

VIHAAN CARE AND SUPPORT CENTRE (SAMAGRA)

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Alliance India, established in 1999 as a non-governmental organization dedicated to advancing the HIV/AIDS response in India. In collaboration with the Government of India, civil society, and HIV communities.

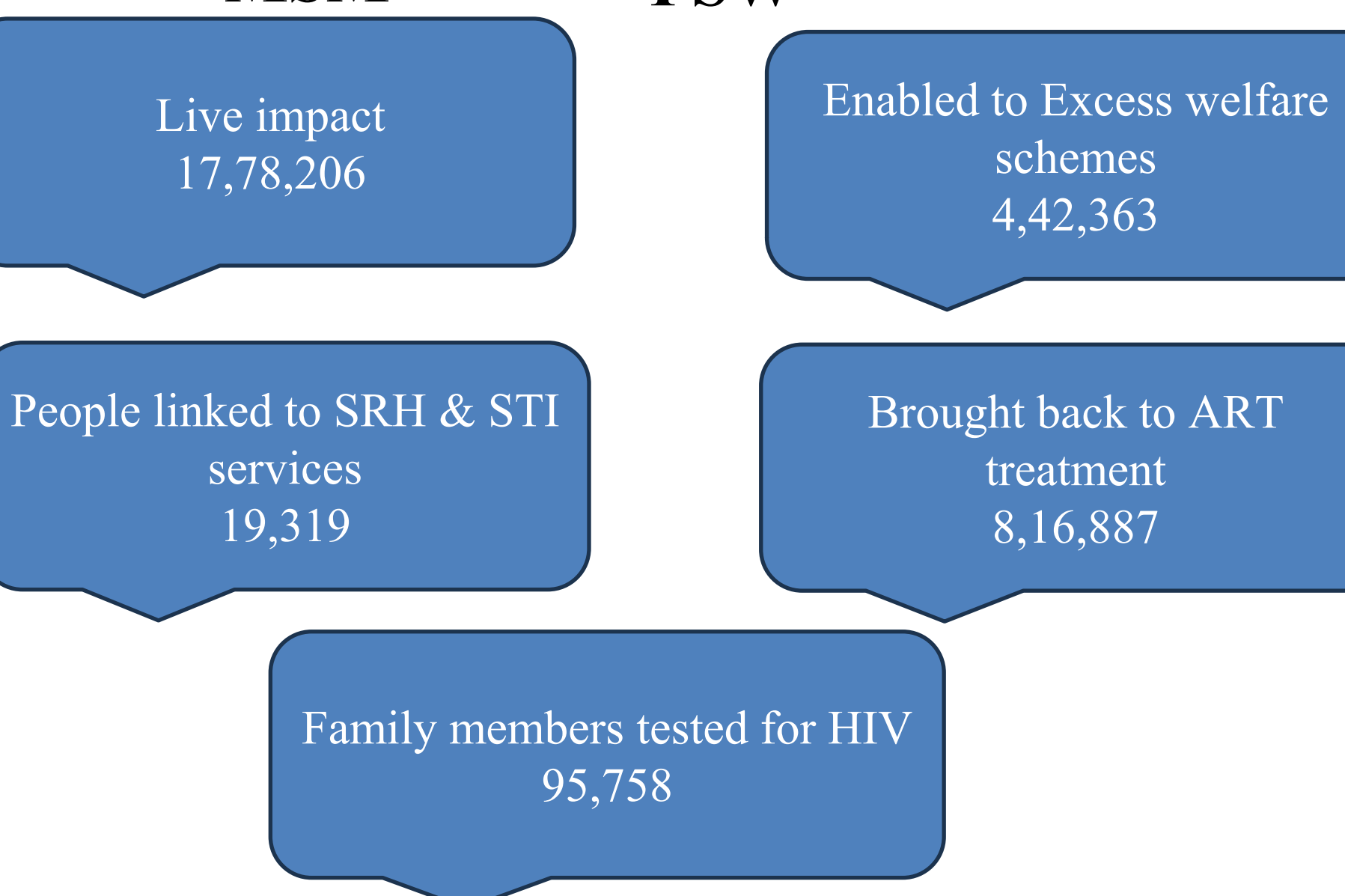
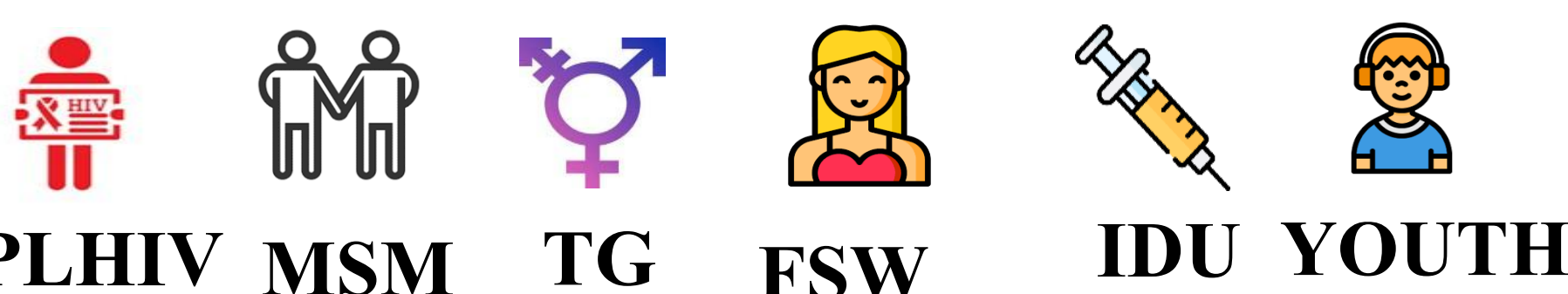
The organization promotes well-being, equality and upholds the dignity of key population groups including People Living With HI/AIDS.

