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## ABOUT US:

Asha Positive People Association (APPA+) is a non-governmental organization working to empower the People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) with equitable health services and socio-economic opportunities in Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts of Telangana. Established in the year 2005 under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 35 of 2001, we started with the objective of voicing the concerns and advocating for the rights of the PLHIV community. As a community-based organization governed by 7 PLHIV members, we work towards ensuring that our community receive services in a responsive and stigma free environment. We serve all individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts, including the key population groups most affected by HIV and AIDS - LGBTQI community, injecting drug users, women, youth and children.

Currently, APPA+ has a registered population of 10685 PLHIV and 454 CLHIV (Children Living with HIV/AIDS).

## VISION:

A society wherein People Living with HIV/AIDS, marginalized populations and other underserved communities have access to equitable health services and are empowered socio-economically with rights and dignity.

## MISSION:

APPA+ collaborates to break down barriers faced by People Living with HIV/AIDS, marginalized groups, and undeserved communities, promoting inclusiveness through innovative health and socio-economic programs, ensuring everyone has the chance to thrive.

## AFFILIATIONS:

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

For the past 11 years [2013 – 2023], APPA+ has been felicitated on the World AIDS Day by the District AIDS Prevention Control Unit (DAPCU) and the Collector for the Best HIV/AIDS Outreach Services to the PLHIV community.

## OUR WORK:



### Health - HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment & Support

#### VIHAAN Care and Support Centre (CSC):

Since 2013, APPA+ has been implementing the Vihaan CSC program in Khammam and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts of Telangana. Vihaan CSC, supported by the Global Fund through Alliance India and National Coalition of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NCPI+), is a comprehensive program targeted at improving the survival and quality of life of PLHIV.

By means of counselling, support groups, outreach services and referral to Govt. health systems and services, our team is working to enhance treatment adherence and retention in HIV care for PLHIV community.

#### Till date, Vihaan CSC of APPA+ has benefitted 13500+ PLHIV by:

- Facilitating timely detection of HIV
- Establishing early linkages of Anti-retroviral therapy (ART) for PLHIV
- Improving ART treatment adherence
- Enabling positive prevention practices to avoid passing on the infection
- Aiding in the management of opportunistic infections, especially tuberculosis

Additionally, **7600+** PLHIV have been linked to social welfare and protection schemes of the government under the Global Fund project.

APPA+ also implemented the Vihaan program in Adilabad district from 2019 to 2021, benefitting **3500+** PLHIV.

From 2010-2015, with support from the State AIDS Control Society (SACS), our team also worked on prevention of HIV from a parent to a child by facilitating promotion of institutional deliveries; the project benefitted **2900+** Women Living with HIV/AIDS (WLHIV).



### Legal Aid

In collaboration with State AIDS Control Society (SACS) of Andhra Pradesh and later, Telangana and with support from District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), APPA+ has been facilitating the process of providing legal services to the PLHIV community since 2008. The objective of the legal aid services is to address the instances of stigma and discrimination faced by the community on account of their HIV status.



**Till date, we have provided legal aid to 480+ PLHIV.**



## COVID-19 Relief

Our team ensured the home delivery of ART medicines to the community members during the COVID-19 lockdown. We closely worked with the district authorities and mobilized the PLHIV for vaccination by addressing their misconceptions and apprehensions about the vaccine. With support from the district authorities and other NGOs, APPA+ ensured regular supply of ration and hygiene kits to the marginalized PLHIV community.

## OTHER INITIATIVES:

### 🕒 Nutrition Support:

140 marginalized PLHIV in Khammam district have been receiving nutrition support every month for the past 10 years, with support from the Christen Service Unit. 30 PLHIV have been receiving nutrition support every year from past 12 years, with support from Satya Sai Trust. 500 PLHIV received nutrition support from the CSR unit of MassMutual India in 2023.



### 🎓 Education Support:

Provided to 30 CLHIV, with support from the Satya Sai Trust.

## PARTNERSHIPS:

- Alliance India
- National Coalition of People Living with HIV/AIDS in India (NCPI+)
- Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TSACS)
- Network of Telangana People Living with HIV/AIDS (NTP), Telangana
- Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (INP+), Chennai
- Christen Service Unit
- Satya Sai Trust
- LEPRASOCIETY

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

## IMPACT:

- 13500+ PLHIV and their families are receiving timely HIV/AIDS prevention care, support and referral services, enabling them to lead a healthy and positive life
- 7600+ PLHIV and their families availed social welfare and protection schemes, leading to their social and economic empowerment
- 480+ PLHIV received legal aid, enabling them to effectively exercise their constitutional rights
- 170+ PLHIV are regularly receiving nutrition support, enabling them to lead a healthy life

APPA+ has been instrumental in empowering the PLHIV community by building their capacities to collectivize and advocate for their varied health and socio-economic rights, through a comprehensive and integrated approach of establishing linkages with relevant government and non-government stakeholders.

## AWARDS

- Awarded the Best CBO by the District AIDS Prevention Control Unit (DAPCU), on World AIDS Day [2013 to 2023]
- Felicited by the Collector and the District Health and Medical Office (DHMO), on the occasion of World TB Day [2014, 2018, 2019]
- Felicited by the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), on World AIDS Day 2020
- Felicited by the District Women and Child Welfare Department, on International Women's Day 2011

## LEGAL STATUS

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