

Mission

NFI's mission is to empower socially excluded and disadvantaged males who have sex with males to secure for themselves health and well-being through technical, institutional and, whenever possible, financial support.

Why NFI works with male-to-male sex and HIV prevention, care and support

Because:

- **It is the right thing to do on humanitarian grounds.**
- **It is the right thing to do epidemiologically.**
- **It is the right thing to do from a public health perspective.**

Males who have sex with males ('MSM') whether their self-identity is linked to their same sex behaviour or not, have:

- **The right to be free from violence and harassment;**
- **The right to be treated with dignity and respect;**
- **The right to be treated as full citizens in their country;**
- **The right to be free from HIV/AIDS;**

'MSM' who are already infected with HIV have the right to access appropriate care and treatment equally with everyone else, regardless of how the virus was transmitted to them.

The Project

**Increasing coverage of
HIV/AIDS prevention
services for males who
have sex with males in
four states in India**

- a pilot project



Field testing of NFI methodologies and tools for scaling up of self-help organising amongst 'MSM' in four Indian states to provide their own HIV/AIDS prevention services



Donor: DFID India

Target population: kothi-identified males and their sexual partners – ‘MSM’

Geographical spread: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh

Working with NFI partner agencies in these states to develop new ‘MSM’ CBOs.

Other stake holders are being brought into the developmental process, including NACO, SACS, other donors, along with other ‘MSM’ and HIV/AIDS projects.

The Implementation Process

- 1. Recruitment of staff for Lucknow Office and establishment of Technical Support Unit.**
- 2. Selection of 9 key sites in each state with NFI partner agencies working in these states and other stakeholders.**
- 3. Recruitment of state staff and open State Technical Support Units working with our partners and others.**
- 4. Development of NFI training and BCC resources in local languages**
- 5. Training programme at the NFI Lucknow office for State Technical Support Unit staff and Project Managers of state partner (s) with the NFI Lucknow Project Team**
- 6. Initial site visits made to the 9 sites in each state and 7 key 'MSM' individuals identified and recruited to the Project (63 individuals/state)**

- 7. 3-day State Consultation Meetings organised in each state with these individuals**
- 8. State 'MSM' and AIDS Forums established in each state with the direct involvement of a range of primary and secondary stakeholders.**
- 9. Selection of site based Project Managers and field staff during consultation meetings. 1st Training programme for 1st group of 4 sites in each state.**
- 10. Following this training, the first 4 local projects in each state will be opened with seed funds.**
- 11. Situational Assessments conducted in these four sites in each state.**

- 12. 1st State Project monitoring visit to these four sites in their state.**
- 13. 1st State MSM Forum meeting (every quarter) in each state.**
- 14. 1st Training Programme for 2nd group of 5 sites in each state.**
- 15. Following this training, the second group of 5 local projects in each state will be opened with seed funds.**
- 16. Situational Assessments conducted in these five additional sites in each state. Reports developed**
- 17. All 9 local projects providing outreach, referrals and socialising activities in drop-in centres.**
- 18. State Project Office 1st monitoring visit to second group of 5 projects in each state.**

- 19. 2nd quarter meeting of State MSM and AIDS Forum.**
- 20. 2nd Training Programme for the first group of 4 projects.**
- 21. 2nd Training Programme for the second group of 5 projects.**
- 22. NFI India Office 1st monitoring visit**
- 23. 2nd State Project Office monitoring visit**

11 STATE FORUM MEETINGS and 10 MONITORING VISITS conducted

24. Meeting at NFI India office for feedback and discussion of project implementation and process.

25. Regular reports produced

26. Final report to be produced.

Project ends March 2007.

During the Project Period, NFI and its state partners have been negotiating with state donors and SACS for continued funding support for the new projects.

Output 1

Project management unit established at NFI Office in Lucknow, India and organisational development and capacity building of the state partner projects achieved to scale up their activities across its states.

