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INDIA'S DIVERSE CHAMBER

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### About Rajmala Welfare Society (RWS)

RWS, a Support Centre for Trans Women, Youth and Queer in Crisis was set up in November 2013 in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, to ensure a holistic response to discrimination and violence across the sexual



spectrum on the basis of gender, religion, caste & class. It is collectively managed by a group of activist volunteers. Currently it is registered as a Non-profit organization in Ghaziabad. The Centre has provided a wide variety of support services to trans-women survivors (from April 2023-March 2024). The support includes paralegal, legal, medical, social mediation, counselling, rescue, shelter and rehabilitation. Often it is a struggle for women in Uttar Pradesh to access the police system for justice. Over the years RWS has enabled many women to register their cases with the police. To create an enabling environment for gender equality and equity RWS also works in communities, schools and colleges of Ghaziabad division which includes the districts of GB Nagar, Noida and Greater Noida.

## Rajmala Welfare Society Focus on:

Government and Non-government  
Department

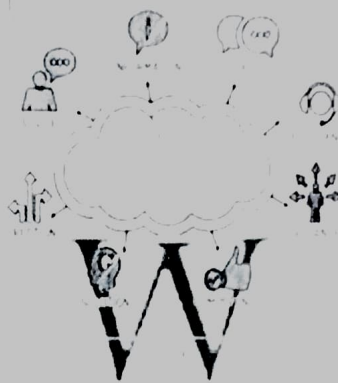
Business and Corporate Agencies

Community Leaders

Healthcare Providers

Managing agencies for welfare  
of families

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Benefit to communities

Community Leadership

Skill Building Trainings

Small Business Development

Income Generation Activities

Health and Social Services

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## MISSION

Rajmala Welfare Society (RWS) operates from Noida, with a mission to provide support and sustained responses to HIV in India, focusing on protecting rights and improving health outcomes. As part of the Indian national program, RWS is dedicated to building the capacity of LGBT communities and ensuring that they receive equal opportunities within society. The society's mission is to support the transgender community in accessing government schemes and promote overall health and wellness. Over the years, the LGBTQIA+ community in India has experienced significant legal and social changes, but challenges persist. RWS aims to create a safe and accessible environment for the LGBTQIA+ community by empowering them with information on social schemes and health concerns, particularly related to HIV/AIDS transmission prevention. By providing education and resources, RWS strives to enhance the well-being and quality of life for all members of the LGBTQIA+ community in Noida and beyond.

## OBJECTIVE:



- ✓ Create a safe and accessible environment for the LGBTQIA+ community by empowering them with information on Social Schemes & health concerns leading to the prevention of HIV/AIDS transmission.
- Promote entrepreneurship among individuals from sexual minorities, facilitating their employment and absorption into various markets, RWS India's Diverse Chamber will also provide support for sexual minority individuals in establishing their own businesses.
- Foster health and wellness in the lives of sexual minorities as well as other individuals and groups within the broader community.
- Enhance the quality of life for people from LGBTQI communities with dignity and respect.
- Establish a safe and accessible environment for MSM/Queer communities by empowering them with information on HIV/AIDS/STI prevention and addressing health concerns to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission.
- Encourage sexual health-seeking behaviour among MSM/Queer communities by increasing access to sexual and reproductive health services, promoting informed choices, and fostering safer sexual practices to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission.

### **Rajmala Welfare Society's Triumph in HIV/AIDS Advocacy**

- Rajmala Welfare Society (RWS) has been honoured with an esteemed award for its remarkable contributions to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. This recognition underscores the organization's unwavering commitment to public health advocacy and its significant impact on combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- Founded with a vision to address the health and social welfare needs of marginalized communities, RWS has emerged as a beacon of hope in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Through its innovative initiatives, grassroots outreach programs, and community engagement efforts, RWS has succeeded in breaking down barriers, dispelling myths, and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention strategies.
- At the heart of RWS's success lies in its holistic approach to HIV/AIDS advocacy, which integrates education, advocacy, and support services to empower individuals and communities. From conducting informative workshops and awareness campaigns to providing access to testing, treatment, and counselling services, RWS has been instrumental in promoting comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and support.
- One of the key strengths of RWS is its emphasis on community participation and involvement. By actively engaging with local communities, key stakeholders, and partner organizations, RWS has fostered a supportive environment that encourages open dialogue, destigmatizes HIV/AIDS, and promotes inclusivity and acceptance.
- RWS's dedication to innovation and collaboration has enabled it to leverage technology, media, and partnerships to amplify its reach and impact. Through strategic partnerships with





government agencies, healthcare providers, and civil society organizations, RWS has been able to maximize resources, expand its reach, and deliver effective HIV/AIDS services to those in need.

