

Title of the project:SGP Project of DANESH and Community Development Organization.

Target Area: Double Road Garage Area.

Target Group: 300 Out of school male youth.

Location: Quetta.

Introduction:

Young people are considered being more vulnerable to epidemic because of lack of guidance and information on sexuality and on safer sex behavior. They are at high risks due to multiple factors. In Pakistan to talk safer sex is not easy topic and due to cultural ad social values parents and even friends cannot communicate on such issues like HIV/AIDS.

Thus the present study was conducted to identify current basic information of project area and target group regarding health issues, risk behaviors, and vulnerability to STIs and HIV/AIDS.

Objectives:

Main objectives of the project are:

- To identify the sexual health needs of out of school male youth.
- To identify factors affecting the sexual health of youth
- To collect baseline information on level of knowledge, regarding HIV/AIDS,STIs,& SRH.

Findings:

- Most of the youth in garages are victims of sexual exploitation.
- About half of the respondents considered their shops as a risk spots for youth while another half did not think them as a risk spot.
- Majority of youth had very little knowledge on HIV/AIDS.
- Reasons for involvement in risk activities
 - (1) Lack of education
 - (2) Poverty
 - (3) Bad company
 - (4) Lack of knowledge about types of risk and safe activities
 - (5) Availability of FSW/MSMs.
- Use of narcotic drugs are also common in youth including chars,afeem and bhang.
- There is a dearth of healthy recreational and entertainment opportunities in the area.
- The owner of garages pay less wages that increase their vulnerability to high risk activities.