

ASHA FOUNDATION

Annual Report for the period – April 2007 to March 2008

This report is for the period April 2007 to March 2008. The following projects were continued during this financial year.

1. The AIDS Helpline and Telephone Counseling service.
2. The Terre Des Hommes Project with four sub-projects.
3. Adolescent Sexual Health Education Project.
4. The KNH-PMTCT Project.
5. The KNH-CAR Project.
6. The UNICEF Project.
7. Miscellaneous – CAF & KC Projects.

1. The AIDS Helpline and Telephone Counseling Service: Since April 2007 this project is supported by individual donor . Prior to this it has been funded by the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society for the last eight years. This year this project has completed 10 years.

The total number of calls received on the manual telephone counseling line 23543333 has continued to increase and this year shows an increase of 35%. 1544 have been recieved, 405 calls more than last years tally of 1139. The total number of calls from the year 2000 till now is 8,892. Majority of the calls have been related to risk behavior and other calls are mainly for information and provision of services.

Regarding the Automated system 1097, the calls continued to be low inspite of sustained publicity efforts. Probably the usefulness of this automated system is now outlived and people prefer to directly communicate through the telephone to the counselor rather than an automated machine.

Total number of calls on 1097 was 15,190 taking the total tally to 3, 83,332 calls. The present plan is not to upgrade ,though the equipment is 5 years old now.

The staff under this project attended a total of 6 training programs and conducted a total of 22 training programs in joint collaboration with KNH-PMTCT Project of ASHA Foundation, EGPAF PMTCT Project, NIMHANS, KHPT and KSAPS.

With the help of I-Volunteers a total number of 25 volunteers were trained HIV/AIDS awareness in the past one year. A total of 15 awareness programs in schools, colleges, corporates, garment workers, Mothers in SOS village, children staying in Remand Home, for ladies staying in Government Short stay home and at Jagruthi and police cadets were conducted.

Street Plays were conducted in the month of December '07 during the Bangalore International Marathon and we received a tremendous response from the general public. The volunteers played a very active role in organizing and in participating in this event and a part of the proceeds that was collected were given to ASHA Foundation. This was featured in The Bangalore Mirror and was aired on BIG FM, a Radio Channel through out the day.

During the month of October with the help pf volunteers and NCC cadets from Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College, written permission from the Chief Traffic Officer working with The

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation was obtained to conduct HIV/AIDS awareness program for the drivers and the conductors and to display the AIDS help line stickers featuring the numbers 1097 and 23543333 in the buses. A total of 100 buses were covered and nearly 1000 odd stickers were displayed in the buses. After this event, our calls on 23543333 increased and people even made an effort to come to ASHA Foundation for information, testing and for care and support.

Another memorable event was the awareness program that was conducted for 365 police cadets at Yelahanka in the month of January '08. At the end of the session there were a lot of questions asked and this interactive session went on for more than an hour. The response and the response were overwhelming. Similarly, an awareness program for the garment workers in Arvind Mills in March '08, received a good response from the management and the garment workers.

Awareness programs conducted by i-volunteers-2007-2008

1.	1st May 07	Street Play on AIDS Awareness and rangoli Competition	Children - Girls (12-20 age)	Government Reception Centre, Wilson Garden, Bangalore	40
2.	6th May 07	Street Play on AIDS Awareness	Rural Women	SOS Village, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore	50
3.	26th May 07	Corporate AIDS Awareness Workshop	Professionals	Taj Residency, M.G. Road, Bangalore	100
4.	23rd June 07	AIDS Awareness	Children(12-16 age)	Makkala Jagruti, Adugodi, Bangalore	30
5.	28th July 07	AIDS Awareness for Garment Workers	Women	integra Apparels, HSR Layout, Bangalore	500+
6.	22nd Aug 07	AIDS Helpline posters in BMTC Buses	All	Majestic, Shivajinagar, RT nagar	-
7.	17th Nov 07	AIDS Awareness in telugu - 1	Students	NSPR Govt Degree College for Women, Hindupur, AP	130
8.	17th Nov 07	AIDS Awareness in telugu - 2	Students	Balaji Vidya Mandir, Hindupur, AP	200
9.	26th Nov 07	Red Ribbon Making - Fund raising	All	Government Observation Home for Girls	10300
10.	1st Dec 07	Street Play for BIG 92.7 FM	All	Ulsoor	100
11.	1st Dec 07	AIDS Awareness for Garment Workers	Women	integra Apparels, HSR Layout, Bangalore	500+

