

MUSKAN 2013-2014

Muskan the collective of MSM and transgender people similarly provides services within its target group of MSM in Sangli. The 1000 strong collective has reached out to 797 MSM in 2013-14 and referred over 700 MSM for HIV testing



ACTIVITY	MSM-TG
Referred for testing	747
Tested	772
Total Results	772
Negative	766
Positive	8
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Counseling	
Pre ART	9
Registered	
People on ART	7

and related follow up services.

Through these interventions, VAMP and Muskan collectives are giving information on HIV prevention, care and treatment. Sex workers and Men who have sex with men are also able to access health system without stigma due to the linkages established with the district health care providers and officials.

Another key role that the collectives are playing is to continuously reach out with information on services, and enable more people to participate in the collectivisation process.



MUSKAN has been working closely with the district administration in Sangli to follow up on the government decision to provide voter identification documents for transgender people.

This includes regular meetings with the municipal corporation and districts election office. As a result 10 transgender people received voter identification cards.



A meeting was organised in Sangli to distribute the first 10 voter identification cards. Muskan has now applied for a further 50 voter identification documents. This is a crucial success for the Muskan team and was celebrated by the community members

Muskan, participated in a large rally in Sangli that was carried out on the World Day of Rage to protest against the Section 377 Supreme Court judgment. Over 500 community members participated in the rally to protest.

The protest was part of the No Looking Back Campaign calling for global support and action to decriminalize homosexuality in India.