ACHIEVED

- **Staff recruited and PMU established**
- **Project dissemination meeting conducted**
- **In each of the four target states**
Initial state visit, discussions with stakeholders, local sites identified
Staff identified and recruited for state project office
Induction workshop conducted
State Project Office established

Output 2: State level MSM networking and consultation meetings held in the targeted states.

ACHIEVED

- **Pre-consultation site visits to identify potential recruits for project.**
- **State Consultation Meetings held in each state. Participants from the 9 target sites in the state. 63 participants for each Meeting**
- **4 Meeting reports produced**

Output 3:

State level MSM forum developed and NFI State Partner Agencies developed as MSM nodal agency for the states.

ACHIEVED

- **State MSM and HIV Forums established; terms of reference developed; have met on 3 monthly basis**
- **Minutes produced for each meeting**

Output 4: 9 MSM sexual health projects developed in targeted cities across each target state, initially supported by seed funds and baseline studies conducted in these cities.

ACHIEVED

- **Local project staff recruited**
- **Training and projects implemented in phased manner: 1st group 4 projects, 2nd group 5 projects, each group 2 training programmes conducted, total of 14 days per group for each state.**
- **Seed funds dispersed and projects established with DiC services, outreach and referrals for clinical treatment**
- **36 projects developed**
- **Situational assessments conducted in all 36 sites, data analysed and reports produced.**
- **On-going discussions with SACS and other stakeholders**

Output 5: Translation, typesetting and formatting of NFI behaviour change communication resources and manuals into the vernacular from English and printing.

ACHIEVED

Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telegu versions produced:

- 5 Leaflets**
- 6 Booklets**
- 7 6 volume CBO development tool-kit**

Output 6: Monitoring and evaluation visits conducted by NFI PMO to state project office and randomly selected local projects in each state. State Project Office to visit each of the 9 sites for each state

ACHIEVED

NFI M&E visits: 10

SPO M&E visits: 12

Reports produced

Challenges

Donor issues:

- Donor driven programme
- Donors initiating service delivery themselves
- Donors have a different understanding of community led initiative.
- Funding cycles

