



India at AIDS 2008

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This compilation includes plenaries, special sessions, abstract-driven oral and poster sessions, symposia and workshops featuring content that is India-relevant. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list, and users are urged to consult the AIDS2008 Programme-at-a-Glance (PAG) for other sessions and events that may be of interest to them. A brief explanation of tracks and events is given in the appendix.

INDIA-RELEVANT PROGRAMMES

Sunday 3 August Sessions

SUSS01 Faith in Action on the Margins

Special Pre-Conference Session

Venue: Session Room 7

Time: Sunday 3 August, 09:00-11 :00

09:00

SUSS0101 **Drug dependency rehabilitation based on Hindu values**

R. Chopra, India

09:45

SUSS0104 **Panel Discussion**

B. Hanson, United States

E. Pisani, United Kingdom

J. Nair, India

Satellite Meetings Sunday 3 August

09:00-11:00

Organizer: Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF)

SUSAT01 Scale-up of Comprehensive HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Services for Women, Children and Families: How Do We Move Toward Global Coverage of PMTCT and Pediatric ART?

Venue: Session Room 2

11:15-13:15

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Organizer: World Health Organization

SUSAT06 Strengthening Primary Services Through the Use of IMAI: Country Experience

Venue: Session Room 2

11:15-13:15

Organizer: Avahan - the Indian AIDS initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

SUSAT08 The Business of Prevention at Scale - How Classic Management Principles led to a Scaled Approach to Delivering Prevention in India

Venue: Session Room 4

13:30-15:30

Organizer: World Health Organisation

SUSAT21 People Living with HIV as Expert Patient

Trainers: Country Experiences

Venue: Session Room 2

15:45-17:45

Organizer: National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)

SUSAT44 Inter-country Debate on Emerging Issues and Challenges of National AIDS Response in India, Brazil and Thailand

Venue: Session Room 7

Monday 4 August

Concurrent Sessions 11:00-12:30 & 14.30 -19.00

MOSY02 Is Religion a Barrier to HIV Prevention?

Symposia

Venue: Session Room 2

Time: Monday 4 August, 11:00-12:30

11:15

MOSY0202 Religion, sex and HIV prevention

A. Row Kavi, India

MOAC02 HIV Prevention for Women and Girls: Changing Gender Norms

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 10

Time: Monday 4 August, 11:00-12:30

Chairs: Yolanda Simon, Trinidad and Tobago Carmen Zorrilla, Puerto Rico

11:45

MOAC0204 Female condom breaks gender barriers, India: A case study

B. Gaddi¹, K. Potturi¹, M. Gopalakrishnan¹, M. Agarwal¹, E. Bayliss², Female Sex Workers
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MOSY05 Methods to Understand and Track Epidemics and Measure Results

Symposia

Venue: Session Room 2

Time: Monday 4 August, 14:30-16:00

Chair: Fátima Juárez, Mexico

14:30

MOSY0501 Epidemiology estimates and how accurate they are

L. Dandona, India

MOAX02 The Hidden Side of Stigma and Discrimination

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 9

Time: Monday 4 August, 14:30-16:00

Chairs: Marian Pitts, Australia

15:00

MOAX0203 Health and treatment seeking behaviour among Hijras

Y. Singh, Y. Singh

India

15:15

MOAX0204 Children of sex workers unite to fight stigma and discrimination

P. Halder

India

MOSS03 War and Peace Between Microbes: Co-Pathogens as Determinants of HIV

Special Session

Venue: Skills Building Room 9

Time: Monday 4 August, 18:30-20:30

Co-Chair: Jack Stapleton, United States

Leonid Margolis, United States

19:00

MOSS0303 HIV and TB: Emergence of drug resistance

S. Singh, India

Monday 4 August

Poster Discussions 13:00-14:00

MOPDC2 HIV Testing Approaches and Controversies

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 4
Time: Monday 4 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:10
MOPDC203 **Factors associated with HIV testing among populations at high risk of infection, India**

A. Khera, P. Haldar, R. Garg, Y.R. Pinnameni, P. Chan
India

MOPDE1 Do You Know Your (Human) Rights?

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 7
Time: Monday 4 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:00
MOPDE101 **Opening remarks**

A. Grover, India

13:20
MOPDE105 **Safeguarding human rights of PLHIV through legal interventions**
S. Sahu, P. Palani, S. Sathyanarayanan, S. Gooty
India

Monday 4 August

Skills Building Workshops 11:00-12:30

MOSB03 Crisis Management: Equipping and Operating a Voluntary "Fire Department" Managed and Run by High Risk Groups to Address Their Foremost Concerns, Tackle Violence, Abuse and Other Threats in Their Day to Day Life

Venue: Skills Building Room 3
Time: Monday 4 August, 11 :00-12:30
Seating limits: 100
Facilitator: Tisha Wheeler, India

Learn to design and manage community-led crisis response systems, for dealing with violence against people vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. Training will be provided on how to set up legal support, a crisis telephone contact system, and appropriate counseling and medical services.

Monday 4 August

Poster Exhibition

Track A > Biology and Pathogenesis of HIV PE0001-0007 Acute and Early Infection and Long Term Non Progressors

MOPE0006 **Plasmacytoid dendritic cells (pDCs) play role in the disease progression among persons infected with HIV-1**

M. Singh, M. Thakar, S. Suregaonkar, M.Ghate, R. Paranjape
India

PE0031-0038 Targets for HIV Inhibition and Replication

MOPE0038 **Evolution of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase in the female genital tract and plasma**

S. Uma, S. Vidya, S. Saravanan, N.Kumarasamy, K.G. Murugavel, S. Suniti, P. Balakrishnan
India

Track B > Clinical Research, Treatment and Care

PE0039-0171 Health Systems and Delivery of ART I

MOPE0053 **Baseline correlates of pre-antiretroviral therapy nutritional status among HIVinfected adults in diverse regions of the world**

A. Andrade1, L. Smeaton1, T. Campbell1, R. Bollinger1, R. Mitsuyasu1, J. Lama2, K.Klingman1, J. Hakim3, N. Kumarasamy4, V.De Gruttola1, E. Swann1, T. Flanigan1, C.Kanyama5, S. Godbole4, A. Gupta1
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MOPE0054 Two-year treatment outcomes of the first-line antiretroviral therapy programme in India

*B. Rewari, D. Bachani, R. Garg, A. Despande, S. Rajasekharan, K.V. Emmanuel, L. Hegg, P. Chan, S. Rao
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MOPE0063 Retrospective analysis of patients who died after starting anti retroviral treatment in a resource limited setting in South India

R.P. Shivaswamy¹, B. Mysore Anantharamiah¹, S. Seetharam¹, C.Thangsing¹, N. Mohanty¹, H. Chang² ¹India, ²Netherlands

MOPE0116 Improve health seeking behavior of HIV positive transgender

*N. Kene, A. Kadam, N. Shettigar, M. Shinde, S. Silmula, V. Anand, M. Sivasubramanian
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MOPE0155 Treatment adherence advocacy literacy (TAAL) – one stop treatment shop by network of Maharashtra by people living with HIV (NMP+)

*M. Pardeshi
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MOPE0156 Clinical mentorship enhances HIV care in government health facilities: experiences from TamilNadu family care continuum programme in Southern India

*A. Sathish Kumar, G. Manoharan, J. Sree Vidya, L. Arunachalam, S. Krishna, N. Srinivas, M. Raj, L. Ramakrishnan, S.S.Raghavan
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MOPE0157 Treatment response among patients enrolled in a cost-recovery system of HAART delivery in Chennai, India

*S. Solomon¹, S.S. Solomon¹, S.H. Mehta², S.Anand¹, B. Kavitha¹, P.Balakrishnan¹, A.K.Ganesh¹
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MOPE0171 Availability and use of paediatric drug dosing tools and guidelines in the national paediatric antiretroviral treatment programme in India

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PE0172-0226 Children and Adolescent Specific Issues I

MOPE0173 Sensitivity of paediatric AIDS score versus WHO case classification in Indian children – a retrospective study

*T. Banerjee, T. Pensi
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MOPE0183 Formulation development of novel dispersible fixed dose combination (FDC) of lamivudine, nevirapine and zidovudine for pediatric use

*R.S. Raghuvanshi, A. Jaiswal, A. Chhabra
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MOPE0185 Formulation development of dispersible novel fixed dose combination (FDC) of lamivudine and stavudine for pediatric use

*R.S. Raghuvanshi, A. Jaiswal, R. Veera, A.Chhabra
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MOPE0202 What factors affect adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART) in HIV-infected children in India: an exploratory study

*A. Sarna¹, J. Ahmed¹, V. Mahendra¹, A. Rau¹, A. Singh¹, G. Alexander¹, N. Rutenberg²
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PE0241-0253 Trends in morbidity and mortality

MOPE0244 High incidence of mortality in a cohort of HIV positive and negative injection drug users in Chennai, India

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MOPE0251 Impact of HAART use on survival, weight gain and resting energy expenditure in HIV-1 infected children in resource limited countries

*T. Banerjee, T. Pensi, D. Banerjee, G. Grover
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PE0269-0308 Risk factors for acquisition of HIV

MOPE0271 The link between mobility and HIV risk among recent male migrants in Karnataka, India

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MOPE0298 Alcohol use and sexual risk among MSM in Chennai, India

*M. Mimiaga¹, B. Thomas², K. Mayer¹, S.Menon², S. Swaminathan², M. Periyasamy², S. Safren¹
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PE0309-0338 Risk factors for infectivity, susceptibility, progression and transmission of HIV

MOPE0312 Interactions and associations of CCR5-59029 A/G and CCL3L1 copy number polymorphism on HIV-1 transmission and progression among North Indians

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MOPE0338 A study on sexual practices and sexual morbidities among the clients of a STD clinic

*S. Deb, A. Dasgupta
India*

PE0339-0350 Epidemiology of tuberculosis and HIV

MOPE0345 Integrating and scaling up of TB services with the targeted HIV/AIDS intervention prevention programmes among the vulnerable and marginalized groups – A pilot project in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India

*S. Mukhopadhyay, G. Biswas, U. Pandey, B.P.Pandey
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MOPE0346 Assessment of care provided for TB and HIV by primary care medical practitioners in Karnataka, South India

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PE0351-0382 Epidemiology of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV

MOPE0360 Exploring the interactions between HSV-2 and HIV: model predictions for a Southern Indian setting

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MOPE0376 STI and HIV prevalence in male-to-female transgender communities in Chennai, Southern India

P. Saravanamurthy, P. Rajendran, L. Ramakrishnan, G. Ashok, P.M. Miranda, S.S.Raghavan, V.S. Dorairaj, S. Sahu, India

MOPE0378 The epidemiology of trichomonas vaginalis infection in young married women in India: implications for syndromic management

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MOPE0382 Special health problems for street and working children in urban India - sexually transmitted infection and HIV

D. Devanand, D. Santana, M. Tanti
India

PE0383-0392 Epidemiology of viral hepatitis and HIV co-infection

MOPE0391 HIV and HDV co-infection among patients with chronic HBV infection in an area with intermediate prevalence of HBV infection

S. Saravanan, S.P. Thyagarajan, V. Velu, M. Vidya, S. Uma, E.M. Shankar, K.G. Murugavel, P. Balakrishnan, S. Suniti, N. Kumarasamy
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PE0426-0444 Novel research designs in prevention Research

MOPE0429 Community-based ethnography and HIV prevention among MSM in Mysore, India

R. Lorway1, S. Reza-Paul1, A. Pasha2, J.Jinendra2, M.P. Fathima2
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MOPE0431 Effective mapping techniques to improve accessibility and measurement of condom coverage in India

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MOPE0443 Lot quality assurance sampling to measure condom access in India: a simple and cost effective method to set programme priorities

D. Navin, A. Bhardwaj, N. Vachani
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PE0451-0464 Methods in social epidemiology

MOPE0459 Gender differences and predictors of HIV/AIDS stigma expressed and perceived by men and women at high risk of HIV infection in Chennai, India

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MOPE0460 Participatory site assessment: a mapping and size estimation methodology to locate and mobilize key populations for HIV intervention in concentrated epidemics

N. Bandyopadhyay, T. Sellers, S. Acharya, S.Pongulerkar
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PE0465-0481 Capacity building for HIV prevention Research

MOPE0466 Towards developing a sex workers' collective in the context of HIV/AIDS: a case study of Chaitanya in Southern India

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MOPE0469 Community to community learning in HIV prevention programming for sex workers: a case study of Kolhapur

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PE0482-0496 Population-based surveys with HIV Testing

MOPE0486 Men visiting sex workers in India: who are they? What do we know about them?

