

AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL (APAC) PROJECT

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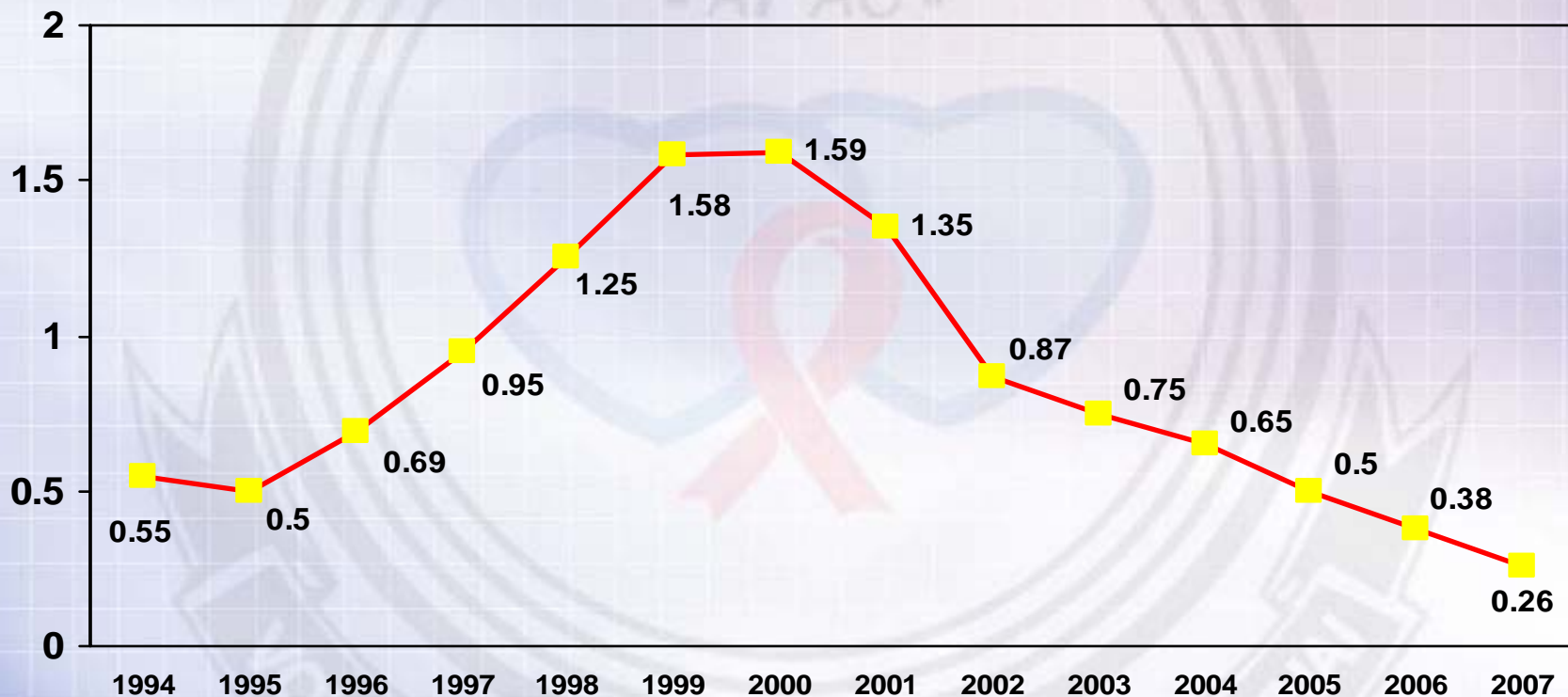


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HIV PREVALENCE AMONG ANTE-NATAL WOMEN IN TAMIL NADU



Source: Tamil Nadu Sentinel Surveillance



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AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROJECT (APAC)

