

## Exposure visit of KHPT Link Worker Scheme (LWS) Team to Avert Society

20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011

The exposure visit was organized with an orientation at Avert society and a district visit to the Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha, Aurangabad.

The objective of the exposure visit was to share good practices and innovations which Avert Society has developed over the years of implementation of Link Worker Scheme (LWS) in 24 districts of Maharashtra. The visit facilitated cross learning and exchange of ideas between the two teams.

The first day started with an orientation of Avert Society & Link Worker Scheme at Avert Society office. Dr. Anjana then presented the journey of Avert Society from inception of Avert Society. Milestones achieved by Avert Society over the years in implementation of prevention and care & support services and Technical support to several NACP programs were also shared.

The coverage and services to the target group, condom uptake figures and achievements of the RRC, Volunteers, VIC/ Saiyukta formation were also shared in the forum. The Avert Team discussed the innovations and challenges of each segment while sharing and briefed the team about Aurangabad district which was planned for the next two days. The day ended with an exhibition of the Link Worker Scheme materials and the screening of films on Migrant workers developed by Avert along with the display of the Communication Department Avert Society.

The second day comprised of the visit to LWS district office, Aurangabad. The KHPT team visited MGVS (Marathawada Gramin Vikas Sanstha) LWS office. The district team showcased their programs, targets versus achievements, outreach activities, innovations and learning under the Link Workers Scheme. The team discussed strategies, tools, advocacy, linkages and networking with government officials, government schemes, sexual networks etc. The MGVS team also explained the documentation maintained by them at the village level, cluster level and district level. The supervisors of the lead



agencies and the link workers shared cross learning in an interactive session.



A meeting was also held with the Aurangabad District Level Government Officials. The KHPT team met government stake holders namely Mr. Sukhdev Bankar (CEO), Mr. N. D. Patil (Civil Surgeon), Dr. More (DHO), Mrs. Gole (DPM-NRHM),



Mr. Yogesh Pardesi (DPO), Mr. Mangesh Gaikwad (DS) and CCC and Mobile Van representatives to discuss the linkages and networking with district stakeholders.

On the third day a field visit to Phulambari (LWS) Village was organized and the team met the Sarpanch, Grampanchayat, RRC members, ASHA workers, Anganwadi worker and Volunteers. They discussed the program, innovations and sustainability of the work with the team. The team also visited the ICTC van, Saiyukta and condom depot to understand the strategies used by the NGO. During the village visit the team members met with the HRGs and PLHIVs, and discussed the program and expectations from LWS. The Link Worker registers & documents were also verified by the team.

