

4. HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support Project

Project Goal	To reduce HIV/STI related high-risk behaviors among high-risk groups (current and potential migrant males, and their spouses) through community-based interventions
Location	10 VDCs in Doti and 35 VDCs in Bajhang
Project Period	February 2002 - February 2004
Counterparts	District Health Office/District AIDS Coordination Committee
Total Budget	US\$ 143922
Implementing Partners	Nepal Red Cross Society, Group for Social Development
Target Group	Primary: Migrant workers, their wives and potential migrants Secondary: Commercial sex Workers and their partners



Celebrating Condom day

Major Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social mobilization for awareness raising on STI/HIV/AIDS • Training teachers, students, migrants and community groups • Building alliances with local government and line agencies • Capacity building of partner staff and health facility management committees
Working Modality	In close collaboration with District Health Office (DHO) and Local Partner Organizations, and through mobilization of community members, organizations, and volunteers
Major Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on HIV/AIDS disseminated to 16,262 individuals through 1897 events of interaction meeting among migrants and their wives. • Massive awareness creation among men, women and youth on various aspects of STI/HIV/AIDS, modes of transmission and ways of protection through orientation, interactions and “days” celebrations. Altogether 18,751 men and women got such awareness. • A total of 2,502 IEC materials of various categories on HIV/AIDS/STIs were distributed to the targeted individuals. • A total of 255 survival/Kosheli kits were distributed to the targeted migrants at their destination aiming at behavior change and safer sexual practices. • A total of 30 partner staff and 89 peer educators received 5-days long training on interpersonal communication and counseling on HIV/AIDS related issues. • A total of 251 peer educators received 5-day basic training on HIV/AIDS. • 17,646 condoms were distributed to the target people through the Community Based Distribution centers (CBDs). And a total of 1,885 condoms were sold out through the Condom Social Marketing Centers (CSMC). • A Drop In Center (DIC) was established in Bajhang. Now there are two DIC, one in each district. The DIC offers a wide range of awareness raising activities including counseling services. A total of 551 individuals were educated on different aspects of HIV/AIDS through DIC. • Sixty-seven events of Health Facility Management Committee (HFMC) meeting were conducted. Altogether, 630 committee members participated the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen health facilities to manage health care delivery services in their respective health facilities. • Regularizing the District AIDS Coordination Committee (DACC) meeting was also a major achievement in this period. CARE-Nepal facilitated the meeting and also supported in celebrating the AIDS Day through various awareness creation activities.