day. This was not enough to run the house, so he left for India in search of a better job.

"After several months my husband started sending money to me. My condition improved and my life style changed. I began to go out more, eating at restaurants and watching movies.

"One day I met an army man in a restaurant. We fell in love and had sex without using condoms. I began to have sexual relations with other men as well, sometimes for cash, so I guess I am a sex worker now.

"A field facilitator met me one day and taught me about HIV/AIDS. It made me anxious and scared about my HIV status when I related my high risk sexual behaviors. Luckily I tested negative. This experience encouraged me to become a change agent in my community. The project helped me by providing training, and I began to work as a peer educator. I have not had sex since then without using a condom."-peer educator

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Center for Harm Reduction

(Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health)

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1986 (2002 in Nepal)

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: One

AGENCY MISSION: To promote the philosophy and practice of risk reduction internationally through program development, training, advocacy and research.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: IDUs

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Prevention of drug related risk: in particular the prevention of transmission of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C among and from IDUs.

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Worldwide

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To implement risk reduction and related programs
- ▶▶ To build capacity and deliver training in risk reduction practice for a variety of audiences
- ▶▶ To develop strategic alliances and partnerships for the promotion and implementation of risk reduction activities
- ▶▶ To promote and support advocacy for risk reduction
- ▶▶ To conduct comprehensive research into risk reduction issues and to widely disseminate findings.

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT NAME: Risk reduction among IDUs

PROJECT TYPE: Risk reduction among IDUs

PROJECT PERIOD: February 1 to December 31, 2002 (Nepal Initiative)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Western, Central and Eastern Regions

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: IDUs

PROJECT PURPOSE: To provide technical expertise and management assistance to local partners implementing the risk reduction program. The objective was to reach at least 4,500 IDUs with a minimum package of services. Emphasis was placed on:

- Building capacity to efficiently and effectively manage risk reduction services
- Developing and implementing activities aimed at producing an enabling environment for the sustainable operation of these services
- Developing indicators and mechanism for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the services so as to reach their maximum capacity and efficiency

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Contacted 6,296 IDUs, exceeding target by 40%, and 5,941 received regular services
- Identified and trained outreach workers and peer educators
- Expanded infrastructure and capacity of NGOs to deliver risk reduction minimum package
- Developed monitoring systems and indicators to record all processes from daily outreach to monthly reporting

- Conducted two workshops on oral substitution conducted and international technical assistance provided to four institutions (Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, Patan Hospital, BPKIHS, and INF)
- Provided technical assistance to develop the *National Policy Guidelines for Oral Substitution Therapy* that were endorsed by the National AIDS Council (October 2002)

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Communications materials (abscess management, cleaning syringes, risk reduction, overdose management)
- Flip charts on safer injecting practices
- Fact sheets on risk reduction
- *National Policy Guidelines for Oral Substitution Therapy*

Additional Project Partners

SUB-CONTRACT AGENCIES BY GEOGRAPHIC CLUSTER:

- Capital City Cluster
 - Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society (LALS), Kathmandu
 - Youth Power Nepal (YPN), Kathmandu
 - Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC)
 - Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City (LSMC)
 - Bhaktapur Municipality City (BMC)
 - Siddhi Memorial Hospital, Bhaktapur
- Central Region Cluster
 - Student Awareness Forum (BIJAM), Birgunj
 - Ashraya / Ashmita (ASHA), Hetauda
- Western Region Cluster
 - International Nepal Fellowship (INF) / Nepal
 - Naulo Ghumti, Pokhara
 - Nepalgunj Drugs Program, Nepalgunj
 - Association for Helping the Helpless (AHH), Dhangadhi
 - Multi Purpose Development Science Institute, Bhairahawa
- Eastern Region Cluster
 - HELP Group, Biratnagar
 - Kirat Yakthung Chumlung - Punarjivan Kendra (KYC), Dharan
 - BP Koirala Memorial Institute of Health Services (BPKIHS), Dharan
 - Association of Medical Doctors in Asia (AMDA), Damak
 - Punarjivan Sarokar Kendra (PSK), Damak
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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To increase efforts to safeguard the individual's right to make free and informed choices in regard to reproductive and sexual health and advocate sound government policy in support of this right
- ▶▶ To bring about the removal of political, legal and administrative barriers to the provision of sexual and reproductive health care services
- ▶▶ To actively work for the establishment of equal rights for women to enable them to exercise control over their own reproductive and sexual health choices
- ▶▶ To eliminate the high incidence of unsafe abortion, and increase the right of access to safe, legal abortion
- ▶▶ To increase men's commitment and joint responsibility in all areas of sexual and reproductive health and sensitize men to gender issues, as an essential element in ensuring women's equality and an enriched couple relationship for both men and women
- ▶▶ To promote family life education as a means of preparing youth for responsible parenthood in the future and increase the access of young people to appropriate information, education and services in addressing their reproductive and sexual health care needs
- ▶▶ To provide an authoritative source of information on family planning and sexual health issues, trends, policies and services
- ▶▶ To expand the number of available, accessible and appropriate reproductive/sexual health services, including family planning, to all those who need and want them
- ▶▶ To develop and maintain high-quality, sustainable programs in reproductive and sexual health



Family Planning Association of Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1959

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Three

AGENCY MISSION: FPAN, of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, is committed to promoting and providing health services to women, men and youth, and to support the HMG/N in meeting the demand for these services throughout the country.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Women
- Adolescents
- Other sexually active members of the community

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Thirty-two districts nationwide (including Ilam, Jhapa, Sunsari, Morang, Dhankuta, Bhojpur, Saptari, Sarlahi, Makwanpur, Chitwan, Kavre, Nawalparasi, Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Baglung, Kaski, Palpa, Tanahu, Bardiya, Banke, Surkhet, Dailekh, Dang, Doti, Kanchanpur, Kailali, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Baitadi)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- The largest NGO in Nepal offering a full range of reproductive health and educational services
- Family planning, both temporary and permanent methods
- Maternity and quality abortion services
- HIV/AIDS and STI counseling and services including VCT
- Adolescent sexuality, RH, and gender based violence education and services

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES:

- HIV/AIDS is integrated in each and every program and activity of all projects of FPAN
- VCT Project in seven districts across Nepal

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Integrated STI Services Project

PROJECT TYPE:

- STI
- BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: January 1, 1996 to February 28, 2001 (AIDSCAP I and II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Chitwan, Makwanpur, and Dhanusha districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Youth
- STI clients
- FP clinic clients

PROJECT SUMMARY: Designed as a pilot initiative, the original project aimed to integrate STI services into existing maternal and child health and family planning activities through equipment and training provision. The goal was to improve women's access to comprehensive quality STI services in the *Terai* districts of the Central Region. The project also addressed the reproductive health problems of adolescents, focusing on sexual and reproductive health information, counseling, and services through creation of an enabling environment, provision of youth friendly services, and young people's involvement in program planning and implementation.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen FPAN's capacity to deliver STI services through hands-on skills training in STI case management, risk assessment and laboratory support/testing
- To deliver STI treatment, counseling and condoms to clients of FPAN's static and outreach services
- To integrate disease prevention messages into FPAN's family planning and family home visits
- To establish a revolving drug fund for STI drugs to make them more available
- To share lessons learned with planners and managers

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established Youth Information Centers with youth-friendly sexual reproductive health services by youth participants
- Increased awareness in SRH knowledge among adolescents in the project area, increasing from 30% to 96% during the project period
- Increased knowledge on family planning
- Increased use of condoms during high risk sexual encounters
- Educated 22,372 individuals and trained 436 during AIDSCAP I
- Distributed 87,494 materials, 16,246 condoms, and 4,400 promotional wallets during AIDSCAP I
- Contributed Rs.97,000 (approximately \$ 1,400 towards a revolving drug fund during AIDSCAP I

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Communications materials on HIV/AIDS and STI
- Promotional condom wallets
- HIV/AIDS and STI training materials

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Futures Group International

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1971

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: 2.5

AGENCY VISION: One important idea can help spring forth many world futures.

AGENCY MISSION: Futures Group specializes in the design and implementation of public health and social programs for developing countries. Futures Group helps countries and communities build local capacity and forge public-private partnerships. It is committed to creating opportunities and tools that enable people to manage their future and live healthier lives.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Government and NGOs
- Foundations and corporations
- Communities worldwide

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide
- Nepal: Central Region

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Specialize in the design and implementation of public health social programs for developing countries
- Work in over 100 countries with governments, foundations, corporations, and NGOs
- Create and strengthen Public-private partnerships
- Concentrate in RH, the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and other communicable infections, and maternal and child health
- Provide services in public policy development, strategic planning, estimation of resource needs, advocacy and community mobilization, social marketing, and research and evaluation

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: USAID-Founded Policy Project

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To work with government agencies, foundations, corporations and NGOs to address conditions that compromise the well-being of people around the world

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Nepal Condom Social Marketing

PROJECT TYPE:

- Condom social marketing (CSM)
- Mass media communications

PROJECT PERIOD: February 15, 1994 to August 26, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Central Region

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: General Population

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Nepal CRS Company
- Social Marketing for Change (SOMARC) USAID Project
- Stimulus Advertizers (P) Ltd.
- Himalayan International Marketing Associated Ltd. (HIMAL)

PROJECT SUMMARY: The Futures Group was contracted to provide technical assistance, and manage a comprehensive subcomponent of the AIDSCAP I program. The objectives were twofold: (1) to increase knowledge among the target audience that condom use is an effective means of prevention of HIV/AIDS; and (2) to expand the availability, accessibility, and use of condoms to target consumers through expanded distribution and promotion of condoms, to achieve the overall goal of reducing high risk behaviors among key target groups. Activities included condom sales and distribution to ensure consistent availability and accessibility, and BCI through a mass media condom promotion campaign.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increased condom distribution: Nepal CRS Company sold 14,411,072 condoms through 9,554 non-traditional outlets
- Increased condom use among key target groups (FSWs and clients of FSWs)
- Improved understanding of condoms protective effect against HIV/AIDS
- Educated 137,930 individuals and trained 513
- Distributed 75,397 materials

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Condom Promotion and Communications Strategy

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To tailor its services including assurance, auditing, tax and legal, consulting, and financial advisory services, to address the complex business challenges faced by clients which include many high profile business houses, industries, government and non-government organisations in Nepal.
- ▶▶ To combine the best people, products and technologies to enhance services with industry insights and best practices through the firm's professional network.

G.P. Rajbahak and Co.

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1995

FHI PARTNER: 14 months

AGENCY MISSION:

to provide professional services to clients, wherever and whenever needed.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

Various industries including bank and financial institutions, manufacturing companies, public sector undertakings, service enterprises, trading firms, NGOs, INGOs and other non-profit organizations.

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

Chartered Accountants /Management Consultants with rich experience/expertise in :

- Auditing and assurance services.
- Taxation and legal matters.
- Management consultancy services.
- Management and financial advisory services.

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: None

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Management Support

PROJECT PERIOD: November 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002 (Nepal Initiative)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Nepal Initiative (NI) Project staff

PROJECT PURPOSE: To provide management and logistical support to NI including:

- Manage consultant travel reservations and arrangements
- Pay consultant and consultancy fees
- Organize and manage all arrangements for workshops, seminars, meetings and Trainings
- Make all financial transaction payments on authorization from FHI

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Hired 31 consultants
- Held 14 workshops and seminars
- Conducted 6 exposure tours

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International AIDS Control and Prevention Research Center

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1996

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: One

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To conduct HIV/AIDS and STI awareness programs
- ▶▶ To minimize high risk behavior adopted by target audiences in terms of HIV/AIDS and STI
- ▶▶ To encourage PLHA to live respectable lives
- ▶▶ To facilitate the national and international program concerned with HIV/AIDS and STIs

AGENCY MISSION: Info-AIDS works to reduce the rate of infection among targeted audiences. These activities and programs should be based on the needs of the people at the grassroots level.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Clients of FSWs
- Students
- PLHA
- Community members

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Bhaktapur municipality
- Araniko highway
- BP Rajmarg highway (Sindhuli to Bardibas)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Quality outreach and BCI
- Health education, awareness and advocacy
- Blood donation
- Community development and assessments
- PE mobilization
- DIC management

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: BCI and awareness raising among clients of FSWs

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: BCI Program for Transport Workers in Bhaktapur

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: January 27, 2003 to February 29, 2004 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

- Bhaktapur municipality (Central Region)
- Araniko highway (Central Region)
- BP Rajmarg highway from Sindhuli to Bardibas (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Clients of FSWs
- Students
- PLHA
- Community members

PROJECT SUMMARY: The purpose of this project was to reduce the rate of HIV/AIDS and STI transmission among transport workers by promoting safer sex behaviors. Activities included BCI, establishment and operation of a DIC, networking with the target audience and stakeholders, and capacity building. The outreach interventions including condom promotion proved to be important components in reducing high risk sexual behaviors. Transport workers are now teaching their peers about HIV/AIDS, risk behaviors and condom use. They no longer shy away from OREs. STI patients are now seeking treatment, and FSW clients are more willing to use condoms.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Mobilized and trained 2 OREs and 8 PEs
- Identified 748 clients and conducted 1,791 repeated educational contacts (REC)
- Conducted 1,162 condom demonstrations, distributed 24,163 condoms and sold 6,568 socially marketed condoms
- Distributed 11,052 communications materials
- Performed 13 street dramas to an audience of 4,443 people
- Conducted 18 film showings in garages and 213 film showings at the DIC
- Held various interaction programs, stakeholder meetings and coordination meetings

MATERIALS PRODUCED: HIV/AIDS brochure

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Center for Communication Programs

Johns Hopkins University, Center for Communication Program

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1988

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: 1.5

AGENCY VISION: The Center for Communication Programs (CCP) envisions a world in which communication saves lives, improves health and enhances well-being.

AGENCY MISSION: To partner with organizations worldwide to:

- Design and implement strategic communication programs that influence political dialogue, collective action, and individual behavior;
- Enhance access to information and the exchange of knowledge that improve health and health care; and
- Conduct research to guide program design, evaluate impact, test theories, and advance knowledge in health communication.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Media managers

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Worldwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Leader in the development of projects based on systematic needs assessment and clear strategies for positioning and presenting the benefits of health interventions to appropriate audiences
- Represented in more than 30 countries, and has developed and managed more than 300 country-based projects and contracts in 50 countries involving more than 200 local organizations and subcontractors
- Communication expertise and services
- Education, training, research and evaluation
- Well networked and working closely with the MOH, the National Health Education Information and Communication Center (NHEICC), the Family Health Division (FHD), Save the Children/US and CARE International

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES AND PARTNERS: Integration of HIV/AIDS messages in the ongoing radio communication and radio health programs and print materials

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To improve the quality of personal, family and community life through effective communication programs to promote healthy behavior
- ▶ To strengthen the individual skills and institutional capacity of government, private sector, and non-governmental agencies to develop and implement health communication programs
- ▶ To expand the frontiers of knowledge in health communication through interdisciplinary research and impact evaluation
- ▶ To document, share and disseminate lessons learned, new technologies and new approaches in health communication through teaching, writing, distance education, and other communication channels
- ▶ To advocate the policy priority and financial resources necessary for effective communication and services especially in RH family planning and related programs
- ▶ To enhance educational and career opportunities for qualified men and women in these disciplines

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV/AIDS/STI Media Communication Project

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Mass media communications

PROJECT PERIOD: March 1, 1999 to September 30, 2001 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- Other populations at risk of HIV infection
- Media managers
- NGOs

PROJECT SUMMARY: The overall goal of the project was to reduce the incidence of STI and HIV among the primary target populations of FSWs and their clients. Areas of attention in the first year included media advocacy and policy building, and capacity building of the local media talent. In the second year, the focus was towards building the capacity of FHI, BCI implementing NGO partners on interpersonal communication, counseling, peer education and condom negotiation with regards to HIV/AIDS.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Trained 16 media professionals on designing, script writing and producing enter-educate radio and television programs on HIV/AIDS
- Held two interactive press conferences with more than 200 journalists on HIV/AIDS
- Developed 10 television and radio products on HIV/AIDS targeting FSWs and their clients, adolescents and youth
- Developed a trainer's guide on interpersonal communication and counseling (IPC/C) with regard to STIs and HIV/AIDS
- Provided IPC/C Training of Trainers (TOT) to FHI, NGO trainers, OREs and PEs
- Developed a video on condom negotiation and other life skills for FSWs

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Trainer's Guide on Interpersonal Communication and Counseling
- Training video on condom negotiation
- Self-Assessment Tool
- Peer Supervision Checklist
- *Jeevan Ko Upahar (Gift of Life)* TV drama
- *Jeevan Ko Geet (Song of Life)* TV case study
- Two TV spots
- Radio drama
 - *Tapaiko Jeevan Tapaikai Hath Ma Chha (Your Life is in Your Hand)*
 - *Sunaulo Bhavishya (Joining Hands for a Better Future)*
- Two radio jingles

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Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1991

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Eight

AGENCY MISSION: Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society (LALS) is a Kathmandu-based NGO working in the field of risk reduction and the provision of human resource development (HRD) in the field of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse to agencies working in the sector.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- IDUs
- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- Local and international organizations

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts (Central Region)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- HRD
- Risk Reduction

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Risk Reduction Program for IDUs

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To provide human resource development (HRD)
- ▶ To prevent HIV/AIDS and other blood borne diseases among substance abusers

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Human Resource Development Assistance and HIV/AIDS/STI Outreach Training Project

PROJECT TYPE:

- Capacity Building

PROJECT PERIODS:

- October 1, 1994 to October 31, 1995 (AIDSCAP I)
- November 1 1995 to August 26, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)
- May 1, 1997 to July 31, 1997 (AIDSCAP I)
- August 1, 1997 to February 15, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Sixteen Eastern, Western and Central Terai districts (Makwanpur, Bara, Parsa, Dhanusha, Sunsari, Siraha, Saptari, Morang, Rupandehi, Nawalparasi, Chitwan, Sarlahi, Jhapa, Dhading, Rautahat and Mahottari), and the Central Region

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Implementing agency staff (initially only General Welfare Pratisthan)
- Local NGO staff

PROJECT SUMMARY: The project goal was to provide HRD technical support for HIV/AIDS and STI prevention. LALS assisted selected NGOs working with FHI to strengthen their human resources to confront the challenges of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention in Nepal through the provision of technical assistance, outreach and peer education training, and special HRD packages and assistance. LALS worked to enhance and uplift the skills development of field staff in identifying,

communicating and initiating behavior change interventions. Many partner organizations continue to work on risk reduction development assistance introduced by LALS. LALS also worked on the cross border Bhoruka AIDS Project with GWP.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Conducted trainings on HIV/AIDS orientation, peer education, facilitation, specialized counseling and interpersonal communications, orientations for outreach staff on syndromic STI case management, workplace intervention, orientations on outreach education and BCI
- Enhanced outreach capacity of field staff in counseling and interpersonal communication skills and provided peer education and counseling on HIV/AIDS
- Conducted study tours and field visits
- Conducted training for FHI Rapid Response Fund (RRF) Recipient NGOs
- Provided on-site field visit support and technical support for assessments
- Undertook a Rapid Internal Assessment of GWP/AIDSCAP outreach interventions
- Distributed condoms

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Care and support guidelines and manual
- Outreach orientation training on HIV/AIDS and STI for partner organizations
- Village Risk Advisor HIV/AIDS risk assessment and counseling tool
- Cross Border Program

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV/AIDS Prevention Among IDUs

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: January 7 to May 31, 2002 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (including transport workers, migrant laborers and security personnel)
- IDUs

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Save the Children/US
- European Commission
- CHR (*continued project to December 31, 2002)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

PROJECT SUMMARY: To increase utilization of risk reduction services among IDUs. Awareness and Behavior change on IDUs. Capacity building of the staff and PEs. Developed and produced communications materials. Advocacy of Risk reduction in the community

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Risk Reduction Behavior Change Education
- Counseling
- PHC
- Referral

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction Manual
- Care and support manual
- Different communications materials

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National Network Against Girl-Trafficking

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1990

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Three

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To create social awareness throughout the country for the prevention of girl trafficking
- ▶ To work as a pressure group to pressurize government to develop, reform, adopt and prioritize suitable plans, policies and laws related to discourage trafficking
- ▶ To provide technical and financial support and other initiatives for capacity building of other NGOs for prevention of trafficking
- ▶ To strengthen the relationship among local, national, regional and international organizations working against trafficking and united those organizations

AGENCY MISSION: NNAGT is a non-governmental, non-profit coalition of grassroots level community-based organizations (CBOs) and national level NGOs working towards the prevention of girl trafficking. NNAGT extends its efforts to include lobbying, advocacy, awareness-raising programs and information dissemination at the national, regional and international level.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Members and representatives from all parts of Nepal (journalists, politicians, lawyers, doctors, professors, students, human rights activists and NGOs)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Anti-trafficking activities
- Lobbying government through pressure groups
- Capacity building technical support
- Information dissemination
- Regional and international networking and affiliations

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Incorporating HIV/AIDS and STI risk reduction components in its ongoing trainings, awareness-raising classes, street dramas and other youth awareness programs because trafficking, violence and HIV/AIDS have significant linkages.