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MOPE0487 Vulnerability of the long-distance truckers to HIV/AIDS on the national highways in India

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MOPE0491 Prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Nagaland: observations of a population based survey

*D. Bachani, R. Sogarwal, K. Sujatha Rao
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MOPE0496 Key information for HIV prevention programming: behavioral and biological data on over 10,000 female sex workers in 24 districts in India

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PE0497-0530 Interventions to prevent mother-to-child Transmission

MOPE0525 Initiatives in prevention of parent to child transmission of HIV/AIDS (PPTCT) programme in Tamil Nadu

*P. Sripriya, M. Jagadeesan, J. Sreevidhya, S.Nithyanantham, N. Paranthaman, S. Sahu
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PE0531-0535 Male and female condoms and other physical barriers

MOPE0532 Branding and marketing products and services for the commercial sex industry: the experience of Aastha condoms in India

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MOPE0534 Female condom social marketing programme in India

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PE0550-0570 Vulnerability reduction

MOPE0552 Developing a rapid crisis response system to reduce sex workers' vulnerability to HIV infection

S.S. Gaikwad, R. Kumar, India

MOPE0554 Community mobilisation of key populations critically reduces vulnerability and significantly increases positive outcomes of a STI prevention programme: results from a four-year impact e valuation study in Andhra Pradesh, India

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MOPE0560 Reducing vulnerability through structural advocacy with power structures

*N.H. Ansari
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MOPE0561 Banking options for children in situations of vulnerability, compounded by HIV/AIDS

*U. Chawla, K. Bollineni
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MOPE0564 **Rapid response system as an innovative tool to reduce the vulnerability of bar girls in Mumbai to HIV/AIDS**

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Track D > Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences

PE0571-0921 Socio-economic Issues and Approaches to Research

MOPE0574 **Addressing stigma, improving livelihoods of positive women – Indian experience**

*J. Sunder Singh, K. Periasamy
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MOPE0582 **Livelihood insecurity attributes to high psychiatric morbidity and stress in MSM youth**

*V. Aggarwal¹, A.K. Das¹, R. Dua², M. Kumar¹, N. Kumar¹, M. Apte¹
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MOPE0592 **Needle sharing and risky sexual behavioral among IDUs in a high prevalence metropolitan city of Mumbai in Western India: need to upscale focused interventions now**

*J.K. BASU, A. Joy, N.J. Rathod
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MOPE0601 **How prevalent are unsafe injection and risky sexual behaviors of injection drug users (IDU) in Delhi and Imphal? Population-based estimates using respondent-driven sampling**

*A. Sarna¹, W. Tun², A. Bhattacharya¹, V. Mahendra¹, N. Selhore¹, A. Singh¹, L. Apicella²
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MOPE0607 **Vocational training unit as a skill building mechanism for IDUs**

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MOPE0621 **Responding to the livelihood needs of PLHIV – experiences from a pilot project in India**

*M. Kini, A. Syed Mohd
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MOPE0640 **Development dimension of HIV response - a case of sex workers enterprise in South India**

*R.K. Makam¹, A.K. Jayasree²
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MOPE0648 **Mother's voices (Thaiyin Kural): an integrated approach to combat HIV/ AIDS in India**

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MOPE0650 **Using social audit method to overcome barriers in access to HIV care and prevention – experience from South Asian countries**

*S. Kandathil Sebastian
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MOPE0652 **Sociodemographic and psychosocial profile of patients accessing ART in Mysore, India**

*M.P. Sharada, S. Lakshmi, M. Shreyas
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MOPE0660 **Barriers to antiretroviral (ARV) access for injecting drug users (IDUs) living with HIV in Chennai, South India**

V. Chakrapani, S. Michael, J. Anthony, M. Shanmugam, A.K. Kurian
India

MOPE0664 Reducing geographical overlap and service duplication – mapping as an essential tool

J. Fredrick, S.S. Raghavan, V. Alex, P. Manivannan, A. Sathish Kumar, L. Ramakrishnan, O. Gayathri, S. Sahu, S. Vidya
India

MOPE0665 Provision of care for opportunistic infections by private health care practitioners in two states of India

P. Chan, S.K. Maji, A. Kudale, R. Saradhi, S. Rangan, P. Padhy
India

MOPE0670 Coalition for AIDS treatment access (CATA) model for access to antiretroviral treatment advocacy in India

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MOPE0681 Potential of faith based hospitals to scale up HIV services in India

S. Abraham, E. Dutta, S. Yohan, R. Lalthanmawia, R. Khuma, V. Aruldas
India

MOPE0687 PLHIV and access to treatment in India

K. Bhardwaj
India

MOPE0697 The effects of scale on costs of targeted HIV prevention interventions among female and male sex workers, MSM, and transgenders in India

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MOPE0705 A study on economic analysis and ethical resource allocation in research related to HIV/AIDS

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MOPE0716 Mobilizing local resources supports decentralization of HIV care: a case study from Karur, a high-prevalence district in Southern India

P.D. Williams, S. Swaminathan, L. Vijayanand, S. Vadivelan, A.J. Rusewelt, B. Inbaraj, K. Kumaraswamy, P. Chan, S.S. Raghavan, L. Ramakrishnan
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MOPE0727 Treatment advocacy adherence literacy – corporate community partnership

M. Pardeshi, A. Khanna
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MOPE0734 Unburdening health systems: the role of community engagement in supporting HIV prevention and adherence to ART. Findings from an operations research study in Zambia

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MOPE0754 Group enterprise for women living with HIV and their families – the impact of participation in India

V. Ellath, S. Gandrakota, V. Velagala, V. Bhavani
India

MOPE0771 A multivariate feasibility analysis of health insurance for positive women in Tamilnadu, India

M. Periasamy, K. Periasamy, P. Mahalingam
India

MOPE0781 A rapid evaluation tool to assess the skill and performance of in-service HIV programme counselors of four states in India

*R. Ramarmurthy, A. Meitram, P. Chan, B.Mahanty
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MOPE0782 Training physicians in HIV medicine through short term fellowship

*G. Aylur Kailasam¹, K.R. Konni Govardhanan¹, S. Solomon¹, S.S. Solomon¹, K. Nagalingeshwaran¹, B. Pachamuthu¹, C.Lloyd¹, K.H. Mayer²
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MOPE0788 Willingness of private medical practitioners to partner government in HIV care in India

*P. Chan, S. Karvande, S. Joseph, R. Saradhi, S. Rangan, P. Padhy
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MOPE0802 Resources mobilization to meet health & non health needs

*P.B. Bisana, N.B. Siddam, N. Sekh
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MOPE0803 People living with HIV as expert patient trainers: a unique training approach to improve primary HIV care services in rural Southern India

*L. Vijayanand, S. Swaminathan, A.J.Rusewelt, P.D. Williams, K. Kumaraswamy, P.Chan, S.S. Raghavan, L. Ramakrishnan
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MOPE0829 Reducing violence through community action by sex worker collectives - a social change perspective for accelerating behavior change

*A.V. Rego, A. Eshwarlal
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MOPE0849 Dancing around the questions: a role for community in collecting data to inform programmes

M. Andina, R. Joglekar, M. Gore, S. Mondal, India

MOPE0861 Breaking the wall – building support for PLHIV through community participation in Manipur, India

M.B. Singh, India

MOPE0873 Facilitating an enabling environment

*P.B. Bisana, N.B. Siddam, N. Sekh
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MOPE0876 Understanding the methodology of conducting a district situation analysis: case study from India

*R. Singh, V. Ganesh, K. Singh, B. Rajbhandari, S. Bhardwaj
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MOPE0877 Understanding risks and vulnerabilities to HIV & AIDS, sharing the district situation analysis process from India

*S. Bhardwaj, R. Singh, V. Ganesh
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MOPE0887 Situational analysis and client satisfaction evaluation of ART centers in India

*R. Sogarwal, D. Bachani, K. Sujatha Rao
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**Track E > Policy and Political Sciences
PE0922-1075 Leadership and Advocacy**

MOPE0925 Community-specific advocacy action plan to promote health/rights of vulnerable communities and PLHIV networks in Tamil Nadu, India

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MOPE0942 A path-breaking experience to provide second-line antiretroviral treatment for AIDS activists by AHF India Cares

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MOPE0949 Spotighting shadows: an index to measure stigma developed and implemented by people living with HIV

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MOPE0958 From "risks and responsibilities" to "APCOM" - The successful development of an Asia Pacific regional tripartite MSM coalition - Involving the MSM/ transgender (TG) community groups, governments of the region, donors & funders, and the UN agencies

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MOPE0966 Sex workers using ICT to control the spread of HIV/AIDS

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MOPE0998 Challenges faced by parents in public private partnership programme for children with HIV and AIDS (CHA): case study of CHA taking treatment from Prayas linked to district level public ART centre

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MOPE1008 Female sex worker community leadership in HIV prevention – from theory to action

*M. Naduvini, G. Teli, K. Jadhav, Y. Melinakeri, B. Gilligan, P. Sharma, M. Salunkhe, M. Kojulgi, P. Shetty, L. Rajan, N. Gavale, H. Usharani, G. Bhuteppagol, G. Nargund, R. Meti, R. CNV
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MOPE1016 ARV supply interruption

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MOPE1023 Capacity building of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) for workplace advocacy - experiences from India

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MOPE1033 Leaders in the making – building the capacities of the WLHIVs to rise against the tide

*C. Nisha, P.K.A. Kumar
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MOPE1041 Developing peer educators among the Indian armed forces to prevent HIV/AIDS through behaviour change strategies

*M. Singh
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MOPE1045 Wearing their hat and through their lens – Teaching female sex workers to present their case to journalists – lessons from India

*N.R. Revelli
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MOPE1048 Empowering the NGO sector through networking and capacity building by leveraging internet technologies

*R. Dwivedi, S. Jadav
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MOPE1054 Developing a methodology to capacitate the state programme to strategically use media to scale-up programmatic advocacy on HIV

*P. Kumar Bedi, A. Sivadas
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MOPE1061 Enhancing the capacity of positive people networks in Tamilnadu, India

*D. Daisy, R. Ragupathy, K. Ramachandran, K. Abraham
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MOPE1064 A sustainable capacity building model for HIV treatment education in India: building capacity of local NGOs to serve as continuing education and training center

*G. Venugopal, S. Shastri, S. A, C. Peyyala, V. Bhalekar, J. Vajpayee, H. Singh, M. Ratnani, S. Vanam, P. Varu
India*

MOPE1067 Community mobilization and leadership – case study Tadipathri

*N. Varada, S. Selva
India*

MOPE1071 GIPA and rights advocacy to destigmatize HIV/AIDS

*D. Daisy, R. Ragupathy, K. Ramachandran
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Satellite Meetings

Monday 4 August

Non-Commercial

07:00-08:30

Organizer: People's Health Organization (India) and AIDS Society of India

MOSAT03 Generic Anti-Retrovirals: Strengths and Weaknesses

Venue: Skills Building Room 3

Tuesday 5 August

Concurrent Sessions 11:00-12:30

TUAC01 Prevention Programmes with Female Sex Workers

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 5

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 11:00-12:30

Chairs: Kate Shannon, Canada

Solome Nakawesi, Uganda

11:05

TUAC0102 Sex workers use business skills to reach their peers for HIV prevention resulting in high coverage over four states in India

T. Wheeler, D. Tanuku, G. Dallabetta, U. Kiran, P. Chandrasekaran, A. Bhalla, H. Menon, J. Moore, J. Rajagopalan, A. Ramakrishnan, P. Richards, A. Wadhvani, A. Alexander
India

Tuesday 5 August

Poster Discussions 13:00-14:00

TUPDA2 Secondary Drug Resistance: Global Experience

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 2

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 13:00-14:00

Chair: Amilcar Tanuri, Brazil

13:20

TUPDA205 Thymidine analogue reverse transcriptase resistance mutation patterns observed in the context of treatment failure in South Indian HIV-1 infected patients

M. Vidya¹, S. Saravanan¹, N. Kumarasamy¹, S. Uma¹, S.S. Sunil¹, S. Suniti¹, K. David², K.H. Mayer², R. Bharat², K. Rami², P. Balakrishnan¹
1India, 2United States

TUPDC1 Intervening with Marginalized Communities: Successes and Challenges

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 3

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 13:00-14:00

Chair: Deanna Kerrigan, Brazil

13:25

TUPDC104 Combating vulnerability and HIV/AIDS among women IDUs and spouses/partners of men IDUs: towards innovative interventions in Manipur

S. Nanda, C. Ningombam
India

13:45

TUPDC106 Community mobilization - an approach for rapid increases in condom use and reductions in sexually transmitted infections among female sex workers in Mysore, South India

T. Beattie¹, S. Reza-Paul², H. Syed³, K. Venukumar³, M. Venugopal³, M. Fathima³, P. Akram³, R. Manjula³, M. Lakshmi³, S. Isac³, B.M. Ramesh³, J. Glynn¹, S. Moses²
1United Kingdom, 2Canada, 3India

TUPDC2 Scaling Up National Responses to HIV Epidemics

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 4

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 13:00-14:00

Chair: Angel Almanzar, Dominican Republic [TBC]

13:00

TUPDC201 A comprehensive nation-wide evaluation of targeted interventions programme for scaling up coverage and quality

M. Aslam

India

TUPDD2 Economics of HIV Prevention and Treatment: Value for Money?

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 6

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 1 3:00-14:00

Chair: Lilani Kumaranayake, United Kingdom

13:00

TUPDD201 Econometric analysis of cost drivers of targeted HIV prevention interventions in India

L. Kumaranayake¹, S. Chandrashekar², R.B.Reddy², Y. Govindraj², M. Alary³
1United Kingdom, 2India, 3Canada

Concurrent Sessions 14:30-16:00

TUAE02 Detention, Oppression: Legal Enforcement and Drug Use

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 9

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 1 4:30-16:00

Chairs: Svitlana Moroz, Ukraine

Mauro Guarinieri, Italy

15:35

TUAE0206 Moral policing and spread of HIV/AIDS, HBV and HCV in Manipur

R. Sapam

India

Tuesday 5 August

Concurrent Sessions 16:30-18:00

TUSY08 New Frontiers in HIV Prevention Sciences

Symposia

Venue: Session Room 1

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 1 6:30-18:00

Chair: Prateek Suman Awasthi, India

Moderator: Catherine Hankins, Switzerland

17:00

TUSY0804 Scaling up HIV prevention in India

A. Alexander, India

Tuesday 5 August

Skills Building Workshops 11:00-12:30

TUSB01 Developing Advocacy Strategies to Create an Enabling Social and Policy Environment on Issues Affecting Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)

Venue: Skills Building Room 1

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 11 :00-12:30

Seating limits: 90

Facilitator: Kaveesher Krishnan, India

Adapting an advocacy-based framework will allow the convergence of the delivery of essential services together with the creation of enabling social and policy environments leading to creation of a comprehensive and sustainable mechanism of support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). Specifically, advocating for both policy and programmatic change will help to mitigate stigma and discrimination through integrating issues affecting OVC within existing child-centered programmes. The workshop will teach culturally appropriate advocacy strategies to create enabling social and policy environments on issues affecting orphans and vulnerable children in resource-poor settings. The workshop will utilize participatory methodologies and tools based on adult-learning principles.

TUSB04 How to Run a Productive and Effective Meeting?

Venue: Skills Building Room 4

Time: Tuesday 5 August, 11 :00-12:30

Seating limits: 90

Facilitator: Mona Mishra, India

If you have been attending too many meetings that have no outcome, here is how you can change it. In just 90 minutes, learn simple ways of making your meetings effective and productive.

