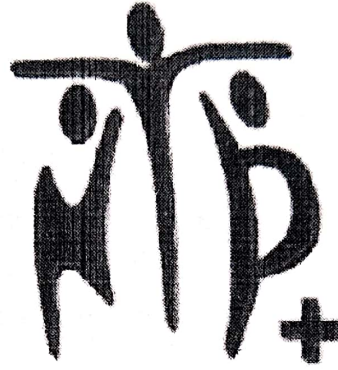




Network in Thane by People living with HIV/AIDS (NTP+)



**NETWORK IN THANE BY PEOPLE
LIVING WITH HIV**

Annual Report

2023-2024

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ABOUT NTP

Network in Thane by People Living with HIV and AIDS (NTP+) is registered under the Society Registration Act in January 2005 as a non-profit community based organization of people living with HIV & AIDS. NTP+ is the District Level Network of, for and by the People Living with HIV in Thane district.

The organization aims to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV in Thane and to provide sense of belongingness and togetherness to people living with HIV.

The membership is open to all people living with HIV in the jurisdiction of the District of Thane, irrespective of gender, caste, religion etc. Confidentiality of members is ensured by NTP+.

NTP+ is affiliated by Network of Maharashtra by People Living with HIV and AIDS (NMP+)

NTP+ OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To provide access to information to people living with HIV.
- ✓ To promote social acceptance of people living with HIV and their families to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- ✓ To provide opportunities for Networking for people living with HIV.
- ✓ To raise awareness among people emphasizing the particular vulnerability of Women to HIV.



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- ✓ To facilitate and improve access to treatment for people living with HIV.
- ✓ To promote and protect Human rights of people living with HIV.
- ✓ To promote Greater involvement of People Living with HIV (GIPA) at all levels of decision-making.
- ✓ To promote opportunities for skill building of its members, in order to achieve objectives of the Organization.

OBJECTIVE:

- Prevent HIV +VE children from dropping out of school, and ensure their education.
- Help HIV +VE children in the form of books, other study materials, uniforms, clothes, shoes etc.
- Promote HIV +VE children's emotional and intellectual development.
- Support school improvement, including training in modern teaching methods and up-to-date Educational materials.
- Ensure their Right to Education and Development.



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To

Colgate- Palmolive (India) Ltd.

We are extremely thankful to you & your staff for your kind support in helping us to bring about positive changes in the life of children infected & affected with HIV. With your support and Guidance tremendous positive changes have happened in the children's health, education & other skills.

We always feel proud to say that we have Colgate Palmolive (India) Ltd as a corporate partner in social development sector and today we are able to support 68 children and help in improving the Quality of their life.

"Positive Step"- Project:

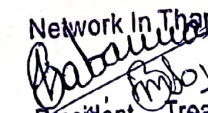
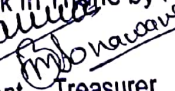
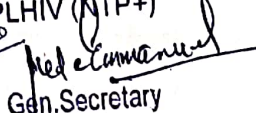
It is an Honor to state that our partnership is contributing towards the national responsibility & becoming the role model for other corporate sectors as well as staff.

We are also thankful to Colgate Company for starting the Mentorship Program for the senior children of the program to guide them in their path of Career development. In all 4 children were selected for the Mentorship Program.

NTP+ is highly thankful to the Colgate Palmolive (India) Ltd & its staff for actively participating & contributing their valuable time to bring effectiveness in Positive Step program

Thanking you



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NTP+ is also thankful to Ms. Kshama Pradhan for her sponsorship to 3 children helping them to improve their Quality of life and Health.

Executive Summary

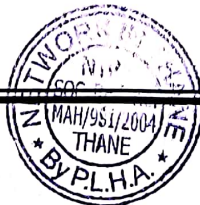
Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. and Network in Thane by people living with HIV/AIDS(NTP+) has been supporting the education and monthly Nutrition of 68 children and Education of 4 children from Thane District through Sponsorship program "A Positive Step" since 2008. These children are either single or double orphan and are living with HIV since birth.

There are 4 students in primary (class 1-4), 40 in secondary (class 5-7), 8 in higher secondary (class 11-12), 8 are pursuing Degree and 1 child is doing professional course. 68 of them collect their monthly Nutrition kit from Network in Thane by PLHIV(NTP+) office at Kalyan every month and Education support is provided to these children along with other 2 HIV affected children.

Other than Nutrition and Education support Parents/Caretakers and Children's meetings conducted at NTP+ Office, help in the grooming and Capacity building of these children. Topics covered during the meetings include Carrier Guidance, Life Skill Education, Leadership Development, Preparation for Exams and Drawing competition with these children. Higher secondary children are provided with Career guidance through the Mentorship program, another initiative by the company to help the children to choose a carrier according to their skills and abilities.

During the year 2023-2024 Company Volunteer involvement and one to one Mentorship meetings could not be conducted. However, mentees were free to consult their mentors on call for information and Guidance regarding Career development.

