# HIV OF POSITIVE PEOPLE EFFICIENCY SOCIETY





**Towards Healthier Community** 

HOPES (HIV of Positive People Efficiency Society) is a non-governmental organization working for the rights, health and socio-economic well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in Greater Hyderabad district.

In 2004, motivated by their experiences, a group of 10 PLHIV in Andhra Pradesh formed the first collective in the state to advocate for the rights of their community, combating stigma and discrimination.



HOPES, a CBO formally registered in 2006 under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, aims to improve the quality of life for the PLHIV community by fostering belonging and togetherness.

Currently, 21000+ PLHIV and 15000+ children Living with HIV/AIDS (CLHIV) are registered with HOPES.

# VISION

By means of **Advocacy**, **Networking and Service delivery**, HOPES is working to:

Protect and promote the rights of PLHIV by facilitating and ensuring their involvement at all levels of decision making.

Promote social acceptance of PLHIV and their families by diminishing stigma and discrimination

Facilitate early linkages of PLHIV for treatment, care and support services

Provide PLHIV with more economic, social and cultural networking opportunities

Provide access to information and awareness, thereby reducing incidences of HIV infection

# MISSION

People Living with HIV/AIDS have equal rights and live with dignity and peace with other members of the society.

### AFFILIATIONS

Network in Telangana by People living with HIV/AIDS (NTP+)
National Coalition of People Living with HIV in India (NCPI+)

# **OUR WORK**

# Health - Prevention, Treatment & Support Services

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

HOPES has been implementing Vihaan - Care and Support Center (CSC) in Greater Hyderabad district of Telangana since 2013. Vihaan CSC is a comprehensive program targeted at improving the survival and quality of life of PLHIV in Greater Hyderabad district. It is supported by Global Fund through Alliance India and National Coalition of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NCPI+).



### Since its inception till date, Vihaan CSC of HOPES has benefited 13000+ PLHIV by:

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

Additionally, 2700+ PLHIV under Vihaan have been linked to social welfare and protection schemes of the government.

# Advocacy & Sensitization

### Positive Speakers Training:

HOPES in collaboration with Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS) has provided training to 150 PLHIV in legal aspects and advocacy.

Since its inception, HOPES has been persistently advocating for the rights of the PLHIV community at various district and state forums.



We have also conducted numerous workshops and organized rallies to generate awareness and sensitize the authorities and the public concerning the issues faced by the PLHIV community.

# (i) District Information Center (DIC)

With support from the State AIDS Control Society (SACS), the DIC project encouraged and strengthened and encouraged women's participation in the advocacy initiatives at the state level. The women's group formed under the DIC facilitated access to social entitlements and govt. schemes for women and PLHIV.

Led to increased awareness about HIV/AIDS in the community and mobilization of PLHIV through peer support for accessing HIV health services.



### Partnering and Communicating Together (PACT)

The PACT project of HOPES was instrumental in ensuring continuity of PLHIV to ART services by training of health workers & outreach staff, by strengthening monitoring mechanisms for follow-up and by streamlining linkage procedures.

### ( Legal Aid

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

Till date, we have provided legal aid to 265 PLHIV.



### Education

Since 2008, HOPES is sponsoring the life-long education of 300 CLHIV, with support from the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Education kit and uniforms provided to 40 CLHIV, with support from Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (INP), Chennai.

# Financial Security

HOPES has been conducting training for Women Living with HIV (WLHIV) on financial literacy and promotes formation of self-help groups (SHGs), promoting self-managed savings and credit mechanisms.

We have also facilitated access to Government microfinance scheme wherein 52 WLHIV received a grant of Rs 1,00,000 each.



### Covid-19 Relief

During COVID-19, HOPES collaborated with district authorities and other NGOs to ensure regular supply of ration and hygiene kits to the marginalized PLHIV community.



### **PARTNERSHIPS**

National Coalition of People Living with HIV in India (NCPI+)

Alliance India

Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS)

Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TGSACS)

Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (INP), Chennai

Population Foundation of India (PFI)

Family Planning Association of India (FPA)

KC Pullaiah Foundation

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA)

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

### **IMPACT**

13000+ PLHIV and their families received timely HIV care, support and referral services, enabling them to lead a healthy and positive life.

**2700+** PLHIV and their families availed social welfare and protection schemes, leading to their social and economic empowerment.

**300** PLHIV are receiving regular nutritional support, enabling them to lead a healthy life of PLHIV for treatment, care and support services.

**300** CLHIV are receiving lifelong education support, enabling them to secure quality education.

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265 PLHIV received legal aid support; 162 cases received closure

12 PLHIV self-help groups (SHGs) sustained, thereby economically empowering 180 women

### **DONATION DETAILS**

| Account Name | HIV of Positive People<br>Efficiency Society (HOPES) |
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| Bank Name    | Union Bank of India                                  |
| Account No.  | 411502010071205                                      |
| IFSC Code    | UBIN0541150  |

### SUPPORT US BY

Volunteering
Sponsoring our Affected & Infected Children's education

Funding our programs for PLHIV

Supporting in infrastructure development of our office space

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