

Community Mobilisation

Mobilising communities of sexual minorities

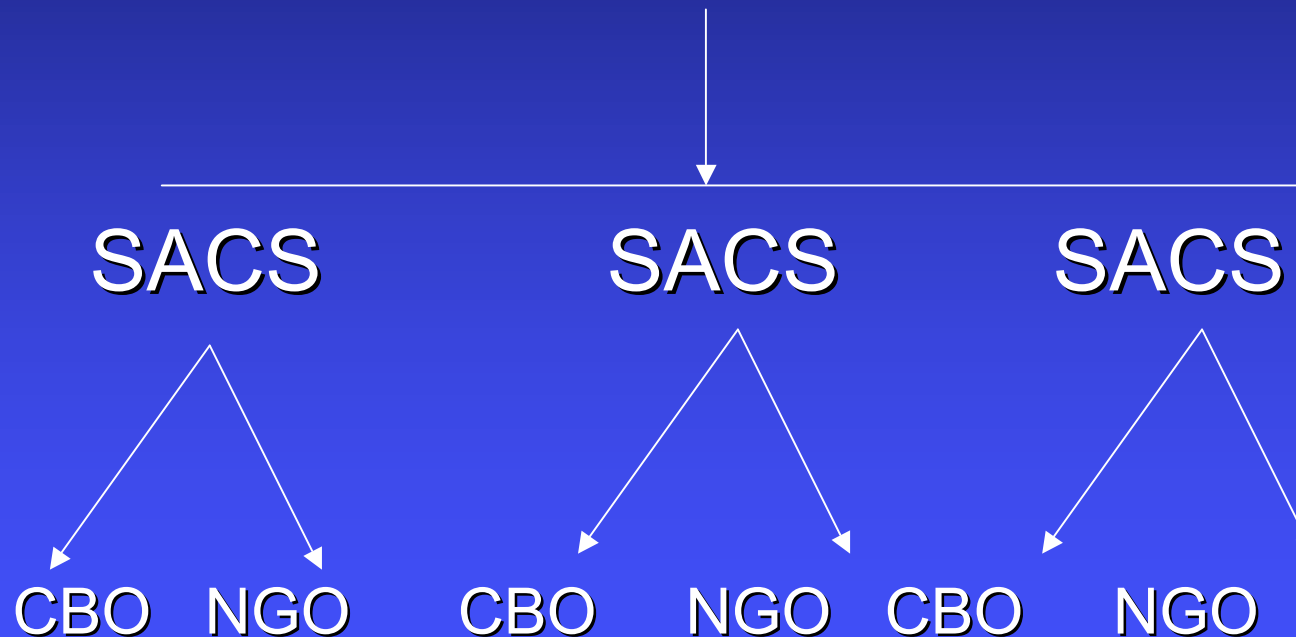
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What is unique about HIV/AIDS programs

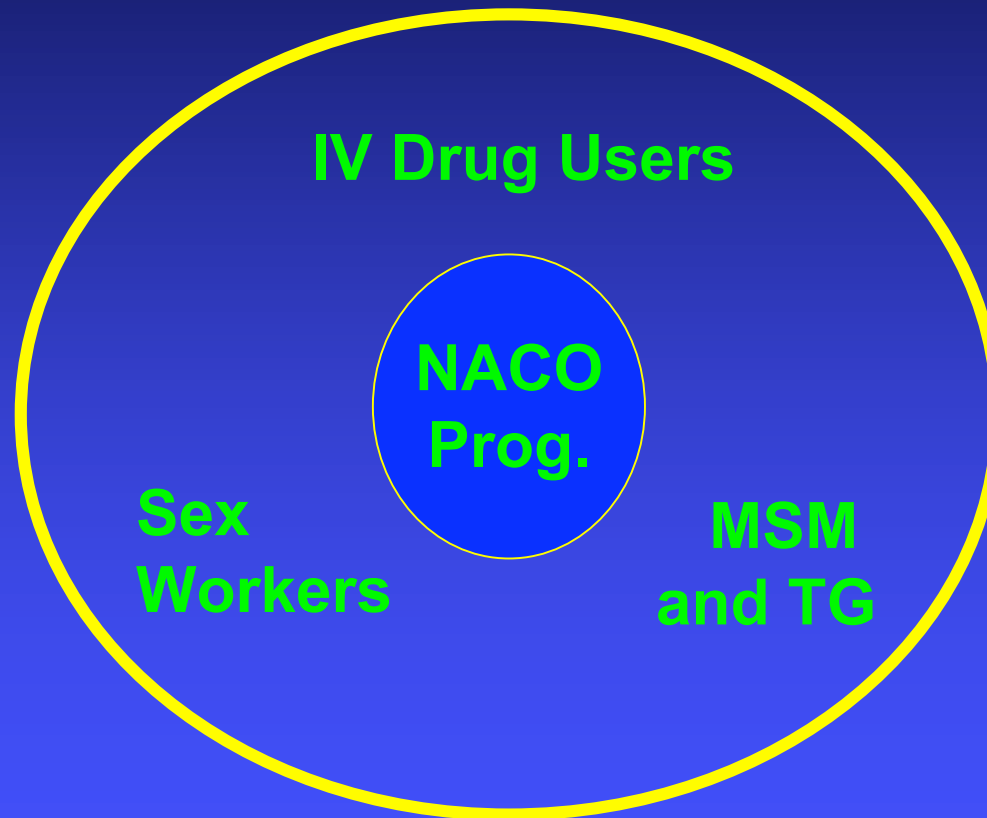
- ❖ TB / Malaria / RCH programs have been integrated into Government health infrastructure.
- ❖ HIV/AIDS programs is the only stand alone program of the Health Ministry.

Structure of NACO

25 staffers manage the whole National Program.



NACO Program



All the core groups are based around pleasure

Problems of core population

- ❖ Very little information on core population.
- ❖ Emerging identities are mostly invisible.
- ❖ Difficult to identify and organize into CBOs.
- ❖ Dis-empowered and hence there is lack of leadership
- ❖ Lack of safe spaces and no access to health facilities.
- ❖ Not enough CBOs for scaling-up

Problems of sexual minorities

- ❖ Large networks exist all over India of Men-Who-Have-Sex-With-Men (MSM)
- ❖ Most networks do not mean communities.
- ❖ The only sexual minorities who live in community settings are Hijras.
- ❖ Hijras are too dis-empowered and closed to outside influences.
- ❖ Feudal leadership that refuses to change.

NACP III – a plan

- ❖ MSM interventions to be scaled-up from present 30 to 230.
- ❖ Where are the CBOs / NGOs for rapid scaling-up.
- ❖ Can Communities of same-sex attracted men and TG be identified, empowered and funded for this huge scale up.

Strategy for Community Mobilisation

Entry point for intervention

Issues around health



Issues around human rights



Community mobilization around health interventions

Prevention :

- ❖ Outreach
- ❖ Drop in centers
- ❖ Advocacy within community
- ❖ Networking with other MSM CBOs
- ❖ Support services like helplines / counseling

Care and support :

- ❖ Integrating into public health systems, like
 - ❖ VCCTC
 - ❖ STI clinics
 - ❖ OPDs / Day care
 - ❖ Skills building for PLWAs
 - ❖ Tertiary services

Community agenda

- ❖ Preparing operational plans.
- ❖ Matching resources
- ❖ Evidence based targets
- ❖ Training leaderships to talk to funders / Government.
- ❖ Capacity building of CBOs
- ❖ Building infrastructure



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