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: National Network Against Girl Trafficking Project

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: 1999 to 2001 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Vulnerable groups (including adolescent girls and students)
- Development partners including NGOs and CBOs, policy makers, local authorities, intellectuals, women activists, lawyers and journalists

PROJECT SUMMARY: The NNAGT project covers a wide range of activities in two phases, including strengthening the network coordination, lobbying, advocacy, awareness and information sharing for prevention of girl trafficking, HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. NNAGT has expertise in various sectors particularly on massive awareness programs, lobbying, advocacy, training, empowerment, and capacity building programs. Networking has strengthened NNAGT to launch a nation wide program from grassroots to central level, in collaboration with many partners from various sectors.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established NNAGT Secretariat
- Successfully expanded the national level network to more than 65 NGOs and CBOs, government line agencies, and other concerned stakeholders
- Developed and maintained a resource center
- Became affiliated and accredited with national, regional and international organizations (Social Welfare Council of Nepal, South Asian Forum Against Human Trafficking, the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-Asia Pacific, and the United Nations Division of Advancement of Women), and participated actively in national and international forums

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Posters, pamphlets and fact sheets
- Anti-trafficking training kits
- Calendars and caps
- Placards, ribbons and commitment badges
- Six volumes of the quarterly bulletin *Chelibeti* (Nepali and English alternatively)
- Workshop proceedings from Migrant Labor and Trafficking of Women, and Strengthening Cross Border Network
- Database of trafficked and returned individuals
- Books
 - *Compilation of News Coverage on Girl Trafficking, HIV/AIDS, and Other Types of Violence Against Women with National and Regional Coverage*
 - *Women's Voice*

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Nepal Chemists and Druggists Association

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1973

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Five

AGENCY VISION: To establish price uniformity

AGENCY MISSION: NCDA is an NGO of business firms involved in pharmaceutical retailing as well as in whole selling for the purpose of developing and safeguarding the pharmaceutical trade.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Members (government registered firms of pharmaceutical importers, wholesalers and retailers)
- Chemists
- Health care providers

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Narcotic drug control
- Arrangement of training programs including orientation training program on drug dispensing for chemists, and HIV/AIDS and STI prevention training program
- Monthly bulletin
- Drug information network program

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: None

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To extend advice to HMG/N in regards to the formulation of acts, rules and regulations
- ▶ To establish cordial relations between government and pharmaceutical traders
- ▶ To collect statistics and relevant information to communicate to pharmaceutical traders
- ▶ To effect the reasonable ethical norms within the trade and maintain price uniformity
- ▶ To establish a relationship with similar organizations of other countries
- ▶ To induce traders to feel responsible and try to avail emergency medicines to consumers
- ▶ To act as a mediator between member firms and businesses
- ▶ To plan, manage and implement HIV/AIDS and STI Training including Orientation courses, and Training on Drug Dispensing for Chemists and Health Care Providers

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Strengthening Initiatives for Chemists and Alternative Health Care Providers Project

PROJECT TYPE:

- Capacity Building
- BCI

PROJECT PERIOD:

- January 1, 1995 to December 12, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)
- February 10, 1997 to May 15, 1997 (AIDSCAP I)
- December 16, 1998 to May 31, 1999 (AIDSCAP II)
- November 17, 1999 to September 15, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Sixteen districts along the highway routes of the Eastern, Central and Western Regions

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Chemists
- Health care providers
- Alternative health care providers

PROJECT SUMMARY: In Nepal, chemists are often the only health access and first point of encounter for people living in remote communities and villages. NCDA therefore developed a training programs on STI prevention and control as a pilot project to strengthen STI drug dispensing and condom promotion practices amongst pharmacists and nontraditional providers.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Planned, managed and implemented HIV/AIDS and STI Training and Orientation Course, and Training on Drug Dispensing for chemists and health care providers, as well as provided refresher trainings
- Established branch offices
- Provided basic information to handle HIV/AIDS and STI patients to members
- Raised awareness on the prevention of HIV/AIDS/STI among community people
- Improved the prescription of correct dosages of medicine and proper use to consumers
- Distributed materials

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Curriculum developed covering:
 - Introduction to STIs and HIV/AIDS
 - Effective communication with clients
 - Health education including the "4 C's"
 - Proper use of condoms and condom social marketing
 - Three major STI syndromes and medicine prescribed by doctors
 - Ethics and the role of the chemist
- Published *STI/HIV/AIDS: Chemist and Community in Reproductive Health Matters*, November 1996

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Nepal Medical Association

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1950

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Two (first partner under AIDSCAP I)

AGENCY MISSION: NMA is a non-political and non-communal association of medical (scientific) professionals that aims to safeguard the interests of the medical profession in Nepal.

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To promote harmony and cooperation among the members of the medical professionals, staff and institutions
- ▶▶ To maintain a current and efficient standard of medical treatment and public health services
- ▶▶ To maintain uniform standard of training for hospital assistants
- ▶▶ To circulate information among members and educate the public about medical aspects by publication of literature, magazines, etc.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Health care providers (medical doctors, paramedics)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Development of manuals and training materials
- Training on STI and HIV/AIDS

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Have submitted proposals for training doctors and paramedics throughout the country.

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Syndromic Management of STIs Training Package Development and Delivery

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD:

- June 27, 1994 to August 26, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)
- September 1998 to March 31, 1999 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Central Region

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Health care providers

PROJECT SUMMARY: The project goal was to improve STI case management and sensitivity amongst its members through the provision of updated information on HIV/AIDS promotion of universal precautions and creation of an environment where PLHA patients are treated without discrimination.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Developed a training curriculum for general practitioners presenting the STI case management approach to diagnosis and treatment of STIs
- Implemented workshops, educating 125 individuals and training 66 on STI Case Management
- Sensitized medicos for care of PLHA patients
- Adopted standardized and simplified syndromic treatment for STIs
- Distributed syndromic case management training package to 88 domestic projects, health agencies, NGOs, and medical trainers—and additionally distributed internationally to over 30 to agencies at the Rockefeller Foundation

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Guidebook on HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention*
- *The Case Management of Sexually Transmitted Diseases: A Training Package* developed and finalized in 1996 on syndromic case management for private practitioners

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Nepal CRS Company

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1978

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Five

AGENCY MISSION: CRS is a non-profit social marketing organization operating in the health and family planning sector of Nepal. Its prime mandate is to increase awareness and use of health and family planning products among the people of Nepal by using modern marketing tools and techniques, especially selling contraceptives. Adhering to international best practices, CRS exists in Nepal to efficiently deliver significant quantities of reproductive health and health-related products to underserved and vulnerable people and inspire healthier behaviors.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- High risk populations
- Children and adolescents
- Paramedics and nurses
- General community members

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Selling contraceptives
- First marketing agency in Nepal for contraceptives

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: On going promotion of *Panther* brand condoms and the newly introduced *Number One* condom for HIV and STI prevention

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To effectively contribute to HMG/N objectives to reduce birth rate
- ▶▶ To collaborate on policy matters with the national family health program
- ▶▶ To undertake all activities relating to input and distribution of reversible contraceptive methods
- ▶▶ To make reversible contraceptives available to the population at affordable prices and at convenient locations
- ▶▶ To undertake research in areas of reversible contraceptives

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Condom Promotion and Distribution Program

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Mass media communications
- CSM

PROJECT PERIOD:

- February 1, 1996 to July 31, 1997 (AIDSCAP I)
- March 1, 1998 to July 30, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Began with nine and expanded to 22 districts along the major national highway systems (All Regions)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

PROJECT SUMMARY: The goals of the project were (1) to expand the distribution and accessibility of the CRS brand condoms for disease prevention in an effort to strengthen sales and influence consumer behaviors in 22 districts and most particularly in the nine districts of the Central Region from Naubise to Janakpur/Jaleswor and Birgungj; and (2) to increase the accessibility and demand for condoms in the project area by strengthening the capacity of Nepal's condom socially marketing program managed by CRS. The objectives were:

- To expand and strengthen the existing condom distribution system providing for increased numbers of traditional and nontraditional outlets selling condoms, and increasing the number of sales days
- To enhance the demand for the increased supplies and availability of condoms through a condom promotion advertising campaign
- To conduct workshops for general outlet owners, nontraditional retailers and local community leaders focused on topic of condom promotion and STI/HIV/AIDS
- To design and produce banners with HIV/AIDS condom messages
- To revise the social marketing training curriculum and materials and conducted field trainings for NGOs
- To support initiatives for condom distribution and expansion by opening and maintaining new sales outlets in nontraditional outlets
- To support the condom multimedia campaign

To this end, CRS distributed and promoted condoms along Nepal's major highway systems and peripheral areas. CRS worked in collaboration with the USAID-supported SOMARC project managed by The Futures Group International.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Expanded the distribution and accessibility of socially marketed condoms, strengthened sales and influenced consumer behavior within 22 districts
- Increased condom sales before and after the intervention: the total sales of socially marketed condoms were 7.2 million units in 1994-1995, 8.6 million in 1995-1996, and 10.7 million in 2001-02)
- Created 12,000 non-traditional outlets and involved 10 NGOs for distribution
- Developed human resources in the promotion of correct and consistent use of condoms and dissemination of information related to HIV/AIDS
- Developed a Condom Promotion and Communications Plan

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Hoarding boards, tin signs kiosks
- Training handbooks, manuals, and kit on CSM
- Key chains, caps, wall clocks, pocket calendars and condom wallets
- Pilot radio program on HIV/AIDS

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Nepal Social Marketing and Distribution (P) Ltd

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1996

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: 1.5

AGENCY MISSION: SMD is a behavioral change, social marketing and management consultancy organization with the aim of serving programmatic and social marketing needs of various national as well as international agencies.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Women's groups and organizations
- Local governments, NGOs, CBOs and private organizations
- Female community health volunteers (FCHVs)
- Teachers and students
- Development workers and public officers
- FSWs and male sex workers (MSWs)
- Clients of MSWs and FSWs
- MSM
- Migrant workers
- IDUs

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Close contact and coordination with hundreds of local partners including government, NGOs, international agencies and local clubs
- Has a database of greater than 12,000 commercial, non-traditional and other outlets that can be used to distribute products, ideas and concepts
- Works closely with more than 2,000 high risk groups for HIV/AIDS prevention
- Strong human resource capability
- Strong experience working at the local community level
- Social marketing skills particularly for condoms

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Community-based CSM Program for Youth

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To design, develop and manage social marketing programs and projects for national and international organizations in the area of RH, HIV/AIDS prevention and other social developments
- ▶▶ To market and distribute SMD's health products and the products/services of other organizations (private and NGO)
- ▶▶ To provide technical assistance, training and management consultancy services to various clientele consisting of international and national NGOs to help improve their overall management

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Targeted Condom Social Marketing at High Risk Groups

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- CSM

PROJECT PERIOD: July 15, 2001–December 31, 2002 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Sixteen districts in the East, Central and Western Regions

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- MSM
- IDUs

PROJECT SUMMARY: This project focused on strengthening community based CSM by increasing non-traditional outlets, expanding the range of products and complementing distribution with merchandising and training activities. The overall goal was to increase access to condom for high risk groups.

- The project identified and created around 6,000 active, non-traditional outlets convenient to the target group, supplied 1.2 million condoms, oriented and motivated 28 local CBOs to initiate condom social marketing activities, designed and organized 68 interaction programs and trainings for 1,246 participants, and organized trade and consumer level awareness building and promotional activities with the help of the private sector to promote condom use.
- The project successfully shifted the paradigm of the target group's perception of condoms from mere protection to pleasure enhancing.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Developed a new social marketing model (targeted and focused)
- Supplied private sector condoms (saving donated money to buy raw condoms internationally)
- Increased the market share of private sector condoms from less than 5% to above 16%
- Generated an additional annual market demand of about 1 million condoms in 20 districts
- Expanded CSM to 41 districts in Nepal

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Training manual with audio cassette
- Posters
- Display rack
- Condom catalogue
- Trader brochure
- Display showcase
- Calendar
- Key ring
- T-shirt
- Condom trunk
- Condom cartoon

"Condoms, which were previously available only in medical stores, are now being sold by varieties of shops including paan shops, grocery stores, and tea stalls. Many such outlets are dependant upon condom sales as their highest source of revenue."—SMD staff

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ORG-MARG ACNielsen - Nepal (P) Ltd

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1923 (1993 in Nepal)

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Five

AGENCY MISSION: ACNielsen strives to provide a unique perspective on consumer behavior and marketing practices and decisions. ACNielsen offers an integrated suite of market information gathered from a wide range of sources, advanced information management tools, sophisticated analytical systems and methodologies, and dedicated professional client service to help our clients find the best paths to growth.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Research clients

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide
- Nepal: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Is a subsidiary of ACNielsen, the largest multidisciplinary research and consultancy agency in the world
- Measure market performance
- Analyze market dynamics
- Diagnose and solve marketing and sales problems
- Identify and capture growth opportunities

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Marketing research omnibus survey for PSI Nepal

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To provide our clients with objective and reliable marketing information and consumer insight that add value to their businesses
- ▶ To help clients make the best possible marketing decisions to build revenue and profits

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Second-Generation Communication and Strategy and Logo Marketing Research

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Mass media communications

PROJECT PERIOD:

- January 24 to March 31, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)
- August 15 to September 26, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Sunsari, Chitwan, Dang, Rupandehi, and Kathmandu Districts (Eastern, Central, Western and Midwestern Regions)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Petty shop owners
- Truck drivers
- Salaried employees
- Women at risk

PROJECT SUMMARIE: Pre-tested and finalized the Second Generation mass media communications campaign logo and slogan among the target groups. Qualitative as well as quantitative research tools were used to pre-test radio jingles, radio spots and truck backs for second generation communication strategy comprehension, persuasion effectiveness, and modification for improvement, as well as logo development.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Evaluated radio spots, truck backs and jingles for comprehension and persuasion effectiveness by conducting 16 focus group discussions, 115 interviews with truck drivers and 120 interviews with other target populations
- Achieved a 65% overall correct recall of main message
- Developed a diagnostic test ('liking the message' and 'message believability') of performance and to recommend areas of modification for improvement

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Logo and slogan *Condom Bhata Shurakshya Youn Swasthya Ko Rakshya (Condoms Protect Your Sexual Health)*
- Hoarding boards
- Radio and TV spots

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Population Services International (PSI)

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1970 (2002 in Nepal)

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: One

AGENCY MISSION: PSI deploys commercial marketing strategies to promote health products, services and other types of healthy behavior that enable low-income and other vulnerable people to lead healthier lives.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Communities worldwide

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide in 70 countries
- Nepal: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Safe water/oral rehydration, malaria, nutrition/micronutrients, family planning and HIV/AIDS
- Commercial marketing strategies to promote health products, services and healthy behavior that enable low-income and vulnerable people to lead healthier lives.
- Selling products and services at subsidized prices rather than given away in order to enhance their perceived value, increasing the likelihood of use, and to motivate commercial sector involvement.

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: RH social marketing program in Nepal, including CSM

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ Bottom line health impact
- ▶▶ Private sector speed and efficiency
- ▶▶ Decentralization, innovation and entrepreneurship
- ▶▶ Long-term commitment to the people we serve

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Condom Social Marketing Strategy for HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction

PROJECT TYPE: CSM

PROJECT PERIOD: January to September 2002 (Nepal Initiative)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATION:

- Youth
- High risk populations
- General public

PROJECT PURPOSE: To strengthen social marketing activities to play an important role in achieving the goals and objectives of HMG/N under the Nepal Initiative. The project aimed to start jump several activities deemed useful in accelerating the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Components included:

- Development, launch, distribution and promotion of a new socially marketed condom for HIV/AIDS prevention targeted at youth

- Implementation of a multimedia campaign to promote safe behaviors
- Collaborate with partners, including the Ministry of health (MOH), and NCASC, to build capacity in social marketing techniques

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Conducted market research to develop a new socially marketed condom brand and logo targeted at youth for HIV/AIDS prevention, and condoms procured through an international competitive bidding process (4 million condoms purchased)
- Launched the *Lets Talking start About AIDS Today Italics* Multimedia Campaign for HIV/AIDS Prevention designed to complement HMG/N's year of hiv/AIDS Awareness
- Supported NCASC in the development of the new National Strategy for HIV/AIDS
- Worked with NCASC to develop the proposal for the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria
- Promoted and supported situational analysis activities and special events targeting youth with HIV/AIDS prevention communications (such as Red Ribbon Grind, Chautari Hotel HIV/AIDS Benefit Show, NCASC Cabin Restaurant Informal Tour, and the Nepal Film Association Awards)
- Featured several groundbreaking 'firsts' in HIV/AIDS in Nepal
 - Eight famous celebrities agreed to use their star-power to promote HIV/AIDS issues
 - The first condom was shown on national television
 - The first risk reduction messages were communicated
 - Comedy was used for the first time to dispel misconceptions and promote compassion for PLHA
 - A Nepali PLHA went on national media for the first time
- Awarded the Best Campaign award for 2003 for all advertising in Nepal by the Advertising Association for Nepal

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Number One* condom logo
- *Unity Against AIDS* Year logo
- *Let's start talking About AIDS Today* Multimedia Campaign TV spots, national and regional radio spots, posters, billboards, press releases and public relation events (including articles, interviews, talk-shows on radio and TV)

STUDIES CONDUCTED:

- *Qualitative Evaluation of the Celebrity Multimedia Campaign for HIV/AIDS Prevention 2002–2003*
- *Media Recall Study of the Celebrity Multimedia Campaign for HIV/AIDS Prevention 2002–03*
- *Quantitative Evaluation of the Second Generation HIV/AIDS Campaign*
- *Condom Market Distribution Study*
- *Negative Testing of Number One Condom Brand Name*
- *Qualitative Condom Brand Market Research*
- *Consumer Preference Test of Brand Names and Foils of Three Male Condom Brands*
- *Packaging Market Research*
- *Market Channel Study*

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To translate client strategies and goals into design and communication to be easily interpreted by the target audience
- ▶ To create comprehensive, model communications strategies and design

"There is less inhibition when discussion HIV/AIDS today because people realize that HIV/AIDS is not just about sex." – Stimulus staff member

"I had never heard the word condom before, nor had I ever used them. Now I know all about condoms and use them regularly." –target group member

"I am now more sympathetic towards people living with HIV/AIDS, and more careful myself that I don't contract it." – target group member

Stimulus Advertisers (P) Ltd. Advertisers (P) Ltd

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1990

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Seven

AGENCY MISSION: To create and set the standards of advertising in Nepal to be at par with the rest of the world

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: All populations

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Developing communications materials and products
- Communications and media planning

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: None

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: AIDS Awareness and Condom Promotion Multimedia Campaign for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Mass media communications
- CSM

PROJECT PERIOD:

- September 1, 1993 to July 31, 1997 (AIDSCAP I)
- October 1, 1997 to January 31, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Highway areas (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (including transport workers and migrant laborers)
- Other high risk population groups

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- The Futures Group International
- Sights and Sounds (see below)

- TARANGA Sanskritic Samuha (see below)
- Radio Nepal
- Nepal Television
- NCASC
- The Ministry of Communication and Information
- The Censor Board
- Nepal CRS Company
- GWP

PROJECT SUMMARY: The project goal was to increase accessibility of condoms, correct and consistent use of condoms (particularly while engaging in high risk behaviors), and to increase HIV/AIDS prevention awareness. The project developed, managed, produced, implemented and disseminated media campaign materials and communications to raise awareness of AIDS prevention and care, promote condom usage, and provide care and support.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Sold 44 million condoms in five years
- Educated 41,900 individuals and distributed 2,300 materials during Phase I
- Showed *Guruji ra Antare* by video van and performed by street drama
- Regularly broadcast four radio spots (*At the Hospital, Husband and Wife, Guruji ra Antare*, and *Tea Shop*), one radio awareness film *Ke Tapaailai Thaha Chha ? (What do You Know?)*, PSA, *Asha* and *Dhaaley Dai (Brother Condom)* TV spot were
- Established Kiosks and resource centers
- Organized Condom Day and World AIDS Day processions and community events

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Guruji ra Antare* storyline developed and produced for TV, radio, cinema, street drama, and other complementary print materials (comic books, condom wallets, stickers, danglers, posters and banners)
- *Asha* video film
- Video fillers
 - *Raju, Laxmi*
 - *Unite Against AIDS*
- *Ke Tapaailai Thaha Chha? (What Do You Know)* radio awareness film
- *Dhaaley Dai* logo
- *Condom Lagau AIDS Bhagau (Use a Condom, Drive Away AIDS)* slogan
- Jingles and radio spots
- Communications materials
- *Dhaal Top Ten* audio cassette



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Additional Project Partners

SUB-CONTRACT AGENCY: Taranga Sanskritic Samuha

SUB-CONTRACT PERIOD: AIDSCAP I and II

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nine districts (Central Region)

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To use entertainment to raise awareness among community members about HIV/AIDS and STIs and prevention through the proper use of condoms. Taranga therefore made a drama based on the film *Guruji ra Antare*. Taranga was supported by GWP and LALS as well as Stimulus.