12.	2nd Dec 07	AIDS Awareness - Train the Trainer for TCS	Corporate Employees	TCS, SJM Towers,Bangalore	30
13.	3rd Dec 07	AIDS Awareness at Sasken	Corporate Employees	Sasken, Domlur,Bangalore	150
14.	16th Dec 07	AIDS Awareness+Fund Raising	All	BSNL Bangalore International Marathon	150 entries
15.	12th Jan 08	AIDS Awareness at Police Training Academy	Police Constables	Police Training Academy, Yalahanka, Bangalore	350
16.	27th Jan 08	Donations-Cots,Pillows & Sports Items	Destitute Girls	Government Reception Centre for Girls,Bangalore	40
17.	1 st Mar 08	AIDS Awareness-Garment workers	Women and men	Arvind mills, Electronic city	300
18.	3 rd Mar 08	AIDS Awareness-Garment workers	Women and men	Arvind mills, Electronic city	200
19.	8 th Mar 08	AIDS Awareness-Garment workers	Women and men	Arvind mills, Electronic city	1000

A total of 14, 000 individuals were reached through these efforts.

This financial year also the funding is from Mr. Krishna Chivukula's donation but a request also has been submitted to CAF India.

A Research paper Titled "The Counseling needs of people living with HIV AIDS" was published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research in August 2007. A second research paper on "the impact of telephone counseling' is now being developed.

2.The Terre Des homes Project:

The four sub projects are:

- VCTC:
- HIV AIDS clinic:
- Focus on children:
- Income generation:

1. VCTC: A total of 265 patients were counseled in the last financial - 189 males and 76 females. 209 were tested for HIV and 94 were HIV positive (45.8%). 71 received free testing

2. HIV AIDS Clinic: The last financial year had 147 clinic days and 735 patients attended the clinic. A total of 57 new patients were added and 28 were male and 29 were female. 179 patients are receiving ART and of these 23 are children.

17 patients were started on treatment on TB and 26 completed TB treatment. 20 pregnant HIV positive mothers received PMTCT services during the year.

3. Focus on children: 89 children received nutritional supplement. 124 children received support for education.

Sl.No	Description	Result Achieved
	Education	
	Total number of children enrolled	124
	Male	55
	Female	69
	ELC	22
	Primary	46
	Secondary	50
	Vocational Training (Higher Education)	6
	VT completed	Nil

4. Income generation

	Income generation: (Socio economic)	
	Number of women trained (VT)	10
	Job placements found for women	60
	Counsellors	13
	Hospital ayah	2
	Garment factories	4
	VT trainer (Tailoring)	2
	Petty Shop	2
	Office Asst.	2
	Office helpers	4
	Drivers	4
	House maid	27
	Number of Persons who took loans	8
	Purpose 1	Saree Business
	Amount	10000
	Repayment	4000
	Purpose 2	Saree Business
	Amount	10000
	Repayment	2900
	Purpose 3	Fast Food stall
	Amount	15000
	Repayment	200

	Purpose 4	Rice Business
	Amount	10000
	Repayment	3000
	Purpose 5	Tailoring Machine Purchase
	Amount	5000
	Repayment	500
	Purpose 6	Tailoring Machine Purchase
	Amount	10000
	Repayment	3000
	Purpose 7	Ragi Business
	Amount	10000
	Repayment	5000
	Purpose 8	Saree Business
	Amount	10000
	Repayment	2500
	SHG Groups formed	3 full and 1 half group
	Number of members	68
	Number of meetings held	12
	Topics discussed	Health (HIV / AIDS diet hygiene etc) Domestic Violence Act, Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act Patenting of Combivir, MSM
	Number of cases referred to free legal aid	6
	Number of cases settled out side of free legal aid	2
	Number of families received ration	40 families per month

Four SHG groups are formed each group have saved Rs.15, 535, Rs.5688, Rs.10, 199 and Rs.2020. The SHG group meets on the third Sunday of every month at ASHA Foundation premises.

The Annual picnic was held on 3rd September 2007. The venue was National Park Bannerghatta. 140 children and their mothers and ASHA staff went on this picnic in two buses and everyone had a good time.