Tuesday 5 August

Poster Exhibition

Track A > Biology and Pathogenesis of HIV

PE0001-0018 Drugs in Development

TUPE0004 **In-vitro evaluation of antibacterial efficacy of Nisin and NisCar gel formulations in human cervicovaginal lavages: a randomized pilot study**

*C. Aranha, S. Gupta, P. Meherji, K.V.R. Reddy
India*

TUPE0024 **Antagonism between subtype C HIV-1 reverse-transcriptase mutation K65R and TAMs among tenofovir naïve patients**

*M. Vidya1, S. Saravanan1, N. Kumarasamy1, S. Uma1, K. Rami2, S.S. Sunil1, R. Bharat2, S. Suniti1, K.H. Mayer2, K. David2, P. Balakrishnan1
1India, 2United States*

TUPE0031 **Absence of transmitted HIV drug resistance in Threshold survey among voluntary counseling and testing clients in Mumbai, India**

*S. Tripathy, R. Garg, P. Srikantiah, S. Jadhav, P. Haldar, N. Hingankar, D. Chaturbhuj, M. Mathur, P. Mehta, D.C.S. Reddy, S. Kabra, R. Paranjape
India*

PE0038-0041 Viral Genes

TUPE0039 **Functional analysis of RGD/QGD motifs in HIV-1 subtypes B and C tat mediated apoptosis and transactivation**

*V. Sood, R. Ranjan, V.G. Ramachandran, A.C. Banerjee
India*

TUPE0116 **Deferred modification of antiretroviral regimen following treatment failure in Asia: results from the TREAT Asia HIV Observational Database (TAHOD)**

*J. Zhou1, P.C. Li2, N. Kumarasamy3, M. Boyd1, S. Pujari3, on behalf of The TREAT Asia HIV Observational Database
1Australia, 2China, 3India*

PE0134-0235 Provision of Care and Therapy

TUPE0137 **Knowledge and views about STI and HIV among traditional healers in Tamil Nadu**

*R. Mansadevi, M. Raviraaj
India*

TUPE0138 **Success of homeopathic immunomodulator in postponing initiation of ART and in ART resistant patients**

*I. Gilada1, N. Naik2, A. Shah1, T. Gilada1
1India, 2South Africa*

TUPE0160 **Establishing a regional AIDS training network in Eastern India to strengthen healthcare capacity**

*I. Kohli, A. Purohit, J. Thomas, S. Srivastava, B. Verma, D. Tejaswi
India*

TUPE0162 Regular incentives in the form of supplementary nutrition and confectioneries improved preantiretroviral therapy (ART) followup and timely antiretroviral therapy initiation in HIV positive children - experience from Eastern India

*S. Bhattacharyya
India*

TUPE0186 Community care centers (CCC) – an Indian initiative for comprehensive HIV/ AIDS health care

*S. Joshi, V. Purohit, D. Bachani
India*

TUPE0189 Strengthening the capacity of NGOs to provide home based care for people living with HIV

*M. Ratnani, A. Sethuramashankaran, V.Bhalekar, S. Shastri, G. Venugopal, J.Vajpayee, P. Chandramouli, H. Singh, V.R.Kandula, V. Satish, P. Varu
India*

TUPE0228 Issues concerning the care of HIV positive widows receiving anti retroviral therapy

*R. Dewan, A. Subramanian, A. Sinha, K.Kapfo, S. Zachariah
India*

Track C > Epidemiology, Prevention AND Prevention Research

PE0243-0272 Behavioral surveillance

TUPE0256 Knowledge, awareness and behaviour related to HIV/AIDS among women: findings from second National Behavioural Surveillance Survey 2006 in India

*A. Khera, Y. RAJ, G. Rangaiyan, G. Makhija
India*

TUPE0282 HIV sentinel surveillance versus routine programme reporting on HIV prevalence from ICT centers: role in monitoring the HIV epidemic

*Y. RAJ, A. Khera, G. Rangaiyan
India*

TUPE0283 Prevalence of HIV infection among antenatal clinic attendees in Tamil Nadu based on sentinel surveillance survey

*A. Elangovan, M. Jagadeesan, P. Sripriya, S.Sahu
India*

PE0286-0299 Surveillance systems and methods

TUPE0287 What the new estimates for HIV+ people in India mean for MSM communities

*A. Row Kavi, V. Anand
India*

PE0303-0332 Epidemiology of sexual behaviour

TUPE0324 Contextual factors associated with safe sexual practices among long distance truck drivers in India

*A. Pandey, N. Roy, D. Sahu, D.K. Joshi, U. Sengupta, S.K. Benara, M. Thomas, R.Adhikary
India*

TUPE0366 Web based management information system for effective monitoring of HIV infection, in Tamil Nadu

*M. Jagadeesan, P. Sripriya, S. Dhinakaran, R.Sumanth, S. Sahu
India*

TUPE0369 Eighth wonder - Pyramids for monitoring behaviour change among core groups

J. Kirubakaran, M. Periasamy, I. Thangaraj

India

TUPE0387 Evaluating the feasibility and impact of couple-oriented prenatal HIV counselling and testing in low and medium HIV prevalence countries

J. Orne-Gliemann¹, P. Tchendjou², M. Miric³, M. Gadgil⁴, M. Butsashvili⁵, F. Eboko², E. Perez-Then³, S. Darak⁴, S. Kulkarni⁴, G. Kamkamidze⁵, A. Desgrees-du-Lou¹, F. Dabis¹
1France, 2Cameroon, 3Dominican Republic, 4India, 5Georgia

TUPE0392 VCCTC in a drop in center space increased health seeking behavior among MSM and TG population in Mumbai metro

R. Thorat, U. Sonawane, P. Mohite, K. Lanjekar Patil
India

PE0480-0546 Prevention programmes in institutional settings e.g. workplace, school, prison, military

TUPE0485 Meeting the challenges of HIV/AIDS workplace policy and programme in companies with educated workforce

D. Verma
India

TUPE0500 Integrating HIV information with health and welfare issues: Experiences of implementing a toll free helpline for uniformed personnel

S. Jadav, R. Dwivedi
India

TUPE0504 "Sexual & reproductive health programmes" create an entry point for HIV/AIDS awareness programmes in workplaces seeking 'innovative' employee welfare activities: a case-inpoint from Bangalore, India

S. Gambhir, M. Theodore KamalaDoss, A.G. Shankar, L. Jagannathan
India

TUPE0523 HIV- AIDS awareness amongst the survivors of Bhopal gas tragedy and blood donors of Bhopal, M.P., India

A. Mishra, M. Shrivastava, S. Navaid
India

TUPE0528 Youth as advocates of change through effective peer education

A. Joshi, R. Dhillon
India

PE0547-0570 Harm-reduction strategies and HIV prevention programmes for drug users

TUPE0548 Access to harm reduction services in Northeast India

M. Lalmuanpuii¹, P. Zwanikken²
1India, 2Netherlands

TUPE0557 Reduction of HIV risk behavior among injecting drug users on methadone maintenance therapy (MMT) in Myanmar

A. Thaw¹, T. Min Soe¹, H. Htay¹, K. Thida¹, T. Win Myint¹, O. Barreneche¹, M. Sharma²
1Myanmar, 2India

Track D > Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences

TUPE0577 Intersections between female sex workers and male migrant workers spatial mobility: implications for HIV prevention program

N. Saggurti¹, R.K. Verma¹, S. Rama Rao², A. Jain², A.K. Singh¹, V.S. Mahendra¹, P. Achyut¹
1India, 2United States

TUPE0588 Mobility, migration, and HIV/AIDS: experience of implementing HIV prevention, care, support, and treatment services for Nepali migrants in two destination sites in India

*M. Varghese, A. Gurug, S. Gaikwad, U.Chawla, c. Dey
India*

TUPE0591 An assessment of mobility, migration, and HIV/AIDS risk amongst Nepali migrants at two destination points with differential epidemic patterns in India

*A. Gurung, S. Gaikwad, M. Varghese, C. Dey, U. Chawla
India*

TUPE0599 Does reintegration challenging? Voices of returned trafficked victims from sextrade in Andhra Pradesh, India

*B. Madhusudana
India*

TUPE0600 Mobility, marital status and vulnerability to HIV: evidence from male workers in Maharashtra, India

*A. Kumar, S. Bharat, K. Mukherjee, S.Niranjan
India*

TUPE0608 Migration and vulnerability to HIV infection among single and working young women in urban India

R. Jain, K. Gupta, A.K. Singh, India

TUPE0614 Experiments in conducting AIDS awareness programmes for mobile/migrant populations in rural Gujarat

*M. Gandhi, R. Nair, S. Srivastava
India*

TUPE0615 High rate of HIV among short stay MSM migrants in Thane district, India

*N. Dhule, B. Gavand, V. Anand, S. Silmula
India*

TUPE0617 Prabasa: the people on move

*L. Misra
India*

TUPE0621 Community partnerships to reduce domestic violence and HIV acquisition

*S.L. Chandran Johnson, S.K. Aylur Kailasom, G. Aylur Kailasom, S. Solomon
India*

TUPE0626 Gender based violence and women's vulnerability towards HIV/AIDS in 6 Indian districts

*T. Leone¹, E. Coast¹, A. Malviya²
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TUPE0627 The "gendered" risk of getting HIV – the traumatic reality of violence against women: - evidence from a large community based survey in urban and rural settings in Pune, India

*L. Garda, M. Alexander, S. Kanade
India*

TUPE0628 Evidence of harassment and violence faced by men who have sex with men (MSM) in Mumbai and Thane

*A. Qureshi, V. Pawar
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TUPE0629 Sexual rights and sexual violence among adolescent women in India - A cross cultural analysis

*V.L. Singh, S. Singh
India*

TUPE0632 Community led advocacy – a means to reduce risk and vulnerability to HIV infection

S. Hafeez Ur Rahman¹, S. Reza-Paul², P. Fathima Mary¹, S. Sundarraman¹, S.Sreeram¹, S. Moses², R. Bhagya¹, J. Jain¹, M.Venugopal¹, V. KT¹, A. Pasha¹, M. Prathima¹, M. Lakshmi¹

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TUPE0638 Marital rape, violence and risk of reproductive tract infections and sexually transmitted diseases among young married women

A.K. Singh, R.K. Sinha, R. Jain
India

TUPE0641 Caught in a crossfire: broken homes, economic distress, domestic violence pushes women into risky sexual practices

S. Thapar, A. Sivadas
India

TUPE0642 "Talking down violence": social network conversations decrease the risk of forced sex among sex workers in Chennai, India

V. Go1, S. Solomon2, C.B. Parker1, A. Green1, A. Srikrishnan2, M. Salter1, S. Sivaram1, S.C. Johnson2, C. Latkin1, D. Celentano1
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TUPE0649 Peer based intervention programmes/ activities and making aware of their Rights amongst MSM in Delhi, India

R. Chettri
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TUPE0662 Growth patterns in infants born to HIVinfected women in Pune, India

M. Ram1, U. Nayak1, V. Varadhrajan2, R. Bhosale2, A. Bhalerao2, S. Patil2, G. Sastry2, N. Gupte2, R. Bollinger1, A. Gupta1
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TUPE0673 Multiple partners and males who have sex with males – a need to be loved or desire to discharge - an insight study to understand the psycholgy of kothis and giriyas

A. Rasheed, A. Jafar
India

TUPE0681 Changing inequitable gender norms among young women in India to reduce their vulnerability to HIV and SRH problems: a pilot intervention in Mumbai slum communities

S. Khandekar1, V. Sharma Mahendra1, R. Verma1, A. Singh1, P. Palav1, M. Sheikh1, J. Pulerwitz2
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TUPE0694 The role of male partners in reproductive health-seeking behavior of young women: lessons from India

V. Chandrasekaran1, K. Krupp1, C. Karat1, P. Madhivanan2
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TUPE0707 Saathi Sangathan – uniting the partners and combating the virus

B. Dey
India

TUPE0709 Feminisation of HIV/AIDS in India

S. Kumar
India

TUPE0712 "Had to be done!" Gender differences in marital sexual initiation experiences and correlates of positive experiences among young men and women in urban and rural area in Pune, India

M. Alexander, L. Garda, S. Kanade
India

TUPE0727 Psycho-socio-economic problems faced by HIV + widows: experiences sharing from Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine (GHTM) - Tambaram - Chennai - Tamilnadu - India

G. Devasahayam, S. Abraham, J. Somani, P. Nodal, R. Sikhamani

India

TUPE0751 **Prayers, god and sex**

S. Mohan

India

TUPE0762 **Fun together: addressing STI, HIV/AIDS among the men who have sex with men (MSMs)/transgenders (TGs)**

A. Eshwarlal, A.V. Rego

India

TUPE0786 **Mental health issues in men who have sex with men in Mumbai**

M. Sivasubramanian¹, D.S.A. Safren², M.J.Mimiaga², H. Mhaprolkar², B. Capistrant², P.

Prabhughate¹, J. Ripton¹, V. Anand¹, D.K.H. Mayer²

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TUPE0799 **Rights based approach the only solution and an imperative in India to change mindsets: we have to stop need based attitudes prevalent among key stakeholders especially government to help women and children and to enable true empowerment to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS**

A. Mathew

India

TUPE0815 **Overcoming religious barriers for effective behavior change communication (BCC) in a MSM targeted intervention in Thane District, Maharashtra in India**

J. Shaikh, M. Shinde, Y. Sarlam, V. Francis, G. Acharya

India

TUPE0829 **Reproductive and sexual health concern and HIV risks among rural and tribal youth in India**

R. Goyal, R.S. Goyal

India

TUPE0854 **Sexual pleasure and HIV prevention: informing a new action guide on women's health and empowerment**

L.C. Atkin¹, M. Smith¹, P. Patel²

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TUPE0888 **Alcohol, youth and HIV: evidences from low income slums in Mumbai, India**

S. Verma¹, V.L. Singh¹, S.K. Singh¹, J.J. Schensul², S. Singh¹, A. Kumar¹, S. Kumar¹

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TUPE0904 **Role of support group meetings in improving the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV and AIDS**

P.B. Nukella, M. Verghese, V. Chakrapani

India

TUPE0915 **Identifying HIV and SRH service integration options to increase access to family planning and safe abortion for positive women in India**

T. Sellers, A. Saha, I. Khan, O. Jyotsna

India

TUPE0920 **Sexual transmission risk behaviors among people living with HIV (PLHIV) in India**

V. Chakrapani¹, M. Shanmugam¹, P.A. Newman², A.K. Kurian¹, R. Dubrow³

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Track E > Policy and Political Sciences

PE0921-1034 Policy in Theory and Practice

TUPE0928 **Immoral traffic prevention act (amendment) and sex workers HIV interventions in India: interdiscursivity as a tool to analyze policy implications**

*J. Ananda Bhavan Kumaran
India*

TUPE0935 Youth parliament: a national advocacy strategy to mobilize young people to address HIV pandemic in India

K. Krishna, India

TUPE0938 Dentists: what is their role in an HIV/ AIDS response program? from practice to policy: sharing experiences from India

*A. BHARDWAJ¹, J. Hill², S.R. Prabhu³
1India, 2United States, 3United Arab Emirates*

TUPE0952 Policy and politics: rights of the Indian sex workers

*S. Sengupta, T. Tandon
India*

TUPE0961 From community to government and back: men who have sex with men and transgender people uniting to develop a national HIV/AIDS policy for India

*A. Melendez Salgado¹, S. Silmula², V. Anand², S. Mehta², A. Bondurant³
1United Kingdom, 2India, 3Thailand*

TUPE0963 HIV and NGO workplaces...the clock is ticking!!! Let's act now!

