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PRESS NOTE

On December 6, 2004, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and World Food Programme (WFP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in which it is agreed that WFP will provide technical assistance to NACO to help integrate nutrition and food security into HIV and AIDS prevention, care & support and mitigation efforts. Government of India wanted to have evidence of significant impact on nutritional outcome before NACO can consider nutrition supplements as part of care and treatment of People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLHIV). Responding to this, WFP initiated a pilot phase of distribution of nutrition supplements combined with nutrition counseling for PLHIV on ART in Tamil Nadu. A baseline study was conducted in 2006 which was followed by the nutrition intervention programme initiated in September 2007 at all ART Centers in Tamil Nadu covering more than 25000 PLHIV. It was planned to conduct a project end assessment to evaluate the impact of the nutrition supplements on people consuming it. However WFP decided to additionally conduct a mid term assessment as a pre-cursor to the project ends impact assessment. The mid term assessment study was planned as a quick study of secondary data available at ART Center supported by one to one interviews with service providers and the PLHIV.

It should be noted that this is the first study in India examining impact of nutrition among PLHIV on ART. In fact very few studies worldwide are known to have examined this linkage among PLHIV. TANSACS is planning a dissemination of the findings of the "**Nutrition Interventions among PLHIV at ART Centers**", and the details are as follows:

Date: October 27, 2009
Venue: Comfort Inn Marina Towers,
2A Pooniamman Koil St,
Egmore, Chennai - 600 008, India.
Call : (91) 044 - 28585454
Time: 10:30 am to 03:30 pm

Participant List

1. Principle Secretary , Health and Family Welfare Department , Government of , Tamil Nadu
2. Project Director, TANSACS
3. Director of Social Welfare
4. DMS,DPH, & DME
5. Mission Director, NRHM
6. Joint Director (CST) other SACS
7. NACO Officials
8. PA/PD from all districts
9. Representatives of Positive Networks/NGOs/CBOs.

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