WORKING TOGETHER
TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL

Report of the NGO Co-ordination
In Tirunelveli District
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1. PREFACE

Coming Together is the Beginning....

Keeping Together is the Progress.....

Working Together is the Success.....

Networking and Co-ordination are the terms more frequently used in the development sector than actually needed. The articulation arises from the expressed concerns about overlapping and duplication of services and the consequences on the client, NGOs and the overall development process itself. While everyone concerned about development endorses the need for networking and co-ordination, which facilitates effective sharing of information, experience and expertise and speeds up the process of development.

In the field of HIV/AIDS, the need for co-ordination was discussed at different levels. In the context of Tirunelveli District, the key players at the grassroots level realized the need for co-ordinated efforts for a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS. The understanding prevailed within the NGOs and the determination of the NGOs to attain common good through mutual collaboration resulted in co-ordinated action.

To be a convenor or a facilitator calls for better understanding with all the NGOs. Our roles were made easy by the encouraging response of the collaborating NGOs. We are grateful to all of them.

A little more than one year of working together brought home a lot of lessons. Gaining from the experiences of the past, we are progressing forward. This booklet is an attempt to share our experience with larger interested stakeholders.

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Convenor

A. RAJAKUMAR BASKAR
Facilitator
## 2. GENESIS AND PROCESS

### Background

Tirunelveli District being one of the high-HIV/AIDS prevalent districts, there was widespread response from both the government and the NGOs. Tmt. Supriya Sahu, IAS, Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, Chennai, visited Tirunelveli District three times during 2007. During her visits, while interacting with the NGOs she stressed the need for co-ordinated action among the NGOs avoiding duplications of activities.

Subsequently, the District Collector Mr. G. Prakash, IAS, convened two special meetings to work out strategies to reach the maximum of PLHA with comprehensive Care and Support programmes and more particularly widow PLHA with government pension.

As a follow up, under the guidance of the district collector, Mr. A. Rajakumar Baskar, District Programme Manager, TANSACS, Dr. S. Johnson Raj, Chief Executive, Pro-Vision and Dr. R. Anburajan, Director, Peace Trust sat together and drafted a format and collected comprehensive information from the NGOs working with PLHA and CLHA. This information became the base for further co-ordination among NGOs and collaboration with the government.

Mr. Regi Chandra, the Director of PWDS, who was the pioneer in initiating community based care and support to the PLHA in Tamil Nadu had a detailed discussion with their partners and with Dr. S. Johnson Raj, the Chief Executive of Pro-Vision on the possibilities of working together. Inspired by his foresight they decided to work in a co-ordinated way addressing the existing and emerging issues related to HIV/AIDS IN Tirunelveli District.

The first formal meeting of the NGOs working on Care and Support in Tirunelveli District was held on 5th of January 2008 at AIRD, Valliyoor. We invited all the NGOs working in HIV/AIDS projects in Tirunelveli District with the support of various funding / support agencies like TNSACS, APAC, PWDS and Pro-Vision.

Based on the decisions taken in the first meeting, the forum was made functional with a skeleton structure of a convenor and a facilitator and one member institution hosting each of the monthly meetings.
Objectives

Keeping in mind the issues confronted by Tirunelveli District, the NGO Co-ordination forum evolved the following common objectives.

- To promote a better understanding and sharing of experiences among the NGOs working on HIV/AIDS with special reference to care and support
- To collate a common list of PLHA with the aim of avoiding duplications and ensuring that all the deserving PLHA are reached with care and support services
- To take steps to avoid duplication of clients, services and geographical area of coverage and reach out the unreached PLHA and areas in Tirunelveli District
- To develop a proper understanding of common minimum services for PLHA in the context of Tirunelveli district
- To guide and facilitate the PLHA to access the available services such as ART and widow pension
- To undertake soft lobby and advocacy with different stakeholders

With these objectives the NGOs met once in a month and moved towards the realization of these objectives.
Details of NGO Co-ordination Meetings

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Every meeting was a new experience and a step towards the attainment of the objectives.
3. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

1. District level line list of PLHA followed by NGOs was evolved with 1747 PLHA as on March 31, 2009.

2. The overlapping of 182 entries were rectified and client duplication was avoided.

3. Every month the details of newly identified PLHA, death and migration of PLHA were shared and updated.

4. Seven blocks without adequate NGO activities were identified and care and support activities by NGOs were initiated in these blocks.

