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PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF SENDING  
THE FINAL REPORT OF THE WORK DONE ON THE PROJECT

1. **TITLE OF THE PROJECT:** A study of the awareness of HIV/AIDS among  
Secondary School Students
  
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4. **UGC APPROVAL LETTER NO. AND DATE** 23-693 (WRO) Dtd: 28.03.2013.
  
5. **DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION** 30-08-2014 to 10-3-201
  
6. **TENURE OF THE PROJECT** **2years**
  
7. **TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATED** **60,000/-**

## **8. TITLE OF THE PROJECT:**

**A study of the awareness of HIV/AIDS among Secondary School Students**

## **9. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:**

**The objectives of the study were as follows:**

- To assess current levels of Awareness about AIDS among secondary school students in Mumbai.
- To provide suggestions for school AIDS education.
- **To compare the levels of knowledge about AIDS among**
  1. The students of SSC school and ICSE schools;
  2. Girls and Boys studying in secondary school
  3. Girls studying in SSC and ICSC schools
  4. Boys studying in SSC and ICSC schools

## **10. WHETHER THE OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED**

**Yes the objectives of the project were achieved.**

The investigator assessed the levels of awareness about AIDS among the secondary school students with reference to the information about AIDS , how it is caused, few myths about AIDS and the preventive measures to be taken.

The investigator analyzed each of the answer given on the multiple choice questionnaire so that it could be found about the myths about AIDS the students have. The investigator also has provided suggestions to the teachers of the school regarding how the topic could be handled and taken more seriously by the students rather than just as a topic for the examination.

The investigator also found out the levels of awareness of girls and boys of the secondary school and compared the levels of awareness . The investigator also found out the levelsof awareness with reference to the type of school of SSC board and ICSE board and compared the levels of awareness.

## **11. ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE PROJECT-**

The investigator has tried to study a very serious issue of AIDS which is in line with the Millennium goals. Lot of insight into the topic has been sought and the researcher has gained a lot of information in the topic which the investigator did not know before. The researcher has been in touch with a social worker and a pharmaceutical company making certain medicines for AIDS patients and all met a few people suffering from AIDS. This has really sensitized the investigator about the issue. Since the investigator is a teacher Educator, it will be really easy to disseminate the findings to the future teachers and sensitize them to the issue and involve them in developing more aware and responsible students in future. The researcher is fully satisfied with the work done on the project and also would like to create training programmes for the teachers in the topic.

## **12. SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS:**

Most of the Students are well acquainted with the full form of AIDS, but around 10% still are not aware of the full form of AIDS. 20% of students are not aware that AIDS is caused by the Virus.

It is quite alarming to know that 50% students are not aware of all the ways in which AIDS is transmitted. If students have to protect themselves from AIDS they need to be cautious alert and aware of all the ways and not have half information about transmission. The students don't know that infected syringes and tattooing can be a cause for AIDS. Though more than 50 % of the students feel that teachers are the best people who can give information about AIDS, many others trust the information from Media or peers about AIDS. 50% students are not aware of the precautions to avoid AIDS in the true sense. Students have the notion that there is a treatment or AIDS this will surely make the students take the disease lightly and students may become careless and casual in their attitude towards the disease. Students are also not aware of the people who are at high risks and in a city like Mumbai with students being a part of various social circles are at a high risk so they have to be aware of this. Students are of the impression that HIV and AIDS is the same thus this concept and difference between the two needs to be clarified by teachers. Students said that people looking tired may have AIDS. This is again a wrong conception in the minds of the children. They need to be aware that appearances are deceptive it is absolutely difficult to tell whether person has AIDS from outward appearance otherwise students may

indulge into risk taking behavior with healthy looking individual which is dangerous. It is essential for students to be sensitive towards people with AIDS and hence students should also know well that holding hands or sharing a cup may not be a cause of AIDS.

Further it was found that there is a significant difference in the Awareness about AIDS on the basis of gender. The girls were more aware than the boys about AIDS. Similarly, significant difference was found in the Awareness about AIDS on the basis of Type of Board. The students of the ICSE board were more aware than that of the SSC students.

A significant difference was found in the awareness among the girls of the SSC and ICSE board schools and among the boys of SSC and ICSE schools. In both the cases the girls and boys of ICSE schools were more aware of AIDS than those of the SSC schools. There was no significant difference between the girls and boys of ICSE schools, both were equally aware about AIDS

### **13. CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY:**

The Sixth Millennium Goal is Combating HIV/AIDS. The target is set for the population aged between 15–24 years to have a comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS. This population includes both male and female population in the age group 15-24 years. The investigator has concluded from the findings that though the students are aware of AIDS to a great extent, to totally eradicate AIDS it is essential to take more serious efforts in the schools and teach in such a way that students will not just learn it as any other chapter in the book. Thus the researcher has gone back to some schools where it was found that the students have shown very little awareness on the test and also taken a class with the students on AIDS by using the methodology of Exhibition. Thus through this investigation it has given the schools suggestions to take the topic very seriously and make it more life centered while teaching. Thus we will be able to combat AIDS and have a society which is more responsible in behavior and a healthy society. The Children are the future citizens of the country and if our country will be free from AIDS we will have healthy Human Resources in Future so that we can take our Nation ahead and Progress.

**16: WHETHER ANY PHD ENROLLED OUT OF THE PROJECT:**

Not as yet. The investigator will motivate students to undertake projects in the topic.

**17: NO. OF PUBLICATIONS OUT OF THE PROJECT:**

Two publications were done

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