The Annual sport day for the children was held on 26th January 2008 and 160 children and their mothers took part and received various prizes.

Sathyam Foundation conducted a painting competition for children (between the age group of 5 to 18), those who participated from ASHA managed to get the 1st among the age group between 10 to 14, 2nd place among the age group 15 to 18 and the 3rd place among the age group 5 to 9.

The annual partnership workshop of TDH was held from 25th to 27th November, 2007. This workshop dealt with children's rights. Dr. Glory and Ms. Jisha attended this workshop on the behalf of ASHA Foundation.

3. Adolescent Sexual Health Education Project:

In April June 2007 the series of teachers training workshop funded by WCC were completed. These workshops were held in Kolkota, Shimla and Vishakapatnam.

In June and July 2007 Geneva Global USA approached ASHA Foundation to conduct the ASHE project in Mumbai and Pune over a three year period. The funding became available in December 2007 and the project components are:

1. Training of 250 teachers over three years.
2. Hundred schools in Mumbai and Pune to conduct the program.
3. Ten Thousand students to use the curriculum.

Funding has already been received for the first year. In January 2008 a major reshuffle took place in Geneva Global at the Administrative level. ASHA Foundation was also informed that at the moment funding is not available for the second and third year of the project. Dr. Glory and Ms. Joyce Davis visited the Mumbai office of Geneva Global and interacted with Ms. Neeta Minz and Mr. Vijay Kumar. Efforts are still on to find funds.

In the mean time the first teachers' training workshop is scheduled to be held from the 11th June 2008 at St. Felix School in Pune.

Coastal Andhra Project:

Dialogue is on with EFICOR for funding from Micah Network. Micah Network is a global network of around 300 Christian relief, development and justice organizations and churches from around 74 countries, committed to integral mission. EFICOR is a member of this network and would pass on the project proposal to Micah Network.

An initial three year proposal was sent to EFICOR, which ASHA was asked to re look at after the needs assessment is done.

Changes in writing the budget have also been suggested so that it is in compliance with the requirements of Micah Network.

EFICOR would fund the needs assessment. As a result of the need assessment the schools that want to do the adolescent sexual health education would be identified.

The starting point for this project has been to identify point people in Vishakapatnam who would help to make contact with administrators in Vishakapatnam and coastal Andhra. These people are Mr. Oliver Rayi, CEO of the St. Catherine Institutions and an educational consultancy, & Mr. Rakesh Anand, correspondent of Belmont Schools. They are in the process of getting in touch with administrators who would tell us if they are open to conducting Adolescent Sexual Health Education programs in their institutions. We from ASHA would personally meet these administrators to work out more concrete details. EFICOR is also willing to fund the follow up program in Visakapatnam.

Bangalore:

A group of catholic professionals, called Project Life, would like to use the Adolescent Sexual Health Education program to reach out to all the catholic schools in Bangalore. They have got the approval of Bishop Bernard Moraes and would like to have ASHA Foundation do the training of these professionals. The program is scheduled for two weekends. The first session is from 30th of May to 1st June 2008. The implementation of this program would be in the catholic schools of Bangalore. The expense for the workshop is being borne by the organization.

Curriculum Development:

All these years ASHA Foundation has been using the Life at the Crossroads curriculum developed by International Crossroads, Orlando. This curriculum is being used in around 50 countries. The initiative to start this program in India was taken by ASHA Foundation under the guidance of Mr. George Ninan of ICCC. Since the year 2003, this program was doing very well and the targets were over achieved.

Item	Target planned	Target achieved
No. of schools	120	306
No. of teachers trained	650	1640
No. of students using	30,000	50,000

ASHA Foundation also has felt for a long time the need to develop their own curriculum and this seemed the best time to do it. So with funds from Steward ship Foundation this process has started. It has been a challenge to be able to get people to give time for this work. Currently Dr. Glory and Joyce are working on the curriculum with Dr. Beulah Wood of SIACS, as the resource person to do the editing.

Follow up & Research:

Getting feed back from the schools in Karnataka that have been doing the program has been a part of the collection of data for research to improve the program. Most of the schools that have attended the workshop have been followed up either by phone or a personal visit. Some of the institutions have expressed a concern that they were unable to continue the program since their trained staff had moved out of the school. The second difficulty was with the change in leadership at the institution.