5. The blocks where more than one NGO was involved in care and support were identified and at least one NGO withdrew their activities from 16 blocks to facilitate effective intervention with out geographical overlapping.

6. Minimum services to be rendered to PLHA in the context of Tirunelveli district were evolved and they were regularly updated and internalized by the NGO staff.

7. Efforts were taken to tap widow pension to all eligible widow PLHA. Due to the efforts of NGOs -281 widow PLHA applied for pension and 150 got pension.

8. Efforts are on to register all the PLHA with the ART Centre and nearly 95% was registered with the ART centre.

9. One training programme was organized on ART Treatment and Adherence for 24 staff from the member NGOs.

10. The NGOs working with Children with HIV/AIDS and their families evolved common strategies to address the issues of CLHA.

11. The line list of PLHA ANC mothers was evolved block wise and proper follow up was ensured.

12. Of late, the NGOs working on Targeted Intervention also shared their activities.

13. IEC materials brought out by NGOs were shared with members.

14. Issues of common interest and relevance were taken up for discussion and updation of knowledge.

15. Actively collaborated in the Red Ribbon Express and Mid Media Campaign.
Newly Identified PLHA

Once the process was streamlined, every month, the NGOs shared the details of the PLHA identified during the past month. The DPM verified the list with the existing line list of PLHA and ensured that no duplication existed in the list. The number of PLHA identified is given below:

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New PLHA Identified

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Widow Pension

The NGOs were determined to ensure that all the eligible widow PLHA get pensions. Every NGO co-ordination meeting took up the issue and followed the widow PLHA regularly. As on March 31, 2009:

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<td>Widows eligible and applied</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Widows eligible but not applied</td>
<td>101</td>
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<td>4</td>
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It is worth mentioning that when the co-ordination process began in January 2008, there were only 4 PLHA receiving pension and over a period of fourteen months 150 new widow PLHA have received pension.

ART Registration Data

With the aim of registering all the PLHA with the ART centre and maintain a common list of PLHA followed by NGOs both by the ART centre and the NGOs, two interactions were held with the medical officers of ART centre. The services offered in the ART Centre were shared. The issues related to ART faced by the PLHA were discussed and steps were taken to address them.
The strategies were discussed to evolve common list of clients followed by NGOs and maintained by the ART Centre. Special efforts were taken to registers all the PLHA identified with the ART centre.

Minimum services under care and support:

The minimum services to be provided to PLHA under care and support in the context of Tirunelveli District was discussed at different meetings and the following were evolved through a process of discussion. The minimum services are constant being reviewed and improved upon.

1. Community sensitization and mobilization
2. Psycho – Social support
3. Health care service
4. VCTC / ICTC / PPTCT
5. Food and Nutrition support
6. Economic support
7. Emergency services
8. Direct services to the children
9. Capacity building activities
10. Spiritual care
11. Child centered programs
12. Promoting ART adherence
13. Referral and Linkages
14. Advocacy and Lobbying
15. Effective co-ordination

The NGOs are determined to ensure that the PLHA access the minimum services they deserve either directly or in collaboration with other resource systems.
5. CHILD FOCUSED INTERVENTION

While care and support to the PLHA was ensured without any overlapping in terms of client, service and geographical area coverage, similar efforts were taken to ensure that the needs of the Children Living with HIV/AIDS were met. The NGOs undertaking Child Focused Intervention primarily concentrated on Children infected with HIV, their family members and aimed at prevention of further HIV infected child. The status of CLHA under care of these NGOs are given below:

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The major activities carried out by the NGOs among CLHA included:

- Medical care
- Educational support
- Nutrition support
- Counseling
- Children support groups and
- Other practical supports needed.

