

Annual Progress Report

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1. General Information

Name of the Organization

SAATHI SAMUHA

Projects Types

**Short-home service & Hospital based care and support program
(Challenge Fund)**

Treatment Literacy and Treatment Advocacy (ITPC/Tides, South Asia)

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2. SAATHI SAMUHA's Profile

Established in 2062/10/11 and registered under Chief District Office of Kathmandu district and affiliated with Social Welfare Council.

SAATHI SAMUHA (SS) is a community based, non-governmental, non-political and service oriented organization led by ex-drug users and people living with HIV and Aids in Nepal.

We particularly work for Drug users & people living and affected with HIV and Aids aiming to improve their health, social and economic conditions by providing different ranges of social services.

Vision

A harmonized society where every person with addiction and living with HIV and AIDS has an equal and all opportunity for treatment to care, employment, access to all kinds of services and live a dignified life.

Missions

- ▶ Involve as much as infected and affected people as possible in the endeavor.
- ▶ Eliminate the tokenism and ensure the greater and meaningful involvement of Drug users and PLHA at all levels.
- ▶ Carry out sensitization and awareness programs of Drug use and HIV/AIDS in the society.
- ▶ Fight for the basic rights of Drug users and PLHA in treatment, care and support and their social security, also raise voice against stigma & discrimination.

Objectives

- ▶ To ensure that every Drug users and PLHA has access to all the services regarding treatment, care and support.
- ▶ To foster social re-integration of Drug users and PLHAs.
- ▶ To ensure the Drug user's and PLHA's adaptation to employment.
- ▶ To ensure that all the rights of Drug users and PLHA regarding education, health services, employment, accessing services etc is secured.
- ▶ To link Drug user and PLHA community with service providers. Reaching out to them and linking them to services
- ▶ To disseminate prevention messages of drug use and HIV/AIDS and formulate awareness in the community especially among the youths.

The Care and Support Team at SAATHI SAMUHA offers:

- ▶ Advice and referral
- ▶ Hospital aid and home visits
- ▶ Casework and advocacy
- ▶ Provide shelter (crisis care) to needy Drug users and PLHA
- ▶ Peer support group for Drug users and PLHA
- ▶ 1-2-1 counseling and positive living
- ▶ Peer-led emotional and psychosocial support to Drug users and PLHA
- ▶ Fellowship

3. Current Programs:

I. Short-home service & Hospital-based care and support service

Challenge Fund supported project, May 2006-November 2007 and from December 2007 till the date self voluntary service-

Project Name: Short-home service & Hospital-based care and support program

Project Period: On going since 1st May 2006.

Project objectives: Provide short-home service & make hospital service convenient and accessible to all PLHAs

Funding Agency: United Nations Development program/PMU channeled through NAP+N

Project Location: Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Hospital, Teku-Katmandu.

Target Population: HIV infected and affected people.

II. HIV/AIDS Treatment Preparedness in South Asia

Treatment education and Treatment Literacy Project-
(ITPC/Tides, South Asia)

Project Name: Positive Steps for Positive Changes

Project Period: 1st February 2008-31st January 2009

Project objectives: To enhance the quality of life of PLHA in Kathmandu valley through education and information and to sensitize health care workers to provide fear free quality services to PLHA in the hospitals.

Funding Agency: Tides Network & International Treatment Preparedness Coalition- South Asia

Location: Kathmandy Valley

Target Population: HIV positive and Health Care Professionals

4. Achievements 2007-2008

4.1 Challenge Fund- Short-home and Hospital-based Care Service

Out comes (16th July 2007-31st November 2007):

- ▶ Total 124 infected and affected people received short-home (crisis care) services.
- ▶ Total 36 people received transit-home and referral service.
- ▶ Total 245 people received hospital-based care services such as assistance, care and support for treatment process in hospital.
- ▶ Total 27 people received minor illness support.
- ▶ Total 34 people receiving Anti-retro viral treatment assistance service.
- ▶ Total 75 people provided with counseling and case management service.

4.2 Treatment education and Treatment Literacy Project

Out comes (1st February 2008-15th July 2008)

- ▶ One Referral directory developed listing the institutions/organizations name, address, service provision, contact person etc.
- ▶ Provided 2 days Treatment Preparedness training to PLHA ad Health Care professional.

- ▶ Prepared draft poster on Stigma and Discrimination reduction.
- ▶ Developed 3 Basic training manuals on ART Treatment Preparedness, Hep.B&C Co-infection with HIV and Reasons to promote the health of people using Drugs.
- ▶ Developed organization's Broachers.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation System:

With almost 3 years of working experience in Drug use and HIV/AIDS, SAATHI SAMUHA has managed different donor funded projects and as a result it has well developed monitoring and evaluation system. In all projects SAATHI SAMUHA maintains a register with the detail of the clients; referral forms are developed and maintained for referring clients to different service providers and a copy of referral forms as evidence are filed. Case management file for every PLHA clients are developed and maintained to record the history and follow-up of clients. Records and reports of each and every activity such as trainings, workshops, involvement in advocacy campaign are maintained. An attendance and meeting minute register are developed and maintained to track of staff's involvement in their assigned jobs. Monthly and timely staff meeting is held to know the progress of the project and to share the gaps, challenges, best practices and lessons learnt to make future plans.

SAATHI SAMUHA has internal monitoring and evaluation team which consist of 4 Board members and 2 management staffs who have acquired training on monitoring and evaluation. The project coordinator in liaison with project staffs prepares monthly, quarterly and final report and submits to the board and donors. And they are reviewed and evaluated by the internal monitoring and evaluation team and proceed for further steps.

6. Donors and Partners OF SAATHI SAMUHA:

1. DFID, UNDP/PMU, NAP+N (1 st May2006-30 th November 2007)

2. Tides Network and International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, South Asia (1 st February 2008-31 st January 2009)

7. Current Board Members;

Name	Position
Mr. Binod Gurung	President
Mr. Hitendra Thapa	Vice-president
Mr. Sanjeev Rai	Treasurer
Mr. Subash Rai	General Secretary
Mr. Ishwore Shakya	Member
Mr. Sunil Gurung	Member
Mrs. Rajshree Rai	Member