

ADITI KITCHEN – A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE OF ADITI



After years of tirelessly working in the field of HIV, Aditi is now venturing into the domain of social entrepreneurship. The initiative, supported by FHI 360, aims at skill building and providing alternate sources of livelihood to FSWs, thereby ensuring their dignified transition into mainstream. Aditi's journey of social change has often been affected by paucity of funds and Aditi Kitchen is also an opportunity to reduce our dependency on funding and ensure sustainability of our CBO.

A spices unit is being set up at Bhandup wherein CBO members will be engaged in the management of entire operations from manufacturing to marketing of the spices. Spices are the most vital ingredients of Indian cuisine and there is a huge demand for spices, blended as per the cuisine of the local communities.

In the past, our CBO members have successfully run a community kitchen for 5 years and managed MDACS canteen for a year. Our CBO members have the potential, confidence and the necessary skills to manage this business.

Based on our market survey and research, Aditi Kitchen is currently launching:

Turmeric Powder — **Red Chilli Powder** — **Malvani Masala** — **Kanda Lasun (Onion-Garlic Masala)** — **Garam Masala**

Other spices shall be launched at a later stage. We provide discounts on wholesale purchases. For queries and orders; contact us on 7977918660.

FUTURE PLANS

SUPPORT CENTER for PLWHA:

Aditi plans to start a support center for PLWHA in Thane district that would work towards addressing their social, emotional and mental well-being by providing recreational activities like Yoga, games, etc. in addition to addressing their health and nutritional needs.

MOBILE FOOD ENTERPRISE:

Through this initiative, we plan to set up mobile food trucks managed by CBO members that would provide cooked meals at reasonable prices. These units will also complement Aditi Kitchen's venture through marketing of our spices brand.

LEGAL STATUS:

Aditi- Source of Inspiration	
The Societies Registration Act, 1860	1254, date 06 September 2003
The Bombay Trust Act, 1950	F27308 date 24 January 2005
CSR Certificate	CSR00021604 date 1 February 2022
NITI Aayog Darpan No.	MH/2013/0062637
Saath Saath Support Group	
The Societies Registration Act, 1860	2684, date 20 November 2009
The Bombay Trust Act, 1950	F69479 date 2 August 2017
Aditi Kitchen	
UDYAM -MSME registration	UDYAM-MH-18-0025963
Food & Drug License no	11522013000164

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Aditi — Source of Inspiration

ABOUT US:

Aditi - Source of Inspiration is a community-based organization (CBO), registered under The Societies Registration Act, 1860 in 2003 and The Bombay Trust Act, 1950 in 2005. The idea of 'Aditi' was conceived on the Women's Day in 2003, the aim being to ensure the health rights of female sex workers (FSWs). The CBO which started with 7 members currently has 820 registered members located in Mumbai and Thane districts and more than 18 years of experience in the field of HIV prevention and care. In addition to FSWs, Aditi is working with migrant workers and People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

As a community-based organization (CBO), priority is given to upliftment of community members and all our activities are directed towards betterment of community members.








VISION:

HIV positive people live healthy lives and sex workers practice safely in their profession. We work to eradicate this epidemic by 2030.

MISSION:

To facilitate a health supportive environment for the high-risk groups, migrants and other at-risk communities, with an aim to work towards reducing possibilities of HIV/AIDS. To provide livelihood opportunity to the beneficiaries.

APPROACH:

-  Community mobilization and ownership, for better uptake of services, to enhance awareness and to promote safe sex practices.
-  Networking and advocacy with Government and non-Government stakeholders for sensitization, thereby creating an enabling environment, free from stigma and discrimination.
-  Direct service delivery in the form of condom distribution, STIs and HIV testing and general health camps.
-  Counselling services like STI consultations and DOT referral for Tuberculosis (TB) at drop-in centre and crisis intervention thereby creating a safe space for the community.
-  Referrals and linkages for treatment and care services for PLWHA and management of opportunistic infections.
-  Facilitating access to social entitlements and social protection schemes.
-  Facilitating skill building and opportunities for alternate livelihoods.

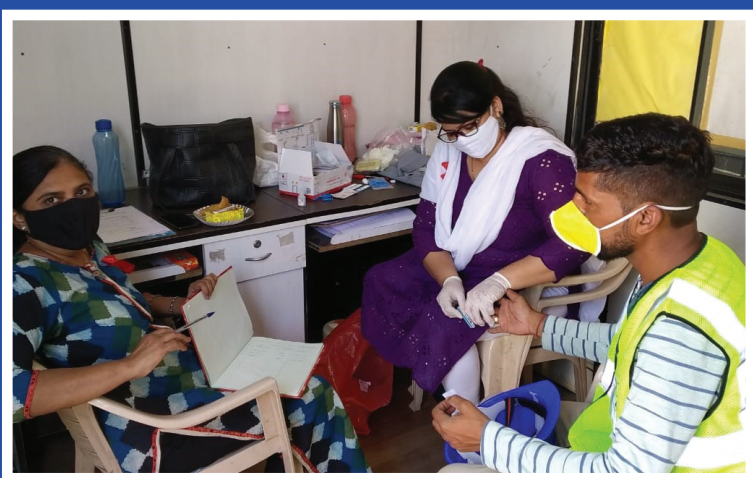
PROJECTS

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment for Female Sex Workers (FSWs) in collaboration with Mumbai District AIDS Control Society (MDACS) (2003 – Ongoing) and Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) (2016 – Ongoing):

2000+ FSWs from Bhandup and Ulhasnagar are receiving basic HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and referral services such as HIV and STI screening, access to condoms, varied forms of counselling and referrals and follow up concerning Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) treatment and management of other opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis.

