

# Naz Foundation International

*providing technical, institutional and financial support to MSM collectivities, groups and networks in Asia to empower them to develop their own sexual health services*

## VISION

We believe in a world where all people can live with dignity, social justice and well-being

## MISSION

With a primary focus on marginalised males who have sex with males, our mission is to empower socially excluded and disadvantaged males to secure for themselves social justice, equity, health and well-being through technical, institutional and financial support

# WHO IS MSM

- MSM is not an exclusive category or “target group”
- but it does include those males with specific sexual identities, such as gay men, as well as those with gendered identities such as kothis/zenanas
- it involves any male who has (or had) sex with another male, irregularly or regular
- but not all MSM are at risk of HIV infection - this would depend upon their specific sexual practices
- based on evidence, male-to-male sex in south asia appears to be primarily structured around sex roles - the penetrated and the penetrator
- here the penetrator perceives himself involved in a manly activity - he does not perceive himself, nor is he perceived, as a homosexual
- his penetrated partner is perceived (and most often perceives himself) as NOT-MAN
- this means that MSM involves the category MAN

# ISSUES

- majority of visible MSM are gendered as feminised males - self-identified kothis/zenanas
- primary sexual practice is anal sex as the penetrated partner
- multiple partners is the norm
- significant levels of male sex work
- often economically disadvantaged and semi-literate
- low levels of condom use
- Very limited access to water-based lubricant
- significant rates of STIs and rectal damage
- human rights abuse, sexual violence and rape is common
- low skills levels and technical capacity

# STRATEGY 1

*empower local MSM networks to develop their own self-help sexual health services*

*focus on the most vulnerable, those who are socially excluded and stigmatised because of their feminised behaviours and identities, and whose primary penetrating partners are 'normative' males*

- access local networks and groups in a specific city
- identify key individuals with appropriate skills capacity
- provide training, technical support, capacity-building, appropriate tool-kits
- assist in developing proposals and advocate funding support
- Promote community-building and 3-tier service programme involving outreach, provision of safe spaces, and STI treatment
- provide on-going technical assistance and support

