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Reducing the stigma of HIV through education is an important aspect of IICCHAA (Indian Initiative for child centred HIV/Aids approach), the program supported by Modus Property with CINI Australia.

Manju contracted HIV from her husband, a truck driver, who had no idea he had HIV. She was working as a school cook. When parents in the school discovered she was positive, they were afraid for their children and insisted she be sacked. This powerful stigma repeatedly causes isolation and rejection that devastates families. By attending IICHHAA's groups, Manju gained an understanding of the disease. She and her husband have started their essential ART medication.

The IICCHAA team met with the teachers and parents, building their knowledge of how HIV is transmitted. As a result, they are no longer afraid for their children and Manju is back at work cooking for the students. Manju's village is just one of many reached by IICCHAA.

