

HIJRA / TRANSGENDER WELFARE SOCIETY



ABOUT US

Hijra Transgender Welfare Society (HTW) is a non-governmental organization working for the health, socio-economic and cultural rights of the transgender community in the Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts of Telangana. Established in the year 2016 as a community-based organization, HTWS is Telangana's first transgender organization dedicated to addressing the stigma and the subsequent violence faced by our community members. Through advocacy and sensitization, we work in partnership with the community, the government and the civil society to create an enabling and empowering environment for the transgender community. We are affiliated with the National Network of Transgender Persons (NNTP).

Currently, HTWS is governed by 9 members from the transgender community and is providing varied services to its registered population of 2000+ community members.



VISION

A society wherein Transgender and Hijra Communities are ensured their rights and embraced with respect and dignity.



MISSION

To bring about sustained change in the socio-economic lives of the transgender community by collective action.





OUR WORK

Since 2020, HTWS has been providing comprehensive services focusing on health, social protection and crisis management to the Transgender community in Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts, with support from the Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TSACS) through the **Targeted Intervention (TI) program**



Health – HIV Prevention & Treatment Services

By means of intensive outreach and counselling, we create awareness about HIV and other STIs amongst the community, leading to the adoption of safer sex practices. Regular screening for HIV and STIs is conducted to enable timely detection of HIV and STIs.

For HIV positive community members, we ensure linkages with the Govt. anti-retroviral therapy (ART) facilities and follow-up to ensure ART adherence and management of opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis. At present, 25 transgenders living with HIV are receiving HIV treatment and referral services.



Support group meetings and individual counselling sessions held at our two drop-in centres provide the community with a safe space to discuss and address their concerns.



Social Protection

HTWS has been persistently working to generate awareness concerning constitutional rights. We regularly conduct trainings for our staff and other community members on The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 and other legal and constitutional provisions important for them.

Our team facilitates access to social entitlements such as Transgender certificate, voter id card, PAN card and ration card, thus enabling the community members to access social welfare schemes.



Crisis Management

Crisis resolution committees are formed to deal with instances of violence faced by the community. The committee is composed of diverse stakeholders – a community leader/ member, HTWS staff, a lawyer and a doctor and efforts are directed at resolving the incident within 24 hours.

- Till date, 400+ incidents of crisis have been successfully resolved within 24 hours.
- HTWS was awarded the Best Targeted Intervention (TI) Program by the TSACS in 2022.
- Till date, our TI program has benefitted 1500+ community members.



Advocacy & Sensitization

In collaboration with National Network of Transgender Person (NNTP) and with support from the Global Fund, HTWS conducted awareness and sensitization meetings with the community, the district authorities, the police, the health staff, the govt. department officials through discussion on the provisions of The Transgender (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.



Skill Building & Livelihood

With support from the Nirmaan Foundation, community members were trained in beauty and make-up courses at the VLCC institute.

HTWS's Saksham initiative, with support from XX provided training to community members on computer skills.



Covid-19 Relief

With support from NNTP and local CSOs – Prajwala, Youngistan Foundation and Bay Sheetal Pariwar, HTWS distributed ration kits to the marginalized community members during Covid-19. Our team also collaborated with the district authorities and mobilized the transgender community for vaccination by addressing their misconceptions and apprehensions about the vaccine.



PARTNERSHIPS

- Telangana State AIDS Control Society
- National Network of Transgender Person
- Youngistan Foundation
- Bay Sheetal Pariwar
- Prajwala

HTWS is being mentored and provided with technical assistance by Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) project of Family Health International 360 (FHI 360) since 2024 through LEPRASociety on organizational development and on sustaining services to PLHIV community.



IMPACT

- **1500+** Transgenders are receiving timely HIV & SRH services, thereby significantly reducing their chances of getting infected with HIV and STIs.
- **25** Transgenders are receiving follow-up services for ART retention, thereby enabling them to lead a healthy life.
- **XX** Transgenders received social entitlements and accessed welfare schemes, providing them with social security.

Through collective action and advocacy, HTWS has played a significant role in reducing the stigma and discrimination faced by the community, thereby empowering them with a dignified life, free from all forms of violence.



YOU CAN HELP US IN OUR VISION BY

- Volunteering
- Supporting in office space infrastructure
- Funding our programs for the transgender community



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