The above representation shows that till there are gaps to be fulfilled in rendering specialized services to the children living with HIV/AIDS.
6. PREVENTION OF PARENT TO CHILD TRANSMISSION

While serious efforts were taken to co-ordinate Care and Support to the PLHA and CLHA, considerable efforts were taken to prevent Parent to Child Transmission. The focus was on identification of positive pregnant women and through regular follow up and medication to prevent transmission of HIV to the child. Arumbugal and Rural Reconstruction Organisation focus on PPTCT.

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There is a close collaboration among the NGOs working with PLHA, CLHA and the NGOs implementing PPTCT as to ensure they are followed up at different stages with effective service delivery.
7. TARGETED INTERVENTION

Of late the NGOs implementing Targeted Intervention were also participated in the NGO co-ordination meeting.

They work with the core group and identification of positive people from those groups were shared in the co-ordination meeting.
8. SHARING OF IEC

The publications brought out by the member NGOs were shared with others during the monthly meetings. A few samples are given below:
10. RED RIBBON EXPRESS AND MID MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The National AIDS Control Organisation and the Ministry of Youth Affairs organized the Red Ribbon Express. The objective of the RRE was to promote awareness on issues related to HIV/AIDS to different categories of the people. The RRE visited Tirunelveli during June 22nd and 23rd 2008.

The avenues for NGO participation in the RRE was discussed in the NGO co-ordination meeting and the roles and responsibilities were fixed. In accordance with the decisions, the NGOs contributed effectively for the success of the RRE in Tirunelveli district.

Similarly TNSACS organized the mid media campaign in 10 districts of Tamil Nadu. The cultural troupe in 12 vehicles visited Tirunelveli District from Feb 28 to March 3, 2009. The mid media campaign was taken up in the NGO co-ordination and a detailed action plan was worked out for NGO participation.
9. CAPACITY BUILDING

To enhance the knowledge, attitude and skills of the staff of the NGOs involved in the district level co-ordination, the forum decided to carry on a few capacity building activities.

For Field Staff
A one day training programme was organised for the field staff of the NGOs on September 16, 2008 at GSSS Training Centre. A total of 24 staff from seven NGOs actively participated in the training. The topics covered were:

- Emerging Trends in HIV/AIDS
- Different Stages of HIV/AIDS
- Management of Opportunistic Infections
- Relevance of ART
- Issues related to ART Adherence
- Role of NGOs in promoting ART Adherence

The training was conducted in a participatory way using experts in the field as resource persons. The Salvation Army Community Health and Development Programme sponsored the training.

Counselors
With the aim of capacitating the counselors, monthly experience sharing and updation meetings were held from August 2008 onwards. All the counselors working in ICTCs participated this monthly meeting. The focuses of the meetings were:

- Technical input
- Emerging issues related to HIV/AIDS
- Treatment adherence
- Experience sharing

In each meeting, technical input was given by experts in the field.

Further, in every meeting two issues confronted by the counselors were taken up for discussion. Through a process of discussion and deliberations, learning was facilitated.

In addition, important articles, paper cuttings and books were reviewed in the meeting, which facilitated updating of knowledge.

As part of capacity building a Quarterly News letter named "Manathin Kural" was brought out by the counselors. So far three issues were released.
ARUMBUGAL TRUST is a registered development organization working for the wholistic development of children and women in the rural and remote areas of Tirunelveli District since 1987. The Tamil word Arumbugal means ‘Floral Buds’ which refers to preparedness for growth and ready to face a better status in human life, it implies preparing for a happy and healthy change in terms of health, environment, education and economic development.