*S.S. Akhtar¹, B. Karley¹, Y. Fleming²
1India, 2Netherlands*

TUPE0977 Cyclic review of national guidelines on AIDS care and support to ensure relevance in a constantly changing environment

*R.L. Khuma, S. Abraham, R. Lalthanmawia, E.R. Dutta, T. Ninan, V. Aruldas
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TUPE0987 Contrasting the processes of OVC policy development and policy implementation in Vietnam: results from a study on barriers to policy implementation

*T.T. Duc¹, D. Stephens², K. Spratt³, N. Kapadia-Kundu⁴, H.T.T. Tran¹
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TUPE0995 Demystifying the discourse: the Sonagachi experience

*P. Ray
India*

TUPE1001 Street children; a high-risk group for HIV; yet marginalized by national AIDS control policy - a programmatic study in an Indian setting

*D. Meher, P. Jha
India*

TUPE1002 Community driven approaches for addressing feminisation of HIV/AIDS

*S. Mehta, D. Bajaj
India*

TUPE1006 Legislators forum on HIV and AIDS: an effective platform for political advocacy, lessons from three states in India

*A. Tiwari
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TUPE1060 Success in ART roll out through public private partnership: NACO AHF Collaborative ART Project in India

*A. Mishra, N. Mohanty, C. Thangsing
India*

TUPE1070 Public-private partnership in HIV-TB control programmes: lessons from the Avahan programme in India

*S. Kane, T. Wi, A. Das, A. Singh, B. George, D. Tanuku, P. Dewan, N. Raizada, L.S. Chauhan, G. Dallabetta
India*

TUPE1077 **Forging public-private partnership to reduce women's vulnerabilities and risks**

*A. Naidu, S. Dhamdhare, A. Sivadas
India*

TUPE1092 **Disruption of HIV/AIDS prevention and health services by an international NGO in India**

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Wednesday 6 August

Plenary Session

WESY02 Impact of AIDS on Human Development: Reproduction in the Social Context

Symposia

Venue: Session Room 3

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 11:00-12:30

11:28

WESY0205 **The economics of social reproduction: inheritance, land, and employment issues for women**

P. Nanda, India

11:35

WESY0206 **Widowhood**

1. *K. Periasamy, India*

WEAA01 Host Genetic Factors in HIV Transmission and Disease Progression

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 6

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 11:00-12:30

11:30

WEAA0103 **Association of -592C/A, -819C/T and -1082A/G interleukin-10 promoter polymorphisms with risk of HIV-1 infection among North Indians**

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12:00

WEAA0105 **Repression of HIV-1 LTR promoter by nuclear matrix protein SMAR1 promotes proviral latency**

K. Sreenath, L. Pavithra, S. Singh, U.K. Ranga, S. Chattopadhyay

India

WEAD01 Psychological Wellbeing and Mental Health of Children

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 9

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 11:00-12:30

12:00

WEAD0105 **Psychosocial problems of children whose parents are afflicted with HIV/AIDS**

A. Menon, India

Wednesday 6 August

Special Sessions 12:45-14:15

WESS03 Moving from Promises to Actions: Building Global and National Commitment for Evidence-Based Approaches to Addressing Stigma and Discrimination

Special Session

Venue: Session Room 1 0

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 2:45-14:15

12:55

WESS0302 **Measuring stigma: the stigma index**

A. Yuvaraj, India

Poster Discussions 13:00-14:00

WEPDC1 Addressing Gender Inequalities in Prevention

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 3

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:25

WEPDC104 Promoting gender equity as a strategy to reduce HIV risk and gender-based violence among young men in India

R.K. Verma¹, J. Pulerwitz², V.S. Mahendra¹, S.

Khandekar¹, A.K. Singh¹, S.S. Das¹, A. Nura¹,

G. Barkar³

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WEPDC2 Respondent Driven Sampling: New Methods for Accessing Hard to Reach Populations

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 4

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:20

WEPDC205 Who are the sex partners of male injection drug users (IDU) and what are the correlates of unprotected sex with these partners in Delhi and Imphal, India?

W. Tun¹, A. Sarna², L. Apicella¹, A.Bhattacharya², N. Selhore², A. Singh²

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WEPDD1 Sexuality, Body Image and the Meanings of Gender

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 5

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:00

WEPDD101 Body and sexuality: locating patriarchal roots of HIV/AIDS

S. Sahu

India

WEPDD2 Who Cares? Psycho-Social, Economics and Legal Challenges for Caregivers and Strategies for Action

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 6

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:10

WEPDD203 (Re) Living HIV/AIDS: trajectory of a rural Indian woman from 'care provider' to 'case'

S. Santosh Karvande¹, V. Shridhar Purohit¹, S. Rangan¹, R. Kale¹, J. Porter², K. Kielmann²

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WEPDE2 Mobilizing, Building the Capacity and Researching on Gay, Transgender and MSM Issues

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 8

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:05

WEPDE202 Capacity building of MSM and TG community based organizations as support to national AIDS control programme phase III in India

*V. Anand, A. Salgado, S. Silmula, S. Mehta, T. Bondurant
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Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 8

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 3:00-14:00

13:05

WEPDE202 Capacity building of MSM and TG community based organizations as support to national AIDS control programme phase III in India

*V. Anand, A. Salgado, S. Silmula, S. Mehta, T. Bondurant
India*

Wednesday 6 August

Concurrent Sessions 14:30-16:00

WESY05 Forgotten Truths, Hidden Realities: Addressing the Dynamics of HIV and MSM in Unfavorable Environments

Symposia

Venue: Session Room 1

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 4:30-16:00

15:15

WESY0505 From invisibility to being a core high risk group – the journey of India's colorful communities of marginalized sexualities waking up to the genocide of HIV and AIDS

A. Row Kavi, India

WEAE02 Women Take the Lead

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 7

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 4:30-16:00

15:00

WEAE0203 Leadership skills: the need of the hour for women living with HIV

*K. Periasamy, P. Allada
India*

WEAE03 HIV on the Job: Policies

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 8

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 4:30-16:00

14:45

WEAE0302 Discrimination at the workplace: winning the battles but losing the war?

*M. Kishore
India*

WEAD03 Rhetoric or Reality: Disclosure in Treatment and Testing

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 9

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 4:30-16:00

14:50

WEAD0303 Disclosure patterns of HIV infected men in South India

M. Sugadev, S. Swaminathan, S. Devaraj

India

15:35

WEAD0306 Patterns of disclosure in HIV infected women detected during pregnancy and their consequences on experiences of stigma

S. Apte, S. Kulkarni, V. Kulkarni, R. Parchure, S. Darak, V. Jori

India

WEAC02 Implementing Novel Prevention Programmes

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 11

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 4:30-16:00

14:35

WEAC0202 Condoms and STIs: the impact of a four year focused prevention programming at scale amongst MSM and FSWs in Andhra Pradesh (AP) India - results of an evaluation study

A. Bermejo¹, S. McPherson¹, C. De Zoysa², J.P. Gutierrez³, A. Fakoya¹, S. Ghosh¹, P.Chikukwa¹, F. Samuels¹, S. Bertozzi³, FPP Evaluation Study Group

1United Kingdom, 2India, 3Mexico

Wednesday 6 August

Skills Building Workshops 11:00-12:30

WESB05 Moving Beyond the Male Drug Users: Developing and Designing Gender Sensitive Service Delivery Models For Women Drug Users And Partners Of Male Drug Users

Venue: Skills Building Room 5

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 11 :00-12:30

Seating limits: 90

Facilitator: Jyoti Mehra, India

Co-Facilitator: Lipi Chowdhury, India

This workshop will provide an excellent learning opportunity about the need for gender sensitive programming required at the initial stage of setting up the harm reduction services for male drug users. Engaging with networks of women living with HIV and AIDS is a key factor for success.

WESB12 Safer Sensuous Sexual Pleasure: Using Elements of Sensuousness in Promoting Safer Sex Among MSM

Venue: Skills Building Room 2

Time: Wednesday 6 August, 1 4:30-18:00

Seating limits: 90

Facilitator: Anupam Hazra, India

Currently SAATHII is carrying out an action research project to test the efficacy of using "elements of sensuousness" in making male-to-male sex safer and mutually pleasurable. Workshop participants will be taught how some of those "elements of sensuousness" can be used in their own area of work. The workshop will also try to explore newer and better ways and means of promoting safer and pleasurable sex among MSM. Special emphasis will be given on understanding how the subjective experiences of MSM, particularly male sex workers (MSWs), affect their morality, values and norms, and how it compares and contrasts with the normative approach towards their present sensuousness.

Wednesday 6 August

Poster Exhibition

Track A > Biology and Pathogenesis of HIV

PE0008-0017 Host Genetic Factors

WEPE0010 Selection pressure and adaptation of HIV-1 protease in heterosexual transmission pairs

S. Uma, S. Saravanan, S. Vidya, N.Kumarasamy, K.G. Murugavel, S. Suniti, P.Balakrishnan
India

WEPE0016 Genetic polymorphism in CCR5, CCR2b and SDF genes in HIV-1 infected slow progressors and exposed but uninfected individuals from India

*S. Jadhav, D. Gadkari, S. Tripathy, R. Gangakhedkar
India*

PE0018-0021 Mechanism of Drug Resistance

WEPE0029 Unusual insertion and deletion at codon 69 finger subdomain of HIV-1 subtype C reverse transcriptase from firstline HAART failing South Indian patients: incidence and association with other resistance mutations

*S. Saravanan¹, M. Vidya¹, P. Balakrishnan¹, S. Uma¹, K. Rami², R. Bharat², S.S. Sunil¹, S. Suniti¹, M.H. Kenneth², K. David², N. Kumarasamy¹,
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WEPE0040 Adherence, virologic failure and major mutations - need for 2nd line HAART in India

*M.L. Ekstrand¹, S. Chandy², M. Gandhi¹, N. Srikanth², P. Balakrishnan², G. Singh², N. Kumarasamy²
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Track B > Clinical Research, Treatment and Care

PE0042-0123 Health Systems and Delivery of ART II

WEPE0080 Integrating tuberculosis control with HIV care and support services -lesson from Southern India

*V. Inamdar, V.R. Kandula
India*

WEPE0087 WHO integrated management of adult and adolescent illness package for HIV care helps strengthen primary health systems in two high HIV burden districts of Southern India

*P. Chan, K. Karthikeyan, J.S. Stephen, N.Ramesh, B. Palicheralu, S. Swaminathan, L. Ramakrishnan, T.P. Balathandan, S.S.Raghavan
India*

WEPE0101 Multi- disciplinary community linked HIV care in faith based hospitals in India

*R.L. Khuma, R. Lalthanmawia, E.R. Dutta, T. Ninan, S. Abraham, V. Aruldas
India*

WEPE0110 Self-assessment identifies training needs in HIV care and management among allopathic and non-allopathic health care providers in Pune, India

*S. Godbole¹, S. Mehendale¹, S. Sane¹, R. Bollinger², A. Gupta²
¹India, ²United States*

WEPE0162 Spoligotyping of mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates in Cuddalore urban region, Tamilnadu, India

*S. Selvakumar, G. Shanthi
India*

WEPE0183 Co-transmission of HIV, HBV and HCV infection in female sex workers of India

*J. Mahanta, P. Barua, G. Medhi, J. Dale
India*

PE0207-0235 Children and Adolescent Specific Issues II

WEPE0217 Delivering family centered care services in public health settings: the Tamil Nadu Model

*S. Raghavan, G. Oleti, S. Angappan, F. Joseph, J. Srividya, G. Srinivas, S. Sahu
India*

WEPE0235 Impact of HIV infection among mothers on growth and development of children

J. Prasad¹, C. Wanke², A. Bose¹, S. Clarence¹, J. Lionel¹, J. Muliyl¹
1India, 2United States

Track C > Epidemiology, Prevention AND Prevention Research

PE0236-0241 Harm reduction, including reduction of unsafe injecting and other harm reduction approaches

PE0242-0253 STI prevention and control WEPE0242 Taking services to client- using natural traffic areas to increase footfall in clinics for truckers along Indian highways

I.R. Singh, T. Vij, A. Bhalla
India

WEPE0245 Sex workers and syphilis: tracking, testing and treating in Maharashtra, India

P. Dyavarishetty, M. Andina
India

WEPE0250 Syphilis screening among high-risk groups through community clinics

S. Tucker, S. Ratna D S, D. Delhikar, B.Ravikumar, B. Vaishali
India

WEPE0251 Continuous monitoring of clinics using symptomatic simulated patients in India

D. Navin, A. Sharma, N. Krishnan
India

WEPE0252 Strengthening referral linkages with existing healthcare facilities for providing STI services led to improvement in the health seeking and safe sex practices of the high risk groups – experiences of Chayan Project of CARE India

G. Mukherjee, D. Warren, J. Sool, S.Mukhopadhyay, R. Steen
India

WEPE0253 Experience of managing sexually transmitted infection among female sex workers in Mysore, India

H. Raghavendra¹, R.-P. Sushena², A. Pasha¹, M.S. Venugopal¹, K.T. Venukumar¹, P. Ramaiah¹, M. Lakshmi¹, F. Mary¹, S. Hafeez Ur Rehman¹, S. Moses²
1India, 2Canada

WEPE0274 Improvement in data quality by introducing quality control measures in phase II microbicide study in Pune S. Ranade