Our grateful thanks to Dr. Sundar Rao for guiding our research and getting the statistical analysis done for us. Under his tutorship two articles were accepted by two different educational journals. A third article is being planned for the NCERT Journal for Value Education.

Sl.No.	Description	No.
I	Teachers' Training Workshop	1
1.	Teachers' Training Workshop, Vishakapatnam	48 participants
II		4

	AIDS Awareness	
1.	Catherine B.Ed. College Beemli, Vizak 29 th June 2007	100 students
2.	CCF Parents' Meeting Good wills School 20 th July 2007	125 parents
3.	Baldwin Methodist Kannada school 23 rd Oct 2007	100 parents
4.	Govt. Composite High school Hegganahali, Peenya, Bangalore 6 th March 2008	100 students
III	Alumni Meetings	4
1.	At Gulbarga 10 th April 2007	50 participants
2.	At Bogadi, Mysore 24 th Nov 2007	30 participants
3.	At Bidar 15 th Dec 2007	25 participants
4.	At Hubli visited each school 11 th to 13 th Feb'08	8 school
IV	Other	
1.	Presentation of ASHE strategy at National Consultation on Prevention of HIV / AIDS, EFICOR, Delhi. 27 th – 29 th April 2007	
2.	Consultation on preparing a draft curriculum for schools for NCERT / NACO, 3 rd July – 7 th July 2007	
V	Participated	
1.	Workshop for writing effective project proposal & reports, EFICOR, Delhi 1 st – 4 th August 2007	
VI	Curriculum Development Draft outline of units and format of lessons is complete	
VII	Research Writing Collection of data for article on Effectiveness of the value based SH education strategy in prevention of HIV / AIDS.	

PMTCT:

4. The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Project: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Project started in September 2002 and concluded in December 2006. Under this project ASHA Foundation worked with medical institutions in the district to introduce PMTCT (Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission) programs in six hospitals. They are the Bangalore Baptist Hospital, the ETCM Hospital, Kolar, the St.John's Medical College Hospital,

CSI Hospital, Bangalore, Snehalaya Hospital, Solur and Chinmaya Mission Hospital. Of these hospitals, only the CSI Hospital, Bangalore, continues to be funded by EGPAF remaining funds.

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4.The KNH-PMTCT Project: The KNH-PMTCT Project is a new project that was started in January 2007 and will extend till December 2009. This project is funded through Kindernothilfe, a funding agency based in Germany and the funds come through its partner organization, Christian Council for Child and Youth Care (CCCYC). The project is actually an upscaling of the EGPAF PMTCT project and under this project, ASHA Foundation will initiate PMTCT services in 20 mission hospitals in the 4 southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka . last year 18 hospitals implemented the project. They are :

1. Arogyavaram Medical Centre, Arogyavaram
2. Bethesda Leprosy Hospital, Narasapur
3. CSI Campbell Hospital, Jammalamadagu
4. Salvation Army Evangeline Booth Hospital, Nidubrolu
5. Christa Mitra Ashram Hospital, Ankola
6. ETCM Hospital, Kolar
7. Lombard Memorial Hospital, Udupi
8. Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, Bangalore
9. CSI Mission Hospital, Codacal
10. Rural Health Training Centre, Kazhakuttom
11. Somervell Memorial CSI Hospital, Karakonam
12. Bethel Hospital, Danishpet
13. Bethesda Hospital, Ambur
14. Bishop Walsh Memorial Hospital, Coimbatore
15. Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram
16. CSI Hospital, Kancheepuram
17. Gnananadurai Hospital, Sivakasi
18. Salvation Army Catherine Booth Hospital, Nagercoil

This is a tripartite partnership between Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI), KNH-CCCYC and ASHA Foundation. So far, 18 mission hospitals have been identified. The first sensitization workshop for administrators and gynecologists was held in December 2006. 50 counselors from these 20 mission hospitals were trained in three workshops in February-March 2007, September-October 2007 and March-April 2008. Eighteen hospitals have started implementation of the project. All of these eighteen hospitals have been visited by ASHA Foundation in the last year.