SUB-CONTRACT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Performed 130 street dramas to an audience of approximately 60,000 (25.4% female, 59.2% male, 15.5% children) including transport workers, factory workers, hoteliers, migrant workers, farmers, security personnel, shopkeepers, students, rickshaw pullers and housewives.

Additional Project Partners

SUB-CONTRACT AGENCY: Sights and Sounds

SUB-CONTRACT PERIOD: AIDSCAP I and II

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide TV audience

SUB-CONTRACT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Urban youth
- Rural populace
- Migrant populations
- Transport workers (such as truck drivers and conductors)
- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To make the primary target audiences, as well as the general populace, aware of the risks of HIV/AIDS, how to protect against HIV infection and care and support for PLHA through visual media for TV.

SUB-CONTRACT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Helped to break down the communication barriers involved with HIV/AIDS. High awareness of HIV/AIDS leading to marked positive behaviour change amongst target population, especially with regard to condom use and reduction of stigma.
- Conceptualized and produced many TV dramas, documentaries and spots on a range of social development themes for NGOs and INGOs
- Screened TV dramas and spots shown to a wide population through mobile video vans along the East-West highway on a regular rotational basis revisiting the same audience several times in a year

SUB-CONTRACT MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- TV dramas
 - *Guruji ra Antare*
 - *Asha*
- TV spots
 - *Dhaaley Dai*
 - *Raju*
 - *Laxmi*
- *Unite Against AIDS*
- Several radio spots



United Mission to Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1954

FHI PARTNER SINCE: 2001

AGENCY MISSION: To minister to the needs of the people of Nepal in the Name and Spirit of Christ, and to make Christ known by word and life, thereby strengthening the universal Church in its total ministry

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: DAG, Poor people, Women, PLHA

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Mugu, Jumla, Jajakot, Banke, Surkhet, Palpa, Makwanpur, Okaldhunga, Ramechhap, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Morang, Gorkha, Lamjung, Kaski, Syanja, Dailekh etc

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- **Education:** school governance and improvement in management, teacher training, literacy, non-formal education, and contributing to higher education
- **Women and Children:** high priority to women and children in health and social issues
- **HIV/AIDS:** prevention, education and awareness raising, advocacy, community or family-based care
- **Food Security:** food availability, accessibility and utilization
- **Enterprise Support:** small enterprise development activities
- **Relief:** providing help to those suffering as a result of conflict and natural disasters
- **Peace and Conflict Transformation:** methods of conflict resolution, facilitation, research, training and community organization
- **Advocacy:** advocating on specific issues in the above areas of work

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Addressing Root Causes of Poverty
- ▶ Addressing Injustice
- ▶ Peace and Reconciliation
- ▶ Relief
- ▶ Partnerships
- ▶ Relationship with the Christian Community
- ▶ Capacity Building
- ▶ Contributing to National Policy Development

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Counseling Training and material Development Program

PROJECT PERIOD: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: November 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

PROJECT TARGET POPULATION: Government Health Workers, NGOs and FHI Partner Staff

PROJECT PURPOSE: To conduct field testing and Final Printing of the HIV counseling training manual

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 3 HIV/ AIDS basic counseling training conducted for 44 participants
- Field testing and Final Printing of the HIV counseling training manual
- 18,00 copies of the manual printed
- Conducted for Three 7 days training for staff from FHI IAs
- Developed TASO video cassettes

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Valley Research Group

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1986

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: 17 months

AGENCY MISSION: Valley Research Group (VaRG) is an independent, private institute. VaRG's fields of interest embrace a wide range of areas. It functions as a professional organization to ensure high quality, professional standard and objectivity in its work. Since its establishment, VaRG has undertaken research studies and trainings in a variety of fields

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS

- HMG/N including Ministries of Health, Local Development, Housing and Physical Planning, Education, and the National Planning Commission
- International and bilateral agencies
- NGOs

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS

- Extensive research in the fields of health and development throughout Nepal including:
 - Health and education
 - Population and development
 - HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention
 - Women in development
 - Rural development
 - Agriculture
 - Development oriented training
 - Marketing and management

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Various studies

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Study of Sexual Networking in Five Urban Areas in the Nepal Terai

PROJECT PERIOD: July 15, 1993 to December 31, 1994 (AIDSCAP I)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Terai, including Biratnagar, Birgunj, Bhairahawa, Dhangadhi and Mahendranagar (Farwestern, Central and Eastern Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATION: FSWs

PROJECT SUMMARY: To manage and conduct a rapid assessment of sexual networking in five urban areas in the Terai region of Nepal. Areas were targeted because of the high concentration of FSWs, the mobility of the population and their socio-economic representation (comparable to the whole country). A quantitative, open-ended questionnaire was used to collect socio demographic profile data from a selected sample of 56 FSWs, 100 clients and 80 potential AIDS educators. The objective was to provide a good understanding of the beliefs, attitudes, misconceptions and behaviors of sexually active individuals with multiple partners before the implementation of a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention program.

MATERIALS PRODUCED: Study of Sexual Networking

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To conduct applied socio-economic research (action research)
- ▶▶ To offer consultancy and training services to government and NGOs, as well as international development agencies, in the multi-disciplinary sectors of development

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TASK ORDERS

Often, FHI works with a partner at a global level or in several different countries. In these cases, a contract is developed and specific activities are added to it as task orders. A task order is a short contract mechanism for providing technical assistance or other specific task. The primary purpose of a task order is to provide technical assistance to implementing partner agencies of FHI. The required activities and outputs are usually short and simple.

The following task orders were during AIDSCAP I, AIDSCAP II and IMPACT.



Howard Delafield International

TASK ORDER PERIOD: Seven task orders between January 5, 1998 and October 31, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

TASK ORDER GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

TASK ORDER PURPOSE: To provide technical support and capacity building for CRS, ORG-MARG and Stimulus advertizers



Management Sciences for Health

TASK ORDER TITLE: Capacity Development of FHI Implementing Agencies

TASK ORDER PERIOD: Seventeen task orders between 1999 and (2004- AIDSCAP II and IMPACT)

TASK ORDER GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

TASK ORDER TARGET POPULATIONS: Thirteen FHI IAs

TASK ORDER SUMMARY: Involved IAs to develop tools and use them to assess their management capacity periodically and take necessary action to improve in appropriate areas. Prepared a report to list areas needing external support identified by IAs. The interactive discussion with the staff of the IAs was an opportunity in itself to learn about the program challenges and practical approaches to tackle them.

TASK ORDER ACCOMPLISHMENTS: All 13 IAs assessed their current management capacity to be used as a their baseline status.

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Capacity assessment tool
- Capacity Development Plan Report



Population Services International

TASK ORDER TITLE: Nepal Short-Term Technical Assistance to Prepare Marketing Plan for Pre-Packaged STI Therapy

TASK ORDER PERIOD: June 14, 1996 to July 23, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)

TASK ORDER GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

TASK ORDER TARGET POPULATIONS: Health care providers

TASK ORDER SUMMARY: Developed a marketing plan that identified elements necessary for the promotion and distribution of pre-packaged STI therapy kits and an accompanying communications campaign on STI prevention, to assist AIDSCAP in assessing the feasibility of an STI Prevention Marketing Pre-Packaged Therapy Pilot Project, and provide recommendations for resources required to launch such an initiative.

TASK ORDER OBJECTIVES:

- To begin the solicitation of interest process that would identify a social marketing agency with whom to develop and market the STI kit
- To conduct research for the development of the kit name and logo; content and layout of the educational brochure; content and layout of the partner notification card; kit packaging; a strategy for training chemists and physicians
- To generate an overall consumer marketing strategy for the kit
- To assist in the development of a protocol to assess the perception of the kit by providers and consumers at the close of the pilot project

TASK ORDER ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Produced a final report on the feasibility of a pilot project in Nepal with recommendations and a summary of organizations and individuals suggested to oversee and implement the research component of the project.



Program for Appropriate Technology in Health

TASK ORDER TITLE: Technical Assistance to the Condom Promotion and Distribution and Program

TASK ORDER PERIOD:

- October 1, 1994 to August 26, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)
- January to February 1998 (AIDSCAP II)

TASK ORDER GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Central Region

TASK ORDER TARGET POPULATIONS: GWP and LALS staff members

TASK ORDER SUMMARY: To provide technical assistance to GWP and LALS with planning, activity design and development of oversight on field implementation and communications material design, development and use. It guided the implementation strategy, utilizing interpersonal communications and counseling on HIV/AIDS/STIs, and the transfer of risk assessment and risk reduction skills to target groups in local communities. The community-based outreach strategy was enhanced with the introduction of peer education techniques and strategies to create a network of PEs from the target groups and to support all with extensive outreach, assistance and appropriately designed and tested communications products. PATH provided inputs on the technical quality of instruments, materials, evaluation and technical reports associated with the Outreach Education subproject.

TASK ORDER MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: PATH conducted four technical assistance visits to Nepal working directly with GWP and LALS at key points in subproject implementation.



University of North Carolina

TASK ORDER PERIOD: January 1, 1999 to September 30, 1999 (AIDSCAP II)

TASK ORDER GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Terai (Midwest, Western and Central Regions)

TASK ORDER TARGET POPULATION: New ERA

TASK ORDER PURPOSE: To provide technical assistance to New ERA for the Nepal STI Prevalence Study.

RAPID RESPONSE FUND GRANTS

A Rapid Response Fund (RRF) is a small grant for an activity being implemented by an organization that is not receiving, nor has received, funding support for activities in the FHI project areas. The primary purpose of these grants is to complement FHI's strategies prevention, care and mitigation. The RRF award is granted only once over the life of the project, and ranged from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per contract.

The following RRFs were awarded during AIDSCAP I and AIDSCAP II.

Auxiliary Nurse Midwife and Community Medical Assistant Program, Kaligandaki Hospital

RRF PERIOD: April to May 1998 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nawalparasi district (Western Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To organize a health fair and exhibition in Kawasoti on May 9, 1998

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A health fair and exhibition was organized to raise awareness on basic health related issues with a focus on HIV/AIDS and STI. The theme of the exhibition was *Health for all by 2000*. Communications materials on STI and family planning were displayed and distributed through the Chitwan and Nawalparasi branches of the FPAN. *Guruji ra Antare*, *Asha* and *Meena* films were shown. GWP OREs organized an information booth on HIV/AIDS awareness and communication besides providing counseling on risk reduction behavior. Street drama on *Guruji and Antare* was shown by the Taranga Street Drama Group. Condom wallets and brochures/pamphlets on HIV/AIDS were distributed by FHI IAs. FPAN and GWP advertised and promoted STI treatment, and also provided referral slips to FPAN Bharatpur to those interested.

Blue Diamond Society

RRF PERIOD: April 1 to July 31, 2002 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To address the lack of appropriate provision of sexual health promotion for MSMs and MSWs in Kathmandu through the development of appropriate outreach STI/HIV/AIDS education, condom promotion and empowering these men to access STI treatment services to reduce risks of STI/HIV transmission to their sexual partners.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The RRF for BDS activities included identifying, contacting and conducting one to one educational contact with MSMs/MSWs and their clients at different locations in Kathmandu as well as training them on correct condom use and safer sex practices. A DIC was established for providing information, Communications materials, condoms and counseling services. A total of six OREs and 10 PEs were recruited and trained on outreach, interpersonal communication and advocacy skills as well as HIV/AIDS/STI counseling. BDS also developed the curricula and materials for these trainings. Materials for creating and raising awareness among the targeted population were also developed.

Himalayan Social Welfare Organization

RRF PERIOD: December 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To run a short-term HIV/AIDS Awareness Outreach Program along with an assessment among drivers, *khalasis* (truck assistants) and garage/workshop people in the Koteswor area in Kathmandu.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: HSWO established a DIC in Koteswor to be a primary contact place for program activities and to provide information related to HIV/AIDS, distribute Communications materials and condoms, conduct video shows and street drama, and organize discussion sessions for the target group. HSWO also conducted an assessment through key informant interviews to find out the existing number, conditions and problems of target group in the Koteswor parking area, as well their knowledge of HIV/AIDS, condom use and STI. Similarly, mapping for conducting outreach activities through DICs by mobilizing motivators and PEs was carried out. In addition, PEs were mobilized to develop network of peers among the target groups, clubs, NGOs and transport unions.

HIV/AIDS Information, Education and Communication (IEC) NGO Coordination Committee

RRF PERIOD: October 1996 to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To provide operational support for the committee to work as an advocacy body; to provide technical support; to coordinate efforts among interested agencies for communications materials development and production; to publicize materials through the media; and to conduct other activities related to HIV/AIDS.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This grant provided shared support along with Save the Children/US to the committee to undertake NGO coordination activities started initially by Save the Children/US during the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) project in 1994 and later supported by AIDSCAP through the Save the Children/US agreement. This grant provided the committee with essential support to begin to work as an independent body serving the communications needs of NGOs working in HIV/AIDS. Funds allowed the committee to convene regular meetings, to hold special meetings, to provide review, feedback and pre-testing assistance for Communications materials submitted by NGOs and INGOs, supported an communications material development workshop, supported Condom Day and World AIDS Day functions, and supported the development and production of the committee's brochure.

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International Nepal Fellowship Drug Education Program

RRF PERIOD: May to September 2001 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kaski district (Western Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objectives of the RRF were to control HIV infection and to promote healthy life style of drug users; to conduct training on drug-related risk reduction and first aid for risk reduction workers and PEs; to reduce the level of drug-related risk, HIV and Hepatitis among IDUs; and to distribute condoms and Communications materials through OREs and PEs to IDUs.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: During the RRF period, several trainings on risk reduction were conducted for PEs. The Drug Education Program conducted a 5-day training course on risk reduction and organized a meeting once a month for PEs to share the findings and to resolve problems faced during the project period. Similarly, through outreach, drug users were contacted and a helping relationship/rapport building with individual users as well as groups was established. Communications materials were provided, motivational sessions were conducted and help provided so that the IDUs can lead a drug-free life. In addition, first-aid treatment was also provided and some cases were referred to health care providers. The project was successful in exchanging a total of 7,330 needles and syringes from IDUs.

Jam Kabhet Library

RRF PERIOD: October 1996 to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Dhanusha district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objectives of this grant were to support a local library to serve as a community information resource and training center on HIV/AIDS for members of the local community.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This grant allowed a small library to host community training on HIV/AIDS to for 10 community educators, conduct STI/HIV/AIDS orientation training to 379 students from three high schools, conduct training for 16 local hotel/motel and transport industry staff, undertake local outreach by NGO volunteers, and set up a library with books, pamphlets and information on AIDS prevention. This project worked closely with the local GWP team and received direct technical assistance from LALS.

Manushi for Sustainable Development

RRF PERIOD: May 15 to September 15, 2001 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS and STIs among police/prisoners in Kathmandu through maximizing intervention program; bring positive change in their risk behavior through orientation and training; provide information on HIV/AIDS, STIs, RH, gender, and communications materials; promote behavioral and attitudinal change on sexual behaviors; and sensitize them to create conducive environment for care and support for PLHA.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Formal orientation sessions by PEs at the Police Training Center, Birendra Police Hospital, Central Police Band, Police Pahara Gand, Police Headquarters, Armed Police Battalion and the Nakhkhu Prison were the main activities carried out for disseminating HIV/AIDS related information and interacting on the issues. A follow up program was carried out to interact with PEs regarding the effectiveness of the program and also to assess the sexual practices of the prisoners, condition of IDUs and available medical facilities. Condoms and communications materials were distributed free so that the target group could receive more information. Several meetings were held with PEs to assess the progress and effect of HIV/AIDS intervention and to inform them about the latest development in this field.

Narayangarh Jaycees

RRF PERIOD: 1996 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: National Jaycees (Nationwide)

RRF PURPOSE: The objectives of this grant were to promote HIV/AIDS awareness among the Jaycees Community as part of its annual national convention. Specifically the Jaycees wanted:

- To orient members to HIV/AIDS and STI issues
- To identify HIV/AIDS prevention and care activities to be supported by local chapters; and
- To describe action to integrate these activities into local chapters with a sample plan

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This grant provided support to the Narayangarh Jaycees chapter to assist in the organization of a special symposium on HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention and Control to be held as part of Jaycees' 23rd National Annual Convention hosted by the Narayangarh Chapter of Jaycees on December 21-23, 1996. The grant provided support for Jaycees to sponsor a major HIV/AIDS advocacy campaign as part of its national convention bringing together Jaycees members from 47 chapters nationwide. In addition to communications materials distribution, media programs, and an information booth, the grant helped to support the costs of the souvenir kitbag containing a key HIV/AIDS prevention message. On December 22, Jaycees with additional technical assistance from AIDSCAP and the NCASC, convened a special HIV/AIDS symposium attended by over 100 participants from 36 chapters. As part of the workshop the participants were asked to prepare working plans for HIV/AIDS prevention activities they would organize in their local chapters. Given the enthusiasm and interest shown by the Jaycees members AIDSCAP and its partners were oriented to a very active and motivated segment of society through the Jaycees national network.

National Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

RRF PERIOD: August to October 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

RRF PURPOSE: To assist develop a training package in Nepali sign language, provide general awareness on STI and HIV/AIDS for deaf persons, provide knowledge on girl trafficking, child abuse and prostitution problems, and develop training materials relevant for the hearing impaired.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The RRF activities included the development of a flipchart and related training material with illustrations on Basic HIV/AIDS/STIs for deaf persons. Altogether several hundred packages of the training manuals were printed. NADH selected two participants, a male and female, from eight districts and the NADH Central Office were selected to be trained as trainers/resource persons. The 5 day training focused on STI and HIV/AIDS. These 20-30 participants then served as trainers in their respective districts to inform those who were deaf and their family. Four Nepali sign language interpreters and natural sign language interpreters translated the training session. Feedback from participants was incorporated in the training materials.

Nepal Medical Association (NMA) – Nepalgunj Branch

RRF PERIOD: January to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nepalgunj (Midwestern Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To provide support to NMA to sponsor a special Symposium on AIDS and STIs at the 18th All Nepal Medical Conference held in Nepalgunj, January 21-24, 1997.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Support for NMA's 1997 conference session on HIV/AIDS and STIs, to provided follow-up assistance to NMA in its effort to keep the issue of AIDS and STIs, highly visible among the physician community in Nepal. Over 400 delegates attended the session and papers were presented on topics of STI policy, the global and national situation of AIDS/STIs, STI service integration, STI case management training of doctors, STI prevalence in asymptomatic patients, and STIs among migrant labor in Western Nepal.

Nepal Red Cross Society

RRF PERIOD: August to October 1998 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

RRF PURPOSE: To organize a poster exhibition, reprint communications materials (*Dhaaley Dai* posters, *Guruji ra Antare* comic book and condom wallets), and distribute materials packages to different VDCs for Condom Day 1998.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Organized district-level activities involving Red Cross district chapters in coordination with NGOs to mark Condom Day 1998. Poster exhibitions were organized from mid-August to first week of October 1998. All received posters were mounted on polyglass for the exhibition. The Red Cross district chapters were responsible for selecting the venue of the exhibitions. Publicity regarding exhibition was carried out with support of local NGOs and advertisements in local newspapers. Communications materials packages with posters, comic books, and condom wallets were also distributed to 60 districts until the second week of September.

Nepal Sports Federation Against Drugs and HIV/AIDS

RRF PERIOD: August 2000 to January 2001 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To provide training to members of the National Sports Council in Kathmandu to develop them to be trainers (technical manpower) amongst sports players, peer groups (including school and college students), and members of sports clubs, by providing them with information on various aspects of HIV/AIDS and STIs and problems of drug abuse.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Training of Trainers on HIV/AIDS and STIs to 100 sports persons affiliated with the National Sports Council. The participants were selected from 41 national sports associations of Kathmandu Valley. The trainers included doctors from relevant fields, qualified trainers, trained and experienced nurses and well known sociologists.

Nepali Technical Assistance Group

RRF PERIOD: February to May 1998 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Central Region

RRF PURPOSE: The objective of the RRF was to get feedback and public opinion from target audiences (FSWs and their clients) and the general public in the Central Region regarding the *Dhaaley Dai* Campaign slogan *Condom Lagaun AIDS Bhagaun* (*Use Condoms, Drive Away AIDS*). The feedback received is expected to assist to modify the wording of the slogan, if needed.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Under the RRF, at least 16 focus group discussions among target audiences and the general public were held in different locations of the Central Region. The target audiences included FSWs, truck drivers, rickshaw pullers, police and campus level students. Similarly, the general public included housewives, community people (such as social workers, politicians and academicians), and tea stall owners/workers.