Focus area of Alliance-:

- I. HIV prevention and treatment
- II. Sexual and reproductive health
- III. Harm reduction for key population
- IV. Advocacy and policy making.

Ongoing projects in Alliance India

1. Vihaan Care and Support Centre
2. Project Sahas
3. Project Spectrum
4. KP Grants



VISSION OF ALLIANCE

- ❑ A world in which no one dies of AIDS.

MISSION OF ALLIANCE

- ❑ To support community action to prevent HIV infection, meet the challenges of AIDS, and build healthier communities

Major Components of Vihaan

Key activities of care and support center

- ❑ Providing services to priority clients. (To be initiated, newly initiated clients and LFU)
- ❑ Community based screening
- ❑ ART refilling at CSC
- ❑ Linkages to social schemes and entitlements of priority clients.
- ❑ TB screening of priority list.
- ❑ Family member screening/testing for HIV.
- ❑ Services to TB-HIV comorbidity clients, clients on 2nd line & 3rd line ART.
- ❑ Community system strengthening
- ❑ Special focus on registered adolescents, KPs and children in CSC.

METHODOLOGY

- ❑ Data analysis for the tracker sheet given by the organization and listing the reasons for LFU (cases based on data and literature.
- ❑ Literature review for the studying of guidelines and reports of Sankalak, CSC and in concept note preparation.
- ❑ Interview method for the feedback taken by the patients under the Project Sahash.
- ❑ Report and notes preparation for the learning notes on Samagrah session and the preparation of internship presentation (PPT).
- ❑ Capacity building in the tanning and orientation program of the Project Spectrum in which 4 states team has taken part.

PROJECT-1

VIHAAN CARE AND SUPPORT CENTRE (PHASE-V)

Since 2013 Alliance India, with support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis (The Global Fund), is implementing a Vihaan Care and Support Program along with partners.