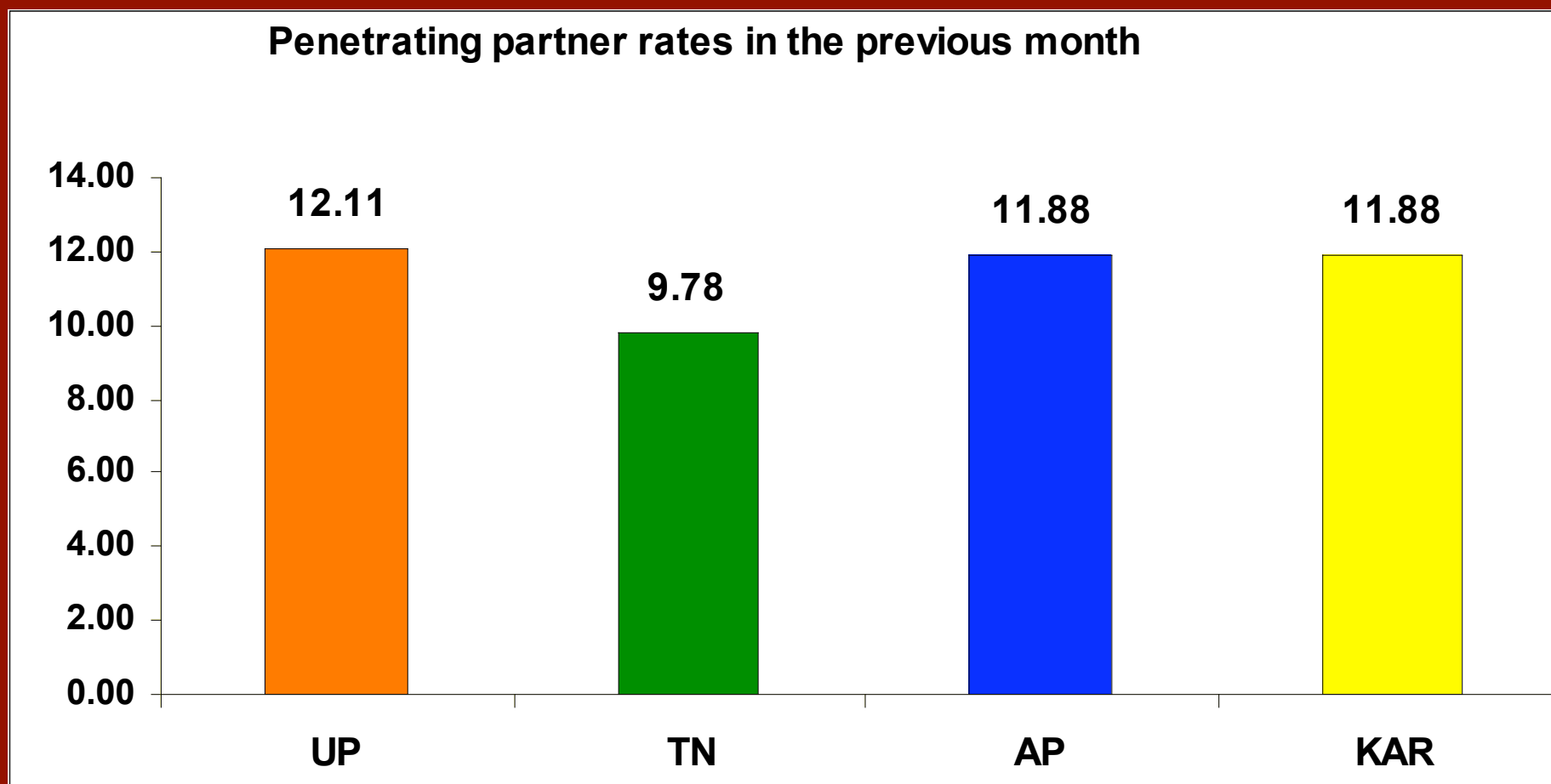
Finances:

- Proper staffing for multiple projects
- Staff unable to understand the invoicing process

