

## **Introduction:**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Jail Inmates Gilgit
<b>Lead NGO:</b>	Al Roomi
<b>Partner NGO:</b>	Montage Women Development Centre
<b>Target Group:</b>	Jail inmates
<b>Location:</b>	Gilgit

The risks of HIV and AIDS Among jail inmate were high due to multiple factors including sharing of blades and syringes, unsafe sexual practices, long time away from partners/home. Usually jail offer conducive atmosphere for homosexually as prisoners are seclude from their sexual life for a longer period of time, over crowding in one compartment and sharing of toilet facilities provides an opportunity to share private life together This increase the risks of HIV/AIDS and other STIs infections.

### **Objectives**

Main objectives of the project are

- Identification of the main Risk factors
- Assessment of present awareness and sensitization level of jail inmates about sexually transmitted infections and HIV and AIDS.
- Establishment of a proper referral services for treatment and proper screening for HIV infection.

### **Methodology**

The project staff will adopt the implementation strategy for the project. This includes sensitization of the target audience through sensitization and awareness rising activities Involving jail administration in awareness programs

### **Achievements**

- Health seeking behaviour of jail inmates improved
- Stigma and Discrimination regarding HIV & AIDS and STIs reduced.
- Due to the project intervention a prisoner with in jail is provided better health facilities including barber services and individual shaving kits
- Jail authority and other key stake holders accepted HIV &AIDS as an issue of jail inmates

## **Challenges Faced**

### **Access**

- Access to the barracks was a main hurdle in the implementation of the project, as the jail authorities were not giving permission to visit the jail due to the fear of uncertain happening.

### **Sectarian issues**

- As there was sectarian fanatics among the jail inmates so it was very difficult to gather them at the same point so more efforts were spent due to the multiple locations of the jail inmates.

## **Lesson Learnt**

Due to lack of interaction with society, jail inmates have very low knowledge level regarding every aspect of life especially HIV and AIDS. Therefore more efforts are being needed to fill the educational gap of the jail inmates.