

## **Socio-economic Condition of Transgender in Virudhunagar District- A Case Study**

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### **Intoduction**

Transgender communities historically exist (Khan et al 2009) in most all the countries under different cultural contexts. They are known as hijra, aravani, kothis, jogappas, jogtas, thirunangai or siv-shaktis in South Asian. The hijira, also called “Third Gender” or eunuch-transvestites, has existed for centuries in the Indian sub-continent (Nanda, 1999; Reddy, 2003). The Tamil term “Ali” actually group together individual belonging to different forms and different grades of intensity of the phenomenon in question, the only thing they have in common being they cannot be clearly defined as masculine or as feminine (Niklas,1997).

Transgender are denied of basic rights to food, clothing, shelter, education and health which make them marginalized. The denial of support from family, neighbors and friends is also one of the main reasons of their social exclusion. Transgender face socio-economic, cultural, psychological and physical problems. They normally lack the ability to have sex. Usually such people are not accepted even by their parents in the first place and later by the society. Lack of recognition and acknowledgment as being human also affects their identity formation and self concept. This forces them to adopt a different way of life. Instead of denial, they should be provided with equal opportunities for education and also other facilities of life.

This study mainly concerns about their socioeconomic conditions and how they are excluded because of their birth and their awareness regarding HIV. For this study, the researcher collected data from the eleven respondents through case study.

### Case study- 1

Respondent's name is Oviya Alies Kathiravan. She is twenty three years old. She is living with her colleagues. She has habits of both like tobacco and drinking. She realized herself as a Transgender in his twelfth age. During the time she has different activities like wearing female series and used female to make up utensil like lip tics and use of turmeric in the time of her bath. After some time her parents watched her activities, then they made angry and quarrels arise between herself and her parents. Finally, she comes out of her house and join her colleagues

She was not like to attend the festival, which is organized her relatives and her family members. At the same time she is very much interested to attend her college function.. she entered her first sexual activities with her friends, which was happening in the remote areas. Now she has a permanent partner with herself. He is male he is identified as (panty) man. She did not sexual contact with any other person like Double Ducker (which means both receiver and giver). She did not like to condom where she enters sex with her regular partner otherwise she will use condom for other persons. She like both anal and oral sex at the same time occasionally she may use inter- femoral sex. she did not collect money for sex at the same time unaware about HIV. In the year of 2011 she faced sexual harassment with four people in a same time both of them drunker they forced herself for sex. After that, she took two days for her full recovery from that incident.

### Case study 2

Respondent name is Tharani allies Mahendrean. She is thirty years old. Her qualification in only eight standards. Presently she lives with her regular partner. She realized herself as a transgender in her eleventh age. During that time she involves herself in the activities of like made Rangoli and took water with female style. Her activities made much angrier from their parents. So equipment arises between herself and her parents finally she come out of her house after that she took operation after the operation she lives with her regular partner. She also like oral and anal both sex sometime occasionally she use inter-femoral sex activities. Her earlier time she suffered a lot because of her activities. Sometime it made suicidal thinking. After that she realized then she overcomes her routine life. She did not aware with HIV at the same time she unknown how spread HIV.

### Case study 3

Respondent name is Nagini allies Velmurugan. She is Twenty five years old. her qualification is only eight standard. She has both tobacco and drinking habits. She knows herself as a transgender in her tenth age at the same time she entered first sex in her tenth age. she like oral and anal sex. Presently her work is a collection of money from the shop. Two years back, she is doing sexual work. During that time she did not expect more money, whatever they give.

She didn't have a regular partner. In this reason, she may sex with anybody those who approach herself. She did not face any sexual

#### **Case study 4**

Respondent name is Abi allies Paramasivam. Now she is thirty two years old, who completed her tenth standard. She realized herself as a transgender in her fourteenth age. she entered her first sexual attempt with her friends in her tenth age. At the age of her twenties, she she leaves her home and joined her colleague. she did change in her activities in the age of her tenth but completely she changed herself as transgender in her fourteenth. After that she involved herself in operation after that she lives with her regular partner after five years her partner leave herself. After that she was going sexual work in a week. she was collecting money from the customer whatever they give. She did not like to live with her family and relatives. she participated in all functions which is organized only their colleague. During the time of her earlier days she felt much more because of her activities. Now she realizes himself, and then come her routine life.

#### **Case study 5**

Respondent's name is Rubi allies Vimal Raj. She is thirty four old. Her qualification is B. SC (chemistry), now she is working in non-governmental organization. she belongs to the category of Curtis. Kothi means those are living with female activities with appearance of male people. She entered her first sexual attempt in her tenth standard with her friends. Her family members did not know herself as transgender except with elder brother, actually she knows herself as a transgender in her twenty second age. She has very much aware about HIV and AIDS and how it spread. At the same time she did not like a condom while doing activities of sex. Some time it gives the result, she drank a seaman of the customer.