This year World Aids day was celebrated with the children on 1st December at our Office at Kalyan. The children were very happy as they were provided with gifts to celebrate World Aids Day. With the sponsors



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World Aids Day was celebrated virtually with the video recording of children's performance in different activities at NTP+ office. These activities were recorded and shared with the company sponsors during World Aids day. Gift hampers were also provided to every child and their wish fulfilled by their sponsors during the month of December. The children's wishes were fulfilled by their sponsors as per the wish tree provided by the children, a procedure followed by NTP+ and Colgate company every World Aids day.

Academics

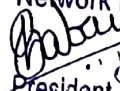
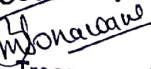
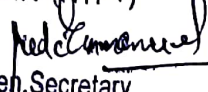
Every child enrolled in the Positive Step program attends school either Public or Private for Education. These children come from poor families and many of them cannot afford education in Private or English medium schools. Due to Health-related issues they join schools near their area of residence. Their medium of education is usually Marathi or Hindi.

Monitoring Health.

As these children are born with HIV they face many health-related issues due to a weak immune system and need to monitor their health every month. These children have to follow strict treatment regime daily and have to meet their doctors at Government treatment centers every month for their monthly medicines. Their weight and height are checked on monthly basis. CD4 count is checked on half yearly basis and their viral load is checked on yearly basis. Apart from this if they have any opportunistic infections they are immediately put on medication and taken care of. Follow up of their treatment adherence and health progress is monitored by the Staff of NTP+ and by the doctors at the treatment centers during routine hospital visits by them. The nutrition support from Colgate company helps them to maintain good health and increase their immune system, preventing them from other opportunistic infections.

Internal Health Assessment



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No Of Children	CD4 > 350	CD4 < 350	Viral Load > 1000	Viral Load < 1000
68	2	66	66	2

Note:- CD4 count above 350 is good.

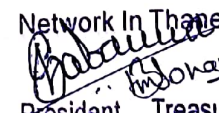
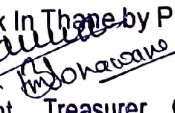
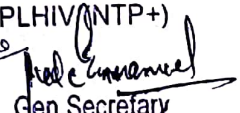
Viral load below 1000 is good.

Education Updates

In the year 2023 Education Institutions for the children were started in June and the children were happy to start offline Education again and meet their friends and teachers. after a gap of 2 months. The chart below shows the number of children in different sections during the FY-2023-2024

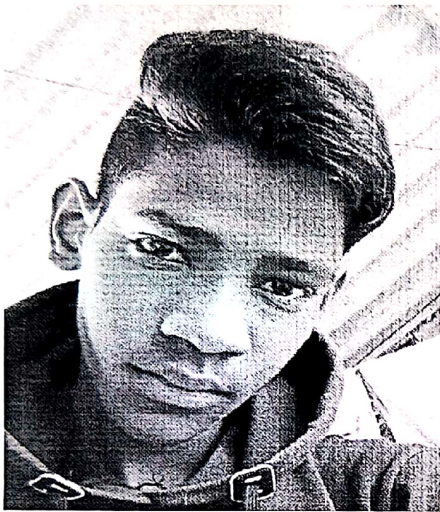
Total No. of children-FY 2023-2024		68
Gender	Male	30
	Female	38
Standard status	Primary	4
	Secondary	47
	High Secondary	8
	Degree	8
	Masters	0
	Professional Course	1



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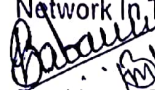
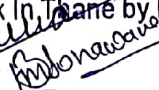
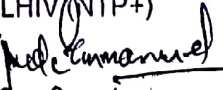
Monthly Nutrition support to these children by the Colgate company under the "Positive Step" program has helped to increase the attendance of these children at school as this support helps in maintaining good health and keeping away Opportunistic infections due to HIV infection in these children. This helps in improving the quality of life of these children.

Case Study



Sufiyan Ansari, an orphan, living with HIV since birth was introduced to the "Positive Step" program in 2014. With little support from his aged grandparents living in the slums of Shanti Nagar at Bhiwandi he grew up with Education from a nearby Government school in Urdu medium. Before he joined the program he was removed from school as his caretakers were not able to pay his school fees. He was in the 2nd standard at the time of his enrollment in our program. He was put on Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) by the doctors at Thane Civil hospital when he was infected with TB in the year 2014. During his treatment he was introduced to NTP+ by the Health Promoters of NTP+ at Bhiwandi. After approval from Colgate company Sufiyan was introduced in the program for Education and Nutrition support. He was in the 2nd standard then. With frequent follow up sessions and



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meetings at NTP+ office Sufiyan gained the confidence to look forward in life and Adhere to his treatment. With regular support from Colgate Company and proper counseling sessions by NTP+ staff he was able to cope up with the fear of HIV infection and focused on his Education. This year he is in the Junior College. He also takes care of his aged grandparents. He is thankful to Colgate company for the Education and Nutrition support for the last 9 years and helping in his overall development.

A wish fulfilled.

