PREFACE

The current piece of research deals with the psychiatric morbidities associated with HIV/AIDS. The study emphasized on undiagnosed psychiatric complications that are co-morbid with HIV/AIDS but go unnoticed. The researcher has taken four major cities of Gujarat viz: Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara as sample. Data was obtained with prior permission from Gujarat States AIDS Control Society (GSACS). Psychiatric morbidities such as depression, suicidal ideation and anxiety formed the base of the research study while Quality of Life with its parameters like social support, guilt, sexual life satisfaction, financial status and medical care was also dealt with.

The researcher has adopted a combination of both, qualitative as well as quantitative research methods. However, majority of the tools were standardized and quantitative in nature.

The researcher has attempted to review the vast available literature on the said topic and has incorporated the relevant and supporting studies available in journals and books.

The results and findings are further analyzed obtained with the help of statistical methods like chi-square, correlation matrix and presented in simple and bivariate tables.

The research has been concluded by suggested a few social work intervention modalities that can help fight the deadly AIDS pandemic which is and can pay the toll of many lives.

These models can help rebuild the selves which are damaged due to AIDS and also focus on the various psychiatric problem woven in the fabric of AIDS.