Additionally, Aditi regularly conducts awareness amongst FSWs concerning various social entitlements and proactively engages with key stakeholders to facilitate their access to ration card, voter ID card, PAN card and Aadhaar card, thereby enabling them to avail various social welfare and protection schemes; 800+ FSWs have benefitted from this.

Since 2019, Aditi has also been managing a community based link ART centre at Bhandup, with support from MDACS.



HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment for Migrants in collaboration with Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) (2012 - Ongoing):

20000 Migrants in Thane are being supported with HIV prevention, treatment and care services such as HIV testing, STI screening and treatment, condom distribution and referral and linkages services. Behaviour change awareness sessions in the form of street plays are regularly organized thereby leading to reduction in high-risk behaviour and adoption of safe sexual practices.



HIV/AIDS Awareness Programs for Industrial Workers in collaboration with Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) and Tata Constructions: (2020 – Ongoing):

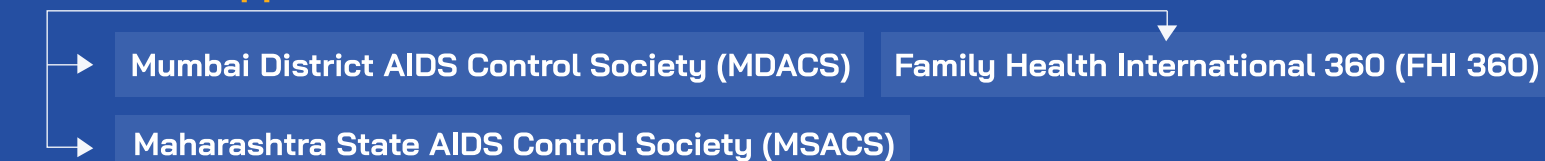
Awareness sessions are regularly organized for migrants working in construction sector at L&T and at Tata Constructions. HIV and STI awareness through various mediums, testing and referrals are key activities under this project.

Support Group Saath Saath:

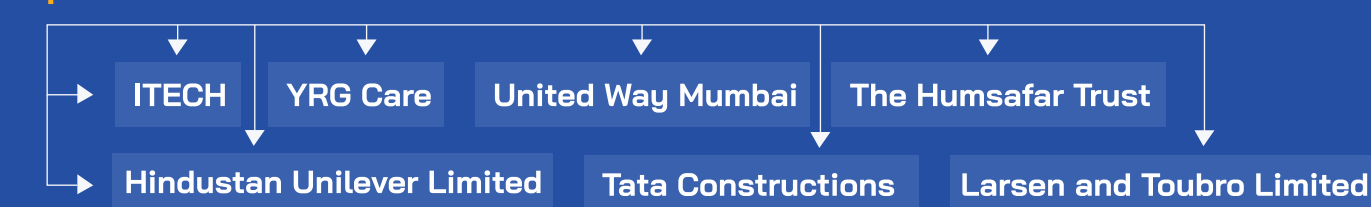
Saath Saath, a group for the People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), was registered to organize and enable PLWHA to fight stigma and discrimination faced by them. Monthly support group meetings are arranged wherein PLWHA share their experiences. Nutritious food is provided to the group members to maintain their CD4 count. Aditi also facilitates their access to social welfare and protection schemes and arranges for in-kind donations.

PARTNERS:

Financial support from:

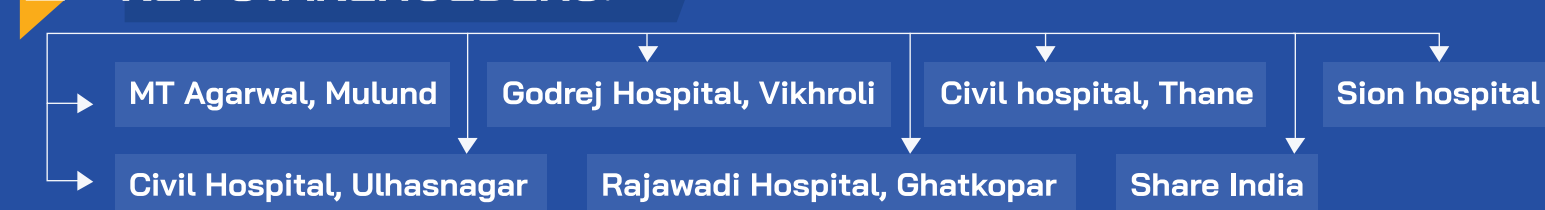


Sponsors:



Aditi is being mentored by Family Health International 360 (FHI 360) and SOSVA Training and Promotion Institute (STAPI) on organizational development under the USAID and PEPFAR supported Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) project (2021 – 2023).

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:



IMPACT:

- 2000 FSWs and 20000+ migrants received timely HIV prevention, care and support services, leading to reduction in high-risk behaviour
- 150 People living with HIV received counselling and access to ART, enabling them to lead a healthy life
- Continuity in ART treatment as ART center is available in the community
- Facilitated access of various social entitlements and protection schemes for 800 FSWs
- Main streaming of key population through Aditi Kitchen
- Moving from free condom distribution to social marketing



ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Certificate of Appreciation by MDACS in recognition of exemplary work for Prevention & Control of HIV/AIDS in Mumbai on the occasion of World AIDS DAY 2017
- Certificate of Appreciation by MSACS in recognition of exemplary work for Prevention & Control of HIV/AIDS in Mumbai on the occasion of World AIDS DAY 2021