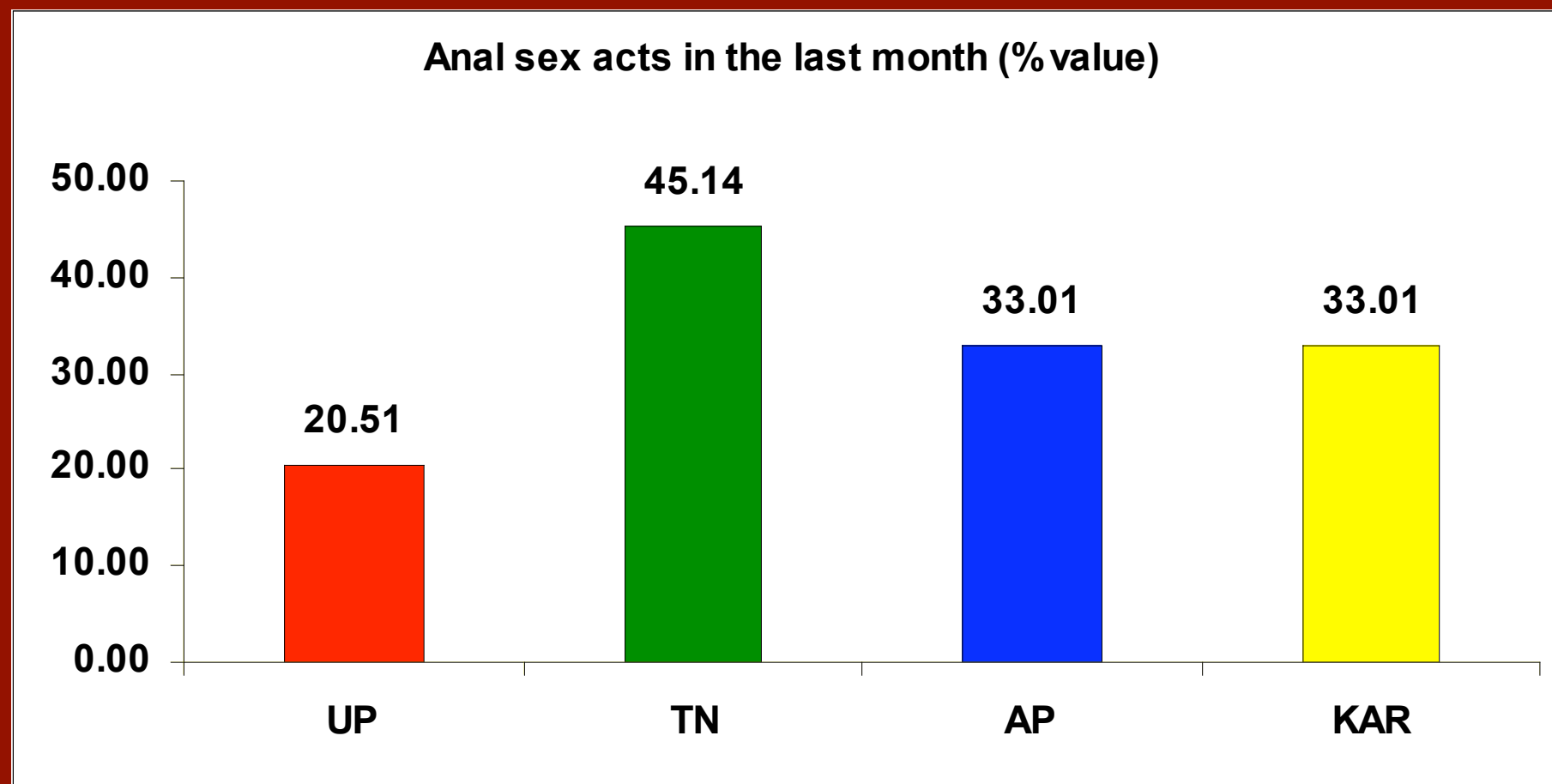
Politics:

- Territorial Issues
- Share of the funding

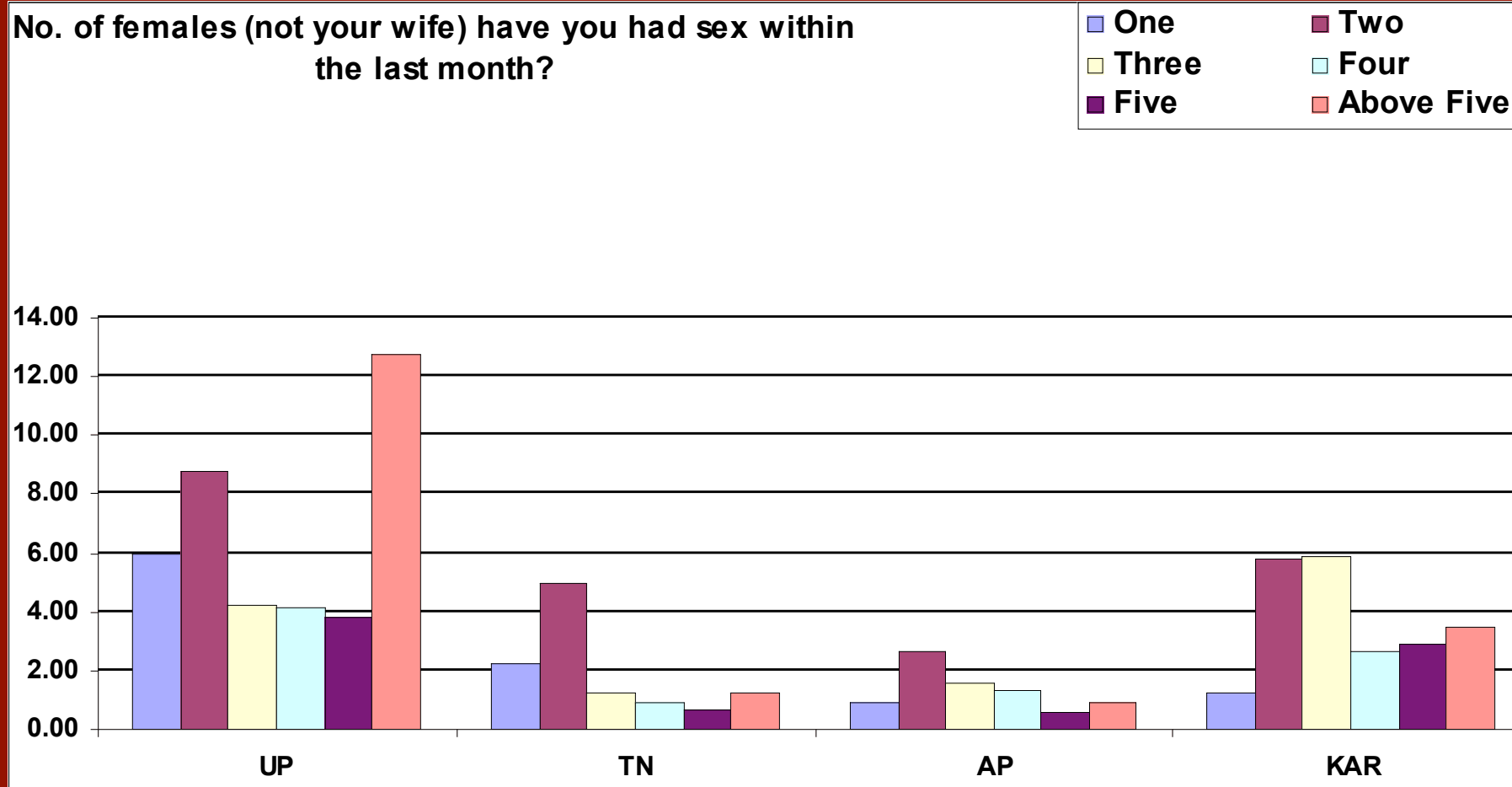
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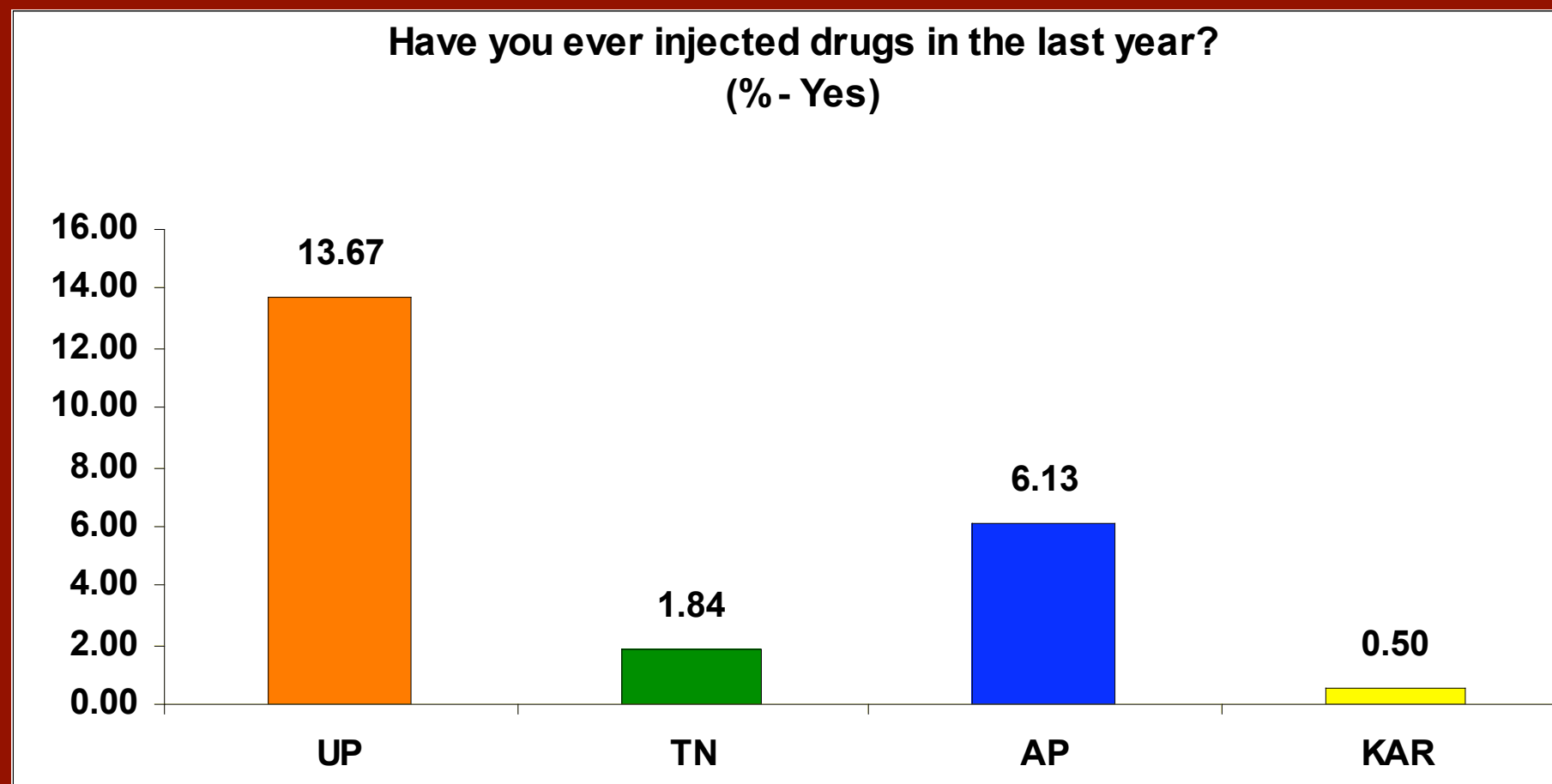