Prerana

RRF PERIOD: November to December 1997 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To raise funds for Prerana, to raise public awareness regarding the existence of Prerana, and to disseminate HIV prevention messages through PLHA for advocacy purposes.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A Hope concert was organized jointly with LALS and the BP Memorial Hospital Foundation (BPMHF) on November 29 to mark the World AIDS Day, with the aim to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS as well as problems associated with AIDS and PLHA. Also to make Prerana members competent in running their own program, The event was the first of its kind in Nepal, where PLHA were provided a forum to speak against HIV/AIDS. A sum of Rs. 40,000 over \$ 500 was raised and this amount was kept aside for emergency medical support for Prerana members. Similarly, interaction with the media was increased, and prevention messages with voiceovers of PLHA were aired on FM stations. Networking with LALS, BPMHF and Women Inspiration Community (WICOM) was carried out to enable PLHA to establish and run their own organization. Six hundred condoms and 200 materials also were distributed.

Rural Environment and Development Association

RRF PERIOD: February to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Dhading district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To support an established local NGOs' integration of AIDS education and local cultural programming in rural Dhading

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The NGO initiated activities with the training of 81 students, teachers and local social and health workers on issues of HIV/AIDS in three VDCs. Those trained then initiated outreach training in 27 nearby wards for a total of three months. During the second month, the NGO launched a special HIV/AIDS folk song program. In each VDC locals were motivated to join rehearsals for folk song programs delivering messages of HIV and STI prevention. During the following month folk song concerts were held in each VDC and follow-up programs were held. The NGO found the use of folk songs to be an effective way to deliver HIV and STI prevention messages in their local communities.

STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Service

RRF PERIOD: April 1 to September 15, 2002 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To provide STI services and counseling to high risk groups such as FSWs and IDUs.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Under the RRF, 20 PEs were mobilized to encourage FSWs to attend the SACTS DIC for STI services and counseling. This was achieved through case follow-up, compliance, one to one educational contact, rapport with FSWs and encouragement for partner treatment. SACTS provided STI drugs free of cost with the organization's own revolving fund.

Save the Environment

RRF PERIOD: October 1996 to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Rautahat district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objectives of this grant were to support the development of a local NGO to develop and implement HIV/AIDS stage show entertainment to be performed in adjacent communities.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Prior to the development of the stage show scripts, the NGO team participated in a 2-day HIV/AIDS orientation training with technical assistance from GWP and LALS. Following the training the NGO developed the script, made costumes and organized show rehearsals prior to the organization of five stage shows presenting HIV/AIDS prevention entertainment during the month of November 1996. In March 1997 an additional five shows were held. An estimated 4,500 persons attended the performances. A focus group discussion was held in April 1997 with local leaders and NGOs to gain information on local interest in the stage show entertainment. These discussions indicated that stage shows are an effective and educational form of entertainment for the local communities.

Secretariat of the First South Asian Regional Conference on Dermatology

RRF PERIOD: September to October 1999 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objective of the RRF was to provide assistance to printing of conference souvenirs and banners.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Under the RRF, 1,100 copies of the First South Asian Regional Conference (October 1-3, 1999) souvenirs were printed and one backdrop banner fabricated. The conference souvenir contained abstracts, full scientific papers presented in the conference and the *Dhaaley Dai* logo and slogan. The souvenir was distributed to all participants and delegates during the inaugural ceremony of the conference.

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Secretariat of the Second National Conference on AIDS

RRF PERIOD: February to September 1988 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objective of the RRF was to provide new basic equipment for communications and secretarial support for the Second National Conference on AIDS (August 1-4, 1998)

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Under the RRF, computer equipment, communications support and secretariat support was provided to set up a functioning Secretariat to organize a National Conference on STD/AIDS.

Sri Ram Yuwa Committee

RRF PERIOD: October 1996 to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Dhanusha district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: This grant provided resources to support some special HIV/AIDS trainings and a DIC for local members of the community at risk.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The NGO conducted an initial HIV/AIDS community educator training for 20 persons with technical assistance from GWP and LALS. With this background the NGO organized five special trainings. Two training sessions were held for 59 barbers at two locations. Later three trainings were organized for a total of 23 persons responsible for the tattooing of local women with traditional tattoos. NGO volunteers conducted community outreach in the local areas and a DIC supplying condoms and Communications materials on STIs and HIV/AIDS was initiated. The club had hoped to integrate HIV/AIDS prevention messages into locally held literacy classes but because there were no literacy programs ongoing at that time. The NGO organized small trainings for community clubs, training 168 persons in eight separate programs in Janakpur city.

Student Awareness Forum

RRF PERIOD: October 1996 to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Parsa district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objectives of this grant were to support the continuing efforts of an organized group of high school students to conduct HIV prevention activities for younger students in their community. The student group's motto is *Consciousness on Time is the Effective Vaccine of AIDS*.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In Birgunj, the student forum conducted two orientation trainings on HIV/AIDS with support of the grant. One training was held for members of the student forum itself as well as with other students at the local Trijudha High School for a 2 day program. The second training, a 1 day session, was held at a local agriculture office for teachers and students. Following these orientation trainings the forum sponsored a drawing competition and a quiz contest for high school students. The forum also provided support for the purchase of HIV informational materials for a small library in Birgunj ward 12. With supplies provided by GWP the group distributed an average of 60 condoms each month and other brochures and materials through the library. Other activities undertaken with grant funds included local HIV/AIDS activities during *Dasain* holidays, Condom Day, and International Women's Day.

Tb.net 2002

RRF PERIOD: February 2002

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To provide support to speakers, sessions and discussions of the tb.net 2002 - A conference on TB, HIV and the Media (February 22-24, 2002)

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The tb.net 2002 - A conference on TB, HIV and the Media attracted front line workers in the field of TB, HIV and the media. There was a good deal of participatory workshop activities conducted. The participants commented that among many other things, they had learnt how to communicate with the media, the public, people with TB or HIV and with one another. They also identified important advantages of co-operation in the fields of TB and HIV.

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US Peace Corps and the Narayanghat Girls Drama Club

RRF PERIOD: June 1 to September 30, 2000 (AIDSCAP II)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Chitwan district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: To stimulate greater awareness among targeted communities about sex trafficking, STI/HIV/AIDS and other related issues regarding women's education and community health through the medium of drama. The secondary objective was to determine the viability of a national drama program that utilizes and encourages the creativity and active enthusiasm of young adult Nepali women to promote women's rights and community health in Nepal.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Five young Nepali women (recent graduates) of Balkumari Kanya Girls Secondary School in Narayanghat produced and conducted drama performances under the direction and guidance of a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer. The Narayanghat Girls Drama Group conducted the drama performances in the FHI project area in coordination and cooperation with FHI partners from May 25–July 12, 2000. There were altogether 13 performances (five in major cities, two in large towns and three in medium to small villages) covering eight districts (Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Makwanpur, Parsa, Janakpur, Dhanusha, Kathmandu and Rasuwa). The total audience of these performances were estimated to be around 16,105 people (8595 male and 7510 female).

Women Skill Creation Centre

RRF PERIOD: October 1996 to April 1997 (AIDSCAP I)

RRF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Makwanpur district (Central Region)

RRF PURPOSE: The objectives of this grant were to support a locally established NGO in Hetauda to integrate HIV education into literacy classes and discussions for women in neighboring VDCs.

RRF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Twelve community educators from four neighboring VDCs were trained in HIV/AIDS orientation with assistance from LALS and GWP. This was followed by the organizing of brainstorming sessions with local NGOs, health and social workers in four VDCs. A total of 372 participants joined these sessions. The NGO also organized rallies on Condom Day and World AIDS Day, organized street dramas at two locations and conducted a total of 30 integrated literacy classes in the four targeted VDCs. These literacy classes were attended by approximately 775 students.



THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2004



Association of Medical Doctors of Asia-Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1989

WORKING AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: October, 1999

AGENCY MISSION: AMDA is a humanitarian, non profit-making, non-political, non-sectarian NGO with a mission to promote the health and well being of underprivileged and marginalized people under the slogan *Better Quality of Life for a Better Future*.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Patients
- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- Bhutanese refugees
- People of reproductive age
- Elderly

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Sixteen *terai* districts (Rupandehi to Jhapa)
- Kathmandu Valley

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Health care including VCT, HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, case management and case control, care and support, refugee health and dental care
- Hospital operation
- Health HRD

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: AIDS Prevention and Care Project

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: October 11, 1999 to December 31, 2005 (AIDSCAP II and IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, Saptari, and Siraha Districts (Eastern Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Primary:
 - FSWs
 - Clients of FSWs (transport workers, rickshaw pullers, factory and migrant workers, and security personnel)
 - PLHA
- Secondary:
 - Husbands of FSWs
 - Wives of FSW clients
 - Adolescents

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To initiate, promote and strengthen health services through national and international cooperation, with principles of political non-alignment, equality and non-discrimination
- ▶▶ To facilitate medical doctors to enrich their professional exercise through mutual exchange of experience, research findings and standardization of services among themselves
- ▶▶ To establish close coordination and functional relationships with other relevant national and international organizations, agencies or governments in carrying out its mission
- ▶▶ To give priority to communities that are more in need and/or are in immediate distress

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"A police officer buying betel in Surunga accidentally handed a condom to the stall owner with his payment. The young woman thought he was demanding sex and immediately created a public uproar. The embarrassed police officer explained that he regularly visited sex workers and carried condoms for protection, which he got from a peer communicator named Ms. Mail, who worked for AMDA. This caused the villagers to accuse AMDA of promoting sex work.

"When we at AMDA heard this we went to explain to the community that we were not promoting sex work, but rather working to change unsafe (unprotected) sexual behaviors to alleviate the long-term consequences of HIV/AIDS and STIs. After raising their awareness, the villagers were more positive towards us, and more appreciative of the work of our peer communicators."—AMDA field staff

"STI activities are serving the target population, including transportation workers."— AMDA staff member

"AMDA's efforts are good and encouraging to people at high-risk." — AMDA patient (FSW client)

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce high risk behaviors among primary and secondary target populations

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To mobilize PEs to better access target populations
- To conduct BCI to raise the awareness of high risk populations
- To establish DICs to provide care, support, information and resources

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Host trainings, workshops, campaigns and collaboration meetings
- Develop and distribute communications materials
- Develop cross border collaboration with Indian NGOs
- Mobilize and train PEs for out reach education and awareness raising
- Establish and operate DICs
- Organize and host dramas, events, celebrations and STI clinics
- Conduct school education programs and competitions
- Establish a resource center
- Provide psychosocial care and support to PLHA and their family members

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Organized oratory, quiz and essay competitions
- Participated in Condom Day and AIDS Day celebrations
- Conducted street dramas
- Held STI clinics
- Contacted 709 FSWs (1,371 STI referrals and 8,165 REC's)
- Contacted 1,952 FSW clients (1,316 STI referrals and 10,399 REC's)
- Distributed 235,980 condoms and 63,505 Communications materials

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS and STI brochures and pamphlets
- Peer Educators Mobilization Manual
- BCI Quarterly Newsletter
- Informative *Ludo* (game)
- AMDA organizational brochure (in Nepali & English)
- Hand stickers
- Pocket and wall calendars
- Hats and t-shirts (for specific celebration days)
- Condom demonstration models

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: STI Service Delivery Program

PROJECT TYPE:

- STI
- VCT

PROJECT PERIOD:

- September 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003 (AIDSCAP II)
- July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Sixteen *terai* districts from Rupandehi to Jhapa (Western, Central and Eastern Regions)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (including transport workers)
- IDUs
- External migrants
- PLHA
- MSM

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- FHI IAs
- Narayani Transport Entrepreneurs Association

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the rates of STI among target populations along the East-West Mahendra Highway.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To provide target populations with acceptable, affordable and effective STI services to improve compliance, case management and infection control
- To network with other FHI BCI partners to promote appropriate STI health seeking behaviors
- To introduce VCT to determine HIV status, provide care and support to PLHA, and raise awareness on HIV/AIDS
- To enhance the capacity of AMDA to provide quality STI services through capacity building, project management, and regular monitoring and evaluation

INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES:

- Strengthen and operate the Highway Health Clinic in Hetauda
- Enhance service provision through expansion and operation of mobile and static clinics
- Provide drugs, test kits, tests and gonococcal cultures to clinics
- Promoting STI health seeking behavior by raising awareness and distribution of materials
- Integrate VCT with other STI services at Highway Health Clinic and other clinics
- Conduct coordination meetings with other BCI partners and CBOs
- Organize and host events, celebrations, trainings and workshops
- Develop and produce Communications materials
- Demonstrate and distribute condoms
- Mobilize PEs
- Provide general health screenings for PLHA

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Conducted 403 STI clinics, serving 7,392 people
- Treated 3,180 STI patients
- Distributed 8,741 materials and 8,741 condoms

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- AMDA organizational information
- HIV/AIDS and STI brochures and pamphlets
- Brochures
 - *Youn rog bhaneko ke ho ra kasari sardachha* (What is STI and how does it spread)
 - *HIV/AIDS bhaneko ke ho* (What is HIV/AIDS)
 - *Youn rog sewa karyakram, ek parichaya* (SIT service program and introduction)



Blue Diamond Society

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 2001

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: August 2002

AGENCY MISSION: As a community-based NGO, BDS exists to improve the reproductive and sexual health and well being of males in Nepal, with a focus on those with stigmatized behaviors.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- MSM
- MSW
- MSM living with HIV/AIDS

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide (urban)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Nepal's only organization for sexual minorities
- International and national partnerships and networking
- Social marketing of sexual and reproductive health products
- BCI material development
- Advocacy skills
- DIC
- Financial and reporting systems, strategic planning and human resource policy
- Successfully tested and implemented BCI on HIV/STI prevention for MSM/MSW which can easily be adopted in other cities in Nepal

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

To develop, promote and provide appropriate and accessible HIV/AIDS and sexual health services to MSM in Nepal, through the development of outreach, prevention and treatment support services, and advocacy and policy tools that ensure their rights and economic well being.

"My name is Soon Bahadur (pseudonym) and I am from Trisuli, I grew up like a girl since my childhood so people call me Sunmaya. As a child I had to drop out of school because of peer discrimination towards my effeminate behavior. I left for Kathmandu when I was studying in the sixth class.

"At first, I had a very hard life in Kathmandu. It was difficult to survive by myself. I started selling sex when I was 13 years old.

"I came into contact with BDS in 2001. There I learned about sexual health, STIs, HIV/AIDS, condoms and lubricant. Now I use condoms and lube every time I have sex to reduce my risk of HIV infection. I also encourage my other Meti (effeminate male) friends to use condoms and lubes well. Most of us now have no STI problems." –BDS client

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Behavior Change Interventions Project

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: April 1, 2002 to January 31, 2005 (AIDSCAP II, IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

- Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- MSM
- MSW

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- FHI IAs

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce high risk behaviors and increase STI service utilization among MSM and MSW for the prevention of STIs and HIV, and the provision of care and support to MSM who are living with HIV/AIDS.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To mobilize PEs and OREs to raise awareness
- To demonstrate and distribute condoms and other socially marketed sexual and RH products to reduce unsafe sexual practices among target populations
- To refer suspected STI cases and provide VCT referral services to increase service utilization
- To advocate locally and mobilize communities to encourage community ownership, goodwill and involvement in project activities, and reduce stigma and discrimination

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Raise awareness through activities (including peer interaction, one on one RECs, communications material distribution, trainings and treatment education)
- Demonstrate proper condom use and distribute condoms and socially marketed sexual and RH products
- Provide care and support services to MSM who are living with HIV/AIDS
- Establish a DIC for outreach work and clinical referrals

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established a strong MSM network in 15 urban centers across Nepal
- Increased condom compliance amongst target populations
- 235,646 condoms distributed in Kathmandu Valley in the last 2 years
- Empowered MSM and MSW about their sexual health rights
- Organized awareness raising and sensitizing events like World AIDS Day, National Condom Day, etc.

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS and STI pamphlets
- Condom use pamphlets
- BDS organizational brochure
- Outreach Handy Handbook
- Condom demonstration models

“Under the umbrella of BDS we are free to talk about our problems.” –MSM client

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Community Action Center

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1993

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A PARTNER SINCE: January 2003

AGENCY MISSION: CAC-Nepal is a social NGO. It was established in April 1993 by a group of intellectuals, social workers and persons experienced in community development work. CAC's main principle is based on the conviction that the paramount need is to develop in the people the spirit of working together in partnership, to promote sustainable development with a special emphasis on women and children. Our main goal is to make women and children aware of their legal rights and make them productive members of society based on social justice. CAC works through formal and informal partnerships with communities, local organizations, local and national governments, and the private sector.

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To empower women and children
- ▶▶ To take action against trafficking, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and sexual exploitation
- ▶▶ To rescue and rehabilitate trafficked women and children
- ▶▶ To implement programs for potential high risk child laborers and child migrants
- ▶▶ To campaign against various forms of exploitation
- ▶▶ To conduct public awareness campaigns at both the national and community levels on the rights and welfare of women and children
- ▶▶ To advocate, support and provide advice to concerned offices and organizations on protecting human rights
- ▶▶ To direct research related to women and children

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs (including street-based or establishment-based workers)
- High risk women (including brick makers, stone breakers, garment and carpet sector laborers)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Bhaktapur municipality

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Strong management and managerial experience on a wide range of topics
- Leadership development
- Research
- Income generation
- Population and health
- Awareness and education
- Action against trafficking, domestic violence and child labor

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Behavior Change Interventions Program

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: October 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005 (Nepal Initiative, IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Bhaktapur Municipality (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: FSWs

PROJECT PARTNERS: Other FHI IAs, VSO, Winrock Foundation

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and STI by promoting safer sex practices

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To implement community level programs to empower women and children
- To launch programs to raise awareness among potentially high risk child laborers and female migrants
- To lobby and advise government and NGOs for the protection of human and women's rights and welfare of the target population
- To conduct research to increase knowledge on issues related to women and children
- To operate a DIC to carry out educational, STI and supportive services
- To promote safer sex practices including correct and consistent condom use, reduced number of sexual partners and increased STI service-seeking behavior to reduce the vulnerability of high risk populations to HIV/AIDS and STI

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Mobilize and train PEs for outreach education
- Network to raise awareness amongst FSWs, adolescents, community members, security personnel, health department, CBOs health care workers, and the media
- Conduct stakeholder meetings and host events

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Previously contacted FSWs are introducing peers to CAC
- Improved health seeking behavior of FSWs (they are more health conscious and visiting the STI static clinic regularly)
- FSWs are more trustful and honest with doctors and OREs about their risk behaviors and STI symptoms
- Increased partner treatment for STI
- Distributed 51,754 condoms
- Performed 19 street dramas to an audience of 11,193 people
- Recorded 2,874 FSWs visit the DIC
- Referred 590 STI patients conducted and follow up with 318

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Half Yearly bulletin on HIV/AIDS
- HIV/AIDS and STI pamphlets

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

To undertake policy relevant research and use the research results for influencing programs and policy decisions through dissemination, advocacy and empowerment.

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Center for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1994

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: March 2001

AGENCY MISSION: CREHPA is a private, non-profit consultancy and research organization offering services in three collateral areas: consultancy research; policy research; and training and action research.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Development agencies
- Development partners (governmental line agencies, national NGOs, CBOs, foundations, associations, etc.)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Managerial staff with years of experience in the field of public health, population, RH, gender and development, environment, community development, market research and management studies
- Advocacy and training experience

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Qualitative Ethnographic Studies on HIV/STI Prevention

PROJECT TYPE: Research

PROJECT PERIOD: March 2001 to September 30, 2005 (AIDSCAP II and IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Urban centers and highways nationwide

PROJECT TARGET GROUPS:

- IDUs
- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- STI patients
- MSM

PROJECT GOAL: To document the size of high risk populations, and understand networks of risk groups and risk behaviors

PROJECT STRATEGIES: To conduct research in order to better understand risk behaviors and networks among the most at risk groups.

