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Time to Decide: Vision 2020- A Global Day Of Action at FPA India

Global Day of Action- 13 May

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) announced May 13 as Global Day of Action on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) with the objective of advocating for SRHR as a human right. The 'I Decide' campaign was launched. This is

part of a seven year campaign plan that reflects IPPF's demands to governments and decision makers as stated in the Vision 2020 manifesto. This is especially crucial as governments work towards creating new international development goals that will start in 2015.

FPA India observes Vision 2020 - Global Day of Action

FPA India Branches/Projects observed this Day by organizing programs for different target audience. The focus was to secure sexual and reproductive health remains as development agenda. Many events were organized by young people like flash mobs, rallies, signature campaigns, street plays, exhibitions on ensuring that SRH as a development agenda. Music and dance were often used as a way to gain public attention. Sensitization meetings were organized at different locations for the government health officials and other agencies.



Mumbai



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JTF Project review

On April 22, as a part of the Japan Trust Fund project focusing on the reduction of parent to child HIV transmission, a three days meeting was organized by Head Quarters at Hyderabad to review the progress of the JTF project and to disseminate the updates on PPTCT (Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission) programme. Staffers from Bengal, Belgaum, Bijapur, Solapur and Hyderabad participated.

Shadows and Light project

A two day workshop for selected volunteers of partner organisations working with key population groups to build their capacity on SRH-HIV linkages for Key Population through the Shadows and Light Project. The workshop was organized at the Mumbai Branch from May 29-30, 2014. Seventeen persons including project staff attended the workshop. The workshop focused on understanding the barriers around SRH-HIV linkages, SRH needs of Married KPs, Addressing Stigma and Discrimination, Legal Rights of LGBT etc. Dr. K Seshagiri Rao, Honorary Treasurer gave opening remarks and Dr. Kalpana Apte, Sr.ASG (PI) welcomed the participants and thanked them for their support and presence.

Congrats

Dr. C. K. Bose, President of Kolkata Branch has been recognized as Research Scholar by NIRRH Mumbai for his work.

Take Note

Jaipur

The Commissioner Jabalpur Corporation has offered the Jaipur Branch to conduct Comprehensive Health Checkup Camp for their 2500 Health Workers

Dharwad

The Branch held cervical cancer screening camps at RHFPC, Satellite centre. 222 women have been screened for cervical cancer from April to June 2013 in 5 camps. All the camps are conducted in collaboration with partner organization-SPAD (working for sex workers), Mahila Samkhya-SHGs, Spicer India Limited and BD welfare Association. The Dharwad Branch will be equipped with medical equipment, instruments & accessories to reach out the Goal " and has been sanctioned ₹37, 00, 00 by the Rotary Foundation to promote "Small Family with a Healthy living child" project

FPA India Among Thought Leaders Committee

FPA India representative made a presentation before a 'Thought Leaders' committee representing various Corporates and Foundations on May 3. Out of 403 NGOs applied, only 19 NGOs were selected for making presentation before the committee. This presentation was made before a gathering of about 110 people consisting of thought leaders, representatives from various corporates and NGOs at India Habitat Centre. The thought leaders committee consisted of Lt Gen Rajender Singh, CEO, DLF Foundation; Col Prakash

Tewari, Vice President CSR, Jindal Steel; Dr Pragnya Ram, Group Executive President, Corporate and CSR, Aditya Birla Group; Brig. Rajiv Williams, Corporate Head, CSR, Jindal Stainless Ltd.; Prof Girish Agarwal, Head Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and Enterprises, and Associate Professor, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, Gujarat; Dr K K Upadhyay, Head CSR, FICCI; Ms Vikas Goswami, Group Head, Community Relations, Vedanta Resources Plc.; and Mr Rishi Pathania, Head CSR, UPL Ltd.



Agra

Signature campaign was organized in schools and colleges, market place, railway and bus stations including heritage sites. More than 11,000 signatures of support were received including online petitions. Advocates, teachers, parents, police personnel, Members of Legislative assembly (MLA), media, community members, civil society organizations and networks; and young people have supported the campaign.