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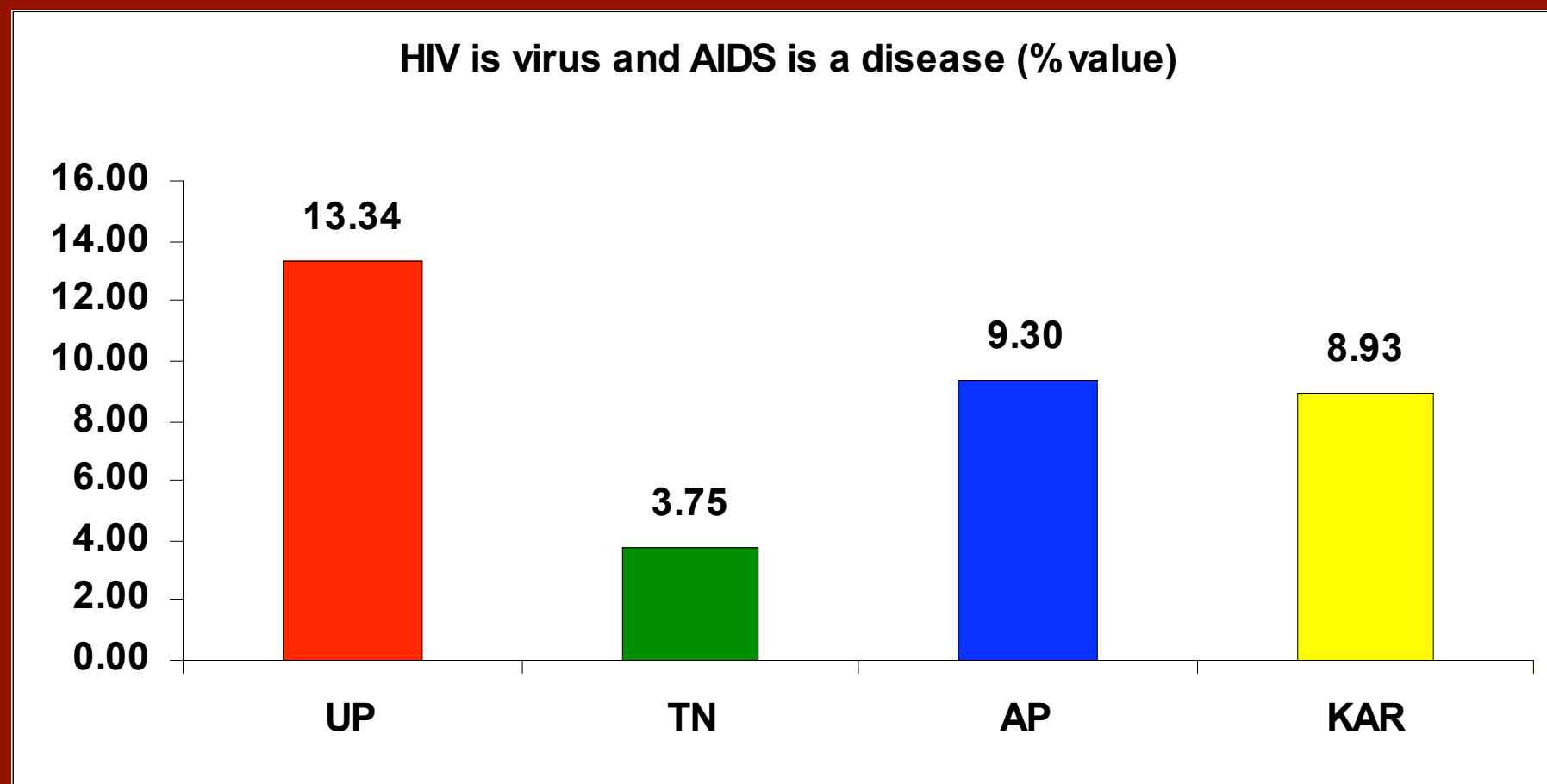
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Outcomes