The VISION of Arumbugal Trust is: Enhancing the Quality of Life of Children and Women by Ensuring Wholistic Development.

The MISSION of Arumbugal Trust is: Making a difference in the lives of Children and Women by organizing, generating awareness, capacity building and facilitating access to resources towards collective self-reliance.

Arumbugal works in 13 blocks of Tirunelveli district. It has formed 540 Self Help Groups with an active membership of 10,000 women and 200 men. They are federated into a district level federation known as Iswariya. The groups have a total saving of around Rs 2.4 Crores and availed credit facilities to the tune of Rs. 9.2 crores.

For the implementation of HIV /AIDS care and support program Arumbugal received UNAIDS national civil society for the year 2006. Presently with the support of BMZ / Malteser International / Pro-Vision Arumbugal implements care and support in three blocks of Tirunelveli District and with the support of TANSA-CS-GFATM Round II & III project Arumbugal works in 13 blocks.

MS. V. LATHA MATHIVANAN
DIRECTOR
AUSSI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY [AUSSI-CODES]

AUSSI CODES is a charitable organization working in the field of community Development. Aussi-CODES was registered in the year 1994, under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act.

GOAL: Evolution of a new social order where even the least person of the society enjoys equal access to resources, opportunities and rights to develop and utilize one's capabilities by gaining self confidence and self sustainability.

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES:**
- Community Organization
- Women and Children Development
- HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support
- Promotion of Water and Sanitation
- Promotion of Herbal Gardens, Bio-intensive gardens and Siddha
- Eradication of Child Labour System
- Supplementary Education
- Micro credit and micro insurance.

The response of Aussi-HIV/AIDS started in 2003. Malteser International / intervention in three the enhancement of the their family members.

Aussi-CODES has a strong administrative set-up and a team of qualified, experienced and committed staff.

SR. LEENA
DIRECTOR

CODES to the issues related to From April 2007 onwards Pro-Vision supports the blocks. Aussi-CODES working for quality of life of the PLHA and
ASSOCIATION FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AIRD)

In response to the suffering of the socially and economically marginalized poor, diseased and vulnerable children of the society, a team of socially conscious and committed people formed the organization named as "Association for Integrated Rural Development – AIRD" which was subsequently registered as a society in the year 1991. Since 1991 AIRD is promoting holistic development among the socially and economically marginalized poor and the vulnerable at the southern parts of Tamilnadu, India.

AIRD systematically initiated its response to issues related to HIV/AIDS in the year 2000. Interpreting the signs of the time and based on the emerging needs of the people living with HIV / AIDS, AIRD adopted different strategies. The community based HIV / AIDS care and support activities were launched in 2001 with the guidance and support of PWDS / India Alliance and EFICOR.

Present focus:
- Comprehensive HIV / AIDS prevention, care and support
- Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission with special focus to the CLHA
- Promotion of Faith based groups’ action to HIV / AIDS

Services available:
- Counseling support
- Food and nutritious support
- IGP support
- Treatment support
- Training
- Education support to Children
- Institution care to orphans and semi-orphans
- Referral services

MR. V. SATHU
DIRECTOR
CENTRE FOR PEOPLE’S EDUCATION [CPE]

Centre for People’s Education, CPE in short, is a development organization working for the welfare of the socially and economically downtrodden people of Tirunelveli District since 1989. It was registered under Indian Trust Act with the registration number 20/89.

The Vision of CPE is Mobilizing Collective Response towards Self-reliance.

The Mission is Initiating and sustaining self-reliant rural communities to address development issues with enhanced capacity and empowerment.

The various Activities carried out to attain the above stated objectives are:

- Organizing and Federating people
- Rural Development Activities
- Sensitization of the Community
- Capacity Building Programmes
- Community Based Care and Support
- Promotion of Child Rights
- Community Based Rehabilitation
- Alternative Systems of Health Care
- Preservation of the natural Environment
- Referrals and Linkages
- Campaign, Lobbying and Advocacy

ON GOING PROJECTS

- BMZ / Malteser International / Pro – Vision Supported Promotion of safe migration among migrant community and Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support Project.