PROJECT RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

- Field observation
- Qualitative ethnographic studies
- Quantitative Behavioral Surveillance Survey (BSS) and STI studies among MSM

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- FHI IAs

PROJECT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Conducted and published 12 studies
- The only organization conducting ethnographic studies in Nepal with these types of high risk groups

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Situation Assessment of IDUs in Kathmandu Valley, 2001: A Focused Ethnographic Study*
- *Situation Assessment of FSWs in Kathmandu Valley, 2001: A Focused Ethnographic Study*
- *Health Care Seeking Behavior of Street Based FSWs in Kathmandu Valley, 2001*
- *Injecting and Sexual Behavior of Female IDUs in Kathmandu Valley, 2002*
- *Injecting and Sexual Behavior of Male IDUs in Kathmandu Valley, 2002*
- *Rapid Qualitative Study of FSWs in Pokhara, 2002*
- *Injecting and Sexual Behavior of IDUs in Pokhara and Eastern Terai Towns (Biratnagar, Dharan, and Jhapa), 2003*
- *Estimation of FSWs and Potential Client Sub-Population in Select Major Towns in Terai and Along the East-West Highway Districts: A Rapid Assessment and Update, 2003*
- *Rapid Appraisal of Male Sexual Health Problems and Treatment-Seeking in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Major Towns Along the East-West Highway of Nepal, 2003*
- *Focused Ethnographic Study of Risk Behavior and Condom Use Among Mobile and Static FSWs in Eastern Terai*

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To promote employment
- ▶▶ To eradicate poverty and exploitation
- ▶▶ To preserve the ecosystem
- ▶▶ To promote community development
- ▶▶ To plan for improving the existing health and education systems



YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1999

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: June 2003

AGENCY MISSION: CWC is a national level NGO working for the welfare of vulnerable and stigmatized populations with utmost endeavor of empowering them to lead economically and socially independent and self reliant lives, and building a well structured society.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Stigmatized and marginalized people
- Internal and external migrant laborers

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Central Region

ORGANIZATION EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Outreach and networking
- Peer based activities
- Trainings in the areas of HIV/AIDS and STIs, family health, child survival, environment, legal rights and education

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: BCI for Internal Migrants in Kathmandu

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: June 23, 2003 to June 30, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Internal migrant laborers (porters, trekking porters/guides, construction workers, rickshaw and cart pullers, taxi drivers, garment workers, street shoppers, etc.)

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the vulnerability of internal migrants by promoting safer sex practices

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To provide BCI education to target group so they will change their high risk behavior
- To network with stakeholders and mobilize communities to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS
- To advocate for the rights of the target population to improve their quality of life and reduce vulnerability
- To link services and products to promote safer sex practices, STI treatment, VCT and care and support
- To build the capacity of staff to help create an appropriate environment to conduct BCI programs

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Mobilize PEs and OREs to raise awareness
- Demonstrate and distribute condoms
- Refer suspected STI cases and provide VCT referral services
- Network with PLHA
- Establish and operate DICS
- Conduct orientation and refresher trainings on HIV/AIDS and STIs with stakeholders and line agencies
- Organize street dramas, Condom Day and AIDS Day celebrations

PARTNERS: Plan - Nepal

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Distributed 75,367 condoms
- Educated 2,675 people about HIV/AIDS
- Referred 968 STI patients
- Showed 2,441 clients HIV/AIDS and STI related video films
- Had 6,319 clients visit the DICS in Thapathali, Kalimati and Balaju
- Performed 20 street dramas on HIV/AIDS and STI to total audience of 7,560 people

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS brochure
- Calendar

"A porter from Dhading visited a FSW, for Rs. 200, (about \$3) while visiting with some friends. Within a week he began to itch and blue spots appeared in his genital area. Over the next few weeks he visited several different medical practitioners to solve the problem, spending Rs. 9000, (Over \$120) but he was not cured.

"When he returned to his home village, he spread the infection to his wife. They both became so sick that they considered combined suicide to end the pain and discomfort. When his neighbors heard about it, they no longer talked with him and would not even share cigarettes with him. In frustration he returned to Kathmandu.

"Several weeks later his neighbor joined him and told him that since he left, his wife had cried continuously and talked much about committing suicide. It was then that the porter heard about the DIC of CWC. He told this story to one of the OREs, who accompanied him to NFCC's STI service clinic for treatment.

"Now the porter is completely cured, and so is his wife. He is a role model for CWC, supporting his peers and friends to seek STI treatment, and practice safer sexual behavior. CWC has developed a street drama script based on his story called "Kura bujhyo Ramharile" (Ramhari Understood the Things)." –CWC staff

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General Welfare Pratisthan

General Welfare Pratisthan

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1993

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: October 1994

AGENCY VISION: To build a well-cultured and respectable society.

AGENCY MISSION: GWP works to create an organized, self-reliant society, free of social and economic disparities.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (transport workers, factory workers, security personnel, traders, migrant laborers, manual laborers, students, etc.)
- PLHA and their caregivers
- Adolescents and Young Adults

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Dhading, Chitwan, Makwanpur, Bara, Parsa, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusa, Kapilbastu, Kailali and Kanchanpur districts since 1994
- Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts since 2001

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Outreach BCI for the most at risk populations including development of communications materials
- BCI trainings and orientations
- Peer communication and group mobilization
- Income generation program development and implementation
- Advocacy
- Well networked with many partners partnerships
- Ongoing projects across the Central, Western, Midwestern and Farwestern Regions, and Kathmandu Valley

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To promote employment
- ▶▶ To eradicate poverty
- ▶▶ To preserve the ecosystem
- ▶▶ To promote the idea of community development
- ▶▶ To plan for improving the existing health and education systems

Projects in Partnership with FHI

Outreach Education and BCI Program on STI/HIV/AIDS in the Central Region

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: September 1, 1994 to September 15, 2005 (AIDSCAP I, AIDSCAP II, IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nine districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- PLHA

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- AMDA (STI)
- LALS
- Other FHI IAs

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce high risk behavior and increase STI service utilization among FSWs and clients to reduce the rate of STI/HIV infection along Nepal's major transport routes.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To scale up outreach activities by mobilizing OREs and trained PEs to increase knowledge and skills for safer sex practices
- To promote STI services provided by AMDA for regular check-up and treatment of high risk populations
- To initiate outreach support to PLHA

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Provide PE training and mobilization to facilitate one-on-one RECs, STI case referral and management, condom promotion and distribution, and Communications material distribution
- Operate DICs for distribution of information, care and counseling
- Organize training and orientation for stakeholders, street dramas, film shows, school education programs, National Condom and World AIDS Day celebrations
- Coordinate and network with other organizations
- Conduct community needs assessments

"Ram Maya was involved in sex work for years to support her children when a GWP ORE contacted her. The next day she came to our office to learn about HIV/AIDS/STI. She was happy with the positive way we presented the information. We gave her a condom demonstration and negotiation tips for condom compliance and requested that she not have unprotected sex. We also treated her for vaginal discharge and itching. Ram Maya reports that today she is using condoms with all her clients.

"Recently GWP hired Ram Maya as a peer educator. Today she is effectively sharing information on HIV/AIDS/STIs and condom use with her friends, further raising awareness among high risk groups."—staff

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increased consistent condom use among manual laborers (clients of FSWs) from 23% in 1999 to 45% in 2001, and increased consistent use among transport worker (clients of FSWs) from 36% in 1999 to 60% in 2001
- Increased condom carrying behavior of FSWs by 100% from 28% in 1998 to 55% in 2001
- Increased treatment seeking behavior for STIs and knowledge of HIV/AIDS and STIs
- Reduced risk behaviors among target populations by mobilizing ORWs and PEs

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Film *Mane Dai*
- HIV/AIDS informational brochures
- STI brochures
- STI flip charts
- HIV/AIDS Newsletter
- Peer Education Training Manual
- Comic books including *Samjhauta*, *Aau Tanneri Aaja Khulera Kura Garaun*, and *Junge Hawaldar*
- Street dramas *Guruji ra Antare* and *Junge Hawaldar*
- Village Risk Advisor game
- Wall calendar

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention Program for FSWs in Kathmandu Valley

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: November 15, 2001 to December 31, 2002 (Nepal Initiative) January 7, 2003 to June 30, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: FSWs

PROJECT PARTNERS: Other FHI IAs

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the vulnerability of FSWs and their risk of contracting STIs including HIV/AIDS

"I was a sex worker before, but after meeting HIV/AIDS workers at GWP, I felt myself to be at high risk for HIV/AIDS. I thought I should leave my job and start a small teashop and newspaper stall with my own initiation and support from GWP. Now I can manage my daily expenses from this small shop."—FSW

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To promote BCI through peer communication, outreach education, and DIC operation for establishment based FSWs
- To manage STI cases to reduce the prevalence and transmission of STIs
- To build the capacity of GWP outreach and management staff as well as PEs to increase coverage and effectiveness of program activities

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Mobilize and train PEs
- Conduct outreach education through OREs including training and condom demonstration and distribution
- Operate DIC and STI service delivery centers
- Network through target population and stakeholder meetings, internal and external exposure tours, local support group meetings, and orientation training for security personnel
- Network with PLHA
- Build the capacity of OREs and PEs through basic counseling, refresher, management and leadership trainings
- Organize celebrations and events including sports days

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Reached 2,385 new FSWs
- Conducted 8,755 condom demonstrations
- Referred 5,961 STI patients for complete treatment
- Distributed 75,607 condoms
- Distributed 84,439 communications materials
- Managed 11 street dramas

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS Brochure
- STI Brochure

"You have shown us respect and honor which encourages us to do something for ourselves and for our friends. Most people ignore us in the society but then seek extramarital sex with us."-FSW

"I am careful with my health now and always keep condoms with me."-FSW



Himalayan Social Welfare Organization

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1999

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: December 2001

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To raise awareness on HIV/AIDS and STIs among transport workers
- ▶▶ To increase correct and consistent condom use among transport workers
- ▶▶ To increase use of STI services for diagnosis and treatment among transport workers
- ▶▶ To reduce the number of sexual partners among transport workers

AGENCY VISION: To reduce HIV and STI among the target group

AGENCY MISSION: HSWO is a non-profit NGO working towards preventing HIV/AIDS and STIs through peer networking and promotion of safer sex behavior among clients of FSWs.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Transport sector clients of FSWs (including drivers, conductors, *khalasi*, helpers, garage workers, garage and vehicle owners)
- Transport unions
- PLHA

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Kathmandu Valley
- Pokhara municipality

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- HIV/AIDS and STI training and case management
- Networks with line agencies, government, and NGOs, transportation unions and transport federations
- Provision of skills and jobs to PLHA with PSI on *Number One Condom* social marketing activities as per greater involvement of people with HIV/AIDS (GIPA)
- Mobilization of volunteers for HIV/AIDS awareness programs

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Client Focused BCI Program in Kathmandu

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: December 20, 2001 to July 30, 2005 (AIDSCAP II, Nepal Initiative and IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley from Jadibooti to Ring Road area including Gangabu Bus Park (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Clients of FSWs (transport workers)

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Other FHI IAs
- Lalitpur District Health Office (DHO)
- Lutse Multipurpose Pvt. Ltd.
- PSI

"One of our clients with multiple sex worker partners was referred for STI. He regularly recalls the pain of the treatment with penicillin injections. The memory of that pain has caused him to reduce his number of partners and consistently use condoms. And he encourages his peers to do the same or suffer through the same pain that he suffered."—HSWO staff

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the vulnerability of transport workers to contracting HIV/AIDS and STIs

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To mobilize PEs and OREs to conduct peer-based BCI for client identification, outreach, awareness-raising and the reduction of high risk behaviors
- To operate a DIC to provide STI referral services and resources
- To network with transport worker clients to increase their knowledge on HIV/AIDS, reduce their risk behaviors and refer suspected STI cases for testing and treatment
- To enhance the capacity of HWSO to increase the skill competency to provide technical support to PEs and target groups
- To network with line agencies and NGOs to create an enabling environment for BCI and collaboration on joint activities
- To socially market *Number One* condoms with PSI

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Facilitate peer-based education through mobilization of PEs including mobilization of PEs PLHA
- Organize awareness raising activities and celebrations including street dramas, film shows, National Condom Day and World AIDS Day celebrations
- Disseminate communications materials and condoms
- Establish and operate a DIC
- Network transport workers with government line agencies, NGOs, PLHA shopkeepers and other stakeholders

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Identified 2,011 new clients
- Referred 886 STI clients
- Conducted 4,148 condom demonstrations (distributed 70,150 condoms and 19,612 communications materials)
- Established a DIC in Gangabu Bus Park, which has been visited by 14,315 clients
- Successfully implemented peer-based approach with strong ownership and commitment
- Networked with transport federations, organizations, unions and committees, and DHO
- Organized International AIDS Day street drama competition and won second place at the district level
- Organize monthly interaction meetings with stakeholders, including transport unions and workers

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Pictorial folder brochure on AIDS
- Condom use brochure
- Condom wallet pamphlet
- Referral slips for STIs
- Baseline Survey 2001

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International Nepal Fellowship, Paluwa

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1952 (AIDS Care Department 1999)

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: July 2003

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To provide high quality VCT services so as to change people behaviors to positive life
- ▶ To provide a continuum of care to PLHA

A malnourished 37 year old mother of six came to Paluwa VCT for counseling and testing. She was divorced and had no home, and was earning a living as a laborer fetching sand from the banks of the Seti River. She had multiple sex partners, including her overseer, and was at high risk.

When she came to Paluwa, she was sick. A PE of Nepal Red Cross Society helped her to reach our clinic. The counselor was astonished by her condition, as she could not stand unassisted, speak or even sit on the counseling chair. She was counseled while lying on the floor!

Her HIV test found her to be HIV-positive, as well as a carrier of several other STIs and opportunistic infections. Her numerous social and economic problems haunted her. The counselor referred her to a physician for STI treatment, provided her with medicine from INF's Poor Fund, and financial support from Paluwa's Poor Fund. She was also introduced to Paluwa's support group. She used the financial support to return to her relatives near Pokhara, her health has returned, and the quality of her life greatly improved. — Paluwa staff member

AGENCY VISION: INF is a Christian international NGO (INGO) with a holistic approach to health and sustainable development in Nepal. It has been working with HMG/N for 50 years. Paluwa is one section of INF, and has been providing HIV/AIDS, VCT, and care services in Pokhara since 1999. Paluwa means 'New Shoot,' and is a symbol and message of hope.

AGENCY MISSION: INF through Paluwa aims to provide a continuum of care to people infected or affected by HIV, and use opportunities for prevention, through district-based, integrated programs.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- All individuals with perceived high HIV risk (self referred) and those being referred from other care providers
- PLHA or people affected by HIV/AIDS
- Providers of basic health services
- Other organizations working in HIV/AIDS

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kaski District (Western Region)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Only organization in Pokhara working on VCT
- Providing HIV/AIDS education, counseling, testing and care since 1999
- Experience in stimulating and maintaining the local HIV/AIDS network
- Referral of PLHA to medical facilities, income generating program, etc.
- HIV/AIDS training and HMG/N basic health services and others since 1999
- Award winning HIV/AIDS communications materials
- District-based integrated programs in hospital and rehabilitation services for people with disabilities, health and development, medical camps, assistance for organizations working with disabilities, work among displaced and marginalized people, and TB and leprosy clinics

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: VCT, Care and Support Project

PROJECT TYPE: VCT

PROJECT PERIOD: July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kaski district including Pokhara (Western Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Primary high risk populations self-referred for VCT (including IDUs, FSWs, clients of FSWs, mobile populations, etc.)
- Secondary patients referred by other partner organizations (such as other NGOs, hospitals and clinics, etc.)

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Other FHI IAs
- Paluwa VCT clinics
- Nepal Red Cross Society
- Other INF programs
- Naulo Ghumti Nepal
- Other local CBOs

PROJECT GOAL: To provide high quality and accessible VCT as an entry point to prevention and care, and to make appropriate referral services available to those at risk or infected with HIV.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To conduct a 3-month needs assessment of the target populations and overall service delivery in Pokhara to improve knowledge, develop a targeted communication strategy, and develop a strategy on to solve possible gaps in direct services
- To improve the quality of VCT services to generate increased demand for VCT
- To establish an effective two-way referral system and generate possibilities for new service provision to the people who come to VCT Center for comprehensive VCT service

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Initiate outreach work among target populations including identification of local persons in partner organizations, development of VCT promotion and health education materials, and organization of network meetings
- Provide accessible VCT services piloted with discount and free test days
- Prepare operational guidelines, introduce counseling quality assurance tools and adjust testing system
- Prepare referral directory, establish new referral linkages and facilitate PLHA support groups
- Formulate a working group to conduct needs assessment, analyze and disseminate information, and develop VCT communication strategies for target populations

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increased the number of VCT clients and the number of client who attended post test counseling and received test results (served a total of 588 clients at the VCT center including 552 for pre-test counseling, 509 for HIV testing, 484 for post-test counseling during a three month period)
- Increased trend of monthly HIV positive persons tested
- Encouraged PLHA to form support groups
- Strengthened referral system between direct partners
- Established an additional VCT site, making service more accessible

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Communications materials, including posters and brochures, on VCT
- Paluwa Care and Support Poster
- Paluwa Clinic Flyer

Shyam followed his elder brother's footsteps when he went to work in India. He left behind a wife and daughter in order to earn enough money to provide for them. After 12 years as a migrant laborer however, he fell ill, lost his job, and came home for good. His wife was very anxious about his health and took him to see a doctor. Shyam was diagnosed HIV-positive.

The news of his HIV status spread fast in the village, and the discrimination extended to barring their daughter from attending school. Their neighbors thought that isolation was necessary to prevent the spread of the disease. Fortunately, Shyam and his wife and daughter came to Paluwa. They receive counseling and Shyam was admitted to INF Green Pastures Hospital for symptomatic treatment. Another sister organization of Paluwa provided vocational training for Shyam's wife.

Today, Shyam and his family are better prepared to face the future together. — Paluwa staff member

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Management Support Services (P) Ltd

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1985

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: December 2003

AGENCY VISION: MASS is a private sector organization dedicated to develop comprehensive partnership with donor agencies, NGOs, INGOs, government, local and private organizations, that ensure opportunity for the socio-economic enhancement of communities and/or benefit of people with HIV/AIDS in Nepal.

AGENCY MISSION: MASS is a professional institute that provides training, consultancy and logistic and administrative support services, and conducts research.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Donors
- NGOs and INGOs
- HMG/N
- Local and private organizations

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Logistics, administration and professional support services
- Linkages and relations nationally and internationally
- Research and consultancy
- Training
- Community mobilization

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To conduct techno-economic and feasibility studies, evaluation of projects and management analysis
- ▶▶ To provide consultancy in various disciplines
- ▶▶ To organize seminars and training programs tailored to clients' needs
- ▶▶ To assist in decision-making and extend executive, management and technical support services
- ▶▶ To impart liaison services
- ▶▶ To facilitate logistic support services
- ▶▶ To provide human and physical resources support and to assist financial facilitation for project management and operation

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Support to the National Center for AIDS and STD Control

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: December 1, 2003 to July 15, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATION: NCASC

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- NCASC
- Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

PROJECT GOAL: To help build the capacity of the NCASC including implementing, managing and reporting on the USAID-funded HIV/AIDS supplemental work plan activities from December 1, 2003 to July 15, 2005.

PROJECT STRATEGIES: To provide administrative and management support to perform the activities of the NCASC

PROJECT INTERVENTIONS ACTIVITIES:

- Support human resource and administrative development
- Print monitoring, reporting and guideline forms
- Support vehicle and laboratory upkeep
- Support various trainings and orientations
- Support the surveillance team through training and testing kits
- Facilitate delivery of essential drugs
- Provide information and communication management

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Supported NCASC to conduct a consultative retreat meeting of 29 experts and stakeholders for initiating anti-retroviral therapy (ART) in Nepal, participate in the *BSS Start to Finish training course*, and send eight nominated MoH representatives to participate in the International AIDS Conference in 2004
- Worked to established a drug storage and delivery mechanism with JICA
- Provided administrative support through one full time office secretary
- Hired a Management Information System (MIS) Assistant

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Support to the National PLHA Network

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: May 17, 2004 to May 16, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATION: National PLHA Network in Nepal (NAP+N)

PROJECT GOAL: To strengthen the institutional capacity of the NAP+N including implementing, managing and reporting on HIV/AIDS supplemental work plan activities conducted from May 17, 2004 to May 16, 2005

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To build the expertise of NAP+N members and member organizations through the establishment of a resource center through which information can be provided on a regular basis
- To provide logistical and administrative support to strengthen the institutional capacity of NAP+N
- To organize events for PLHA to strengthen the PLHA network

PROJECT IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITIES:

- Establish an office and a resource center
- Procure infrastructure (equipment and furniture)
- Recruit and train staff and provide logistic and administrative support
- Develop and produce a quarterly newsletter
- Establish and maintain website, listserv, email and chat room
- Organize events including recruitment drives, training programs, workshops and national meetings
- Monitor and evaluate activities

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Helped NAP+N establish an office and resource center and procure necessary physical infrastructure
- Assisted organizing an interaction program for 25 PLHA from across the country and hosting a weekly doctor's forum
- Worked to develop and post a website
- Provided human resources through one full time administrative coordinator and six part time staff (including accountants, coordinators and office assistants)

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National Association of PLWHA in Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 2003

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: May 2004

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To provide access to information for PLHA
- ▶▶ To improve access to treatment for PLHA
- ▶▶ To promote and protect the Human Rights of PLHA
- ▶▶ To advocate for involvement of PLHA in decision makings at all levels
- ▶▶ To build social acceptance to reduce stigma and discrimination
- ▶▶ To create opportunities for networking between PLHA and groups of PLHA

AGENCY MISSION: NAP+N a national non-profit organization formed in response to an emerging need for PLHA to have a united voice. NAP+N aims to improve the quality of life for PLHA in Nepal by providing opportunities for empowerment and taking control of issues affecting their lives. Empowerment of PLHA concerns not only health-related issues, but the protection of human rights, involvement in the development of policy, non-discriminatory access to the legal and health care system, and the education of the wider community. As well, NAP+N aims to provide a voice for PLHA at the local, regional, and national levels in order to facilitate systemic change in critical areas such as care and support, access to treatments and addressing issues of discrimination in society.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY CAPACITY AND EXPERTISE:

- Empowering PLHA to fight for their human rights
- Networking with a wide range of stakeholders and agencies to improve policies, legislation and health care systems, and provide non-discriminatory access to facilities by PLHA

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: National PLHA Network Development

PROJECT TYPE:

- VCT
- Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: May 17, 2004 to May 16, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT PARTNERS: MASS

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA

PROJECT GOAL: To improve the quality of life for PLHA by strengthening the PLHA Network and empowering PLHA to fight for their rights.