- APAC is a USAID funded project implemented by Voluntary Health Services (VHS) an NGO through a bilateral agreement with the Government of India.
- Since 1995, APAC has funded and built capacity for more than 100 NGOs in Tamil Nadu for MARPs interventions.
- Works in close collaboration with the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Over the years, APAC has scaled up and refined thematic targeted intervention models and systems.
- APAC models and systems have been adopted and replicated across India.
- HIV prevalence has declined among MARPs and ANC women in Tamil Nadu (from 1.59 in 2000 to 0.26 in 2007)



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APAC STRATEGY FOR TARGETED INTERVENTION

- Work with NGOs
- Behavior change communication
- Linkages for STI / Counseling & testing/ ART services
- Condom promotion (Private sector, NGOs & Community)
- Advocacy



WHO'S CAPACITY HAS TO BE BUILT?

- NGOs / CBOs
- Service Providers
- Community
- Government
- Experts



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CAPACITY BUILDING OF NGOs /CBOs

- NGO Leaders
- Project Managers
- Out Reach Workers
- Counselors
- Administrative / Account Staff



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Qualified Physicians
- Registered Indigenous Medical Practitioners (Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani....)
- Auxiliary Nurses & Midwives
- Community Health Workers
- Druggists / Pharmacists
- Condom retailers



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY

- Peer Educators
- District Peer Educator's Association Leaders
- Office Bearers/ Community Associations
- PLHA Networks



CAPACITY BUILDING -GOVERNMENT

- Project Managers in Government
- Physicians
- Para Medical Staff
- Policy Makers
- Political Leaders



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EXPERTS

- National/Regional level experts
- NGO Mentors
- Consultants
- Resource Persons



CAPACITY BUILDING ON WHAT?

- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
 - General Administration
 - Finance
 - Specific Knowledge / Skills for managing TIs
- SYSTEMS
 - Project Management
 - Fund Flow
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
- TECHNICAL
 - Basic facts on STI/HIV/AIDS, Baseline study
 - Interpersonal Communication
 - Communication (use of media, materials)
 - Community Mobilization / Peer development



WHAT PROCESSES WERE USED?

- Participatory site visits and field training
- Experience Sharing and Review Meetings
- Guided exposure visits to other interventions
- Scholarship to conferences
- Counselors conference and helpline
- Consultants/ experts development workshops



WHAT ARE THE LESSONS LEARNT?

- Provide capacity building along with funds
- Continuous training for skill development/ knowledge updates essential
- Planned capacity building for project staff required
- Forum for experience sharing facilitates capacity building
- Demonstration sites helpful
- Adapt and localize successful experiences
- Physical presence of skilled experts helps capacity building in government systems



CHALLENGES IN CAPACITY BUILDING

- Attrition of skilled / trained staff
- Difficulty in adopting others' experiences
- Program goals Vs Community expectations
- Availability of service providers for training
- Community preferred training of providers Vs Training of qualified providers
- Vertical Vs Horizontal approaches (who should be trained in low prevalence sites)
- Impact assessment of capacity building



SERVICE PROVIDERS TRAINED (from 1997 - 2007)

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Numbers Trained</i>
1	Qualified Physicians	4765
2	RIMPs	4438
3	Pharmacists	3630
4	Community Health Workers	3606
5	Nurses/Midwives	2066
6	Condom retailers	15,000

