

Goa University

D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies

Social Work Programme

Report on Panel Discussion - Bridging the Gap: from Childhood to Adolescence with HIV

1. Title of the Event	Panel Discussion - Bridging the Gap: from Childhood to Adolescence with HIV
2. Date and Time	11th July 2024, 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM
3. Mode of Conduct	Physical
4. School / Directorate/ Section	D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Social Work Programme
5. Collaborating Agency	Human Touch Foundation
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Dr. Wanda Viegas : Dr. Wanda Viegas is Senior Medical Officer, Goa Medical College and Hospital and renowned healthcare professional specializing in adolescent health and HIV care. She has extensive experience in developing and evaluating healthcare transition programs for adolescents living with HIV, ensuring

	continuous and comprehensive care.
	Masooma Shaikh: Masooma Shaikh is a mental health expert focusing on the psychosocial well-being of adolescents living with HIV. She has developed numerous counseling strategies and support mechanisms aimed at addressing stigma and promoting holistic mental health support for these adolescents.
	Nameshwari Jadhav: Nameshwari Jadhav is an advocate for community initiatives and peer support systems. Her work emphasizes the importance of building resilient communities and fostering peer support networks to enhance the well-being of adolescents living with HIV.
	Peter F. Borges: Peter F. Borges is Assistant Professor, Social Work and legal expert with a deep understanding of the legal challenges and policy considerations affecting adolescents living with HIV. His advocacy work focuses on ensuring the protection and empowerment of these adolescents through effective legal and policy frameworks.
	Usha Shankar Pawar: Usha Shankar Pawar is a young inspirational speaker and advocate who shares her personal journey of living with HIV. Her success stories highlight the role of positive role models in guiding and inspiring other adolescents facing similar challenges, showcasing resilience and determination.
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	4

8. Number of Student Attended / Participated	28
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	9
10. Objectives of the Event	The session aimed to enhance students' understanding of the challenges faced by adolescents living with HIV, provide a rehearsal platform for panelists from Human Touch Foundation preparing for the 25th International AIDS Conference, and foster comprehensive insights into healthcare, psychosocial support, community engagement, and legal policies for supporting ALHIV.
11. Description of the Event	The mock session was organized to prepare panelists of Human Touch Foundation for the 25th International AIDS Conference. It provided the students with a platform for discussing the multifaceted challenges
	faced by adolescents living with HIV, including healthcare transitions, mental health support, community engagement, and legal policies.
	The session was interactive, with panelists sharing their expertise and experiences, followed by a Q&A session.
12. Benefit/Key Outcomes of the Event	 Participants gained valuable insights into improving healthcare transition programs for adolescents living with HIV.
	• Enhanced understanding of the psychosocial needs of ALHIV and strategies for integrating mental health support.

	Emphasized the critical roles of community and peer support in the successful transition of ALHIV.
	 Supported the panel discussion team of Human Touch Foundation by offering a rehearsal platform to ensure their preparedness and confidence for the international AIDS 2024 event.
13. Enclosures with report	 Copy of Notice Geo-tag Photos Attendance of student's /faculty/ external participants.

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