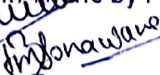
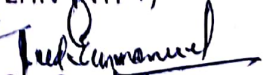


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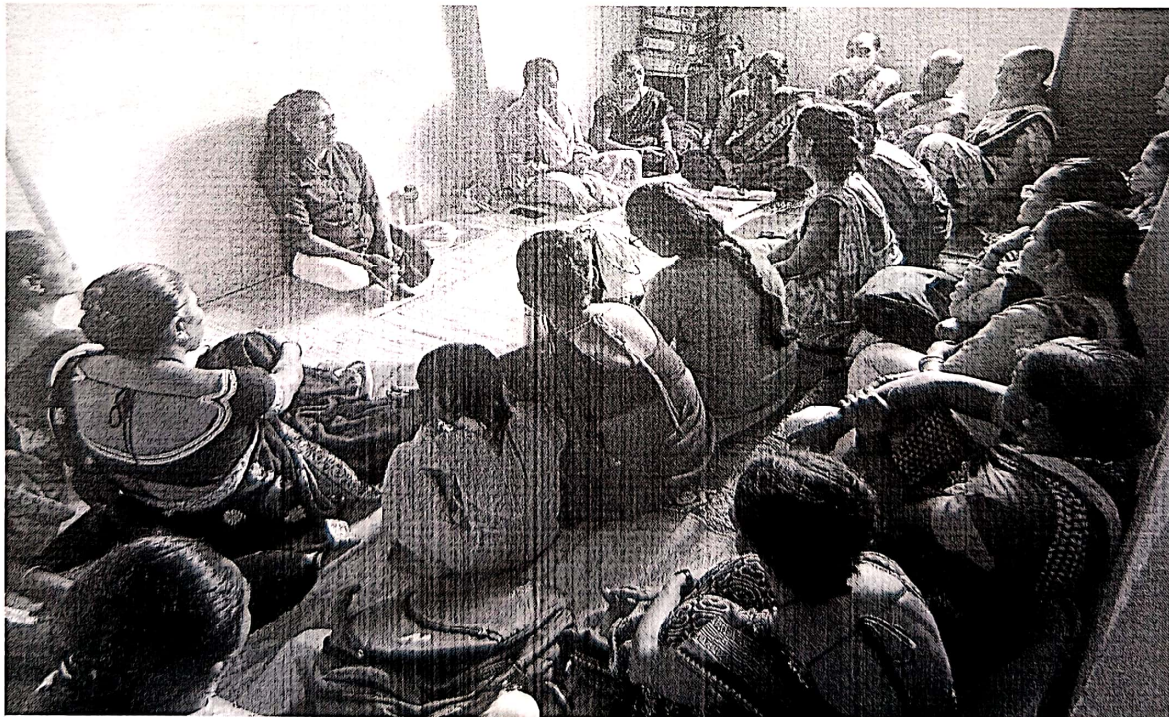
Children's Meeting



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Parents Meetings



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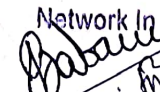
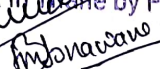
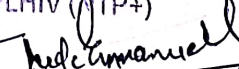
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Group Photo during World AIDS Day.



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Gift Hamper



Monthly Nutrition support



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Vihaan Care and Support

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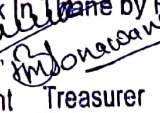
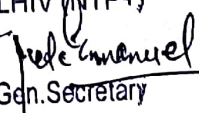
Covers 3 Anti Retro Viral Treatment centers of Thane District.

We were able to register 2400 PLHIV with our organization during this year and provide them various need-based services through our outreach team.

Support Group

24 Support Group meetings conducted during the year with an attendance of 538 participants who were provided information on different topics covering ART adherence, Home Based Care, Life Skill Education, Positive Living, Diet and different Government Social Schemes.



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Nutrition Support

Dry Ration support was provided to 1130 PLHIV with the help of our sponsors like Colgate Palmolive, Akshay Patra Foundation and Akshaya Shakti Welfare Association.



Life Skill Education

Life Skill Education and Capacity building training was provided to 68 Children. 4 CLHIV were provided Mentorship Support through our CSR support group.



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Linkages to Social Schemes

To help needy PLHIV to get Financial support from the Government we were able to link 1687 PLHIV to various Government departments and provide them with Medical Certificates, Ration Card, Domicile Certificate, Income Certificate, Aadhar Card, Birth Certificates and Sanjay Gandhi Pension Schemes.

Health Services

Different Health Services like PAP Smear test, HIV test, Family Planning operation, TB Testing and treatment, CD4 Test, Viral Load Test, Hospital Admission and Lost to Follow up services was provided to 10400 PLHIV during the year.

In House Trainings

As part of the Care and Support project we were able to provide trainings and information on subjects like Home Based Care, Health and Hygiene, ART Adherence, Need Based Counseling, Safe Sex practices and Positive living and Gender Equality.

NTP+ was able to provide different types of services to 10400 PLHIV from Thane District during the year and in a manner Motivate them to improve their Quality of Life.

"SATVIK" BPCL Project

With the help of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) NTP+ was able to provide 750 Hygiene Kits and 750 Nutrition Kits to PLHIV from Thane District. This Support was provided to PLHIV to help them maintain good



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health along with ART adherence to fight HIV and improve the quality of living.



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