India

PE0289-0332 Determinants of HIV risk and protective Behaviors

WEPE0309 Determinants of HIV prevalence among antenatal clinic attendees in Karnataka state, South India

S. Isac¹, B.M. Ramesh¹, R. Washington¹, S. Moses¹, J. Blanchard², V. Gurnani¹, M. Shetye¹
1India, 2Canada

WEPE0310 Evaluation of the behaviour change communication HIV prevention project targeting truckers and other high-risk males in 12 port cities in India

V. Sharma¹, P. Thodankar¹, S. Chaganti¹, V.Lipovsek²
1India, 2United States

WEPE0317 Seroconversion among discordant couples in Namakkal PMTCT program, Tamilnadu, India

J. Vijayakumari, S. Anandhi, S. Mini Jacob, S. Parameshwari, N.M. Samuel, M.R. Sivakumar
India

WEPE0325 **Beliefs and condom use in commercial sex in India**
R. Hess¹, D. Navin¹, N. Krishnan¹, J. Dvora²
1India, 2United States

PE0333-0344 Individual level interventions

WEPE0338 **Back to basics: using proven technologies in increase condom use at PSI/India**
R. Hess, N. Vachani
India

WEPE0340 **HIV prevention and changes in injecting and sexual behaviors among a cohort of IDUs in Delhi, India**
E. Sarin¹, L. Samson², M. Sweat¹
1United States, 2India

WEPE0343 **Improving quality of life of HIV/AIDS patients**
S. Garg, T. Marashi, V.K. Gupta, R. Dewan, M.M. Singh, G.K. Ingle
India

WEPE0349 **An HIV stigma scale is validated and measures decreased HIV-related stigma among men in a community-based HIV prevention services programme in rural Maharashtra, India**
A. Dyalchand¹, G. Kulkarni¹, G. Sinha², R.C. Bollinger², M. Khale¹, N. Kapadia-Kundu¹
1India, 2United States

WEPE0359 **Universal work precautions (UWP): is the compliance among nursing students adequate?**
C.B. Pradeesh, B. Divakaran
India

WEPE0364 **Evaluating Stepping Stones as a community intervention for behavior change in India**
J. Bradley¹, M. Girish², B.M. Ramesh², P. Bhattacharjee², S. Isaac²
1Canada, 2India

WEPE0370 **Using peer networks to address underlying causes of risk behavior in a mobile population: experience with India's truckers**
T. Vij, A. Purohit, A. Bhalla, T. Sellers
India

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T. Vij, A. Purohit, A. Bhalla, T. Sellers
India

WEPE0380 **Adult children of sex workers fight HIV/ AIDS**
R. Naik, P. Bhosale
India

WEPE0384 **Using classic business approaches to raise demand for quality health services among India's 2 million long distance truckers: avahan funded TCI foundation project kavach**
A. Purohit, T. Vij, A. Bhalla, N.Bandhopadhyay
India

WEPE0386 **Putting messages into practice: problem-solving interpersonal communication with most-at-risk populations**
N. Bandyopadhyay, T. Sellers, T. Vij, B.K. Kumar, A. Betigeri
India

WEPE0388 Which of the mass media is best suited to spread awareness about AIDS among house wives in urban India?

*A.K. Sharma
India*

WEPE0394 Community ownership in intervention leads to better utilization of project services

*S. Singh, R. Pal
India*

WEPE0395 Empowering sex workers and men who have sex with men: the role of social capital in preventing the spread of HIV in Andhra Pradesh

*F. Samuels¹, R. Verma², C. George², A.Fakoya¹, C. De Zoysa², S. Mcpherson¹, S.Ghosh¹
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WEPE0398 Impact of public positive speaking in reducing stigma & discrimination

*A.K. Gupta
India*

WEPE0413 HIV/AIDS and STD prevention programme in rural Rajasthan through Panchayat Raj system - a cost effective approach

*K.C. Joshi¹, R. Rathore¹, J. de Chollet², J. Kaur¹, M. Khichi¹, V. Sharma¹, M. Sharma¹,
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WEPE0434 Community workers to generate awareness about HIV/AIDS in rural India: an intervention study

*C. Lahariya, M. Sharma, S.K. Sharma, N. Gaur, A. Chaturvedi, R. Singh, C. Bhattacharyya
India*

PE0439-0461 Interventions addressing vulnerabilities to HIV and AIDS

WEPE0440 Working with bridge populations: PSI's experience in India

*n. vachani, N. Krishnan
India*

WEPE0446 Addressing violence against female sex workers in the context of HIV prevention programming: experience from Karnataka, South India

*v. gurnani, B. Mallika, S. Issac, B.M. Ramesh, S. Moses, P. Bhattacharjee, S. Maddur, H.L. Mohan
India*

WEPE0447 Women's empowerment as a long term vaccine against HIV

*A. Malviya
India*

WEPE0452 Prevention of STI and HIV- for the people and by the people: findings from a village based intervention study in Western Maharashtra, India

*L. Garda, M. Alexander
India*

WEPE0453 No more a guy thing - expanding the access of female condoms among the sex workers for the prevention project

*S. Das, K. Lakshmi
India*

WEPE0459 Barebacking: in the age of AIDS, the cultural (MIS) trust among MSM in middle class India

*A. Lahiri
India*

WEPE0461 **Building self-esteem of female sex workers (FSWs) and moving to collective action: experiences from Karnataka, South India**

M. Harnalli Lakkappa¹, R. B.M.¹, S. Moses², B. Gilligan¹, R. Rao¹, A. Kumar Das¹, P. Shetty¹, M. Biddappa¹, P. Vinayak Sharma¹, U. H1
1India, 2Canada

PE0462-0580 Prevention programmes for youth and Adolescents

WEPE0481 **Barber's shops are good and cost effective HIV/AIDS information center**

A. Gupta, V. Sisodia, S. Singh
India

WEPE0504 **ICT tools help create 'safe and acceptable' dialogue spaces to engage college youth in 'sex-related' HIV/AIDS preventive education in the Indian context**

S. Gambhir, M. Theodore Kamala Doss, A.G.Shankar, L. Jagannathan
India

WEPE0556 **Mobile phone games to create HIV/AIDS awareness in Asia and Africa**

S. Quraishi¹, M. Besuijen²
1India, 2Netherlands

WEPE0578 **Strategy to mobilize youths to become change agents in HIV/AIDS prevention**

P. Sahu
India

Track D > Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences

PE0581-0798 Sexual Cultures and Meanings

WEPE0655 **Innovative and simple tools in Indian languages to enhance service delivery to orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in community setting of rural India**

L.T. Cunningham, V.R. Kandula, J. Vajpayee,
V. Inamdar, M. Jones
India

WEPE0679 **Comparative analysis of two differentiated training and sensitization methodologies of local and national mass media personnel in two vulnerable countries of Nepal and Bangladesh in Asia**

R. Venkataraman, R. Dev, S. Dev
India

WEPE0681 **The red ribbon express: uniting India against AIDS**

S. Mukherji, M. Agrawal, U. Kochhar
India

WEPE0708 **Social hierarchy, community norms, and HIV risk among Hijra (transwomen) communities in India**

V. Chakrapani¹, H. Mhaprolkar¹, P.A. Newman², V.R. Anand¹, A.R. Kavi¹
1India, 2Canada

WEPE0709 **A noble intervention to reduce HIV vulnerability among transgender adolescent and youth in and around Kolkata, India**

S. Ghosh, India

WEPE0714 **Factors influencing STI service uptake by male-to-female transgenders at government clinics in Chennai, India**

P. Saravanamurthy, L. Ramakrishnan, M.Narayanaswamy, G. Ashok, K. Kalaiarasi, P. Kalpana, D. Dineshkumar, S.S. Raghavan, S.Sahu,
India

WEPE0717 **Sexual risk practices by sexual identity among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Bangalore, India**

A. Phillips¹, M.-C. Boily¹, C.M. Lowndes¹, K.Gurav², B. Ramesh², J. Anthony², R. Watts²,
G. Garnett¹, S. Moses³, M. Alary³
1United Kingdom, 2India, 3Canada

WEPE0720 Reaching male and transgender sexworker communities in Pakistan: addressing public and private identities

M. Collumbien¹, N. Jaafry², A. Qureshi², R.Verma³
1United Kingdom, 2Pakistan, 3India

WEPE0726 Declining assertion of sexuality: a look at the 'unnatural offences' in India

J.K. Bollineni *India*

WEPE0732 Coming together to address HIV: network development as an empowerment model for sexual minority groups

A. Melendez Salgado¹, S. Silmula², V. Anand²,S. Mehta², A. Bondurant³
1United Kingdom, 2India, 3Thailand

WEPE0745 Contextual influences on condom use among men who have sex with men (MSM) in India

V. Chakrapani¹, H. Mhaprolkar¹, P.A.Newman², V.R. Anand¹, A.R. Kavi¹
1India, 2Canada

WEPE0751 Vulnerability to HIV/STI among MSM and transgender populations in India – implications for AIDS prevention research

V. Sharma Mahendra¹, R. Verma¹, S. Singh², S. Kapoor¹, M. Prakasamma¹, S. Talwar¹, A.K. Srikrishnan¹, M. Collumbien³
1India, 2United States, 3United Kingdom

WEPE0752 Psychosocial and demographic predictors of HIV risk and HIV infection in men who have sex with men (MSM) in Chennai, India

B. Thomas¹, M. Mimiaga², S. Menon¹, M.Periyasamy¹, C. Vedachalam¹, K. Mayer², S. Swaminathan¹, S. Safren²
1India, 2United States

WEPE0754 A study on sexually transmitted infections among HIV-infected men who have sex with men in AP State

R.B. Rayapu, A.R. Kaja, R. Anand, B.S. Rani,R. Sarath Babu, S. Ramola
India

WEPE0758 From the front line - The impact of social, legal and judicial impediments to sexual health promotion, care and support for males who have sex with males in Bangladesh and India – A study conducted under the aegis of Naz Foundation International

A. Bondyopadhyay, S. Khan
India

WEPE0762 Widespread myths about male homosexuality leading to greater stigma and discrimination

A. Joshi, R. Dhillon
India

WEPE0769 Abstinence, monogamy, and multiplepartner sexual practices among ART patients receiving care at different centers in Chennai, India

A. Batavia¹, A. Srikrishnan², S. Babu², M.Margaret², K.H. Mayer¹, S. Solomon²
1United States, 2India

WEPE0793 My shobhanam (wedding-night): drivers into sex work and their impact on sex workers' vulnerability to HIV, stigma and violence, Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh), India

D. Mahla¹, S. Kambou², A. Mukherjee¹, S.Kandikonda¹
1India, 2United States

PE0799-0925 Youth and Children

WEPE0803 National women's forum: a model to address rights and issues of women living with HIV/AIDS (WLHA) and children

*J. Goswami, D. Patel, A. Kurian, S. Sokhi, D. Tanuka
India*

WEPE0820 Social and cultural reactions to AIDS awareness programmes among young women in Gujarat

*S. Srivastava, R. Nair, M. Gandhi, I. Kohli, J. Thomas
India*

WEPE0823 Effectiveness of short educational interventions in increasing level of HIV awareness among rural adolescent girls in Rajasthan, India

*I. Trivedi¹, K.C. Joshi², D. Levine¹
¹United States, ²India*

WEPE0833 Sensitizing women in India through cooking

*P. Joshi, R. Nair, M. Gandhi, S. Srivastava, A. Purohit
India*

WEPE0840 Reducing vulnerability of adolescent boys and girls to unprotected sex in a community setting in India

*R.S. Goyal
India*

WEPE0851 Take the lead ACT NOW – an initiative of adolescent street and slum girls to fight against HIV and AIDS

*B. Senapati
India*

WEPE0856 Adolescent street girl children's knowledge, attitude and practices on sexual health and sexuality

*A. Menon
India*

WEPE0868 Need for promoting intergenerational communication between youth and parents – implications for HIV prevention programmes for youth

*V. Sharma Mahendra, S. Pradhan, S. Swain, A. Nanda, S. Patnayak, S. Panda, R. Prasad
India*

WEPE0879 Innovative use of short film to address gaps in knowledge among young people, Chennai, Tamilnadu

*M. Sampath, R. Jeevanandham, B. Nithya, P. Oyyavandhan
India*

WEPE0882 The right to celebrate life - a replicable curriculum for young people

*E. Pereira, M. Mascarenhas, S. Mathew, S. K.J. Varghese
India*

WEPE0883 Same sex practices among young men in rural India - implications for Programmes

*A.K. Singh, V.S. Mahendra, R.K. Verma, S.S. Das, A. Nura
India*

WEPE0894 Reproductive and sexual health vis-à-vis HIV/AIDS: an immediate need of IDUs and young people in Manipur

*I. Haobam
India*

WEPE0897 Youth see, youth don't do: consistent condom use and recall of HIV/AIDS related mass media messaging among youth in Delhi, India

*D. Nambiar¹, P. Dasgupta Mazumdar²
1United States, 2India*

WEPE0909 Shift in sexual behavior among unmarried male college students of Maharashtra, India: need action now to tackle this worrisome trend

*J.K. Basu, A. Joy, N.J. Rathod
India*

WEPE0912 Adolescence, sexuality and HIV in India: a structural perspective

*E. D'Souza¹, L. Menezes², S.L. Amin³, J. Sinnott²
1New Zealand, 2United States, 3India*

WEPE0919 Adolescents' health seeking behavior and its implication on HIV/AIDS prevention in urban India

*R. Taiju, R. Mehta
India*

WEPE0925 Need for sex education in schools – an opinion survey among college students

*D. Daisy Yesudas, J. Sreedharan, J.Muttappillymyalil
India*

**Track E > Policy and Political Sciences
PE0926-0971 Human Rights and the Law**

WEPE0933 ArtMoves: the "first step" towards an international human-rights based artists' partnership on HIV/AIDS

*D. Nambiar¹, R. Varma², D. Gere¹
1United States, 2India*

WEPE0934 Section 377 of Indian penal code: an impediment towards HIV/AIDS prevention

*U. Anderwar, A. Rowkavi, V. Anand
India*

WEPE0962 Caught for transmission: legal and public health issues

*L. Misquith
India*

WEPE0971 Empowering children affected by HIV

*K. Bhardwaj
India*

PE0972-1052 Issue Based Policy

WEPE0974 Urgent need to strengthen health care system in private sector to adopt ethical practices for HIV testing to ensure universal access to HIV prevention and treatment in Mumbai

