

Annual Report of HANDS 2012-2013

In the financial year 2012 – 2013 HANDS kept the work of treating people from the disease of addiction in a very prominent and effective manner regardless of cast, religion communities and age, from teenaged chemically dependent people to mature alcohol battered senior citizens and their traumatized families.

The ongoing duties at the day care centre and rehabilitation centre was fulfilled with a lot of zeal and vigour by our dedicated staff and volunteers who are very successful in freeing people of their dependency and associated evils, enabling their rehabilitation back into the mainstream society. For details of the work at the two centres please refer to the performance charts.

Apart from the regular duties in the centres, HANDS also kept the work of bringing hope and solutions in the lives of the masses by making awareness programs and activities available at all given opportunities. Of such events, to name a few, HANDS started off with an awareness program on the 11th of April 2012, at Dr Grahmes Homes, in two sessions, one in the morning for secondary students and the second in the afternoon for senior secondary students. It was a great success as students kept approaching our help lines after the program to resolve various individual issues.

HANDS rehabilitation celebrated its 3rd Anniversary on 14th April 2012. The patients put up a great show, comprising of songs and dances with the staff being awarded with mementos by the committee members, which concluded with a lunch for all the participants.

A picnic was organized for the patients of the rehabilitation centre on the 6th of May 2012. They were all taken down to river Ranjit for the day where they were able to splash in the refreshing waters through out the day making them eager for the lunch prepared for them at the sight itself.

On 19th May 2012 and 21st May 2012 HANDS Awareness team had organized awareness programs for the students of Donbosco Jyoti Techini School and SUMI school respectively. These two very renowned schools have had HANDS render continuous services.

International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking Day was absorbed by HANDS like always in a very influential manner, knowledgeable and experienced resource people were brought in from various places to hold a two day program on the 26th and 27th June 2012. On the first day Govt employees, The Municipality Ward Councillors and various other clubs and NGO's were invited with over 80 participants. On the second day Principals and Teachers of all the schools in and around Kalimpong were invited to attend the seminar and the participants were armed and equipped to identify, handle and help students with similar problems.

The patients and staff of the rehabilitation centre celebrated the Independence Day 2012, march-past and patriotic speeches along with various indoor games were organised to give them a sense of their contribution towards ones own nation which every body owes.

On 30th September 2012, Rotary Club of Kalimpong had invited all the peer leaders of all the schools to its "New Gen Meet 2012" program. Acknowledging and addressing the addiction related problems HANDS was invited to give a speech so that the children could go back and work amongst their own school mates in identifying and solving such issues.

World AIDS Day was commemorated on 1st December 2012 along with Kalimpong Association of Social Organisation. HANDS participated taking a leading role in the signature campaign and rallies along with all the other NGO's working in related issues.

Gorkha Land Territorial Administration had organised a Krishi Mela from 13th to 16th January 2013 for all the masses and farmers in particular. HANDS had been invited by the Health department the GTA government and provided a stall at the venue where guidance, counselling and referral work was carried out in an efficient manner.

HANDS was given the responsibility of organising a Blood donation camp in the Republic Day 2013 by the SDO's office along with the health department and various organisations like Red Cross, Lions Club and few other NGO's. The donation camp was a big success with huge volumes of people donating blood out of which 30% was provided by HANDS alone.

A non political body named as “The Teesta Youth Forum” to address the ever growing menace of drug abuse in their area, organised an awareness program on 22nd March 2013, for two schools in Teesta Bazar Community Hall. Teesta high school and Mount Star School reaped the benefits of acquiring knowledge on these issues.

Summarising this financial year 2012-2013, HANDS has been able to achieve success to a great extent in all aspects like preventive and curatives endeavours like treating patients in the rehabilitation centre or the Day care centre or rendering awareness programs to school children and the masses including farmers.