Sl.No.	Item	January '07 to March '08
1.	No. women counseled	11,132
2.	No. delivered	10,460
3.	HIV+ mothers	93
4.	No. of +ve mothers delivered	60
5.	No. of children tested	36
6.	No. of children negative	36
7.	Stillbirths and abortions	8
8.	Lost to follow up	8
9.	Referrals	2

The cumulative record of training conducted was as follows:

1.	No. of counselors trained in HIV/AIDS and PMTCT	50
2.	No. of doctors sensitized	123
3.	No of. nurses sensitized	257
4.	No. of nursing students sensitized	582
5.	No. of administrators sensitized	10
6.	No. of paramedics sensitized	32
7.	No. of attenders and ward aides sensitized.	28
8.	Others	58
	TOTAL	1140

Efforts are being made to include more hospitals to increase the number of hospitals to 25 to enable more pregnant HIV+ mothers to get PMTCT care. Two of the present 18 hospitals who are doing badly in terms of antenatal women cared for may be dropped from the program.

5.The UNICEF Project: The UNICEF project was a new project that was started in May- June 2006. This is collaboration between six NGOs based in Karnataka, 3 of whom are from Bangalore. The leadership and management support is provided through an NGO called CARDTS through its Management Support Team, Karnataka (MST-K). This project involved using the concept of peer education to reach out to youth in the age group of 15-25 years in 13 slums in zone 4 of Bangalore urban district. The staff under the project consisted of a project coordinator, 2 training officers, one counselor and a part-time accountant. Under this project, a total of 7,000 youth were to be reached through training of 140 peer educators. Each of these peer educators would be trained through 4 level of training and each peer educators would reach out to 50 peers on a 1:1 basis. The youth were divided into 3 groups-MARA (most at Risk Adolescent), EVA (especially Vulnerable Adolescent) and AYNMAR (Adolescent Youth Not at

Risk). The peer educators were selected from all the three groups. The following programs have been conducted to date:

The Key Achievements of the Project Peer Trainings:

A) Training details of Peer Educators:-

Completed all the Four levels of Trainings	No of PEs Male	No. of PEs Female	Total
173	82	91	173

B) Peer intervention:-

Total reach out of PEs to their Peers during the period:-

	Male	Female	Total
MARA	786	224	1010
EVA	767	387	1154
AYMNAR	418	1262	1680
Total	1971	1873	3844

C) Events (socio cultural activities):-

Details of the Events conducted are as follows:-

Total no of Events conducted	Female Youth Participated	Male Youth Participated	Total Participated
08	122	149	271

D) AYC Services:-

PEs Review Meetings:-

Total no of Review meetings conducted	No of Female PES Participated	No of Male PES Participated	Total No of Youths
16	192	222	414

E) Break through Training programs conducted during the period:-

No of Trainings	Program	No of Participants	No of days	Place
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conducted				
03	Gender Training Program	74	09	AYC ASHA Foundation

F) BCC

Youth identified by the PEs during the period:-

MALE			FEMALE			TOTAL YOUTH
MARA	EVA	AYNMAR	MARA	EVA	AYNMAR	
786	767	418	224	387	1262	3844

Services provided by both Male and Female PEs to their peers during the Period:-

	One-to-one	One-to-group	Condom Demo	Condom Dist
MARA	669	336	219	1410
EVA	725	402	75	410
AYNMAR	1043	669	10	000
TOTAL	2437	1407	304	1820

Supportive service:-

G) STD

	Male	Female	Total
STI identified	15	25	40
STI referred	15	25	40
STI Treated	07	14	21

H) Counseling

Details of the Counseling Services:-

MARA	Male	Female	Total
Risk assessment	87	175	262
Risk Reduction	87	122	209
TOTAL	174	297	471

D) VCTC / ICTC / PPTCT:-

	Male	Female	Total
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VCTC Referred	115	130	245
VCTC Tested	74	117	191
VCTC Retest	08	02	10
PPTCT Referred	00	18	18
PPTCT Tested	00	15	15
HIV Positive cases among Testing	01	00	01

J) Advocacy:

Sensitization regarding the YPI program to the Key Leaders of the Working areas, Anganawadis, Youth clubs, TB Nodal officer, PHCs and PHUs, SHGs Schools, NGOs in related to the Working area to seek Support for the project and they also extended their support towards the program.