PROJECT STRATEGIES: To build the capacity and organizational development of NAP+N to strengthen networks, develop communication GIPA

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Establish and outfit an office and resource center
- Conduct a membership drive
- Organize conferences, workshops and interaction programs
- Develop website
- Host weekly doctors forums

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established an office and a resource center
- Procured necessary physical infrastructure (computers, printers, TV/DVD player, telephone, bicycles and furniture)
- Developed the website
- Organized an interaction program for 25 PLHA from various districts and organizations
- Hosted seven weekly doctor's forums with 171 participants to discuss PLHA issues
- Undergoing finance training

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Membership form
- Newsletter
- NAP+N organizational brochure
- Letter pad

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To provide counseling services to individual drug or alcohol abusers and their families
- ▶▶ To prevent the spread of drug abuse, HIV/AIDS in the community through education and awareness
- ▶▶ To provide detoxification, clinical support, residential treatment services to drug and alcohol users
- ▶▶ To reduce riskful behaviors by implementing outreaches and risk reduction activities along with PHC services
- ▶▶ To create health seeking behavior including detoxification and rehabilitation, VCT, STI and PHC among the target audience
- ▶▶ To develop human resources to provide services in the field of drug, alcohol use and HIV/AIDS
- ▶▶ To develop communications materials as required

नौलो घुम्ती Naulo Ghumti

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1995

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Since September 2003

AGENCY MISSION: To adopt a holistic approach to people affected by drug use and to reintegrate them into their family and community. We want to minimize both the spread of drug use, and the effects of drug use, including the spread of HIV/AIDS in the community.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- IDUs
- FSWs

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Pokhara Valley, Kaski district (Western Region)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Drug education
- Working with whole families
- Professional approach
- Referral network
- Drug counseling and drug abuse treatment services

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV Prevention and Demand Creation for VCT in Pokhara

PROJECT TYPE: VCT

PROJECT PERIOD: September 16, 2003 to August 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Pokhara Valley, Kaski district (Western Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- IDUs
- FSWs

PROJECT GOAL: To address the needs of target groups and increase demand for VCT services in Pokhara by linking existing services to Paluwa

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To provide outreach services for VCT through peer and outreach education
- To raise awareness through community mobilization
- To provide care and support to PLHA
- To provide VCT and referrals for other services
- To commit to assuring lab quality

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Introduce risk reduction program
- Initiate a drug rehabilitation program
- Provide VCT
- Raise community awareness
- Engage in advocacy

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Tested 174 clients for HIV (identified 29 HIV positive cases)
- Provided pre-test counseling to 281 clients, and test results and post-test counseling to 250 clients
- Referred 620 cases and received 108 referrals (including 224 FSWs)
- Conducted regular networking meetings with other agencies and stakeholders
- Held 11 trainings and workshops
- Mobilized eight PEs (four male and four female)
- Conducted a 1-day orientation training program about VCT services attended by 57 community volunteers

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- VCT brochure
- Pocket calendar

"Mr. Ale, age thirty-five, has long experience of drug use. He was born in a respected family in Pokhara. Due to drug using habits, he stopped his study. Several times he stayed at drug treatment centers to try and end his addiction, yet he was unable to.

"One day an ORE of Naulo Ghumti saw him on the street and in a very miserable condition. They took him to the Naulo Ghumti Treatment Center with the help of his sister. After completing a 4 month course in our center, he became a volunteer. He is a good role model for other drug users and is free from drugs.

"Recently, Mr. Ale visited Thailand through Naulo Ghumti's help, and he has returned full of hope and courage. Mr. Ale is living with HIV. He was tested for HIV seven years ago but did not speak to anyone about it for fear of being stigmatized and discriminated. After visiting Thailand he decided not to waste his life and disclosed his HIV status. He met the station manager of Radio Annapurna FM Pokhara and elaborated on his past and present situation as well as his future dreams. He heard from many radio listeners who commented on his declaration, but he didn't want to hear their complaints and replied that people could say what they wanted but he intended to live his life positively.

"Recently Mr. Ale formed a group of 21 HIV positive people called Friends of Hope, who meet weekly to share their feelings and experiences. Mr. Ale is determined not to lose his attention in the public sphere, raising awareness of PLHA. On the occasion of World AIDS Day 2003, he inaugurated a program with Rajiv Kafle (the first HIV positive person to disclose his status in Nepal) on HIV/AIDS. He continues to work as an advocate for PLHA, a source of information on HIV/AIDS, and a combatant against stigma and discrimination."
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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

To supplement and complement the objectives of HMG/N for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and STIs



Nepal Fertility Care Center

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1988

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: September 2002

AGENCY MISSION: NFCC's mission is the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS through early and effective diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) through condom promotion and counseling for safer sex in collaboration with BCI partners.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs and MSW
- MSM
- Clients of FSWs and MSW (migrant and transport workers, etc)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Pool of clinicians, nurses and paramedics for STIs service delivery
- Clinical Training Centre and project management
- Quality care, supervision, monitoring and evaluation, and service delivery

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: STI Service Delivery Project

PROJECT TYPE: STI

PROJECT PERIOD: June 15, 2002 to January 31, 2005 (Nepal Initiative, IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs and MSW
- MSM
- Clients of FSWs and MSW (migrant and transport workers, etc)

PROJECT PARTNERS: Other FHI BCI IAs

PROJECT GOAL: To develop a comprehensive system of STI service delivery in Kathmandu Valley which will be accessible and available especially to high risk populations

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To develop a network with BCI partners to provide accessible quality STI services to reduce the incidence of STIs among high risk groups in Kathmandu Valley, and determine the areas of need for mobile STI service delivery
- To develop a training package and organize training for PEs and ORWs
- To develop a mechanism for two-way referral to provide both STIs and VCT to all high risk clients and minimize missing clients
- To provide quality STI services to high risk groups of Kathmandu Valley to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and STIs

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Provide client-friendly STI services, counseling and other services through static and mobile clinics in collaboration with BCI partners
- Conduct training, outreach and promotional activities

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Served 9,162 people for STI referral with a total of 3,857 STI patient diagnoses and treatment, and 2,459 follow-up consultations
- Conducted 534 static clinics and 479 mobile clinics

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- STI pamphlet
- History taking forms
- Lab cards
- Client follow-up cards
- Condom demonstration model
- Body part model

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New ERA Ltd

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1971

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: April 1996

AGENCY VISION: To articulate Nepali aspirations in the development process of Nepal

AGENCY MISSION: New ERA was one of the first non-governmental research institutions in Nepal. New ERA strives to provide an independent Nepali perspective on the formulation, implementation and assessment of development policies and programs via a wide range of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Development agencies
- Development partners (governmental and non-governmental)
- Technical and volunteer agencies
- Scholars (foreign and national)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Research
- Training
- Technical assistance
- Highly trained and experienced professional Nepali staff
- High staff morale and low staff turnover resulting from democratic management
- Well stocked library (periodicals, titles on Nepal, general development and New ERA reports)

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To develop as an independent research and development institution in the areas of agriculture, education, energy, environment, forestry, health and nutrition, human resources, industry, marketing, migration and resettlement, population and family planning, radio and communication, rural development and technology, tourism, water and sanitation, women in development, participatory approaches, etc.
- ▶ To serve as a support agency to technical assistance programs and foreign scholars
- ▶ To contribute to the overall nation-building process through development-support research

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Clinical and Behavioral Surveillance Surveys and Sero Studies among FSWs, their Clients, and IDUs in Selected Sites in Nepal

PROJECT TYPE: Research

PROJECT PERIODS: Many projects between 1994 and December 31, 2005 (AIDSCAP I, AIDSCAP II and IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

- Twenty-two *Terai* districts along the East-West Mahendra Highway (all regions)
- Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)
- Kaski district (Western Region)
- Achham district (Farwestern Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (truckers, police, industrial workers, migrants)
- IDUs

PROJECT GOAL: To survey the behavior of high risk populations as well as determine their HIV and STI status, and to conduct field research and lab tests to determine risk behaviors and HIV/STI status

PROJECT RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

- Qualitative field research
- Quantitative tools
- Blood and urine lab tests
- Endo-surgical swab
- Blood and lab tests

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Services (SACTS)
- International Center for Diarrhea Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B)

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Completion of over twenty studies

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *A Qualitative Study of Chemist Shops on the Land Transportation Routes from Naubise to Janakpur and Birganj with reference to Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Health Seeking Behavior of STD clients*, February, 1995
- *A Baseline Study of Commercial Sex workers and Sex Clients on the Land Transportation Routes from Naubise to Janakpur and Birgunj*. February, 1995
- *A Baseline Study of STD Services Provided By Chemists in the Land Transportation Routes from Naubise to Janakpur and Birgunj*, June, 1996
- *Rapid Qualitative Assessment of AIDSCAP Effects on Behavior Change Among Commercial Sex Workers and Their Clients*, August, 1996
- *An Evaluation of Interventions Targeted to Commercial Sex Workers and Sex Clients on the Land Transportation Clients Routes from Janakpur and Birgunj to Naubise (Qualitative Study)*, February, 1997
- *Chemists' STD Drug Dispensing Behavior and HIV Prevention Communication: An Impact Evaluation of Training Simulated STD Patients*, June, 1997
- *An Evaluation of Interventions Targeted to Commercial Sex Workers and Sex Clients on the Land Transportation Routes from Janakpur and Birgunj to Naubise (Quantitative Study)*, July, 1997
- *A Study on Health Care Providers on STD Case Management*, March, 1999
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey In The Highway Routes of Nepal: Round No.1*, May, 1999
- *STD and HIV Prevalence Survey Among Female Sex Workers and Truckers on Highway Routes in the Terai, Nepal*, May, 2000
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey in the Highway Routes of Nepal: Round No. 2*, August, 2000
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey in the Highway Routes of Nepal: Round No. 3*, August, 2001
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey in the Highway Routes of Nepal: Round No. 4*, May, 2002
- *HIV/STD Prevalence and Risk Factors among Migrant and Non-Migrant Males of Kailali District in Farwestern Nepal, Volume 1*, August, 2002
- *HIV/STD Prevalence and Risk Factors among Migrant and Non-Migrant Males of Achham District in Farwestern Nepal, Volume 1*, November, 2002
- *Behavioral and Sero Prevalence Survey among IDUs in Kathmandu*, December, 2002
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey in Western to Farwestern Sector of Mahendra Highway of Nepal*, February, 2003
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey of Female Sex Workers and Clients in Kathmandu Valley: Round I*, July, 2003
- *Behavioral and Sero Prevalence Survey among IDUs in Eastern Nepal*, November, 2003
- *Behavioral and Sero Prevalence Survey among IDUs in Pokhara Valley*, November, 2003
- *Behavioral Surveillance Survey in the Highway Routes of Nepal: Round No. 5*, December, 2003
- *STI/HIV Prevalence and Risk Behavioral Study among Female Sex Workers and Truckers along the Terai Highway Routes Covering 22 Districts of Nepal*, July, 2004
- *HIV/STI and Behavioral Surveillance Survey among Female Sex Workers and BSS among Clients in Kathmandu Valley, 2004*, November, 2004 (Draft)
- *HIV/STI and Behavioral Surveillance Survey among Female Sex Workers and BSS among Clients in Pokhara Valley, 2004*, November, 2004 (Draft)

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Nepal STD and AIDS Research Center (N'SARC)

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1983

FHI PARTNER SINCE: September 1994

AGENCY MISSION: Fighting AIDS/STI and poverty together and making health easier and to the reach of people far and wide with a commitment for *Health, Education, Equity, Prosperity and Self-Dependence* of the under-privileged communities through shared rights and responsibilities.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs and other high risk women
- MSM
- Clients of FSWs
- Migrants and transport workers

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Banke, Bardiya and Kailali districts (Midwestern and Farwestern Regions)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- STI and HIV/AIDS management and care services
- VCT services
- Public health network

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES:

Cross Border AIDS Control Plan at Nepal-India Border in Nepalgunj and Dhangadhi

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: STI and VCT Services in Western Districts

PROJECT TYPE:

- STI
- VCT

PROJECT PERIOD: May 2, 2004 to July 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Banke, Bardiya and Kailali districts (Midwestern and Farwestern Regions)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs and other high risk women
- MSM
- Clients of FSWs
- Migrants and transport workers

PROJECT GOAL: To increase access to and use of STI and VCT services by most at risk groups (especially FSWs and their clients) along the highways in Western districts of Nepal, especially in the districts of Banke, Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Increase STI and VCT services by most at risk groups
- Increase quality of VCT services for most at risk groups
- Increase demand for STI and VCT services
- Strengthen community support for STI and VCT referral
- Strengthen organizational capacity to manage and monitor this project

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Establish STI clinics and provide STI services
- Provide VCT services at Nepalgunj and later add and integrate VCT services in Attariya, Kailali district
- Establish post-test clubs for follow-up counseling, psychological support and care linkages
- Mobilize Community Mobilizer and PEs
- Establish a referral network
- Strengthen staff capacity

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- STI and VCT services are functioning
- NSARC have altogether detected 307 HIV cases till now

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Communications materials

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Oxygen Research and Development Forum

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 2001

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: June 2004

AGENCY MISSION: ORDF is a registered, non-profit NGO set up to provide services that aim to empower young people through strengthened mental and physical well-being. ORDF empowers people by equipping them with life skill techniques, by providing information, and through training and peer education programs.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Young people

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Life skill and peer education
- Communications materials, training manuals and training curricula development
- Trainings, workshops and seminars
- Research, translation and editing
- National networks

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To empower people
- ▶▶ To enhance life skills
- ▶▶ To provide quality peer education

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: VCT Care and Support Materials Development Project

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: June 16, 2004 to August 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

TARGET POPULATIONS:

- PLHA
- General public

PROJECT GOAL: To develop materials that support FHI activities for the prevention and care of HIV/AIDS that are appropriate to and in the Nepali context and language

PROJECT STRATEGIES: To pretest tool kits in the field with FHI partners and local community members and leaders in a participatory approach designed to solicit feedback and improve the quality of the output

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Develop care and support booklets
- Provide basic VCT orientations and trainings and develop VCT orientation package
- To develop VCT counseling protocol materials
- To review stigma and discrimination materials for translation and adaptation

PROJECT PARTNERS: NAP+N

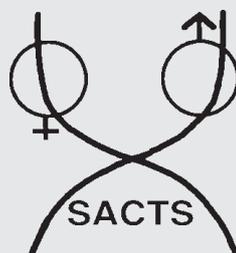
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Developed VCT counseling protocol materials
- Conducted a workshop with six traditional medical practitioners
- Reviewed stigma and discrimination materials
- Conducted stigma and discrimination campaign

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Information and reference materials
 - *HIV-Positive and Living With Hope* book
 - *Staying Healthy with HIV* book
 - Two more books in Care series in development
 - VCT counseling protocol and training materials

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STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Service

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1993

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: October 2003

AGENCY MISSION: To work for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and STIs

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

SACTS is made up of a team of medical doctors, microbiologists, laboratory technicians, administrators and counselors working collaboratively together.

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To provide training services in the field of HIV/AIDS and STIs
- ▶▶ To provide confidential counseling services
- ▶▶ To provide IEC in STI and HIV/AIDS
- ▶▶ To provide diagnostic laboratory services
- ▶▶ To conduct research on HIV/AIDS and STIs

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: VCT Services to FSWs and Clients in Kathmandu

PROJECT TYPE: VCT

PROJECT PERIOD: October 16, 2003 to 15 April 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

PROJECT PARTNERS: New ERA

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce HIV transmission and assist clients to obtain early care and support interventions through increased use of VCT services for the most at risk groups for HIV transmission (especially for FSWs and their clients) in Kathmandu.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To conduct a needs assessment among FSWs and other high risk clients to determine the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and risk behavior patterns
- To mobilize PEs, OREs and partners for effective STI referral services and outreach towards demand creation
- To develop and distribute communications materials (brochures, contact cards, etc) to generate demand and raise awareness
- To conduct Condom Day and AIDS Day celebration events to raise awareness
- To provide effective and quality VCT as per national guidelines, and establish effective two-way referral services linking VCT with existing service providers and agencies to increase coverage
- To strengthen the organizational capacity to deliver more effectively and efficiently

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Conduct an HIV/STI prevalence study among FSWs
- Offer referral services for medical, psychosocial, and support needs
- Conduct post-test counseling
- Provide laboratory facilities for HIV and STI screening and diagnosis of opportunistic infections
- Distribute condoms

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Conducted a HIV prevalence study among female sex workers in Kathmandu Valley.
- Conducted a HIV prevalence study among injecting drug users
- Established a counseling clinic for female sex workers

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- VCT brochures
- Contact cards

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Sahara Paramarsha Kendra

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1995

FHI PARTNER SINCE: February 2004

AGENCY MISSION: SPK visions both society and professionals working together to enhance the lives of people living with psychosocial or emotional problems. Also, SPK support groups suffering from drug abuse or HIV/AIDS, enabling them to live a functioning social and dignified life.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Counselors from FHI IAs
- Clients referred from VCT sites for advanced counseling
- Clients who come for psychosocial counseling
- HIV/AIDS related NGOs, INGOs and government counselors from other

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- VCT and basic counseling
- Psychosocial and advanced counseling for clients referred by VCT sites
- Drugs, HIV/AIDS and STI research

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To function as an agent for national change and advocate for improved counseling and care services
- ▶▶ To create awareness and demand for counseling and to build capacity of national institutions, NGOs and GOs, and individuals in the field of STI/HIV/AIDS, drugs and mental health issues, as a national forum for counselors in Nepal
- ▶▶ To provide advanced counseling services to the individuals facing psychosocial problems
- ▶▶ To design and conduct trainings in the field of VCT counseling and general counseling techniques
- ▶▶ To carry out research projects on psychological and social issues

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: VCT Training Program

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: February 16, 2004 to February 15, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Western, Central and Eastern Regions

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Counselors from Other FHI IAs
- New employees referred from VCT sites for advanced counseling course
- Counselors from other HIV/AIDS related NGOs, INGOs and government

PROJECT PARTNERS: FHI

PROJECT GOAL: To develop human resource capacity to provide quality VCT services through training and to strengthen quality counseling services

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To develop standardized HIV counseling training curriculum and training materials in Nepali to assist VCT counselors for the benefit of clients
- To establish and facilitate a national network of counselors working to provide and improve VCT services and other care support services
- To strengthen SPK's capacity to implement and manage VCT counseling activities

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Produce English version of VCT curriculum
- Translate VCT curriculum and transparencies, course readers and manuals, into Nepali
- Conduct Training of Trainers (TOT)
- Provide basic VCT training for counselors, post training follow-up and supportive supervision, and refresher trainings
- Establish a Counselors' Network in Nepal
- Provide referral services and networking
- Establish a new SPK office and a resource center
- Develop the capacity of SPK staff through study programs and observation tours

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Conducted a 5-day TOT for 15 prospective VCT trainers
- Conducted five in-service programs
- Networked with counseling centers and organizations working in HIV/AIDS, drugs, and VCT
- Received recognition as one of the only training centers for standard VCT training
- Conducted a 10-day VCT Training for VCT counselors

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Organization brochure
- VCT curriculum and training materials

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Save the Children

Save the Children/US

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1932 (1981 in Nepal)

FHI PARTNER SINCE: February 1995

AGENCY VISION: Save the Children, by mobilizing citizens throughout the world, envisions a world in which every child is ensured the right to survival, protection, development and participation as set forth in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Their programs reflect the principles of the convention and demonstrate our belief that every child—regardless of sex, nationality, ethnic background, or class—has the right to quality health care, a good education, an adequate standard of living, protection from armed conflict, the care of a loving family, and a safe environment in which to grow, play and learn.