Andhra Pradesh

Post March 2007

From October 2007

3 district CBOs – supported by BMGF

3 district CBOs – supported by Alliance

2 district CBOs – supported by SACS

State Technical Support Unit – part funding by BMGF

MSM AIDS Forum – event based funding by BMGF & SACS

GAPS:

1 district CBO

8 district CBO – April 2007 to September 2007

Outcomes

Karnataka

Post March 2007

From October 2007

3 district CBOs – supported by APSACS

1 district – supported by Corridor

GAPS:

State Technical Support Unit

MSM AIDS Forum

5 district CBOs

Support for – April 2007 to September 2007

Outcomes

Tamil Nadu

Technical Support Unit – supported by AVERT

MSM AIDS Forum – supported by TNSACS

3 district CBOs - supported by AVERT

6 district CBOs - supported by TNSACS

GAPS:

None

Outcomes

Uttar Pradesh

7 district CBOs – supported by SACS

GAPS:

2 district CBOs

Technical Support Unit

MSM AIDS Forum

Issues and needs

Gap to NACP III

The funding from SACS which is a part of NACP III might not come through in April 2007

Who will fund for this gap period ?

Issues and needs

State Technical Support Units

The donors are reluctant to pick up State Technical Support Units as they are not directly involved with service delivery. With Community based organisations a regular technical back up at the state level would be needed.

State MSM and HIV Forums

The forums are needed as an advocacy tool for these new CBOs, but being a new initiative they still need to be picked up by SACS and donors.

Issues and needs

NFI Technical Assistance

One central technical support agency is needed to provide technical back up to State Technical Support Units

Further scaling up

More new CBOs to be developed in these four states as well as in other states.