K) Review Meetings, Workshops and Trainings attended during the Year:-

Sl.No	Program	Date	No of Days	Place	Representing the Organization
1	Preparation for Youth Festival	13.04.07	1	MST-K	Admin PCO
2	Quarterly Review meeting and Partner CSO meet	14.05.07	1	ATRIA Hotel	PCO FTO MTO
3	Youth festival Plan meeting	16.05.07	1	Jagruthi AYC	PCO FTO MTO
4	Orientation towards the new YPI staffs	25.05.07	1	MST-K	PCO FTO
5	Review meeting for Counselors	26.05.07	1	MST-K	FTO Counselor
6	Youth festival Plan meeting	28.05.07	1	ASHA Foundation	PCO FTO MTO
7	Youth festival Plan meeting	02.06.07	1/2	MST-K	PCO
8	Youth festival Plan meeting	08.06.07	1/2	MST-K	PCO
9	Youth festival Plan meeting	13.06.07	1/2	MST-K	PCO MTO
10	Youth festival	17.06.07	1	YMCA Ground	PCO FTO MTO ASHA staffs PEs and peers
11	Youth festival Review meeting	02.07.07	1	MST-K	PCO FTO

12	Annual ESRM	10.07.07 To 13.07.07	3	Wind Flower Hotel Mysore	PCO MTO
13	Quarterly Review from 1 st July to 31 st sep-07	5.11.07	01	MST-K	Director PCO
14	Sex and Sexuality, Sexual Acts ,BCC	13.11.07 to 15.11.07	03	FMC	PCO -1 TOs -2 Counselors -1

6. Miscellaneous ,CAF India and KC projects.

CAF India supports 20 women on free ART for the last 3 years. This year we had a visit by Mr. Abhishek Chaturvedi a representative of CAF. He met and interacted with the beneficiaries and asked us to send a budget for the AIDS helpline and they would try and support that also.

The Overseas Womens Club has also supported ASHA Foundation with grants for equipment that is not supported by the project funds and for this we are grateful.

Mr. Krishna Chivukula has regularly supported ASHA Foundation through the last year also. The funds supported the AIDS helpline and telephone counseling service, free and subsidized ART for our patients and drugs for opportunistic infections. Through these funds a long standing desire of ASHA Foundation was also fulfilled. Our clinic was held at ELBIT all these years but this March 2008, one of our neighbours offered their building to us on rent. We told them that we would like to set up a clinic there and they were agreeable. So, since March the clinic has been running here. To set up the clinic, cost us Rs. 1.5 lakhs and Mr. Krishna granted us permission to use his funds. We inaugurated the clinic on Feb 25th 2008 and Mr. and Mrs. Krishna cut the ribbon. They spent the afternoon with the staff of ASHA Foundation and Mr. Krishna gave an inspiring speech also. We are grateful to them for the support they have provided through these years.

Research: Dr. Sundar Rao has continued to help ASHA Foundation with research work and in the last year three papers were published in Indian Journals. Two papers were on value based sexual health education and one was on counseling.

1.Assessment of workshop-based training of teachers for imparting value based education to high school students.- Joyce Davis, Dr.Glory Alexander, Chitra Lancelot, Dr.PSS Sundar Rao-Journal of Educational Research and Extension; volume 43,Oct-Dec 2006.pages 10-17.

2. Counseling Needs Of Persons Exposed To Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus-G. Alexander, B.G.Sunitha, K.L.Chitra. – Indian Journal of medical research 126, August 2007,pp152-155.

3.Value education for children- whose responsibility ? -Joyce Davis, Glory Alexander, PSS Sundar Rao –New Frontiers in Education, Vol-40, No-3, July-Sept 2007 pp246-250.

We are now in the process of working on further six papers currently. We are also applying for registration with the DST. We would like to place on record our gratitude to Dr. Sundar Rao for his continued commitment and support to ASHA Foundation in this regard.

During the last financial year five staff resigned from ASHA Foundation. Three of these staff had completed five years of service and received gratuity. Seven new staff joined ASHA Foundation during the year.

Dr. Glory was invited to be on the jury of The Kannada Zee network channel to select the Best medical institution and medical doctors who have provided service in the State of Karnataka. She was also resource person for the master trainers of the Red Ribbon Express which is a project that is run by Nehru Yuva Kendra services, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and NACO.

During the year 66 workshops were conducted by ASHA Foundation and ASHA Foundation staff attended 25 workshops.

ASHA Foundation would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their encouragement support and commitment to the organization.