*A. Bamne, M. Khetarpal, S. Sarma
India*

WEPE0989 Fulcrum for prevention: empowering positive sex workers

*A.V. Rego, A. Eshwarlal
India*

WEPE1003 Analysis of prevailing HIV testing policy, principles and actual practice in Asia Pacific region

*M. Ganesan, C. Thangsing
India*

WEPE1020 Workplace policy in the NGO world- an assessment from South India

A.K. Srikrishnan¹, S. Akhtar¹, W. Koster², Y. Fleming²
1India, 2Netherlands

WEPE1031 Success of combined health care providers training programme on HIV/AIDS in health systems in medical institutions and in tertiary care hospitals

R. Ravikumar, R. Washington, M.Bhakthavatsalam, J. Shankar, J. Jangay, M.Khizer, Teaching and Non Teaching Staff VIMS Bellary
India

WEPE1037 Reaching margins: tapping potential for mainstreaming through government departments and support units

A.V. Rego, S. Chakraborty, K. Singh
India

WEPE1038 Prevention, care and support interventions at workplaces - issues and challenges

A. Palve, S.M. Afsar, N. Borges
India

WEPE1041 Effects of developing guidelines and protocols in the existing services of secondary health care facilities

E. Dutta, R. Khuma, R. Lalthanmawia, S.Abraham, V. Aruldas
India

WEPE1045 Using drama for advocacy: need for sex education in schools in Chennai, Tamilnadu

B. Nithya, R. Jeevanandham, M. Sampath, P.Oyyavandhan
India

PE1053-1081 Policy Evaluation

WEPE1055 Projecting second-line antiretroviral therapy need for policy and programming in India with a simple tool

P. Chan, B. Rewari, P. Srikantiah, D. Bachani
India

WEPE1057 An assessment study of counseling and testing centers

E. Christudoss, A. Pandian
India

WEPE1064 Advocating sex education in Indian schools

M.E. Rafique
India

WEPE1065 Research study to introduce policy reform to address the injecting drug use driven HIV/AIDS

R. Kumar
India

WEPE1066 Increased social capital through frontier prevention programme in two regions of Andhra Pradesh

S. Panyam, S. Punyam, C.D. Zoysa, J.Vunnava
India

WEPE1073 Around the world with an HIV test..!!

R. Jasani, L. Misquith
India

PE1082-11 06 Prisons, Military and the Police

WEPE1083 Sensitizing police forces through community-led training and advocacy in Tamil Nadu, India

S. Sahu, D. Thanikachalam, V. Palani, A.Sathyanarayanan, S. Gooty, India

WEPE1092 **Police as key partners for effective HIV/ AIDS prevention in India**
M. Mishra, B. Gangaiah, S. Subhramaniam, A. Sinha, J. Ruangmai, V. Chanda
India

WEPE1093 **Uniformed wives: addressing HIV prevention and care needs of an invisible at risk population**
W. Singh
India

WEPE1096 **"Advocates and actors" against AIDS – role of police in HIV prevention**
S. Jadav, R. Dwivedi
India

Satellite Meetings

Wednesday 6 August

18:30-20:30
Organizer: National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)
WESAT13 India's Response to HIV and AIDS: Lessons Learnt
Venue: Session Room 6

Thursday 7 August

Concurrent Sessions 11:00-12:30

THAB01 Where are We with the Scale-Up of ARV's in Children?

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 5

Time: Thursday 7 August, 11 :00-12:30

Chairs: Fabienne Hejoaka, France

**Mutsawashe Bwakura-Dangarembizi,
Zimbabwe**

11:00

11:35

THAB0104 Scaling-up access to paediatric antiretroviral treatment: lessons from India

*M. Jadhav, T. Pensi, P. Chan, V. Purohit, P.Paithankar, B. Rewari, V. Brijlal, D. Bachani
India*

11:50

THSY04 Human Rights, HIV and Sex Work Policy

Symposia

Venue: Session Room 8

Time: Thursday 7 August, 11 :00-12:30

Chair: Cheryl Overs, Thailand

11:30

THSY0405 The view from the ground- the impact of raids and rescues on communities and on sex worker HIV programmes

M. Seshu, India

Thursday 7 August

Poster Discussions 13:00-14:00

THPDA1 Preclinical and Early Clinical Development of Microbicides

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 1

Time: Thursday 7 August, 1 3:00-14:00

Chair: Ian McGowan, United States

13:20

THPDA103 Evaluation of molecular mechanisms of mucosal immunity in the genital tract on exposure to NisCar gel

*S. Gupta, C. Aranha, K.V.R. Reddy
India*

THPDB1 ARV Policy and Delivery

Poster Discussion

Venue: Skills Building Room 9

Time: Thursday 7 August, 1 3:00-14:00

Chairs: Asia Russell, United States

Elizabeth Maadra, Uganda

13:35

THPDB108 Rational use of ARV medicines

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Thursday 7 August

Concurrent Sessions 14:30-16:00

THAD02 Mitigating HIV in the Workplace

Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 5

Time: Thursday 7 August, 1 4:30-16:00

Chairs: Steven Forsythe, United States

Neeraj Mistry, United States

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THAD0204 The impact of antiretroviral therapy on socio-economic outcomes of HIVinfected patients in Tamil Nadu Family Care Continuum programme (TNFCC), India

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PE0076-011 0 Natural History

THPE0076 Correlation of CD4 count and histopathological findings in mucocutaneous lesions of HIV/AIDS

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THPE0080 Papular pruritic eruptions (PPE) - marker of progressive HIV disease in children - experience from Eastern India

S. Bhattacharyya
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THPE0098 The strength of the correlation between total lymphocyte count and CD4+ lymphocyte count varies in diverse areas of the world

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PE0111 -0145 Understanding and Measuring Adherence

THPE0116 Improving adherence: treatment literacy and treatment support groups, a tool to improve adherence for people on ART in India

K. Nagarajan, J. Pavasa
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THPE0126 Barriers to long-term maintenance of HAART adherence and viral suppression in India

M.L. Ekstrand¹, S. Chandy², W.T. Steward¹, S.T. Panicker¹, T. Osmand¹, E. Heylen¹, G.Singh²
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THPE0127 Reducing lost to follow up of patients on ART – an experience from Tamil Nadu, India

M. Jagadeesan, P. Sriprya, E. Ramesh Kumar, S. Shanthi, S. Sahu
India

THPE0143 Factors associated with treatment default at an antiretroviral treatment center in South India

M. Jagadeesan, P. Sriprya, E. Ramesh Kumar, R. Ravikumar, G. Manoharan
India

THPE0159 Comparative study for incidence of hyperlactetemia/ lactic acidosis in stavudine vs. AZT based regime

A.R. Pazare, N. Khirsagar, N. Gogatay, S.Bajpai
India

THPE0198 Can efavirenz be used in HIV-infected patients with preceding severe cutaneous reactions to nevirapine?

B. Purandare, V. Purandare, D. Padhya, D.Kadam, A. Kakrani
India

Track C > Epidemiology, Prevention AND Prevention Research

PE0238-0247 Measuring new HIV infections

THPE0246 High rates of recent HIV-1 infections among male attendees of public STI clinics in Mumbai are associated with visits to commercial sex workers

H.-H.M. Truong¹, M. Mathur², S. Mungekar², J. Moncada¹, A. Hernandez¹, H. Jerajani², C. Lindan¹

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PE0248-0276 Prevention programmes to reduce HIV infections in infants

THPE0252 **Private sector involvement enhances scale and quality of PMTCT services in high-prevalence states of India**

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PE0277-0302 Prevention programmes addressing gender inequalities

THPE0277 **Mainstreaming gender in HIV/AIDS programme in rural Gujarat**

V. Rahevar, J. Upadhyay, A. Upadhyay, P. Patel, R. Bhattacharya
India

THPE0280 **Gender-specific participation in an HIV prevention services programme impacts**

HIV testing awareness and utilization in rural Maharashtra, India

M. Khale¹, G. Kulkarni¹, N. Kapadia-Kundu¹, R.C. Bollinger², A. Dyalchand¹, G. Sinha²
1India, 2United States

THPE0296 **Reaching women in households through innovative partnership with dabbawalas & media**

S. Velu, V. Shastri, S. Das, R. Das, P. Kumar, N. Dubey
India

THPE0300 **Women village panchayat leaders and stigma and discrimination in Tamilnadu**

S. Kayalvizhi
India

PE0303-0346 Prevention programmes for male and female sex workers

THPE0303 **Partner notification (PN) in a targeted STI control programme – best practices of Sonagachi project, Kolkata, India**

S. Jana, D. Chowdhury, A. Singh, P.L. Chan, S. Mukhopadhyay, R. Steen
India

THPE0304 **High HIV prevalence among male sex workers in Mysore, India – need for integrating care and support with prevention**

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THPE0314 **Can sex workers with low literacy be transformed into high-performing managers? The effective use of sex worker peers in Mumbai, India**

V. Ranebennur, S.S. Gaikwad, B. George
India

THPE0317 **Rolling out syphilis screening and treatment for sex workers and men who have sex with men in India**

P. Prabhakar, T. Wi, S. Kane, P. Turlapati, A. Das, P. Satalker, A. Singh, B. George, D. Tanuku, G. Dallabetta, Avahan State Lead Partners
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THPE0321 **Community's Health in community's hand**

G. Mukherjee, N. Bohidar
India

THPE0323 **Community based tracking for improved coverage and service delivery**

M. Ghosh
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THPE0324 Scaling up Magnet Theatre with sex workers in India

*B. Kumar Singh, N. Bandyopadhyay, T.Sellers, F. Porsingular
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THPE0328 Integrating syphilis screening and treatment within a targeted HIV prevention programme for female sex workers in India

*P. Kudur, R. Washington, S. Moses, K.Jayanna, S. Bhavimani
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THPE0329 Addressing vulnerabilities among sex workers through effective community mobilization strategies in India

*S. Jain, S.S. Gaikwad, R. Kumar, G. Nidhi
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THPE0336 Tools for monitoring outreach services in targeted intervention project for female sex workers

*J. Mishra
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THPE0337 Preventing HIV infection among women who move for sex work

*B. Gilligan, P.V. Sharma, M. Koujalagi, M.Shetye, P. Kalloli, G. Mane, S. Shetti, M.Badiger
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THPE0339 Empowering communities to address social justice through HIV interventions

*S. Karkal, S. Kumar, C. Gowda
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THPE0341 Incorporation of community microplanning tools into targeted HIV preventive interventions for groups in India at high risk for HIV

*S. Kumaran, M. N.R., A. Naved, R. Rao, S. Ghosh, S. Bharadwaj, R. Ranjan, P. Singh, S. Roy, L. Sripada, B. Dash, A. Singh, P. Bhatacharjee, J. Antony, S. Khumukcham
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THPE0344 Creating a safe space and setting up a STI clinic as a tool to reduce incidence of HIV and control of STIs among male sex workers in Mumbai

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Poster Exhibition

PE0347-0405 Prevention programmes for men who have sex with men (MSM)

THPE0357 A Jihad of the Heart a study with practicing Muslim MSMs to see impact of religious belief on them

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THPE0370 Dream to reality: a model HIV prevention, care, support and treatment program

*S. Abbasi, A. Row Kavi, S. Rangayan, N. Karani, V. Anand
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THPE0376 MSM in India: impressive positive changes in sexual behavior are reflected in reduced STI prevalence

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THPE0379 Client tracking sheet: a tool that helps to track MSM clients in Mumbai district, India for HIV/STI follow up services

B. Chouhan, G. Kumar, R. Japtap, V. Patil

India

THPE0394 **Exploring local religious traditions in terms of male to male sex in Hyderabad, India**

P.K. Gouthami, S.K. Pilli
India

THPE0397 **Sexual violence and stigma: a challenge for HIV prevention among MSM in Mysore**

S. Reza-Paul¹, R. Lorway², A. Pasha¹, J.Jinendra¹, M.P. Fathima¹
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THPE0398 **Support groups on outreach site act as a preventive tool to create awareness on HIV/AIDS among MSM in Mumbai, India**

S. Singh, S. Silmula, G. Kumar, H. Kambli
India

PE0406-0413 Prevention programmes for Transgenders

THPE0411 **Study of transgenders in Tamilnadu**

S.C. Prabakaran
India

PE0414-0435 Prevention programmes for immigrants, mobile and displaced populations
THPE0414 **HIV prevention among truck drivers in India: Apollo Tyres Limited's contribution to the national AIDS control initiatives**

R. Remy, V. Shankar, H. Pandey, S. Mukhopadhyay, R. Steen
India

THPE0424 **Using mobility as an advantage: HIV prevention in long distance truckers in India**

T. Vij, A. Bhalla, A. Purohit, I. Khan
India

PE0436-0458 Prevention programmes for people living with HIV

THPE0445 **Engaging men living with HIV as partners in positive prevention – making a difference' in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh India**

G. Venugopal, S. Seth, A. Singh, B.P. Singh, J. Vajpayee
India

THPE0446 **Strengthening MSM-PLHA network across the state to access services without discrimination**

P.K. Gouthami, S.K. Pilli
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PE0476-0512 Prevention programmes for the general Population

THPE0490 **"Be Bold Campaign" reduces stigma and increases HIV tests and service uptake by identified HIV+ people**

A. Kumar
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THPE0494 **Red Ribbon Express: a multi-sectoral initiative**

M. Agrawal, S. Mukherji, B. Ahmed
India

THPE0502 **Multilingual radio programme addresses HIV vulnerabilities in rural India**

M.K. Agrawal, R. Shukla, G. Bamezai, P.K.Sarkar
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THPE0509 Identifying preparedness and bringing HIV/AIDS education to the clinicians and people of District India

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**PE0513-0537 Integrating HIV prevention into reproductive health/STI programmes
THPE0513 Reproductive health practices and health seeking behaviour of female sex workers in Tamil Nadu**

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THPE0519 Avahan experience of scaling-up coverage, intensity, and scope of STI services for high-risk-groups in India

*T.E. Wi, S. Kane, A. Das, A.K. Singh, P. Satalkar, P. Prabhakar, L. Turlapati, B.George, D. Tanuku, G. Dallabetta
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THPE0520 The role of involving multiple stakeholders for integrating HIV and SRH services – experience from the PATH convergence project in India

*S.V. Masam, A. Saha, T. Sellers, S. Acharya
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THPE0522 Provider stigma acts as a barrier for access to sexual and reproductive health services for sex workers in India: an exploratory study

*A. Saha, T. Sellers, I. Rani, S. Pongurlekar
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THPE0527 Hidden costs of services: prices female sex workers pay for accessing reproductive and health services – an exploratory study from India

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THPE0534 Policy advocacy experience in South Asia to converge HIV and sexual and reproductive health interventions

*S. Kandathil Sebastian
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PE0538-0558 Integrating HIV prevention and care and treatment programmes

THPE0552 The lakshya HIV campaign: involving PLHIV in community-based responses for prevention, care and support - a case study conducted by the YMCA in the Nagpur district, India

*P. Borges, Lakshya HIV Campaign Group
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THPE0553 Addressing HIV prevention and Islam in the Mewat region of Rajasthan, India

*S. Bhatnagar
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THPE0554 Breaking new ground, setting new signposts - a community-based care and support model for injecting drug users (IDU) living with HIV: the alliance-SASO experience in Manipur, India

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THPE0556 Introducing ART in sexual and reproductive health settings: a burden to existing infrastructures or a real opportunity?

