PRERNA SAMAJIK SANSTHA (PSS) VAIJAPUR



Report of food kit distribution to sex workers in 'Lakshya Gat Hastakshep' project by PrernaSamajik Sanstha, Vaijapur, in association with AdharBahuddeshiyaSevabhavi Sanstha, Ammalner, Dis. Jalgaon and National Network of Sex Workers (N.N.S.W) INDIA

Background :

Since 2008, PrernaSamajik Sanstha is implementing projects of prevention and control of HIV/ AIDS in Vaijapur, Gangapur, Kannad and Lasur sites with help of Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society. Under this project 1989 HGR women were reached, out of which 835 HRG are active now. Free condom distribution, RMC test once in three months, HIV & VDRL tests once in six months and guidance regarding their health is provided to HRG women under this project. A list was made of 312 HRG women in desperate need due to lack of food and jobs caused by COVID-19 virus lockdown and food, groceries were distributed by PrernaSamajik Sanstha and National Network of Sex Workers (N.N.S.W) INDIA. Following is the report of it:

Objectives :

To provide health care services to women with a holistic developmental outlook by creating a positive outlook on them, as well as taking care of their duty from a social point of view.

Through the organization, protecting sex workers which are connected to the organization from HIV / AIDS and preventing new infection.

Duty:

To uplift the living standards of the needy and to empower them by creating social awareness along with health services in their lives and to give them stigma-free social justice in the society.

Planning done during distribution of food:

HRG women in need due to lack of food and jobs caused by COVID-19 virus lockdown which are under project FSW-TI of PrernaSamajik Sanstha (PSS) and National Network of Sex Workers (N.N.S.W) INDIA, a survey 835 such women was conducted and a list of 312 women in desperate need was made and plan

of food, groceries distribution was done by PrernaSamajik Sanstha, according to which, complete kits of vital goods including 1) 5 kg wheat 2) 5 kg rice paddy 3) 2kg Dal 4) 2kg sugar 5) 1 kg oil 6) Tea powder 7) Chili powder 8) Detergent 9) Santoor soap were decided to be distributed.

In this, 312 HRGsin desperate need were provided with the kit at their doorstep, by keeping social distance and raising awareness about COVID-19 coronavirus, for which the police administration, tehsil office, municipality, panchayat committee were also informed. Mr. Sharad Shinde (PO-TSU, MSACS) was invited for the distribution of kits as well.

Precaution taken while distributing food kits :

The women distributing food kits were told to maintain social distance, wear a mask and gloves; and the women coming to pick up the kit were also told to cover their face. To avoid crowding, marking of 1-meter distance were made at the place of distribution and some kits were delivered at the doorstep.

Mr. Sharad Shinde (PO-TSU, MSACS) :

Under this project, Mr.Sharad Shinde gave information regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus to all the women and told about the symptoms of it. He also guided in how to take precautions regarding it and then the kit was distributed.

Thought of the sex workers :

The HRG women from Vaijapur, Gangapur, Kannada talukas who were given food and grains, thanked the staff of the organization and the organization from the bottom of their hearts, and the sex workers expressed satisfaction that they helped during the crisis of COVID-19. They also congratulated the work of PrernaSamajik Sanstha, Vijapur for the valuable guidance to the sex working women regarding healthcare, HIV/AIDS, gentile diseases tests, for the distribution of free condoms and regular care of PLHIV women

Site wise kit distribution :

Food grains under PrernaSamajik Sanstha were distributed in Vaijapur Gangapur and Kannada talukas as follows

| | Name of the site | Beneficiary |
|-------|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Vaijapur | 92 |
| 2 | Gangapur | 75 |
| 3 | Kannad | 59 |
| 4 | Devgaon | 32 |
| 5 | Divshi | 23 |
| 6 | Latur | 31 |
| Total | | 312 |

Photos of the food distribution process :







The PLHIV women with lack of ART medicine due to lockdown, were provided with ART medicine and food kits at their doorstep.





Article in newspaper :