Currently 72 Care & Support Centers (CSCs) are linked with functional Anti-Retroviral therapy centers (ARTC) serving all districts in 11 states/UTs across India providing differentiated care and support services to more than 1.7 million People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

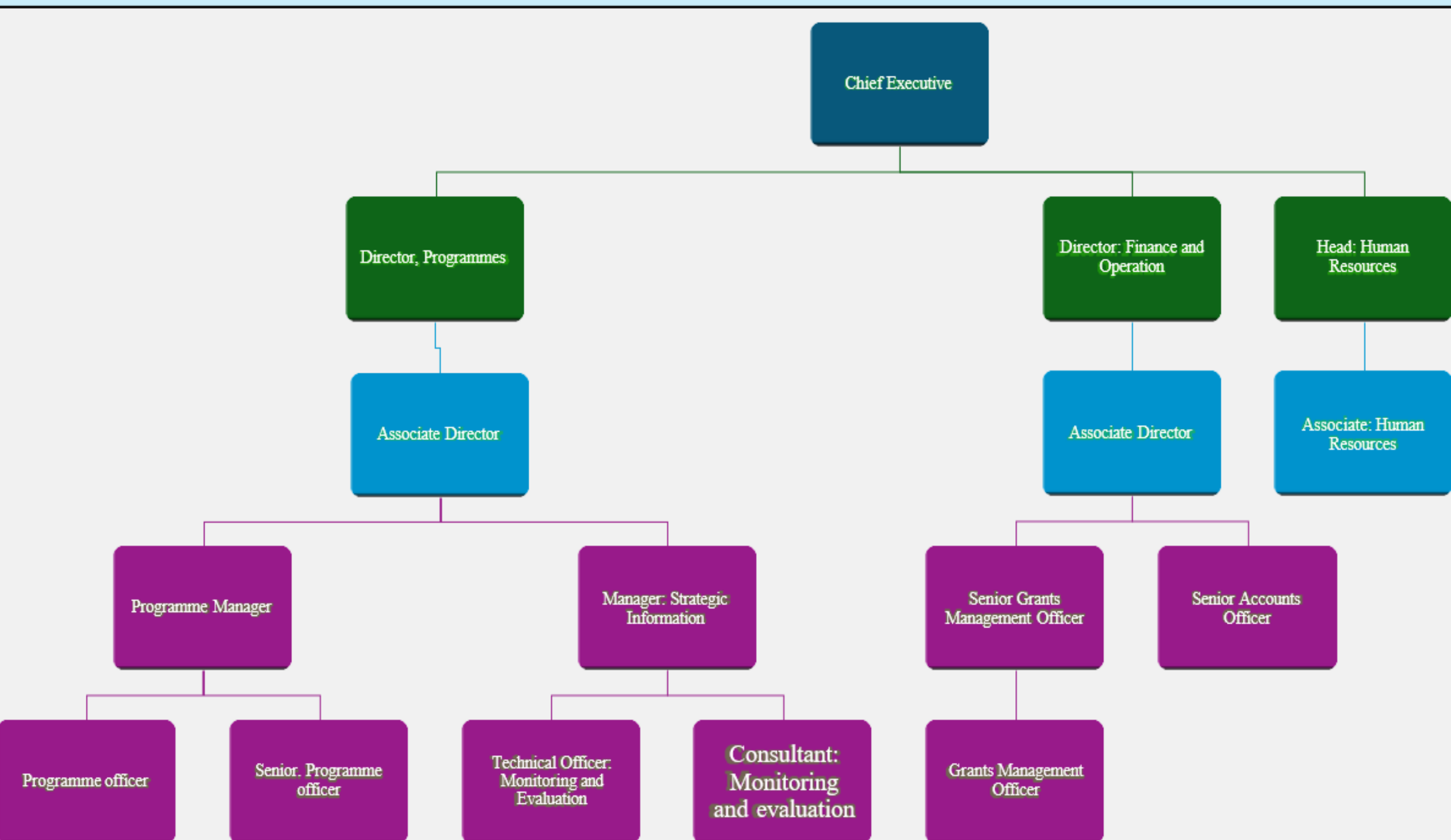
Components of Samagra (Vihaan CSC)

- Care And Support Centre
- EVTHS(Elimination of Vertical Transmission of HIV and Syphilis)
- Prison and OCS(Other Close Settings)
- Netreach
- Red Ribbon
- Community System Strengthening