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PE0559-0578 Integration of HIV prevention programmes and other health programmes

THPE0564 Beyond HIV prevention: suicidal behaviour amongst female sex workers in Goa, India

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THPE0575 Increased antenatal HIV testing among rural pregnant women: six-month follow-up of a community-based HIV prevention services programme in rural Maharashtra, India

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THPE0576 Oral health and HIV & AIDS – systems strengthening in a resource constrained setting - India

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**Track D > Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences
PE0579-0634 Faith Communities**

THPE0595 Implementation successes and challenges in equipping faith leaders to address stigma and to implement responses to HIV and AIDS in Imphal and Aizawl in North East India

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PE0635-0938 Living with HIV

THPE0647 Fear and hope – learning from the lives of others – case histories of 13 PLHIV in Orissa, India

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THPE0668 Village health club - a rural partnership

*E. Christudoss, M. Periasamy, S. Palani, A.Pandian
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THPE0674 Replicable self-sustaining model of services by the affected for the affected

*M. Thomas, A. Sheema, P. Kumar
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THPE0686 A matrimonial service for people living with HIV in India

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THPE0719 "If we are very quiet, we are not assisting them": caregiver views of access and adherence among children on pediatric antiretroviral treatment in Kenya

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THPE0732 Avoiding disclosure of HIV status results leads to greater isolation and depression among HIV-infected individuals in Southern India

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THPE0747 Gender differences, predictors and correlates of self, experienced and perceived HIV/AIDS stigma reported by people living with HIV/AIDS in Chennai, India

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THPE0754 Vulnerability of rural women to HIV/ AIDS in Rajasthan, India

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THPE0772 Perception of HIV, perceived vulnerability and behavioural intentions towards people living with HIV AIDS (PLHA)

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THPE0779 Gender and HIV: multifaceted stigma against women living with HIV in India

S. Dawa
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THPE0800 Positive migrant workers in garments live in shadow

R. Periyar, *Migrants, General Public*
India

THPE0802 Reducing stigma and discrimination to PLWHA in India: evidences from community based interventions

S.K. Singh, A. Malviya, S. Verma, Vijay Lakshmi Singh, Upahar Pramanik
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THPE0812 Effect of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) on quality of life and coping styles of HIV-1 positive individuals from South India

K. Gopukumar, S. Rukmini
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THPE0820 Quality of life among individuals with HIV starting antiretroviral therapy in diverse resource-limited areas of the world

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THPE0824 The development and correlates of a novel functional health literacy questionnaire for HIV-infected patients taking antiretroviral medications in South India - initial findings

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THPE0847 Effect of pre-existing malnutrition on growth and immunological parameters in HIV-infected children starting on antiretroviral therapy

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THPE0852 Innovation using cable radio at treatment facility to improve ART adherence for HIV positive patients, Tamilnadu

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THPE0866 Psychosocial impact on infected and affected children in the Tamil Nadu Family Continuum Care (TNFCC) programme in India

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THPE0873 Psychosocial support to women with HIV - an innovative approach from South India

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THPE0886 Mother's voices (Thaiyin Kural): quality of life of persons living with HIV receiving integrated psychological and ART support services

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THPE0890 Impact of stigma on self-identity, self-esteem and well-being of HIV positive individuals

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THPE0898 Predictors of well being in HIV-infected people - a study in Indian setting

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THPE0912 "We never say this in front of the patient directly": passive testing and indirect disclosure of HIV test results in high prevalence settings in India

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Track E > Policy and Political Sciences

PE0939-0968 Donors, Funding and Resource Allocation

THPE0953 Continuum of care for PLHIVs through coordination and collaborative partnerships: lessons from Karnataka, South India

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PE0969-0975 Sustainability and Development

THPE0969 Improving financial systems of grassroot level NGOs/CBOs through training and mentorship

B. Joseph, S. Shoba, R. Saravanan, J. SreeVidya, J. Fredrick, G. Oleti, S. Sahu
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THPE0973 Corporate giving as a tool for entry point activity for HIV/AIDS workplace interventions

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THPE1025 Using narratives, pro-active messages and symbols to communicate community empowerment and advocate for policy change through the media

A. Pai, D.V. Kumar
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PE1038-1043 Religion

THPE1042 Ideology matters: a framework for church policy on HIV/AIDS

V. Aruldas, S. Abraham, T. Ninan
India

PE1044-1083 Stigma and Discrimination

THPE1047 To better serve the needs of HIV Positive, implementing Group Health Insurance Scheme through Private Life Insurance Company for the first time in India

A. Bhanot, D. Sen, S. Chaganti, R. Subbiah, V. Menon, A. Ramaiah
India

PE1084-111 3 PLWA Protection and Empowerment THPE1084 Self-regulatory boards (SRBs) – an innovative and effective anti-trafficking initiative of DMSC, sex workers organization of West Bengal, India

D. Chowdhury, B. Dey, S. Jana, S. Mukhopadhyay, R. Steen
India

THPE1096 Non-formal education and income generation programmes strengthen HIV prevention in male-to-female transgender community groups in rural India

A. Sarkar, J. Sk, L. Ramakrishnan, M.Mohanty, P. Dhall
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**THPE1099 Grievance Redressal Center for PLHA (GRCP): a nationwide initiative of AIDS
Healthcare Foundation India Cares**

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Friday 8 August **Plenary Session**

FRPL02 Rapporteur Session

Plenary

Venue: Session Room 1

Time: Friday 8 August, 11 :00-13:00

Chair: Craig McClure, Canada

11:00

FRPL0201 Rapporteur Track A

G. Silvestri, United States

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FRPL0202 Rapporteur Track B

M. Vitoria, Switzerland

11:30

FRPL0203 Rapporteur Track C

P. Sullivan, United States

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FRPL0204 Rapporteur Track D

C.F. Cáceres, Peru

12:00

FRPL0205 Rapporteur Track E

M. Dhaliwal, India

12:15

FRPL0206 Rapporteur Leadership Programme

N. Geffen, South Africa

12:30

FRPL0207 Rapporteur Community Programme

T. Sellers, India

12:45

FRPL0208 Rapporteur Programme Activities

Rapporteurs to be announced in the

Programme Supplement

APPENDIX: **Conference Programme Overview**

Daily plenary sessions

The world's foremost researchers, community leaders and policy specialists will give plenary presentations during the conference. These presentations bring together all conference delegates during the first session of the morning in session room 1. The sessions are designed to explore critical issues and next steps in the global response to HIV. Plenary presentations will reflect the many facets of the conference theme, "Universal Action Now". The Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture will take place during the plenary session on Tuesday 5 August.

Special sessions

Some of the world's political leaders, international AIDS Ambassadors, key community leaders and HIV specialists will give presentations during the lunchtime. These 90-minute sessions are highly engaging for all delegates. Examples of special sessions include: *Strengthening Health Systems Through the AIDS Response*; *Global Financial Architecture*; *War and Peace Between Microbes: Co Pathogens as Determinants of HIV and Faith in Action on the Margins*.

Abstract driven sessions

Almost 11,000 abstracts were submitted to AIDS 2008. Each abstract was scanned to determine originality and scored by a panel of reviewers. The highest-scoring abstracts were ultimately selected for the conference programme by the Scientific Programme and Track Committees. The abstract driven component of the conference offers the highest calibre of state of-the-art knowledge and peer-reviewed research. Abstracts will be presented by scientists, activists, policy makers, people living with HIV/AIDS and others working in the field.

The abstract driven sessions are either specific to one of the five tracks (A-E), or involve abstracts from different tracks but focusing on one of the six cross-cutting themes (see below) with relevance across the tracks. The scope and objectives of the five scientific tracks are:

Track A: Biology and Pathogenesis of HIV

This track encompasses aspects of fundamental HIV-1 biology and the host response to HIV-1 infection. Areas of focus include HIV-1 genetics, evolution, structure and function, the pathogenesis of HIV-1 disease, adaptive and innate immune responses to HIV-1, genetic susceptibility to HIV, and progress in animal models. Preclinical vaccine, microbicide and drug development are important themes of this track.

Track B: Clinical Research, Treatment and Care

A priority for the focus of this track is innovative research on new diagnostic and monitoring tools and the provision of care in resource-limited settings. There is a particular emphasis on the outcome evaluation of ARV programmes and models of ARV delivery at national, regional and local level and their impact on and integration with other health services. Approaches to the care, support and treatment of specific populations such as infants, children and adolescents and pregnant women are also prioritised. The latest research findings on the diagnosis, natural history and management of HIV infection receive high priority and these include; antiviral therapy, diagnosis and treatment of opportunistic infections, co-infection and other non-AIDS related co-morbidities. Important aspects of antiretroviral therapy include: new drugs, pharmacokinetics and drug interactions, adherence, adverse events and drug resistance.

Track C: Epidemiology, Prevention and Prevention Research

This track focuses on issues related to understanding the epidemic and to the design, implementation and evaluation of HIV prevention interventions and programmes, and discusses approaches to accelerate efforts to reduce new HIV infections and HIV-related mortality. Areas of focus include methods, both quantitative and qualitative, to assess HIV vulnerability and risk and to better understand and track epidemics, and the application of such methods for improving interventions, programmes and policies for HIV prevention and control.

This track highlights the evaluation (including impact evaluation) of interventions individually and in combination. The introduction of new prevention approaches, such as male circumcision, and the potential contribution to prevention of other interventions, such as antiretroviral therapy, discussed. Best practices in the prevention of HIV for vulnerable populations - especially in resource limited settings - is emphasized. Of particular interest are analyses of programme

approaches to scaling up HIV prevention interventions and programmes and associated assessments of coverage and impact. Sessions in this track encompass the full continuum of prevention research from socio-behavioural research through intervention trials and evaluation studies. Strategies to increase HIV prevention capacity and sustainability, approaches to translate prevention research into practice and efforts to promote preparedness for new prevention technologies, such as microbicides, are also discussed.

Track D: Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences

Within the multiple disciplinary perspectives in the social, behavioural and economic sciences, this track encompasses four core areas along with the crosscutting perspectives common to the whole conference. The first core area focuses on the drivers of the epidemic, including poverty, sexuality, drug use, gender relations and globalization, and how these drivers impact on vulnerability and risk. This first core area is also concerned with the relationships between HIV/AIDS and broader issues such as war, violence and security, intergenerational issues, labour and trade relations, social movements. In its second core area, the track addresses the impact of disease and the pandemic with the goal of understanding and mitigating these impacts. The third core area examines how the fight against the HIV epidemic affects global health, health systems functioning and financing, as well as economic growth and human development and how resources (financial, technical, educational and human) are allocated to and within the fight against the epidemic. This third core area is also concerned with the relationship between HIV/AIDS and global inequalities, social justice, and health disparities (including such groups as women/girls, migrants, indigenous populations and prisoners). In these three core areas, sessions examine economic, social and political determinants at all levels--individual, family, community, national, and global. The fourth core area considers advances in HIV-related theory with a particular emphasis on theories of sexuality, gender, equity, as well as social and economic change.

Track E: Policy & Political Sciences

This track invites a wide diversity of approaches to the broad questions of policy, politics and international relations. This can range from questions of globalization, global inequalities, macroeconomic and social policies on the epidemic to on the ground implementation and access, including the relationship between evidence, policy and funding. The track highlights progress and lessons learned in HIV/AIDS-related policy and advocacy. Among the topics debated are the role of advocacy in shaping policy, the central role of human rights and ethics in the response to HIV/AIDS, and the role of law, regulation, and codes of practice.

Cross Cutting Themes

In the scientific vision for AIDS 2008 six cross-cutting themes have been identified, with relevance across the five tracks. These cross-cutting themes have helped to structure the abstract-driven programme of the conference and will serve as a basis for interdisciplinary sessions conveying presentations from various tracks and disciplines on relevant issues:

- **Globalization & HIV/AIDS:** how, in a world with borders, globalization and global inequalities affect the response to the epidemic, and how this response can best contribute to increasing the benefits and reducing the drawbacks of globalization.

- **Science & Technology:** how to transfer to the field and increase worldwide access to recent biomedical advances, technological innovations and improvements in public health policies in HIV prevention, treatment and support.

- **Health Systems Strengthening & Integration:** how to strengthen broad-based health systems and integrate HIV interventions to deliver the necessary services to those in greatest need; and how HIV-targeted programmes can reciprocally contribute to health systems strengthening and global health?

- **Stigma, Discrimination & Social Justice:**

How to combat stigma and discrimination against PLHIV and groups more exposed to the risks of HIV infection, and to overcome existing barriers in access to HIV care and prevention, with a special interest in approaches that incorporate these goals within a social justice framework.

- **«Do the Right Thing» and Evidence-informed**

Policies & Programmes:

How to guarantee that public policies and interventions by all concerned partners are based on the best available evidence and on established good practices at the global, national and local levels.

- **Tracking Progress & Accountability:** how to track the progress that has been made in the response, as well as the remaining gaps and limitations, in order to increase accountability of all partners towards the communities most affected by the epidemic.