- EED Germany / PWDS – Supported Empowerment of Rural Artisans – NEERA

- Tamil Nadu Women development Corporation Project.

- UNDP – supported Disaster Risk Management Project in Keezhapavoor and Kadayam blocks of Tirunelveli District

MR. S. NADESAN
DIRECTOR
PEACE TRUST

About Peace Trust
Peace Trust is a registered, non-profit making, charitable body working in Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu from the year 1997 with an intention of bringing Peace and Communal Harmony among the people irrespective of colour, caste or creed. Welfare and Community care centers function to provide quality Medical and Health Care to the Urban and Rural needy people and also to promote total health to the rural section and ultimately guide the people to live a healthy life physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Mission Statement
Ensuring access to Holistic health to the doorsteps of the underprivileged at an affordable cost.

Activities of Peace Trust
- General Medical Camps
- Care and Treatment for Hemophiliacs
- Cancer Care
- Child Survival Programme @ Vellankuli
- Child Development Sponsorship Programme @ Vellankuli
- Child Care Sponsorship programme @ Kirubai Illam
- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention Care and Support
- Institutional Care for Stigmatized Diseases
- Terminal Care Centre
- Women’s Development through Self Help Groups
- Micro Enterprise Development
- Intervention among the Core Groups Community
- Intervention among Migrants

DR. R. ANBU RAJAN
DIRECTOR
RURAL EDUCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (RED)

RED is a Secular Voluntary organization established in 1985 under Society Act. It is working for the Empowerment and Development of Rural women, Children, Dalits and Rural artisans socially and Economically with the vision of creating and equitable, Non sectarian Society.

Achievements

1. We have promoted Block level SHG federation “Karpaga Surabi Federation” and registered under Trust Karpaga surabi womens federations. Total SHGs – 416. Total Savings of SHGs – Rs.5,62,45,2143. Federation own Building – Rs.7,50,000

2. Identified and provided integrated helps to the 276 HIV/AIDS infected persons and providing Education support and other facilities to their 386 children

3. Formed children clubs to come forward and attain Equal opportunities in Education and society

4. 916 SHG members getting skill and EDP training to involve in the IGP activities and also 42 SHGs involved in the group IGP activities.

5. Alaigal Super market opened at Uvari by the federation with support of Asian Development Bank- Total project value Rs.48lacks.

6. 1611 village people enrolled in the Micro LIC and 5 death claimed settled from LIC

7. 316 child labour identified and re enrolled in the mainstream regular school

8. 12 village panchayat planting the tree to protect the environment.

9. 1240 Community leaders and SHG members getting awareness on Disaster Risk management (DRM) and also 54 DRM committee formed.

10. 142 SHGs getting Revolving fund and 16 SHGs getting economic aid for start Income Generation Programme with support Tamilnadu Govt. women development programme

MR. T. MUTHUNAYAGAM
DIRECTOR
RURAL RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION (RRO)

Rural Reconstruction Organisation – RRO - is a registered Charitable Organisation under Trust Act in 1880 in Tirunelveli District. RRO is working for Rural Poor Communities in Tirunelveli District for past Twenty years.

Past Activities
1. Micro Credit, Micro Finance.
3. Child labour eradication, Child labour rights.
4. Dalits development.
5. Women development, Adolescent girls awareness programme.
6. Housing.

Present activities
- Women self help groups
- Youth self help groups
- HIV/AIDS Awareness Program
- Panchayat Raj Institutions Programs
- Skill Training Programs

Future plans
1. Mobile Clinic for hill areas
2. Disabled centre
3. Herbal Plantation
4. Old age Home with orphanage
5. Skill development centre
6. Community college for school drop outs

Mr. D. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM
DIRECTOR
PALMYRA WORKERS' DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

PWDS, a more than three decades old development organisation, based in Marthandam, Kanyakumari district, works with community based organisations and support service organisations aiming at promoting self management and sustainability.

