PREFACE

Health is a major indicator which leads to the development of the Nation. Indian Government was stepping ahead with a slogan. "Health for all 2001", under its five year plan. But during the year 1986, there was a huge obstacle towards the development of the health department when India was struck by a deadly disease called "AIDS". Having a close study and a clear observation about the psychosocial problems of the persons affected with HIV and their family, I developed more information about their lives. I was encouraged by exploring the experiences of the psychosocial aspects and the reality picturization of the persons living with HIV/AIDS. By following the appropriate methods and going through proper channels an effort has been made in the field of research towards the current aspects of psychosocial problems and related problems being faced by the persons affected by HIV/AIDS.

This study has undergone various aspects of the psychosocial correlations which are faced by the persons affected by HIV/AIDS in Karnataka state. When closely taken into consideration, high prevalence districts such as Dharwad and Bagalkot were selected for the study of psychosocial problems of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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