Oral abstract sessions

The majority of sessions at AIDS 2008 will be oral abstract sessions presenting the findings of peer-reviewed research. These oral abstract sessions have been organized by the five scientific programme tracks and focus on new developments in these areas. Each session will include a number of speakers who will each make a ten minute presentation, followed by a short discussion. Audience questions will be encouraged and facilitated by the session chairperson. Oral abstract sessions will take place daily, from Monday to Thursday between 11:00 to 12:30, 14:30 to 16:00 and 16:30 to 18:00. Selected late breaker abstracts will be presented on Thursday 7 August. These are abstracts which feature important "late breaking" research results. Each presentation will last seven minutes, with three minutes per abstract allocated for questions. Detailed information about the abstracts to be presented as late breakers can be found in the Programme Supplement.

Poster discussions

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A small number of the highest-scoring posters in each track have been selected for oral presentation in chaired poster discussion sessions in dedicated session rooms. There are between four and six posters per session; each will have five minutes for presentation followed by a facilitated audience discussion. Poster discussions are scheduled daily, from Monday to Thursday, from 13:00 to 14:00. The posters will be displayed for viewing for the duration of the conference, between 10:30 and 18:30 in the Palacio de la Canal - Ground level.

Poster exhibition and viewing sessions

The Scientific Programme Committee has also selected some abstracts for presentations in large poster format. The poster exhibition will cover a wide variety of topics organized by the five scientific programme tracks. A different group of posters will be displayed each day, Monday to Thursday, from 10:30 to 18:30. Presenters will be at their posters between 12:30 to 14:30 to answer questions and provide further information on their study results.

Delegates will be able to search for full abstracts at designed terminals located in the poster exhibition area. Please look for the FAST signs (Full Abstract Search Terminals).

Non-abstract driven sessions

With the goal of developing strategies and ideas to accelerate the response to the epidemic, AIDS 2008 will feature several other types of concurrent sessions that will bring conference delegates together for frank discussions about the most compelling and often most challenging issues confronting the global response to AIDS. These sessions have been developed by the three programme committees with stakeholder input. These sessions will take place from Monday to Thursday, parallel to the abstract driven sessions between 11:00 to 12:30, 14:30 to 16:00 and 16:30 to 18:00.

Symposia

These participative and practical sessions will deal with critical issues that defy simple solutions. Focusing on a single, clearly defined issue, speakers and delegates will share experiences, contribute relevant research findings and brainstorm ideas to identify possible ways forward. Sessions will also report new findings and announce forthcoming research and new initiatives. Examples of symposia sessions include: *Criminalization: Why, Where and What are the Alternatives?*; *HIV Drug Resistance*; *Innovations in Human Resources for Health for HIV*; and *New Frontiers in HIV Prevention Sciences*.

Bridging sessions

These sessions will connect the three conference programme areas of science, community and leadership to provide an opportunity for multi-disciplinary, multi-perspective dialogues on topics of common interest. Through moderated panel discussions, speakers will share knowledge and perspectives on the issue at hand. Together with contributions and ideas from delegates, panel members will be encouraged to find linkages and synergies between their different areas of expertise and look for practical ways to move forward. Speakers have been drawn from a diverse set of stakeholders involved in the response to AIDS, including representatives of community, science, leadership, research, human rights, people living with HIV/AIDS, youth, government, policy-makers, pharmaceutical, faith, medicine and others. Examples of bridging sessions include: *Political Crises, Sexual Violence and HIV*; *Male Circumcision and HIV: To Cut or Not to Cut*; *Food Security, Nutrition and HIV*; and *Globalization, Development and Free Trade Agreements*.

Skills building workshops

The Skills Building Workshops are a unique component of the conference, spanning the community, leadership and scientific programme. Its purpose is to offer workshops covering a diverse range of topics with the principle aim of providing a stage for teaching specific skills or strategies to specific audiences that can then be applied within their own work or life settings once they return home. The programme helps stimulate new and stronger partnerships for problem-solving related to the many different HIV-related needs. Participants will share vital expertise with colleagues from other regions of the world to help overcome the many barriers to care, prevention and management of the epidemic, they will also build personal networks which will lead to effective planning and implementation of HIV/AIDS policies and programmes.

Delegates should be at the door of each workshop 30 minutes before it starts, as seats will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis. There are over 80 skills building workshops offered at AIDS 2008. Each workshop incorporates one or more of the following categories:

- Scaling up and Linkages
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Lessons shared from a concentrated epidemic
- Leadership, Advocacy and Policy
- Intensifying Involvement of Affected Communities and Participation of Civil Societies
- Science, Medicine and Community Skills building workshops are scheduled daily, from Monday to Thursday, from 11:00 to 12:30, 14:30 to 16:00 and 16:30 to 18:00.

The WALL

The Way to Accessible Learning and Living ("**the WALL**") is your place to find and exchange practical skills and ideas most needed today in the fight the AIDS pandemic. It is a service of the skills building programme for all delegates of the XVII International AIDS Conference to put learning into action. If you have a skill or expertise in a specific area and want to help others or if you need help in a particular skill area, post a message on the WALL. The virtual WALL has been accessible through the conference website a few weeks before the conference. In addition to listing the skill you have or skill you need, postings will include an easy way to meet during the conference and some optional personal information about you. More information can be found at www.aids2008.org/thewall. During the conference, you will find a physical WALL as well as terminals for access to the virtual WALL.

Programme Activities

AIDS 2008 features a set of programme activities to build bridges between the science, community and leadership programmes and to generate action and commitment from conference delegates and members of the public. The three programme activities for AIDS 2008 include:

- i. The Global Village
- ii. The Cultural Programme
- iii. The Youth Programme

i. Global Village

Universal Action Now

The AIDS 2008 Global Village provides a space to share knowledge and skills, build coalitions, and promote interactive learning among communities living with and affected by HIV/ AIDS, policymakers, researchers and other stakeholder groups. It is an interactive and participatory community focused space that aims to strengthen the overall theme of the conference: *Universal Action Now*. Global Village activities include panel discussions and debates on cutting-edge issues in HIV/AIDS; networking zones focusing on priority populations, issues and geographic regions; daily Meet the Plenary Speakers sessions; cultural activities and performances; NGO and marketplace booths; and small meeting rooms to enhance opportunities for collaboration and networking. Additional information about Global Village activities can be found on the conference website at www.aids2008.org/programmeactivities.

Location

The Global Village area covers 8,000 square meters and is located in the infield of the Las Americas, which is adjacent to Centro Banamex. Entrance is beside the registration point for delegates entering the conference. Entry points are also located next to the catering area. No registration is required to enter the Global Village and admission is free of charge.

Opening/Closing Times:

Sunday 3 August: 11:00-22:00

Monday 4 August – Thursday 7 August: 8:30-20:30
Friday 8 August: Closed

ii. Cultural Programme

Cultura en Acción

The AIDS 2008 Cultural Activities Programme - *Cultura en Acción*

- provides opportunities for educators, artists, professional and amateur performers and community members from across the globe to share their methods and tools for communication, education and action for change. A core goal of the cultural programme is to highlight the role that artists and cultural activists have played in social change related to the HIV epidemic. The programme also aims to emphasize the human, social and cultural aspects of the international responses to HIV/AIDS in all regions of the world, with a special emphasis on Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean. The programme includes visual arts, literature, film and video, performance art and other innovative mediums of expression.

Activities take place in the Global Village and inside Centro Banamex. A more extensive programme of affiliated events is planned for offsite venues around Mexico City to link the community with the conference. Additional information about cultural activities can be found on the conference website at www.aids2008.org.

iii. Youth Programme

The AIDS 2008 Youth Programme is an opportunity to empower young people, advocate for current and critical issues affecting youth worldwide, and further pinpoint current strategies for effective change. In addition, the youth programme focuses on young people living with HIV and other marginalized groups through targeted outreach to HIV-positive youth serving organizations as well as international networks and groups. This year there is a new component for young scientists participating in the conference which will engage activists, and encourage youth from many different fields to get involved. Young people have been involved in the planning of AIDS 2008 at all levels and will be helping in the implementation as well. The International AIDS Conference is an example of how youth participation can contribute importantly to the success of a big strategy. However, in many instances youth continue to be left out of interventions affecting their lives. It is necessary to engage, encourage, and acknowledge youth as assets in the response against the HIV epidemic. We need 'Universal Action Now' from and for young people.

The Youth Programme has an important partnership with the Mexico Youth Force, a coalition of youth-driven and youth-supported NGOs including among others: Advocates for Youth, Ave de Mexico, Coalición de Jóvenes por la Salud Sexual, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Taking IT Global, UNFPA, The World AIDS Campaign and the Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights. This is the fourth time the Youth Force has greatly contributed to the success of the Youth Programme.

AIDS 2008 Youth Website

Delegates can find the latest information about activities for the AIDS 2008 Youth Programme and Mexico Youth Force at www.youthaids2008.org. Using this interactive website youth delegates can network and connect, learn from those who have attended past International AIDS Conferences, receive an orientation to AIDS 2008, get help navigating conferences, learn tips on how to prepare for their presentations, find practical information about visiting Mexico, and more. The website was built with the support of Taking IT Global.

Youth Pocketbook Guide to Navigating International AIDS Conferences

All young delegates can get their own copy of the Youth Pocketbook Guide at the Youth Pavilion. The pocketbook was created to support young people's efforts at the conference to raise and influence important issues that affect their lives and the lives of peers and communities. The pocketbook provides information on how to get the most of your time at AIDS 2008 and future International AIDS Conferences. This includes background information, advocacy and networking strategies, young people's personal experiences, travel information and much more. Pick up a copy in the Youth Pavilion within the Global Village, or download a copy at www.youthaids2008.org.

Youth Pre-Conference

July 31-August 2, Centro Cultural Universitario Tlatelolco, UNAM

The pre-conference will consist of informative and skills building workshops around HIV issues, ranging from scientific knowledge to effective political advocacy. Participants will also gain skills in research methodology, monitoring and evaluation, media and communications, as well as updated

information on prevention strategies, harm reduction, and details on treatment. Participants will learn how to advocate to policymakers on issues relevant to young people and how to deliver youth advocacy messages at the conference and beyond. The pre-conference is especially important for first-time conference goers to meet other youth delegates and to strengthen skills to make the most out of the conference itself. Young participants at previous pre-conferences remarked that the pre-conference was one of the most useful and informative aspects of the entire conference experience. Youth participants gained skills that were useful not only during the main conference, but also when they returned to their homes to carry on their HIV/AIDS work.

Youth Opening Reception Saturday 2 August

The Youth Opening is a high-profile, youth oriented reception that aims to celebrate the achievements made in strengthening the participation of young people throughout the conference. The reception also strives to increase youth participation and draw attention to the role that young people play in pushing back HIV and AIDS and achieving universal access by 2010. The event will highlight, in particular, the importance of youth being substantively involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of HIV and AIDS programmes and policies.

Youth Contests

This year there are three different contests for youth participants.

These include:

- "Speak Out on AIDS" video contest
- "Agentes de Cambio" for Latin American participants
- "AIDS in Focus" photography contest. The winners will be announced at the conference (date to be confirmed). Note that the application deadline for all contests was June 2008.

Youth Conference Programming

Throughout the conference the youth programme will have:

- Youth presenters in plenaries and other sessions.
- Emphasis on youth-adult partnerships and how to strengthen them.
- Discussion forums in the Youth Pavilion on young women and girls; indigenous youth; young gay and bi-sexualmen; safer sex, harm reduction and drug use; effective advocacy capacity building; and others to be proposed.
- Communication and outreach strategies to highlight youth related issues in the media and among delegates.

Youth Partnership Initiative

The Youth Partnership Initiative (YPI) will seek to pair youth leaders with established leaders of a wide range of constituencies, in order for youth to develop practical leadership skills experientially, as well as for the constituencies to learn from youth leaders and develop partnerships with youth as a constituency. The YPI will establish a two-way learning process to promote mutual understanding, facilitate networking, and enable a transfer of knowledge and skills between the participants. Leaders of media, people living with HIV and AIDS, business, women, non-governmental organizations, youth, activists, faith and labour will take part in this initiative. In addition, leaders from academia, parliamentarians, harm reduction and MSM will be engaged.

Youth Rapporteur Team

As a part of the co-organizers commitment to support meaningful youth participation and representation of young people's voices, AIDS 2008 will be the second time a rapporteur team is dedicated entirely to recording the proceedings and ground breaking presentations at the conference from a youth perspective. The rapporteurs' work will be shared throughout the week with global media and delegates through many different ways and at the Rapporteur Session.

CME credits

AIDS 2008 is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide the following CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), www.uems.net.

AIDS 2008 is designated for a maximum of 6 hours per day of European external CME credits. Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards

the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). To convert EACCME credit to AMA PRA category 1 credit, contact the AMA.

ANAC

Nursing continuing education contact hours for the XVII International AIDS Conference are being provided by the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) is a U.S.-based non-profit professional nursing association dedicated to providing educational and professional development opportunities for nurses specializing in HIV and AIDS Care. ANAC is an approved provider of continuing education in nursing through the Virginia Nurses Association, which is accredited by the American Nurses Center's Commission on Accreditation. Individual nurses are responsible for contacting their own country's nursing certification body in order to determine the applicability of contact hours provided through ANAC.

Rapporteur session

On the last day of the conference, Friday 8 August, a final summary will be presented by the chief rapporteur of the following tracks and programmes:

- Scientific tracks A-E
- Leadership programme
- Community programme
- Programme Activities, including the Youth Programme This session will summarize and synthesize the presentations made during the week and will focus on the critical issues addressed, the important results presented and key recommendations to go forward.

Satellites

Commercial and non-commercial satellite meetings on specific HIV/AIDS-related issues are taking place on-site in the mornings and evenings during the conference, and all day on Sunday before the opening session. Satellite meetings are fully organized and coordinated by the party proposing the satellites (company, government, institution or NGO). Slots have been allocated by the conference organizers based on the overall conference programme.

AIDS 2008 Evaluation

Evaluation cannot be dissociated from participation, so please take time to contribute to the AIDS 2008 evaluation as part of your active involvement in the conference. Completing the survey forms distributed during and after the conference will allow us to carefully take into consideration your feedback for planning and building AIDS 2010.