PWDS was selected as a lead partner by the UK based International HIV/AIDS Alliance to coordinate a programme in Tamil Nadu in 2000. Thus the PWDS Alliance, HIV/AIDS care and support project with a focus on community based care and support was initiated in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu.

Now this community based care and support project is expanded with the support from Abbott Fund, USA; and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK; implementing through 20 partner NGOs in Tamil Nadu across 13 districts. The project works towards an enabling, sustainable and supportive environment towards community based care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS, children and families living and affected by HIV/AIDS. The integrated and comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and support programme is built on a vision of capacity building of NGOs in providing cost effective community based care and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Falling in line with India's next phase of the National AIDS Prevention and Control programme (NACPIII), PWDS and the India HIV/AIDS Alliance scaled up its community based HIV/AIDS care and support programme in southern part of Tamil Nadu in 2007 through a new project called CHAHA. “CHAHA”, in Hindi means ‘a wish’ and it stands for Children Affected by HIV / AIDS - Health and Happiness for All. The objective of the project is to improve care and support services to children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and enable interventions, in order to keep them with their parents or extended families. Core service delivery areas of this project are to provide care and support services for children living with and affected by HIV, create a supportive environment for stigma reduction in different settings and strengthen the civil society & institutional capacity building. The third service delivery area of this project is developing information systems & conducting operational research. Towards achieving the objective; the project provides a package of services to the children for education, nutrition and income generation. This project facilitates in accessing ART and referral services to OI Prophylaxis. This project is being implemented through 12 partner NGOs in 10 districts of Tamil Nadu since year 2007.

Now, as a pioneer of Community Based Care and Support Programme in Tamil Nadu, PWDS is expanding its’ reach to other districts where there is no community based interventions of care, support and treatment at present.
PRO-VISION

Pro-Vision is an intermediary capacity building organization promoted by a team of intervention specialists and working through network of NGOs for the integrated development of the community in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu, India. The core team at Pro-Vision, relies on its long experience with national and international resource agencies and grass-roots level NGOs. It was registered in 2002 and incorporated as a Trust under the Indian Trusts Act (1882).

Vision: Professional Excellence in Collective Development Initiatives.

Mission: Development initiatives through Community Based Research, Human Resource Development, Organisational Development and Network Programmes of Non-Governmental Organisations in Collaboration with the Government

Objectives: The Trust has been promoted with the objective of facilitating integrated development of the economically and socially vulnerable and excluded by enhancing the capacity of development agencies especially NGOs, developmental professionals and the resource systems by evolving evidence based sustainable development strategies and perspective plans.

Current Activities: The core activities of Pro-Vision are centred around

- Research
- Human Resource Development and
- Organisational Development
- Advocacy
- Network programmes

The specific network projects implemented are:

- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support implemented by a network of four NGOs in Tirunelveli District.
- Promotion of Treatment Seeking Behaviour and Adherence to ART among the PLHA implemented by the same network.

The Primary Focus of Pro-Vision is the NGOs involved in development activities and other organisations concerned with the development of the deprived and the marginalised

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE
NGO CO-ORDINATION, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

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Facilitator: Mr. A. Rajakumar Baskar, DPM, Tirunelveli District, TNSACS

Members:

1. Arumbugal Trust
2. Association for Integrated Rural Development - AIRD
3. Aussi Community Development and Educational Society - AUSSI CODES
4. Centre for People’s Education - CPE
5. Community Action for Social Transformation - CAST
6. Peace Trust
7. Rural Education for Development - RED
8. Rural Reconstruction Organisation - RRO
9. Salvation Army Community Health and Development Programme - SACHDP
10. Palmyrah Workers’ Development Society - PWDS
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