- The award bestowed upon RWS serves as a testament to the organization's tireless efforts, passion, and dedication to advancing HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. It also highlights the invaluable contributions of RWS's staff, volunteers, and supporters who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.
- RWS remains committed to its mission of promoting health, dignity, and equality for all. With renewed vigour and determination, RWS continues to pave the way for a future where HIV/AIDS is no longer a barrier to health and well-being, but rather a challenge that has been overcome through compassion, resilience, and solidarity.
- Rajmala Welfare Society's receipt of this prestigious award is a testament to its unwavering dedication, innovative approach, and profound impact in the field of HIV/AIDS awareness. As we celebrate this milestone achievement, let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting organizations like RWS in their noble pursuit of a world free from the burden of HIV/AIDS.

During the period of 2023 to 2024, RWS has been actively involved in implementing the KP Grant Global Fund Project to address the health and well-being needs of key populations. RWS has conducted several meetings and sensitization activities to raise awareness and address the specific challenges faced by key populations, including LBTQ+ individuals, sex workers, people living with HIV, and other marginalized groups.

Type of the activity	No meetings conducted	No of beneficiaries
Advocacy	9	110
Sensitization with HCP	17	326
Support group meeting	14	133
Community Empowerment (SHG)	11	136
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>705</b>
No of HIV Screening		58
No of SRHR Services		58
No of ART Linkage		01

Rajmala Welfare Society worked with groups of Health Care Providers: (SACS / NACO, District Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and National Institute for Social Defence, Support Group Meetings with the Community and other Stake Holders)



- Sensitization and coordination meetings with HCP provided a reflection and positive steps towards creating an inclusive and supportive environment for the LGBTQIA ++ community in the district for easy accessibility of HIV, STI, TB Screening and other Health Services.
- Sensitization meetings with the District Social Welfare Department to create inclusivity, and know the social protection schemes and accessibility to the community
- We engage the community through conducting support group meetings to learn about their needs, which are then discussed. We also follow up with the community to inform them about HIV/AIDS, STIs, condom and lube usage, SRHR services, NCDs, and social protection programmes.
- Strengthened advocacy and sensitization meetings with Stake Holder have promoted a coordinated strategy for empowering the transgender community.
- Sensitization and advocacy meetings with the National Institute for Social Defence (NSID) and the Ministry of Social Justice Empowerment (MOSJE) to increase community capacity for entrepreneurship and empowerment.
- Empowerment, economic development, and social well-being of the community, SHG meetings aimed to foster collaboration, share knowledge and experiences, and explore opportunities for collective growth and support within the SHG group.

By amplifying the voices of key populations and advocating for policy reforms, RWS aims to create a more supportive and enabling environment for marginalized communities.

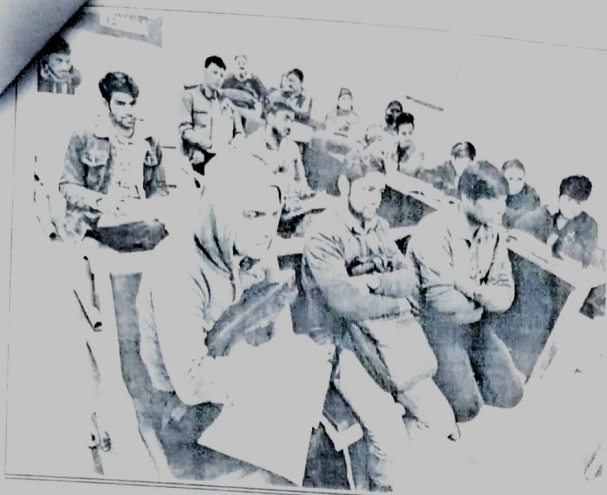
Impact and Future Directions:

The meetings and sensitization activities conducted by RWS have contributed to increased awareness, improved access to services, and enhanced support for key populations.

Moving forward, RWS will continue to strengthen its partnerships, expand its outreach, and advocate for sustainable solutions to address the health and social disparities faced by key populations.

### HEALTHCARE PROVIDER MEETING





**SENSITIZATION and COORDINATION MEETING**  
RWS Organize this meeting with UPSACS in Lucknow.



**SENSITIZATION and COORDINATION MEETING**

RWS Organised this meeting with the District Social Welfare Department







### SENSITIZATION and ADVOCACY MEETING

RWS Organised this Meeting with the Police Department



### SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This year RWS Organised this Meeting with Community Members





### SELF HELP GROUP MEETING

In the Meeting, we discuss the community (SHG) Group Formation.



Saksham (Parlour group)

Pehchan (Bakery Group)

Transgender Remembrance Day 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023







### Local Event with Community



By leveraging the learnings and outcomes from the KP Grant Global Fund Project, RWS remains committed to advancing the well-being, rights, and dignity of key populations in the community. In



clusion, RWS's efforts in implementing the KP Grant Global Fund Project reflect its dedication to promoting health equity, social justice, and human rights for key populations. Through collaborative initiatives, advocacy actions, and sensitization activities, RWS is making a positive impact on the lives of marginalized communities and working towards a more inclusive and supportive society for all.

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