

7.4.3. Roles and responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of WBSAP&CS are manifested through the following major activities:

- Priority targeted interventions for most at-risk populations (such as female sex workers, MSM, injecting drug users) through such initiatives as behavioral change communications (by developing IEC material), condom promotion and STI/HIV/AIDS counseling, testing and treatment and psycho-social counseling.
- Preventive interventions for the general population such as awareness generation campaigns, school AIDS education programme, counseling and testing (ICTC) for HIV, blood safety programs and prevention of parent to child transmission (PPTCT) programme.
- Low cost AIDS care, support and treatment for PLWHA (people living with HIV/AIDS) through which first line anti-retroviral (ARV) therapy drugs are provided in the state, through the ART centres and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) drugs from all medical colleges and hospitals in the state as well as from the district hospitals.

7.4.4. Performance/Achievements

7.4.4.1. Integrated Counseling & Testing Centre (ICTC)

Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres (ICTC's) designated as the entry point through which an individual is counseled and is tested for the detection of HIV positive status both among the general clients as well as the pregnant women. This primary care service provides the project with the monitoring of the linkage with other service providers so that all detected HIV positive through ICTC centers are provided ART and other necessary treatments. Currently there are 265 ICTCs, functioning in West Bengal. During 2011-12, highest proportion (compared to last few years) of counseling and testing target among general population/pregnant women set by NACO, has been achieved by the ICTCs of West Bengal.

6.8 Status of Clients Pre-Test counseled, Tested and Post-Test Counseled at ICTC, 2011-

Category	New Registrations	Pre-Test Counseling	Testing for HIV	Post Test Counseling	Tested Positive
Client Initiated (General Clients)		81663	79013	76747	3136
Provider Initiated (General Clients)		220367	217109	210242	4316
Pregnant Women (ANC)	498246	425499	407083	396916	491
Pregnant Women (Directly in Labour)	138449	41717	38947	38797	45
Total	636695	769246	742152	722702	7988

During the year 2011-12, total no. of clients testing sero positive were 7988 i.e. 1.08% out of total tested. More emphasis are being given to consolidate the services provided through ICTCs like diagnosis of HIV infection following pre test & post test counseling, referral to ART Centers for Pre ART registration, DOT Centre for Tuberculosis detections, STI clinics for treatment of STIs, psycho - social counseling and referral to other stake holders both in Government & NGO sectors for care and support services.

7.4.4.2. HIV / TB:

As Tuberculosis is the commonest opportunistic infection among HIV Positive persons, the cross referral from ICTC to RNTCP and vice versa to detect HIV/TB co-infected persons early & put them under treatment is considered as one of the important component under NACP-III. For proper implementation of the activity, state coordination committee (SCC) and district coordination committee (DCC) have been formed. Capacity Building at different facility level on TB HIV intensified package has already been done. Co-Trimoxazole Prophylaxis has already been started for the co-infected clients at the DMC level.

7.4.4.3. STI

Sexually Transmitted Infections are well known to their wide prevalence, potential serious complications & intricate relationships with the HIV infection. Early diagnosis and detection of the STI/RTI Infections can reduce the transmission of HIV. The designated STI/RTI clinics at the various districts is set up for providing ST/RTI case management, treatment compliance and