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

- To reach key populations on virtual platforms and establishing linkage to care and treatment
- To improve retention in HIV care by addressing medical, social, behavioral and structural barriers
- To reduce linkage loss from testing to treatment using peer navigators in 100 high linkage loss facilities
- To strengthen private sector engagement in HIV care and provide mentoring support to poor performing ART centers
- To incorporate community monitoring and strengthen Community led response within NACP

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



Gaps

- Gaps on data given by the CSC (Care Support Centre) ground staff.
- Limited community engagement, insufficient tanning and lack of resources.
- Lack of human power in the program.

Suggestions

- Give them vocational trainings for skill development and knowledge.
- To make Global Fund Awareness for Providing comprehensive training and materials to understand and leverage Global Fund resources effectively.
- To engage more people for work in the field and allocate funds for them.
- Implement ongoing leadership and project management training to strengthen youth leadership skills and knowledge about the HIV/AIDS.
- Give them training program of communication skills so that they can explain the patient in easy and proper manner as patients are not aware of stigmas related to HIV .

STRENGTH

- Strong network of Care & Support Centers.
- Experienced and dedicated staff.
- Comprehensive support services.



WEAKNESS



- Stigma and discrimination barriers.
- Potential for service gaps in remote areas.
- Dependency on external funding.

SWOT ANALYSIS

THREATS

- Policy changes affecting HIV programs.
- Social stigma and discrimination impacting out reach
- Funding cuts or shifts

OPPORTUNITY

- Integration with other health services.
- Increased awareness and advocacy.
- Expansion to underserved regions.



PROJECT-2 PROJECT- SAHAS

“Sahas it is derived word from Hindi which means Courage”.

The project is started in 2023, and funded by the Azim Premji. The project span is of three years (2023-2026). This program focuses on Holistic Development of Transgenders community in India. The project runs in 9 states across the India by the Alliance India

The focus area of program-:

1. Human rights
2. Social welfare and Entitlement
3. Gender based violence
4. Healthcare including Gender Affirmation Care (GAC)
5. Community system strengthening

Services provided under this program-:

- Health-: HIV/STI/TB screening, non-communicable diseases, mental health counseling.
- Social entitlement-: Transgender card, Transgender scholarship, Ration card and KYC updates.
- Empowerment-: Skill building training, vocational training, placement jobs, advocacy skill training.
- Supporting transgender communities and educate for policies that reflects their rights and dignity.
- To improve the leadership of trans-led organization.

Theoretical learnings

How the training is given to the community champions and how to address the challenges faced by them.

Learned about different programs in alliance and their community engagement.

How community strengthening is important and continuous monitoring is important.

Practical learnings

How to collaborate with different donors or partners for the development of community people.

Knowledge about who funding of global funds and about Global funds

Conducting workshops online or offline is important for CBOs for their skill development.

CHALLENGES FACED DURING INTERNSHIP

- Lack of field visits during the internship period, so less knowledge about the community engagement.
- Difficulty in communicating with the community people.
- Faced difficulty in understanding the data shared by the community champions.
- Lack of time.



Usefulness

- ❑ Exposure to the work culture and to work with different community people with the professionals.
- ❑ Get to know about the community people and their issues and challenges related work and life.

- ❑ Personal skill development-: Enhancing the Excel, Presentation, Communication and group and team work.

- ❑ Enhanced the Confidence, Adaptability, Flexibility and Behavior in the professional environment of the office.

Learnings

- ❑ Get to know about the concept note writing by using different articles and reports.
- ❑ Communicate with the community people and how to pronounce their gender.

- ❑ Learn the difference between Sex, Sexuality and Gender.
- ❑ Learned about the submission of work in the given deadline and about the discipline in the office.
- ❑ Functioning of CSC(Care and support center), ART center(Antiretroviral therapy Center).

- ❑ Learned about addressing the community level challenges and encouraging and tackling the discrimination and stigma of PLHIV (People Living With HIV).