

**Title of the Project: Out of school Youth.**

**Target Area:** Gilgit.

**Target Group:** 20 out of 300 school male youth.

**Location:** Gilgit.

**Introduction:**

The situation of northern areas regarding AIDS is so far Considered to be satisfactory with one case diagnosed as HIV positive and another is in screening process yet keeping in view the pandemic situation of HIV infection no country and region is safe. The factors include proximity to china through borders in Gilgit and cross border trade influx of tourist from numerous destinations of the world for mountain expeditions, trekking, and touring, ecotourism, and trade and touring, ecotourism, and trade with the advent of the area has increased several folds.

In this regard the present study is conducted to increase and check the level of awareness among youth regarding HIV/AIDS in Gilgit.

**Objectives:**

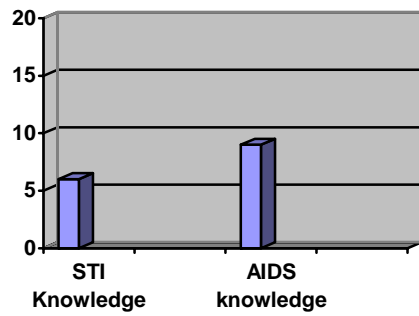
The main objectives of project are:

- Sensitization of youth towards means of transmission of HIV.
- Bring attitudinal change in the target youth to avoid using practices which make them susceptible towards having the disease.
- Develop a cadre of peer educators to onward transmission of health education to preventing HIV in the population and thus preventing HIV epidemic in the region.
- Identification of youth having STIs, provides medical care, and establish referral services for proper screening of HIV infection.

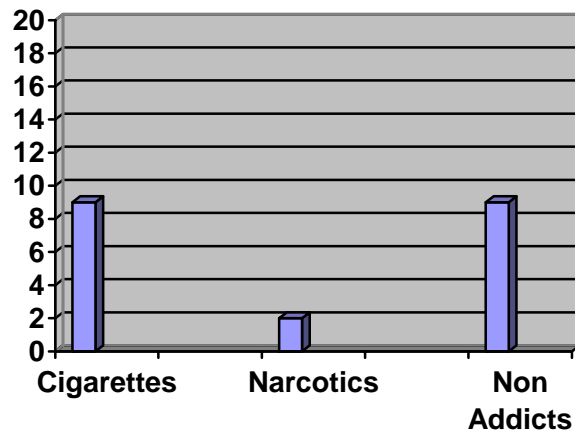
**Findings:****Main findings of the project are:**

- 45% of youth have heard of AIDS as compared to 30% youth who had a knowledge about STIs
- No body had any information about any persons who has HIV or AIDS in the locality he lives in or in the town.
- None of the respondents has ever attended. Any kind of sensitization or awareness raising workshop on AIDS and STIs.

• Knowledge about STIs & AIDS



• Drug Addiction and Habituation



• Education status.