FPA India Delhi organized an event which was attended by many national and international agencies. Ms. Priya Kath, elected youth representative anchored the show. The youth volunteers from Delhi advocated for sexual and reproductive health and rights through street plays the benefits of sexuality education. Youth volunteers from Mumbai, Panchkula, Agra and Delhi participated at the panel discussion on comprehensive sexuality education.

The outcome of the media meet organized by FPA India Mumbai in Thane district led to an android application being activated on the same day providing information of the SRH services available at the Branch clinic in Thane.

SRH-HIV Integration: Learning and promising practices

A two day meeting was organized in Mumbai under the project Building Momentum for SRH - HIV integration in India funded by European Union through IPPF-SARO. This meeting was attended by representatives from fifteen civil society organizations (CSOs) from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The objective was to provide a platform for CSOs to share their experiences in carrying out SRH-HIV integration interventions within their intervention areas and document emerging 'promising practices'.

47th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD)

Ms. Bindiya Nimla, Director Advocacy and Training, participated in the 47th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) at UN Headquarters in New York from April 7 -11. This year's session focused on assessing the progress made in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). The 47th session of the UN Commission on Population and Development ended with a call from governments to promote gender equality and sexual and reproductive health as key priorities for sustain-

able development. The Commission urged world leaders to integrate these rights into the new, post-2015 development framework that will replace the Millennium Development Goals, which are set to expire in 2015.

Human Resource Development in SRH

Capacities were built of 135 persons from NGOs in providing basic counseling and sexuality counseling, advocacy planning, and were provided with comprehensive sexuality education. Another course was designed especially for Counselors and doctors of a private hospital in Mumbai on providing HIV-related counseling.

SPECIAL DAYS

World No Tobacco Day- May 31

The Trivandrum branch conducted a poster competition on the theme "Hazards caused by tobacco use" at St. Thomas School. Thereafter, a rally was organized to spread the message about the harmful impact of tobacco use. A seminar on tobacco use and its health hazard was held where the chief guest, Venugopal G. Kurup Superintendent Narcotic Control Bureau, spoke about the addiction and how that could be stopped in terms of accessibility.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY- June 5

The Solapur Branch celebrated the World Environment Day at the Industrial Training Institute. Dr. Shrikant Yelegaonkar who is the FPAI Patron

delivered a speech on "Human and Environment" and elucidated on the 2014 slogan of "Raise your voice not the sea level".

World Population Day- July 9

A sensitization program had 110 adolescents' girls participating enthusiastically. Issues of female education, child marriage, adolescents' pregnancy and population growth were discussed and ideas exchanged. A day long sensitization programme and medical camp was held as well.

World Health Day- April 7

The Solapur Branch celebrated this event by taking up the World Health Organisation motto of "Small Bite, Big Threat"

Capturing Community Voices

Through a special grant received from AusAID, a training programme was organised with the objective of building capacities at the community level to scientifically collect evidence and document change as a result of introducing interventions. Training was carried out at Indore, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mumbai and New Delhi and select Link Workers and Community Organisers of the SETU Project about 10-12 from each location were trained in conducting focus group discussions and in-depth interviews.

Apart from introducing research methodology in a simple way, during the training programme emphasis was laid on how to extract information, writing notes including verbatim quotes. The process also included writing up the story of

change with a summary of key finding. The Link Workers have a minimum qualification of 10th Class, About 70-80 percent of them were able to understand the simple principles of collecting data using qualitative methods.

The participants chose an issue to document change based on their own experience and knowledge. For example, in Jaipur concern was expressed about the closure of the project. Over a 'chai khana' (tea shop) setting, animated discussions and exchange of ideas took place. The community leaders expressed their appreciation of the project work and services being provided and ensured that they will not let the satellite clinic where services are being provided close down. In Indore, a CBD was selected as a case

study to show the process of her own empowerment after being associated with the Project. Another story of how CBD changed the life of a woman who underwent frequent abortions and introduced her to use injectables was also discussed. This training programme showed that evidence building process can be made at the community level for a wider and more realistic understanding of changes made at the community level.

Though the main objective of this training programme was to train frontline workers, 2-3 persons from each branch and six persons from HQs also attended the workshop as observers and were thus oriented in these research methodologies. Subsequently, six HQ staff are being trained in further analysis.



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