

## REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL WORLD AIDS DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

### PROLIFE FORUM – SHIFT-II

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, The Prolife Club-Shift-II Loyola College conducted a special Awareness Programme for commemorating of INTERNATIONAL WORLD AIDS DAY in Slum areas in Chennai. The Club members from various departments went to their nearby slums with pamphlets and placards to make awareness on AIDS prevention.



As of 2018 survey, AIDS has killed between 28.9 million and 41.5 million people worldwide, and an estimated 36.7 million people are living with HIV, making it one of the most important global public health issues in recorded history.



Over 101,000 people are living with HIV in the UK. Globally, there are an estimated 36.7 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.

Students from Pro-life-Shift-II reached Egmore at 10:00am On 1<sup>st</sup> December with pamphlets and Placards. They approached every person in the slum and talked to them about AIDS and how to prevent it.



Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment. There are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the plight. Despite this, each year in India around 5,000 people are diagnosed with HIV. HIV infected patients without sufficient awareness about how to protect themselves and others, are not able to handle the social stigma and the social discrimination.





The Commemoration of the World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise funds for AIDS prevention and treatment, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.



**THANK YOU**