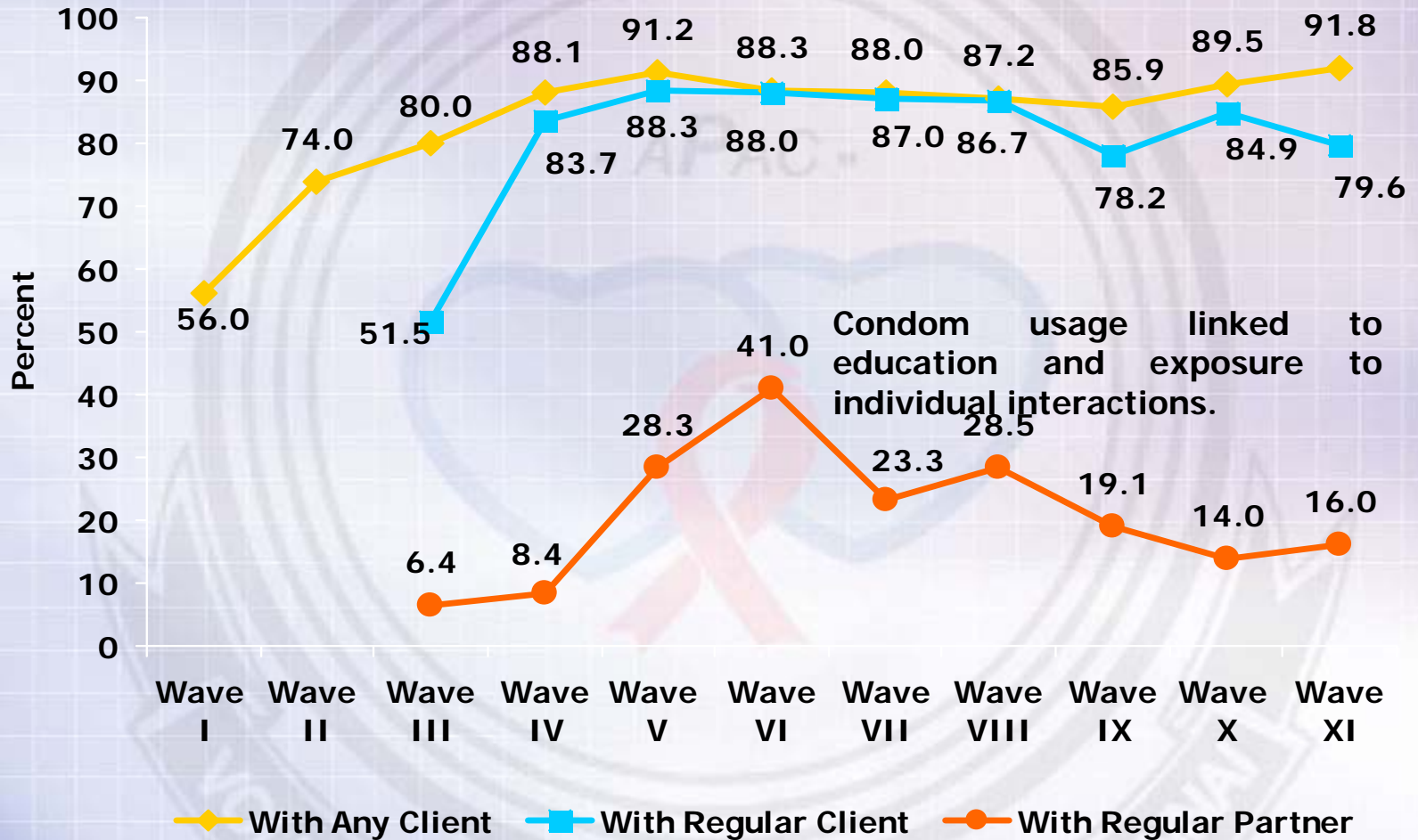


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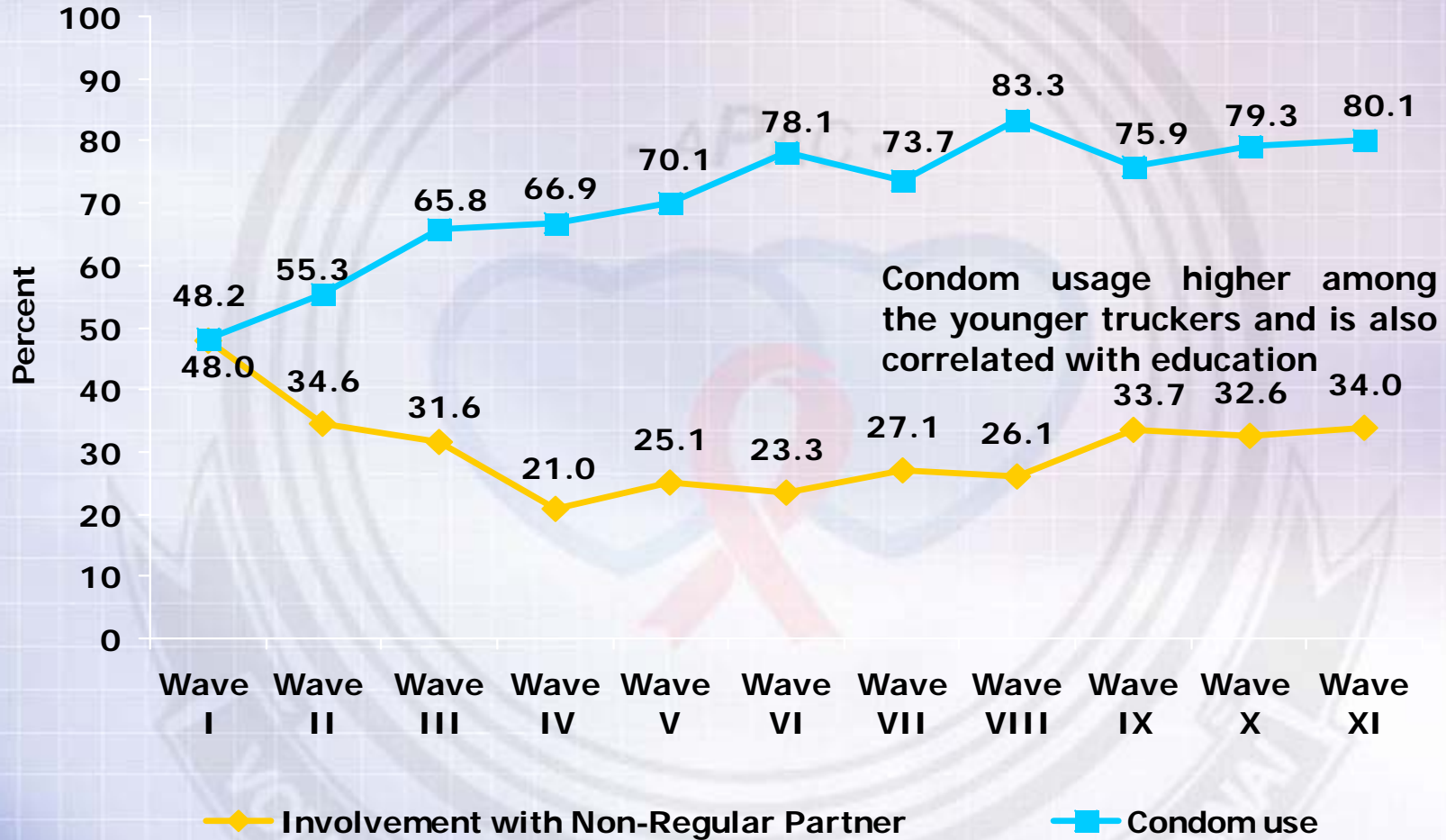
Condom Usage-Urban TN, FSW



66% of the FSW are using condoms consistently with their one-time clients. Consistent usage is significantly low with their regular partners and clients.



Involvement and Condom Usage with Non-Regular Partners-Urban TN, Truckers



Marginal increase in both paid sex (29%) and casual sex (12%). Marginal increase in condom usage too. 77.2% of the truckers involved in Non-Regular sex are using condoms consistently



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NGO STAFF TRAINED (from 1997 - 2005)

Sl. No	Name of the training program	Total number Trained
1	Counseling	944
2	TOT	519
3	HIV Management training for NGOs at Jaipur	4
4	IEC approaches for Behavior change 10 days course at Aurangabad	13
5	Supervisory skills - Bangalore	7
6	Bio-Statistics and Epidemiology	202
7	Advanced course on Death dying	17
8	INP+	22
9	DEMO	426



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