# STRATEGY 2

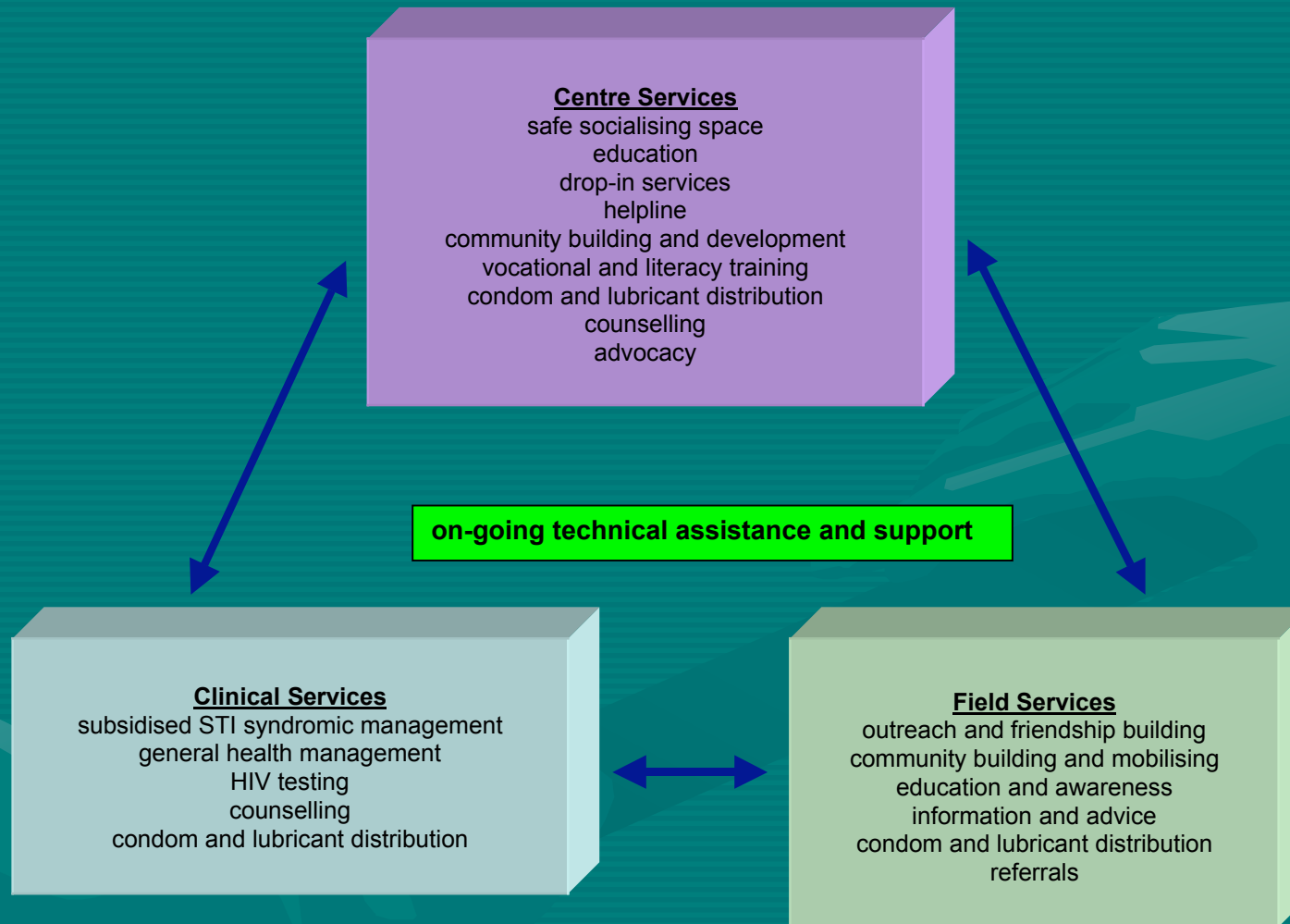
It is also important to recognise that the partners of these males - who are primarily the penetrating partners - should also be accessed in sexual health promotion

To achieve this will be to work with other non-government HIV/AIDS agencies servicing youth and men to include anal sex behaviours as a part of their education programmes

It should also be remembered that the majority of MSM will also be married, and many will also have sex with females

This means developing alliances with STI/HIV/AIDS projects providing services for women

# MODEL OF SERVICE DELIVERY



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## OBJECTIVES

- Empower MSM networks and groups to develop self-help sexual health programmes
- Work with other organisations, institutions, and agencies to improve the lives and well being of MSM.
- Advocate on social justice and human rights concerns of MSM.
- Foster cooperation, understanding and support between organisations developing responses to STI/HIV/AIDS and sexual health needs of males who have sex with males and those with other constituencies.
- Undertake research that highlight the issues and problems that marginalised and socially excluded MSM face; identify solutions and pro-actively promote the resultant findings, as well as understand the context of masculinities and sexualities which lead to more effective and sustainable sexual health promotion strategies for MSM.
- To identify and leverage appropriate funds, resources and technical assistance to support the above activities.

# Naz Foundation International SERVICES

- **Regional MSM self-help programme** - *provision of training and technical assistance to empower local MSM networks to develop their own self-help projects*
- **Regional MSM training and resource centre** - *based in at the NFI Regional Liaison Office providing a range of regional training programmes and access to a growing library of masculinities, sexualities, gender and sexual health issues*
- **Partnership Programme** - *working with its partners, NFI facilitates networking, information and skills exchange as well as regional support*
- **BCC Resource Development** - *regularly produces a range of resources including sexual health promotional materials, briefing papers, handbooks and training resources, also publishes PUKAAR, its quarterly journal*
- **Regional Network of MSM trainers and consultants** - *NFI is developing a network of MSM trainers and consultants which it has trained and accessible to provide local assistance*
- **Advocacy** - *working with a range of institutions, agencies and organisations that include, funding, service providers, legal, and judicial, to advocate on social justice, equity and well-being of MSM*
- **Research** - *develops, coordinates, advocates research and studies into issues that affect MSM, masculinities and male sexualities*



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