

# MUSKAN 2012-2013

## Activities

**Support Group**

**Cultural events**

**Advocacy**

**Network**

**PLHIV Care and Support**

**Community Meetings**

**Outreach**

**Condom Promotion and  
Distribution**

District	TI	Active Populati on	PLH A 11-12	Targe t for ICTC 12-13	Target Achieve d as on March 13	Due for Apri l 13	% ICTC	Total PLHA	Not linked with ART
Sangli	Muskan	492	55	437	274	163	62.70	61	2
Satara		288	11	277	217	60	78.34	16	1

There were a number of cultural events that MUSKAN initiated in the past year. These events are used to encourage members to come to the Drop in Center (DIC) for health check ups etc. There were two major cultural events where community members could have fun, and simultaneously have health checkups in a non-intimidating environment.

MUSKAN has taken on the issues of different types of communities, including MSM, TG, and Kothi for crisis intervention throughout the year. For example, they have fought for allowing TG women to use female public toilets.

Additionally, since last year MUSKAN has been focusing more on People Living with HIV in the MSM program and has provided them care, support, and help with referral services. There are currently 55 people living with HIV/AIDS from the MSW/TG community. Many TG persons come by the drop in center to use the support group facilities. Muskan also provides home-based care, including providing tiffins for patients.

MUSKAN, like VAMP, has also expanded its targeted intervention approach in Sangli and Satara, and networked with other community members in other districts of Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Furthermore, there were two significant events on marital status: first, two HIV positive people got married through MUSKAN (one from MUSKAN and one from District Campaign), and second, two MSM boys were able to live together by going to the police station and getting documents proving that they could live together.

Another accomplishment was that MUSKAN got the Bombay Public Trust certificate, and was recognized by the government as a CBO. Finally, PEHCHAN visited MUSKAN as a CBO for evaluation, and decided to recommend them for direct funding, MUSKAN also got their pan card in October.