AGENCY MISSION: Save the Children/US-Nepal is a non-profit, child-assistance organization aiming to make lasting and positive changes in the lives of children in need in Nepal.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Women
- Children
- Families

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

- Worldwide
- Nepal: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- AIDS programming
- Strong institutional linkages with Nepali NGOs
- Community mobilization
- Non-formal education

ONGOING HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES: Yes

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Nepal STI/HIV/AIDS Coordination and NGO Technical Support Project

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: February 15, 1995 to March 30, 1996 (AIDSCAP I)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: FHI IAs and NGO staff

PROJECT PARTNERS: FHI IAs

PROJECT SUMMARY: To provide technical assistance to enhance the linkages and capabilities of participating Nepali NGOs to effectively implement STI/HIV prevention education and condom social marketing programs and to coordinate programs. The project expanded the geographical focus of the AIDSCAP/Nepal strategic plan in the Central Region to include Kathmandu Valley and other regions of Nepal.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen the capacity of the beneficiary organizations to produce quality STI/HIV communications materials through an IEC coordination committee and technical assistance
- To facilitate the introduction of HIV/STI prevention counseling services
- To support collaborative efforts by Nepal CRS Company and motivated NGOs to design, develop and implement condom social marketing partnership activities

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Brought NGOs closer in their work (12 NGOs collaborated 88 times)
- Sold 28,000 copies of various materials through committee mechanism by NGOs
- Introduced more formally HIV prevention counseling in Nepal
- Trained 62 individuals in HIV prevention counseling

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV Prevention Training Manual

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Safe Migration Initiative in the Far West

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Stigma and discrimination reduction

PROJECT PERIOD: March 1 to August 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kanchanpur, Kailali, Accham and Doti districts (Farwestern Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Migrants

PROJECT GOAL: To prevent HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS among migrants/potential migrants and their families in Far Western Nepal

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Rapid assessment and program design in four districts
- BCI through radio program listener groups
- Stigma reduction through development of toolkit and trainings
- Strengthen linkages with FHI/India Safe Migration Program

"My name is Ganga (pseudonym) and I was born in Nuwakot. I live with my husband, two sons and one daughter. In total, five people are depend on my income. Even by working the whole day as a physical laborer collecting sand and gravel from the nearby river I cannot meet my basic expenses. Therefore to make extra income I entered into the sex business. I have faced many problems in this occupation. I always fear that someone comes to know about it. Sometimes, I even think of stopping it."
-FSW

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV/AIDS Western Highway Project

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Capacity Building

PROJECT PERIOD: February 2002 to May 2005 (IMPACT)

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PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kailali, Kanchanpur, Bardiya, Banke, Dang and Kapilvastu Tanahu and Kaski districts (Farwestern, Midwestern and Western Regions)

PROJECT TARGET GROUPS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (transport workers, security personnel)

PROJECT SUB-CONTRACT PARTNERS:

- GWP (see below)
- Institute of Community Health (ICH) (see below)
- MSD (see below)
- NRCS - Kaski Chapter (see below)
- District Public Health Office (DPHO)

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and STI among FSWs and their clients who live and work on the main East-West Mahendra Highway and specified northern and southern branch roads and specified urban areas in association with these roads

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To establish networks and partnerships with NGOs and government for greater impact of project activities
- To mobilize peer communicators to conduct outreach education, interface with target populations and raise awareness
- To promote condoms for consistent and correct condom usage and protection from HIV/STIs
- To strengthen quality STI services for testing and treatment
- To research the dynamics of sex work to better understand risk behaviors and prevention

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Formative assessment
- Identify and refer STI cases, syndromically manage and counsel
- Promote condoms
- Conduct BCI through radio
- Establish and manage DICs
- Advocate, network, mobilize CBOs and coordinate with target stakeholders

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Raised awareness on HIV
- Increased the percentage of condom usage
- Increased STI service seeking practices and complete treatment
- Completed assessment
- Added coverage of the highways in Tanahu and Kaski districts to Pokhara in 2003

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS and STI brochures and posters
- Key ring
- Stickers
- Comic book
- Shoe brush
- HIV/AIDS bag

Additional Project Partners



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General Welfare Pratisthan

SUB-CONTRACT AGENCY: General Welfare Pratisthan

SUB-CONTRACT PROJECT PERIOD: February 1, 2002 to May 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kapilbastu, Dang, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur districts (Farwestern, Midwestern and Western Regions)

SUB-CONTRACT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Transport workers
- Stakeholders
- Hoteliers/Keepers (Female)
- Others (District AIDS Coordination Committee, NGO Coordination Committee, Transport Association)

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To reduce the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and STI among FSWs and their clients who live and work on the main East-West Highway and specified northern and southern branch roads and specified urban areas in association with these roads. Activities included:

- Scaling up the capacity of GWP for ongoing activities with target populations
- Conducting outreach and peer communication as well as networking and skills development to create a supportive atmosphere for ongoing behavior change and awareness raising
- Continuing to pursue strong working relationship with STI service providers to enhance STI treatment seeking behavior
- Expanding network with government line agencies, NGOs and grassroots level organizations
- Developing networks for effective BCI implementation

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Visited 7,127 new transport workers and identified 2,785 transport worker clients of FSWs
- Visited 628 new FSWs
- Referred 304 STI cases for complete treatment
- Conducted 3,413 condom demonstrations among transport workers and FSWs
- Distributed 287,496 condoms and 31,561 communications materials
- Organized 41 street dramas
- Reached 1,847 people at planned group discussions

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Three folder brochures
- HIV/AIDS and STI booklets
- Pocket booklet on STIs
- *Samjanta* comic book
- HIV/AIDS and STI poster
- Key ring
- Audio cassette program
- Street drama *Paschatap*
- Friendly Box
- T-Shirts and bags

"I have had uncountable unsafe sexual encounters with different FSWs. But after contracting a genital ulcer and getting treatment at the GWP mobile clinic, I have promised myself to use a condom during every sexual contact." – truck driver and client of FSWs

Additional Project Partners



SUB-CONTRACT AGENCY: Institute of Community Health

SUB-CONTRACT PROJECT PERIOD: February 1, 2002 to May 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Six districts of the East-West Highway Mahendra from Kapilvastu to Kanchanpur districts (Farwestern, Midwestern and Western Regions)

SUB-CONTRACT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To train private medical health care personnel on STI syndromic treatment and thus reduce the risk of contracting HIV and STI among FSWs and their clients who live and work on the main East-West Mahendra Highway and specified northern and southern branch roads and specified urban areas in association with these roads. Activities included training, human resource development, system development and infrastructure support.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Trained 129 people in STI syndromic case management
- Treated and counseled 1,439 STI cases according to the national protocol
- Strengthened and developed 125 STI service outlets
- Provided complete STI drugs to all service outlets

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Prescription and referral cards
- STI case record books
- Organization brochure
- Informational pocket diary

Additional Project Partners



SUB-CONTRACT AGENCY: Manushi for Sustainable Development

SUB-CONTRACT PROJECT PERIOD: February 1, 2002 to May 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Six districts along East-West Mahendra Highway (Farwestern, Midwestern and Western Regions)

SUB-CONTRACT TARGET GROUPS: Security personnel

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To reduce the risk from HIV/AIDS and STI among security personnel along the East-West Mahendra Highway. Activities included peer mobilization, education and communication, STI referral services, condom and communications materials distribution, intervention through a DIC room, group and mass orientations, BCI activities, video shows, hoarding boards, and observation of National Condom Day and World AIDS Day.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Trained a core group of 180 PEs to support peer approach
- Established DICs inside the military and police barracks or centers
- Provided counseling and STI case management training to make STI services accessible

"Working with uniformed security personnel is more satisfying in the sense that we are protecting those who protect us and the nation." –staff

"Being a sexually active group away from wives and family who engage in risky behaviors as part of our jobs, we are more vulnerable to HIV/AIDS/STI infection and therefore awareness and prevention programs are urgently needed today. The HIV/AIDS program has helped to change our STI treatment seeking behavior and we are not talking more freely about HIV/AIDS. Many of us are now carrying condoms regularly while visiting sex workers." –client

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- HIV/AIDS and STI BCI brochures
- HIV/AIDS and STI hoarding board
- Pocket calendar
- Shoe brush
- Mirror
- Note pad

Additional Project Partners



SUB-CONTRACT AGENCY: Nepal Red Cross Society - Kaski Chapter

SUB-CONTRACT PERIOD: July 2003 to May 2005

SUB-CONTRACT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Mugling to Pokhara segment of Prithvi Highway

SUB-CONTRACT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (including transport workers and security personnel)
- Hoteliers

SUB-CONTRACT PURPOSE: To reduce high risk sexual behavior among FSWs and their clients who live and work along the Mugling to Pokhara Prithvi Highway. Activities included:

- Implementing BCI activities by mobilizing OREs and PEs and establishing a DIC
- Referring STI cases from the target populations to private medical practitioners to provide syndromic treatment
- Conducting community events by observing Condom Day, World AIDS Day and Candle Day
- Establishing a close networking among concerned stakeholders, government and NGOs

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Identified 221 FSWs out of 287 targeted for whole project period
- Reached 1,783 transport workers through outreach education
- Reached 2,304 security personnel through orientation program
- Mobilized and trained 190 PEs
- Trained 20 private medical practitioners for STI syndromic case management
- Established two DICs (one for transport workers and one for FSWs)
- Established five Community based DICs
- Established four Information Centers inside the Armed Force Barracks

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Pamphlet on HIV/AIDS and STI
- Hoarding board
- Shoe brush with message for security personnel

"Before attending a Red Cross orientation I had heard about condoms but rarely used them with outside women. I often experienced rashes and other STI symptoms. I am happy that the orientation provided me with the knowledge of why to use condoms, and how to use them correctly." – transport worker

"I am Chini Maya Darai (Pseudonym). I am 35 years old and married. I was born in Dehi Gaun, Tanahun, and I have almost no education. I spent my childhood in my native village under poor conditions.

"One day I went to my elder sister's home to take care of her during her pregnancy. During that time, my brother-in-law forced me to have sex with him. After some time I found out that I was pregnant. Eventually we married and I have two sons from him. Today we are separated and I provide sex to clients for money to feed my two sons.

"I recently met a woman who worked for the Red Cross and she educated me about HIV/AIDS. When I first met her I could not talk openly with her because I was scared and shy. But she came many times to my home and talked about the same things, and so I shared with her about my activities. She asked me to participate in a training to learn more about HIV/AIDS and the importance of using condoms.

"Since then I have had several clients who refused to use condoms because they believe condoms reduce sexual satisfaction. Now I educate them about the importance of using condoms to prevent HIV/AIDS. I no longer agree to have sex without condoms." –FSW working as a PE

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To understand better than anyone else how people consume communications
- ▶▶ To use this superior understanding to help our clients plan the most effective total communications program
- ▶▶ To create ideas big enough to work powerfully in every communications channel these programs identify

Thompson Nepal Thompson Nepal (P) Ltd

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1998

FHI PARTNER SINCE: 2000

AGENCY MISSION: To help build and drive long-term values for their clients

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- General population
- All high risk groups

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Mass media communications
- Public relations
- Community-level communications
- Audio-visual productions
- Desktop publication

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Communications and Marketing Strategy and Second Generation HIV/STI Prevention Campaign

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Mass media communications

PROJECT PERIOD: February 2, 2000 to December 31, 2003 (AIDSCAP II, IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- High risk groups
- General public

PROJECT GOAL: The goal of the project was to initiate and improve the rate of consistent and correct condom use in high risk sexual encounters by 10%.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Use mass media communications and merchandising to increase knowledge that condoms protect sexual health, increase condom sales and increase condom use
- Integrate campaign with CSM activities

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Conduct marketing research and develop strategy
- Develop communications materials
- Conduct campaign

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Produced marketing strategy
- Designed campaign logo and slogan, approaching prevention and control in the broader context of sexual health
- Conducted campaigns for general public and high risk groups

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Condom Bata Suraksha, Youn Swastha Ko Surakshya (Protect your Sexual Health with Condoms)* logo and slogan
- Targeted radio spots and jingles in regional languages (Avadhi, Maithili, Bhojpuri and Tharu)
- Cinema screenings and cable television spots
- 142 billboards, wall paintings and pillar posters
- Merchandising materials such as danglers, metal plates and metal flanges
- Press advertisements in 5 daily newspapers and journals
- Special community events during World AIDS Day and Condom Day

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: *Let's Start Talking about AIDS Today* Mass Media Communications Campaign

PROJECT TYPE:

- Mass media communications
- Policy support

PROJECT PERIOD: May to September 2002 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- General public, especially youth
- Policymakers

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- NCASC
- PSI

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PROJECT GOAL: As identified and agreed upon by NCASC:

- Raise awareness, knowledge and understanding among general population about HIV/AIDS & STIs;
- Promote knowledge about HIV and how it is spread among the targeted high-risk population;
- Reduce stigmatization of HIV/AIDS affected people; and
- Encourage mobilization of resources & commitment for the implementation of the programs among the policymakers.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

Several strategies were envisioned in the design of the campaign. One of the main ideas from the Ministry of Health was to launch the campaign during the World Cup Football tournament. Other strategies include:

- Launch new universal logo for the campaign
- Concentrate airing during the live matches on NTV to maximize exposure
- Use previously-developed media products, such as JHU/CCP-developed creative units for radio and TV
- Tie the campaign together with the new logo and common tagline/slogan *Let's Start Talking about AIDS Today*
- Develop personality-based spots involving well-known celebrities and sports figures
- Reinforce television and radio messages through print, as well as billboards within Kathmandu city limits
- Tie campaign with second generation communication campaign promoting condom use for sexual health using existing logo designs for the Ring Road/ Outside Ring Road areas
- Evaluate campaign and disseminate key findings including best practices and lessons learned

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Develop messages and spots
- Conduct campaign through television, radio, billboards, print media and the press
- Organize events

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- First risk reduction messages were communicated
- Comedy was used for the first time to dispel misconceptions and promote compassion for those affected by HIV/AIDS
- A Nepali PLHA went on national media for the first time
- Campaign awarded the Best Campaign award for 2003 for all advertising in Nepal by the Advertising Association for Nepal

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- 10 television and radio spots
- *Unity Against AIDS* logo
- 23 billboards of five spots and 1,000 poster sets
- Press packet

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Multi-media campaign to reduce HIV related stigma and discrimination

PROJECT TYPE:

- Mass media communications
- Stigma and discrimination reduction

PROJECT PERIOD: November 15, 2004 to November 16, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nation wide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- General population
- PLHA

PROJECT GOAL:

To reduce HIV related stigma and discrimination

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Disseminate messages through various mass media channels for reducing stigma and discrimination related to HIV/AIDS

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Conducted a mass media campaign utilizing a variety of communication channels including television and radio aimed at specific audiences nationwide to create a positive change in the cultural environment with respect to HIV/AIDS and PLHA.



Trinetra Community Development Foundation

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To improve economic and social status
- ▶ To help create a society without discrimination for ethnic, religious, gender, occupation or political affiliation
- ▶ To help create a society where there is no superstition, illegality, false beliefs or exploitation
- ▶ To establish a pool of easily available human resources for social development
- ▶ To develop institutional and individual capabilities
- ▶ To promote an enabling environment for healthy human resources

"A schoolgirl from a poor family in Sunwal began selling sex at the age of 16. It was the only way she could fulfill her needs and support her family including paying her school fees. She doesn't sell sex in the local areas due to fear of being discovered. Instead she goes to a nearby town and searches for clients during the school holidays.

"Though she had been engaging in sex work for many months, she had never used condoms during sexual activities.

"One day she was contacted by a Trinetra ORE, who interacted with her for a long time to educate her about HIV/AIDS and STI transmission. The next week when the ORE met her again, she found out that the school girl had used condoms with all of her previous five clients." –Trinetra staff

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1991

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: Since 1999

AGENCY VISION: Trinetra strives to make a healthy, self-reliant and prosperous society through social justice, equity and improvements to the well-being of its members and the community at large.

AGENCY MISSION: Trinetra's mission is to provide services in health, sanitation, education, cooperatives, micro entrepreneurship development and disaster management for disadvantaged people. The overall goal of the organization is to conduct the sustainable community development activities mobilizing local resources.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: All community members

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Social mobilization for community development
- Rural drinking water and sanitation
- Community health especially awareness
- HIV/AIDS and STI prevention
- Savings and credit cooperatives

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Safe Highway: Prevention to Care Project

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: September 1, 1999 to September 30, 2001 (AIDSCAP II), February 1, 2004 to January 31, 2006 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nawalparasi District (Western Region)

TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs
- PLHA
- Spouses of FSWs and their clients
- Other persons at risk

PROJECT GOAL: Increase coverage of risk populations to reduce high risk behaviors for HIV and STI transmission, increase quality STI and VCT services, and increase access to care and support of PLHA.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To conduct local advocacy and networking to raise awareness and support in the community
- To implement BCI, mobilizing community members and PEs to conduct outreach education and distribute communications materials
- To link services and products to improve compliance and reduce risk behaviors
- To build the capacity of staff, members and target populations for advocacy and improved outcomes

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Coordinate and conduct District AIDS Coordination Committee meetings, community events, Condom Day and World AIDS Day celebrations
- Implement targeted BCI and outreach
- Refer for STI, VCT and counseling as required
- Mobilize PEs
- Open and operate DICs
- Conduct trainings and exposure tours to staff members and PEs

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Most of the contacted target groups have been provided with skills and empowerment for safety against contracting HIV/STIs.
- More than 57% of FSWs and 68% of clients of FSWs have reported to be using condoms consistently.
- Strong collaboration and networking has been built within the project area

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- Various brochures and pamphlets
- AIDS Information (with pictures)
- STI Information
- Book cover
- Wall and pocket calendars
- Caps and t-shirts
- Banners
- Bags
- Key rings
- Social map of the project area
- Community Assessment Report of the Project Areas 2000
- Event reports
- *Orientation on HIV/AIDS and STI to PEs and Target Groups* manual
- *Guideline for Advocacy Meeting* manual
- *Training on Condom Negotiation Skill Development for FSWs* manual
- *Training on DIC Operation for DIC Operators* manual
- *Orientation Training on HIV/AIDS & STI for School Teachers* manual
- *Home Based Care and Support Training to PLHA and Their Relatives* manual

"In the beginning, my neighbors harassed me for being a sex worker. Now they come to me for counseling and suggestions, STI treatment, condoms, and to share other problems. They no longer hesitate to share any problems to me, or show me respect. I am proud to be a PE."—female PE

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Women Acting Together for Change

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1992

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: Oct 2002

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ To help disadvantaged groups and socially oppressed men and women to identify and solve their problems by facilitating raising their awareness, organizing them and building up their confidence within the communities, thus empowering them to gain more control over their lives
- ▶▶ To educate the public about the situation of women and the strife faced by disadvantaged peoples
- ▶▶ To provide information to and obtaining resources for other organizations with similar interests, both nationally and internationally

AGENCY VISION: To develop an approach where rural woman and disadvantaged groups, become partners in development rather than the subjects and/or objects of development, making their own decisions and implementing them as required

AGENCY MISSION: WATCH is a secular, non-profit, politically non-aligned NGO. WATCH aims to move away from the 'hand-out' mode of development to a mode of organizing people for self-reliance and sustainable development. WATCH hopes to work towards establishing a judicial and equitable society where women and disadvantaged members can live with honor, dignity and proper recognition.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Poor, disadvantaged and underprivileged populations (including women, disabled and marginalized communities)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Makwanpur, Okhaldhunga and Solukhumbu districts

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Women's empowerment and capacity building
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Strong networks (national and international)
- Natural resource management
- Health promotion
- Empowerment activities
- Participatory community development

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: BCI for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS/STDs among High Risk Populations in Rupandehi District

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: September 1, 1999 to January 31, 2006 (AIDSCAP II and IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Rupandehi district (Western Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

"If sex workers are to change their behavior they need to realize their worth, so it is necessary to regain and boost their self-esteem. So, the theory of behavior change based on a rights-based and benefit approach, should be introduced for BCI." - staff

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- FHI IAs
- Mahila Ekata Sangathan (FSW network)
- Local NGOs, CBOs and local government in Rupandehi istrict
- Asha Jyoti Sahyog Samuha (PLHA network)

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the rate of HIV and STI infection

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Mobilize OREs and PEs to identify high risk populations for the purpose of raising awareness of HIV/AIDS and STIs, and promoting consistent and correct condom use
- Form, strengthen and mobilize target group and PLHA networks and HIV/AIDS concerned groups for BCI, capacity building and implementation of a local advocacy strategy