#### **Case study 6**

Respondent name is naranammal allies Narayanan. She has also come from the category of Kothi, she is sixty year old. Now she is working as a watchman in the fireworks. She found herself as an HIV positive in the three years back at the movement she stopped her sexual activities. she did not have a regular partner. Three years back, she is working in the printing press in Sivakasi. During the time she involved her sexual attempt with her two colleagues without condom. She like both oral and anal sex. During the time she is involved in sexual activities in thrice a week. During the time she was infected. She lives alone last thirty years. Her family member found herself as transgender in her thirty ages. During the time they forced her to go out the house. Now she earns Rs.100 per day. Three years before she made frequent fever. During that time she found herself as an HIV patient after the HIV test which taken from the government hospital.

### Case study 8

Respondent name is Karina allies Karuppasamy. She is twenty one years old. Presently she is staying with her colleagues in kariapatti. With her nineteenth age her leave her own house, then jointed her colleagues. Her qualification is seventh standard. During her twelfth age, she realized herself as a transgender when she is doing a work in the mill, She had no permanent partner with herself. In this reason she has sexual conduct with anybody if she likes. She already made operation after that she lives with her colleague. She faced much more problematic and quarrel arise between her family members because of her female activities in the last she leave her place when she was nineteenth. She like only anal only she did not like oral sex. Maximum she restricted her sexual activities in the remote areas or outside of the town. Two years back, she is very busy in her sexual line even she reduced her activities within a thrice in the month. At the same time her love affair with her maternal uncle so she would like to marry him, then live with him as his wife.

### Case study 9

Respondent name is Absara allies Srihan. She is twenty three years old. her qualification is fifth standard. She like both oral and anal sex. Now she is doing a sexual work. daily she met approximately a five person. She collects Rs. 200 for each person for sex. According her speech most of the customers like only oral sex who get fully satisfied with the oral. She realized herself as a transgender in her eighth age. During that time she involved various activities like wearing makeup and wearing female dress. This reason forced herself out of her house after the quarrel arises between herself and her family members. . Her first sexual attempt forced by somebody for the oral sex after that she like that kind activities voluntarily. Now she has a regular partner herself. He is twenty eighth age person and he is a dancer. She uses a condom for all people except her partner. she restricted her sexual activities in the remote areas and distant highways. She used a Mala D Tablet for the growth of her breast. She already operated.

### Case study 10

Respondent name is Kalana allies Ramaraj. She is twenty two years old and she did her B. SC catering technology and she belongs to a Scheduled caste community. She realized herself as a transgender in the age of her nineteenth when she is doing her first year degree. The two years she works in Dubai star hot. After that she comes India then she joins her colleague, she told her family member she is working in a Bangalore now. Even today she is doing her sexual work. Her first sexual attempt was started by her friends, which happened in the time of her college leave that time she gave kisses from her counterpart she did not like to collect money from the shop and other place. She is favor with both anal and oral sex.. she like only young people for sex toys including the age of only up to thirty age. at the same time she likes very much college students for sex. She collects Rs.400 for one sexual activity for each person. she nearly she gave seven to eight persons per day. She determined to do operation next year in this

reason she is saving money. At the same time she engages herself love affair with one person who are coming to her on a bus. She likes to marry him. at the same time she did not like to those using drinks tobacco person

### Case study 11

Respondent name is Rakshida allies Rajmohan. She is graduating in commerce. she raised herself as a transgender in her fourth standard. During the time she used turmeric in her bath, then wearing ladies dress. These activities are done by herself where she is in lonely. she entered her first sexual attempt at the age of her eighteen, both in oral and anal with her neighbor after demanded by her neighbor. he was asking sex for her after watching her female activities. She is very favor with those who are in with fair skin and well structured black person. She did not like to collect money because daily her use one time anal rest of them, she finished with his work with oral most of the customers who are satisfied only within oral.

Her encounter parts are called pillakulai in sivakasi her duty starts with 7 p.m. to 9 pm. during that time she colloquies who will come every day for sexual pleasure. some time quarrel arise between themselves and their customer regarding the matter of money and problem of drinking. Some time they looted their money. Some time her colleague is beaten by a customer. Some time customer who comes with four or five people then they made forced sex without the money. Those are usually happening in that area. At the same time she has not involved such kind activities. That's the reason her work is going smoothly. She is earning much more money and earning such money for her operation some time she may send money her house.

### Conclusion of the study

From the study eleventh respondents were selected as a sample out of which four of them are quotes two of the them transgender rest five of them are transsexual. their sexual activities tow of them only favor with oral sex then one of them like only anal then after six of them are both oral and anal then two of them are both oral and anal occasionally inter femoral sex activities. Out of which two of them HIV patients. out of which eleven person three of them did they graduate. Out of which eleven four of them has a regular partner with them. most of the respondents realized as a transgender in their fifteen very few three they identified as a transfer in their twenties.

From the respondents two of them forced forced sex their earlier times rest of them did such activities with their sign. Of the respondents three of them doing a sexual work remaining nine persons three of them quotes they are doing their work remaining six persons are doing collection of money from the shop. out of which one is sixty year old then one of them quite divorced her wife of his disease. out of which very few of them have an awareness about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. Maximum of the respondents identified as a transgender because of their activities. Most of the Transgender did not like to live with their

family members in this reason, motivate themselves to go out from their house. They fill sky after some time they come their routine life

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