

Social Action Project on HIV/AIDS Awareness

**“Give Your Child, Love, Laughter, Culture,
Education and Peace **NOT AIDS**”**

Project Report

**Apex Life Student Council
Apex Life School
Mid-Baneshwor, Kathmandu**

Project Title: Social Action Project on HIV/AIDS Awareness**Name of School:** Apex Life School

Mid- Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Tel: 4473672

Project Coverage Area: The project has covered the location of New – Baneshwor, Mid-Baneshwor, Gaushala, and Bhimselgola. The project had also covered Apex College, Apex Life School, Valley View School and Nepal Ideal School. The news report published through local news paper had a wide coverage of project activities.**Contact Person Student Council:** Ms Ashra Neupane, President**Contact Person School Teacher:** Mr. Madhav Adhakari, Teacher**Project Start Date:** February 2014**Project Completion Date:** September 12, 2014**Project Objectives:**

The specific objectives of the action are:

- To aware the community about HIV/AIDS and respect the dignity of AIDS victim as the basis for all social relationships.
- To develop network among students, teachers, British Council, Doctors, Child Welfare Board and Counsellors and promote the culture of learning sharing of the issues faced by the teenagers through the use of modern information technology.

Project Output:

The expected output of the project is :

- Developed communication, community mobilization, social, and moral and leadership skills of 8 student council members.
- Disseminated knowledge, information about HIV/AIDS to 3000 students of Apex College, 400 students of Apex Life School, 800 students of Valley View School, 22 Teachers of Apex Life School and 45 Teachers of Apex College, 300 students of Nepal Ideal School and a wide section of the community through street drama.
- Developed and established network of students, British Council, Doctors, and Counselors and promoted the culture of learning, sharing of the issues especially related to teenagers.

Project Beneficiaries:

The direct beneficiaries are 8 student council members, 10 students of Apex College, 400 students of Apex Life School, 2200 students of Apex College, Students of Valley View School, Nepal Ideal School, 67 teachers of Apex Life School and Apex College. The indirect beneficiaries are the community members who had watched the street drama performed by the council members, obtained the news from local news paper.

Overall Project Results:

Fund Raising Initiatives of Student Council

The student council of Apex Life School, as a part of fund raising activity has visited Apex College, conducted awareness activities in Apex School premises for 3 days from Falgun 12, 2070 to Falgun 14, 2070. The member of the council visited every classroom and has informed the main purpose of fund raising. The students of the council have prepared chart paper and donation box with slogan” **Give Your Child, Love, Laughter, Culture, Education and Peace NOT AIDS**”.

The student council has collected an amount of NRs. 4000 from Apex College and Apex Life School. The council members during the monthly meeting expressed that they had developed their leadership skills and identified the best way to raise fund for the noble cause.

AIDS Awareness Workshop:

On September 10, 2014 the members of the students council has organized one day workshop. Participants were mainly representatives of organization working on AIDS, representatives of National AIDS NGO Federation, representatives of NGO working for AIDS awareness, two AIDS victim, 10 students from Apex College, Principal of Apex Life School, members of student council and other students participated the workshop.

The workshop has mainly focussed on AIDS and HIV. AIDS victim expressed their concern over the behaviour of people for AIDS victim and expressed their problems and challenges. Similarly the representatives of NGOs clarified the differences of HIV and AIDS. The NGO representatives also shared that due to social norms and traditions still most of the AIDS victim has not expressed themselves as AIDS victim, so the number of victims is more than the national record.

The student council members provided information and data related to AIDS victim in Nepal. During their presentation they have clearly explained the causes of AIDS and preventive measures.



Face book Page:

The members of student council has developed face book page on Baishak 2071 and uploaded the information, activities of the council. The information about the page has been given in the school assembly. At present the face book has 265 members.

Street Drama:

The student council members has conducted drama events in 4 locations, namely in New Baneshwor, Mid- Baneshwor, Bhimselgola and Guashala. The drama script contained the message on HIV/AIDS. The drama has expressed the miserable life of AIDS victim, violence against women, causes and preventive measures of AIDS. The main message behind the drama was "AIDS victim are in need of love not hatred". Nearly 2400 people had directly watched the drama. The council members had done post impact random survey in all the four locations. During the



survey, almost all the participants shared that the drama was very much informative, they also shared that their prospective to deal with the AIDS victim changed. Most of the people said that they got detailed information on causes, preventive measures of AIDS. The aged people in the location had thanked the students and said drama is one of the powerful tools to raise awareness. The picture of drama, movie clips had been uploaded in the face book page.

The activities of the street drama had been published in the national newspaper, Desh, National Weekly and Roadmap National Weekly and had made a wide coverage.

Monthly Meeting by Apex Life Student Council:

The council member had conducted 3 meeting throughout the project period. The first meeting conducted on Magh, 2070 decided to organize fund raising program in Apex College and Apex Life School. The second meeting had decided to organize street drama events on AIDS in New Baneshwor, Mid- Baneshwor, Bhimselgola and Guashala. The meeting has developed detailed plan and allocated the council members for script writing and finalization, location selection, transportation of goods and materials and dress collection. The third meeting has discussed on organizing workshop in Apex School, the work division has been done for participants' selection, flex print, program list and for anchoring. The meeting has also allocated Mr. Biswas Pant to design and write text for leaflet publication.

Leaflet Publication

1000 leaflet containing information on HIV/AIDS, information about the Face book page and child rights had been published and distributed in 5 schools and Apex College.

Conclusion

The School Action Project as a whole has helped students to build their capacity in project design, implementation and reporting. The discussion during the meeting among the council members revealed that they have developed the knowledge and skills of team work, they are now confident to implement small projects themselves. The students also shared that they are now capable to raise funds for noble cause and identified the issues prevalent in the society. Almost all the girls shared that they are now confident to face the audience as they have build confidence through street drama. The understanding of the students about HIV and AIDS has increased and they are also aware of the problems and challenges faced by AIDS victim. Through the face book page they are now able to reach more and more students and aware about AIDS.