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Identify, mobilize and train OREs and PEs
- Refer and follow-up suspected STI cases
- Raise awareness through communications material distribution and BCI activities
- Conduct condom demonstrations and distribute socially marketed condoms
- Establish and operate a DIC

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increased HIV/AIDS, STIs and condom use awareness among populations at risk
- Contacted and established good relationships with FSWs and FSW clients, changing their behavior including an increased trend of consistent condom use
- Increased the participation of local stakeholders, organizations and communities in HIV/AIDS awareness raising activities
- Organized and participated in street dramas, camps, video shows, group discussions, World AIDS Day and National Condom Day celebrations, Teej festival song competitions, and school AIDS education
- Established PLHA network for raising hope and positive thinking of PLHA and reducing stigma and discrimination

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- *Mayako chino (Token of Love)* comic book for FSW condom negotiation skills
- BCI program Overview
- BCI program brochure
- Wall and pocket calendars
- Condom demonstration models

"Mutual trust, respect, understanding, friendly behavior and entertaining environment, which are the building blocks of interpersonal relationships, are important when working with sex workers and their clients. The mobilization of PEs has been found to be an effective approach tfor building rapport and trust and to influence behavior change."--staff

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"As most sex workers and their family members live hand-to-mouth it is necessary to provide them some services (not only information and skills) like PHC or alternative income generation for them to change their behavior. However, as sex workers are engaged mainly for livelihood, it is not possible for them to think about abrupt reduction of partners."—staff

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: BCI among Street-Based FSWs in Kathmandu Valley

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: October 1, 2002 to July 31, 2005 - (Nepal Initiative, IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

- Kathmandu District
- Lalitpur District

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Street-based FSWs

PROJECT PARTNERS: *Mahila Ekata Sangathan* (FSW network)

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce the rate of HIV and STI infection

PROJECT STRATEGIES: To mobilize OREs and PEs to identify FSWs for the purpose of raising awareness of HIV/AIDS and STIs and promoting consistent and correct condom use

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Operation of Well-Being Center
- Basic orientation and refresher trainings to FSWs, clients and other high risk populations
- Communications materials and condom distribution
- STI referral and follow-up
- Legal awareness training and capacity building
- Peer based outreach education

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Increased level of awareness on HIV/AIDS, STIs, and condom use among street-based FSWs and their clients
- Established a good relationship with street-based FSWs and facilitated behavior change including consistent condom use



VISION Youth Vision VCT Service Center

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1988

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER: One

AGENCY MISSION: YVVCT intends to increase the use of HIV/AIDS and STI prevention and care practices by IDUs in the target areas.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: IDUs

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Community mobilization
- VCT and referral services
- Drug and alcohol counseling

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: VCT Services for IDUs in Kathmandu

PROJECT TYPE: VCT

PROJECT PERIOD: September 16, 2003 to March 15, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET GROUPS: IDUs and general population

PROJECT GOAL: To create awareness of HIV/AIDS among IDUs and the general population, provide referral services and provide counseling and testing services.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- To raise awareness on the facts of HIV so the target group realizes its implications
- To mobilize communities, network and coordinate with existing and new partner organizations, conduct outreach and promotional events to create demand for VCT services among IDUs
- To provide effective and quality VCT services to better care for and support target clients

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

To provide VCT services to IDUs.

"Six months ago, Ram Singh (pseudonym), an IDU, met community motivators from Youth Vision who told him about HIV/AIDS and VCT. He was barely surviving as all his money was going to pay for drugs.

"Several months later, after his physical and economic situation became even more critical, he met the community motivators again and decided to visit the YVVCT center. He was surprised to meet several of his friends there, now free from drug addiction and working as staff members. They told him about the services YV offers. Ram Singh decided to be tested for HIV because he suspected he was positive.

"After being counseled and mentally prepared to learn his sero-status, Ram Singh was tested and diagnosed HIV positive. After post-test counseling he was referred to Vision Plus, a PLHA support group, where he was encouraged to attend drug rehabilitation. He stayed in rehabilitation for two months, receiving the services at a minimum cost as he was from a poor background.

"Today, Ram Singh is an active member of Vision Plus and provides services to other drug addicts."—YVVCT staff

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PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Provide counseling and testing services
- Provide BCI on HIV/AIDS to community members through communications materials and organization of awareness-raising events
- Collaborate with FHI IAs
- Manage drug treatment and rehabilitation centers

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Reached more than 1200 persons of the target group
- Provided VCT to 450 persons
- Achieved 90% client satisfaction (exit survey information)

MATERIALS PRODUCED:

- VCT brochure
- Referral cards and patient follow-up cards
- Service information card



RECENTLY- ADDED PARTNERS SINCE OCTOBER 2004



Digital Broadcast Initiative, Equal Access Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: February 2004

FHI PARTNER SINCE: September 2004

AGENCY MISSION: To create positive change for large numbers of people in the developing world by providing critically needed information and education through:

- Locally produced and targeted content
- The use of appropriate and cost-effective technology
- Effective partnerships and community engagement

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

The poor and underprivileged rural populations who do not have access to critical development information with a focus on young people and women

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nation wide

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- **Content creation:** developing innovative 'needs driven' programming that is culturally appropriate and incorporates feedback directly from audiences
- **Information Dissemination:** implementing scaleable solutions that reach mass audiences, provide training or information resources and are able to reach underserved/remote populations
- **Community Engagement:** integrating communications with on-the -ground development initiatives to maximize impact through capacity building, listening/discussion groups, facilitated learning, interactive feedback and evaluation

New Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Safe Migration Radio Program

PROJECT TYPE:

- BCI
- Mass medica communications

PROJECT PERIOD: September 01, 2004 to September 30, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Farwestern Region of Nepal and Mumbai in India

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Nepali migrants and their families in Nepal and Mumbai, potential migrants to Mumbai in India

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce incidence of HIV transmission among Nepali migrants and their sexual partners through lowering vulnerability to and risk for HIV transmission

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

To increase awareness and knowledge of Nepali migrants and their families about HIV and AIDS through entertainment education using radio satellite broadcasting in both source and destination communities

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"The program is very good because it is informative and is imparting new knowledge. It is a good warning for us (the community) to be careful especially regarding sexual habits and health. It is a good and timely reminder of our responsibilities towards our families".—A listener from Saraswati Bagh, Jogeshwori East, Mumbai

"The program is excellent. It is non-political, has a social message and totally holds our interest totally".—A listener from Pipri pada, Goregaon East, Mumbai

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Design and produce high quality, linguistically and culturally appropriate, targeted radio programming with relevant prevention to care messages to Nepali migrants and their families in Nepal and Mumbai, India through satellite broadcasting. Activities include:
 - Set up project
 - Develop, pretest and produce content for 26 episode radio program
 - Implement facilitator training and broadcast program
 - Monitor the project activities

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Communication Corner - Kupondole, Lalitpur
- Forum for Local Development - Mahendranagar, Kanchanpur
- Drishya Movies - Mumbai, India
- Radio Nepal

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Satellite radio receivers have been deployed in 25 sites in Kailali, Kanchanpur and Achham districts of Nepal and 15 sites in Mumbai in India.
- Training on technical operation of the satellite receiving equipment and facilitation skills have been held for the training of 36 listening group members in Mumbai (held in Mumbai), 10 listening group members of Kailali and Kanchanpur (held in Kanchanpur) and 15 listener group members of Achham (held in Achham).
- As of July 2005, 18 episodes of the radio program have been produced and broadcast on a weekly basis. Six Content Advisory Group Meetings have been held to incorporate feedback from listener sites and to discuss program episodes to be produced.



Siddhartha Club

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: July 1984

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: July 2005

AGENCY VISION: Build a peaceful, prosperous and healthy society

AGENCY MISSION: Improvement of social and economic conditions of target community.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Young people
- General public

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kaski district (Western Region)

New Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Youth Friendly Health Services and Awareness program for HIV/AIDS/STI prevention in Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan city and Lekhnath Municipality

PROJECT TYPE: STI

PROJECT PERIOD: July 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Pokhara sub-metropolitan city and Lekhnath Municipality, Kaski district (Western Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Young people
- General public

PROJECT PARTNERS: World Vision, Kaski

PROJECT GOAL: To prevent and control STI and HIV/AIDS in young people

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Increase demand and use of STI services among the most-at-risk groups
- Strengthen organizational capacity on quality STI service delivery
- Establish and provide high quality STI clinical services for most-at-risk groups
- Develop collaborative relationship with similar programs in project area including referral for HIV VCT services

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Conduct a program orientation for hotel owners, hotel workers, transport workers, Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Siddhartha Club members and project staff
- Develop and distribute IEC materials
- Participate in community events Youth Information Center
- Strengthen staff capacity to provide quality STI service
- Provide quality STI services at static and mobile clinics
- Strengthen staff capacity to provide quality STI service
- Interaction Establish static and mobile clinics
- Interaction with hotel and restaurant owner, worker, leading parents and social leaders, High risk young people Drug Users (Pokhara and Lekhnath)

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Institute of Community Health (ICH)

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1992

FHI PARTNER SINCE: June 2005

AGENCY MISSION: Provide support to uplift government and NGOs through community development programs to achieve the quality of life

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- CMA and ANM students
- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs (including truck, bus, micro-bus and tempo drivers, rickshaw pullers, hoteliers and migrant workers)

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu, Kavre, Dang, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, and Kanchanpur districts (Central, Midwestern and Farwestern Regions)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

- RH, HIV/AIDS and STI
- Research on community health
- Regular training for CMA and ANMs

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Safe Highway Initiative in Mid-West

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: June 2005 to May 2006 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Banke, Bardiya and Dang districts (Midwestern Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- FSWs
- Clients of FSWs

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- District AIDS Coordination Committee (DACC)
- DPHO
- N'SARC
- Nepal Red Cross Society
- Local CBOs and NGOs

PROJECT GOAL: To decrease HIV/AIDS transmission among the most at risk groups

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Capacity building
- Local advocacy/ networking
- BCI
- Social mobilization
- Linkage to services and products

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Capacity building for project staff and PEs
- Coordination and linkages with DACC, CBOs and NGOs
- Community events
- Advocacy workshops with line agencies
- Interpersonal communication through outreach and peer education
- Mobilization of PEs
- STI/VCT referral and follow-up

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National NGOs Network Group Against AIDS-Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1995

FHI PARTNER SINCE: February 2005

AGENCY MISSION: NANGAN is a national umbrella network of NGOs mainly working on STIs, HIV and AIDS prevention, control and care in Nepal. It is an autonomous, non-political and non-profit making network to minimize the effects of STIs, HIV & AIDS in the general population through networking among member organizations.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Member organizations working in the field of STIs, HIV and AIDS

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nationwide

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Cooperation and networking
- Advocacy
- Training
- Project mobilization
- Peer education

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Strengthening NANGAN's Coordination Capacity

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building, Policy Support

PROJECT PERIOD: February 2005 to January 2006 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Nationwide

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Member organizations working in the field of STIs, HIV/AIDS

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Member organizations

PROJECT GOAL: To improve coordination and collaboration between NGOs nationwide working in the field of HIV/AIDS and assist them in building their capacity to implement effective HIV/AIDS prevention, care and mitigation activities.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Build organizational capacity for NANGAN
- Coordinate with member organizations and increase public awareness of NANGAN's role in the HIV/AIDS sector
- Advocate through active involvement with government committees regarding policy issues and gaps in legislation

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Formed task force group (board member)
- Support Government for HIV and AIDS strategy and policy

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Strengthen networks
- ▶ Bring positive changes in the life of PLHA and social justice system for HIV/AIDS prevention

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Ensure dignified life and acceptance of PLHA in the Nepali society
- ▶ Reduce stigma and discrimination attached with HIV/AIDS



Society for Positive Atmosphere and Related Support to HIV and AIDS-Nepal

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 2002

FHI PARTNER SINCE: April 2005

AGENCY MISSION: To promote better quality of life for those infected and affected with HIV and AIDS and to reduce stigma and discrimination attached with HIV and AIDS

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Member organizations working in the field of STIs, HIV and AIDS

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts (Central Region)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Care and support
- Drop in services and education
- Awareness raising
- Training on HIV/AIDS

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Basic Care and Support Services to PLWA

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building, Care and Support

PROJECT PERIOD: Since April 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kirtipur, Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA and vulnerable groups

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- MASS

PROJECT GOAL: To enhance primary health care services to PLHA

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Capacity building
- Training/orientation
- Strengthen network and support groups

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Conduct Training for PLHA
- Strengthen referral network of service providers
- Strengthen support groups
- Distribute IEC on self care and treatment information

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Friends of Hope

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 2005

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: March 2005

AGENCY MISSION: FOH is a registered NGO run by and for PLHA to provide care and support and designed to reduce stigma and discrimination against PLHA.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kaski district (Western Region)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Care and support
- HIV/AIDS awareness raising
- Training/orientation on HIV/AIDS
- Advocacy
- Stigma and discrimination reduction

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV AIDS Stigma Reduction Activities in Pokhara

PROJECT TYPE: Stigma and discrimination reduction

PROJECT PERIOD: March 2005 to March 2006 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kaski district (Western Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce stigma and discrimination against PLHA

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Capacity building
- Awareness training/orientation
- Develop communications materials

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Awareness training for PLHA on stigma and discrimination
- Conduct media orientation and interaction sessions on stigma and discrimination
- Distribute communications materials on stigma and discrimination

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Provide quality care to PLHA
- ▶ Improve PLHA quality of life
- ▶ Reduce stigma and discrimination attached to HIV/AIDS

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Prerana (By and for people living with HIV)

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Provide care and support
- ▶ Ensure healthy and dignified life for PLHA
- ▶ Reduce stigma and discrimination against PLHA
- ▶ Raise awareness among young people

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1997

FHI PARTNER SINCE: January 2005

AGENCY MISSION: Prerana is a registered NGO run by and for PLHA to provide care and support for those living with HIV/AIDS, helping them to lead a healthy and dignified life and to advocate for the rights of PLHA.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Community and young people

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley (Central Region)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Care and support
- Awareness raising
- Orientation on HIV/AIDS
- Counseling

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Youth Focused Stigma and Discrimination Activities in Kathmandu Valley

PROJECT TYPE: Stigma and discrimination reduction

PROJECT PERIOD: January 2005 to September 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu Valley

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Community and young people

PROJECT GOAL: To provide innovative peer education and life skills prevention programs to young people at risk of contracting HIV

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Orientation and awareness training to young people

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- HIV/AIDS orientation training
- School based competition (essay, poster, folk song and poem)

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National Health Foundation

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1994

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A FHI PARTNER SINCE: April 2005

AGENCY MISSION: To recognize as a health professional community based social organization to work for capacity building, health service delivery and HIV/AIDS prevention program through BCI and care and support in Nepal

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Migrants

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Achham, Doti, Kailali, Bardiya, Kathmandu and Kavre districts (Central, Midwestern and Farwestern Regions)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Vocational training for ANMs, CMAs and health volunteers
- Skill development
- IEC production
- Advocacy

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Radio Listener Program in Far West

PROJECT TYPE: BCI

PROJECT PERIOD: Since April to September 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Achham, Kathmandu and Kavre districts (Farwestern and Central)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Migrants, potential migrants and their wives

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce HIV infection rate among migrants in Farwestern Nepal

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Capacity building
- BCI

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Basic HIV/AIDS and STIs training
- Orientation on radio operation and maintenance

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Support MOH to achieve the goal "health for all"

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AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶▶ Improve health status of Nepali people
- ▶▶ Sustainable health services
- ▶▶ Capacity building
- ▶▶ Demand creation for accessible health services

The Britain Nepal Medical Trust (BNMT)

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1967

FHI PARTNER SINCE: July 2005

AGENCY MISSION: To work with the existing health care delivery system and health services in one hand and in other hand work with the community to make them accessible in and demand for services to meet their real needs for health.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: Women, children, youth and disadvantaged/ethnic groups

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Sixteen districts of the Eastern Region

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Policy planning
- Advocacy
- Networking
- Social mobilization
- Quality control and technical support

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: TB/HIV Collaborative Project Assessment and Design

PROJECT TYPE: Research

PROJECT PERIOD: July 1 to October 31, 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, Siraha and Saptari districts, as well as Kathmandu Valley (Eastern and Central Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA

PROJECT GOAL: To assess linkages between HIV service sites and direct observed treatment services (DOTS) centers in order to improve access to TB services for PLHA.

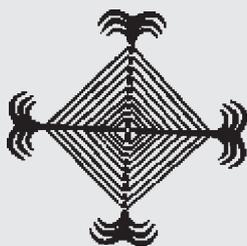
PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Rapid assessment of TB/HIV linkages

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Develop assessment tools
- Collect and analyze data
- Prepare report

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Kirat Yakthung Chumlung-Punarjiwan Kendra

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1996

FHI PARTNER SINCE: March 2005

AGENCY MISSION: KYC supports and works with Dharan Prositve Group, a PLHA support group to advocate public health related problems for healthy society and to empower marginalized and disadvantage population on public health issues.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA, IDUs, drug users, marginalized and disadvantage populations

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Sunsari and Jhapa districts (Eastern Region)

AGENCY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE:

- Drug rehabilitation and prevention
- Risk reduction
- Advocacy
- VCT
- Care and Support
- Family Planning (PLA/RLG)

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: HIV/AIDs Stigma Reduction Activities in Sunsari

PROJECT TYPE: Stigma and discrimination reduction

PROJECT PERIOD: March to November 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Sunsari district (Eastern Region)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: PLHA

PROJECT GOAL: To conduct activities in Sunsari designated to reduce stigma and discrimination against PLHA

PROJECT PARTNERS: Dharan Positive Group

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

- Advocacy
- Stigma and discrimination reduction against PLHA
- Training/orientation on self care, advocacy and counseling
- Counseling

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Counseling and self care training
- Advocacy training
- Opportunistic Infection (OI) management orientation
- Adaptation of Stigma Reduction Toolkit

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Raise awareness on public health related issues
- ▶ Improve the quality of life of marginalized and disadvantage community
- ▶ Stigma and discrimination reduction against PLHA
- ▶ Provide care and support for PLHA

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Voluntary Services Overseas

AGENCY OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ Empower local organizations through organizational development
- ▶ Mainstream HIV/AIDS into VSO Education and Governance programs

YEAR AGENCY ESTABLISHED: 1964

FHI PARTNER SINCE: 2004

AGENCY MISSION: Increase the inclusion and participation in decision-making and mainstream development of disadvantaged groups in Nepal, in particular women, people with disabilities, *Dalits* and people living with HIV and AIDS.

AGENCY TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Disadvantaged groups
- Organizations working in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support and HIV/AIDS network organizations

AGENCY GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kaski, Makwanpur, Morang and Sunsari districts (Central and Eastern Regions)

AGENCY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS:

- Organizational development and capacity building
- Support to Government's National HIV/AIDS Strategy and Operational Plan
- Human resources support by qualified expatriate volunteers

Projects in Partnership with FHI

PROJECT TITLE: Capacity Building of VSON's HIV & AIDS Partner Organizations

PROJECT TYPE: Capacity building

PROJECT PERIOD: November 2004 to December 2005 (IMPACT)

PROJECT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kaski, Makwanpur, Morang and Sunsari districts (Central and Eastern Regions)

PROJECT TARGET POPULATIONS: Organizations working in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support and HIV/AIDS network organizations

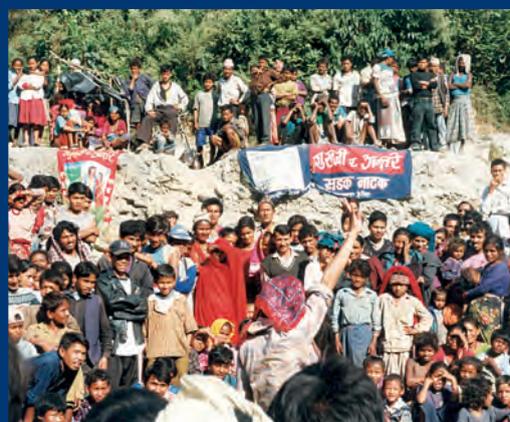
PROJECT GOAL: To build organizational and management capacity of HIV and AIDS organizations and local networks and groups of PLHA to enable them to 1) prepare proposals and secure stable funding; 2) manage HIV/AIDS prevention to care and support projects; 2) work towards reduction of stigma and discrimination towards PLHA; 4) build stronger, more unified and informed PLHA networks; 5) advocate for their rights to care, support and treatment; and, 6) become more involved in decision making regarding HIV and AIDS programming in Nepal

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

Identify potential partners for capacity building through participatory processes
Conduct Organizational Development (OD) assessments with select partners using an OD framework

Provide long-term on-the-job training and mentoring to partners by VSO volunteers

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