



# Naz Foundation International

*advocacy, policy and support on male sexualities*

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

*MSM - males who have sex with males*



# Beginnings

Formed in August 1996 as a UK-based registered charity by a group of concerned people of South Asian origin

Regional Liaison Office, Lucknow, India  
October 2000



# Vision

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



# Mission

To empower socially excluded and vulnerable males to secure for themselves social justice, equity, health and well-being through advocacy, policy development, along with technical, institutional and financial support in the fight against AIDS



# Working with males who have sex with males

## Why work with MSM?

- Few working with these populations
- Socially excluded and marginalised
- Stigmatised
- Low access to health services
- High risk behaviours
- Invisible and difficult to access
- Many married



# Working with males who have sex with males

There are only two main strategies for promoting AIDS prevention and sexual health

## The Moral Strategy

Don't do it

## The Pragmatic Strategy

Don't infect yourself or others - developing sexual responsibility

Which one will be the most effective in preventing the spread of AIDS?



# Working with males who have sex with males

Current estimate of those living with HIV/AIDS in India from NACO is 4.8 million people - 48 lakhs. Future estimates have ranged up to 2 crore by 2020. HIV/AIDS exists in every state of the Union.

Primary infection route is sexual transmission

Primary vulnerable populations are:

- female sex workers and their partners
- men who have sex with men and their partners
- injecting drug users
- housewives



# Location

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Headquarters, London, UK

India Liaison Office  
Lucknow, India



# Patrons

Lord Navneet Dholakia, House of Lords, British Parliament  
Winner of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award  
2003

Lord Waheed Alli, House of Lords, British Parliament

David Borrow, Member of Parliament, UK

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, eminent UK journalist



# Primary Donor

Department for International  
Development (DfID)  
British Government



# Other Donors and Supporters

- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
- Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD)
- WHO/UNAIDS
- HIVOS, Netherlands
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK



# Developing partnerships with

- Population Services International
- Options
- Horizons Project - Population Council
- Policy Project - Futures Group International
- World Bank
- International Council for AIDS Service Organisations
- Indian Network of NGOs



# Countries we have worked in

- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- Central Asia Republics
- India
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- UK



# Sexual Health

*a World Health Organisation definition*

The integration of physical, emotional, intellectual and social aspects of sexuality in a way that positively enriches and promotes personality, communications and love



# Our Objectives

Empower local MSM networks and groups to develop their own self-help HIV/AIDS and sexual health programmes

Work with other organisations, institutions and agencies to improve lives and well-being of sexual minorities

Advocate on social justice and human rights

Foster cooperation, understanding and support between organisations developing responses to STI/HIV/AIDS and sexual health needs of MSM with other constituencies



# Our Objectives

Undertake research that highlights the issues and problems of vulnerable and socially excluded males; identify solutions and pro-actively promote resultant findings

Identify and leverage appropriate funds, resources and technical assistance to support the above activities



# NFI Services

## Regional Self-Help Programme

*provision of training and technical assistance to empower local networks to develop their own self-help AIDS prevention projects*

## Regional Training and Resource Centre

*based at the NFI Regional Liaison Office in Lucknow, India providing a range of regional training programmes and an information library on gender, masculinities, sexualities, HIV/AIDS and sexual health issues*



# NFI Services

## Partnership Programme

*working with its partner agencies, NFI facilitates networking, information and skills exchange as well as regional support*

## BCC Resource Development

*produces a range of BCC materials, HIV/AIDS prevention and health promotion resources, briefing papers, handbooks and training manuals*



# NFI Services

## Advocacy and policy development

*working with a range of international, national and local institutions, agencies and organisations to advocate social justice, equity and well-being among vulnerable males*

## Research and Documentation

*develops, coordinates, collaborates, and advocates research and studies into issues that affect the sexual health of vulnerable males, masculinities and male sexualities*



# Our achievements (till Dec 2003)

28 new community-based HIV/AIDS prevention projects developed (20 in India) in South Asia

Regional network of trainers and consultants developed (36 trainers trained)

28 projects receiving on going technical assistance and support

Training programme for the National AIDS Programmes of the Central Asia Republics conducted



# Our achievements

(As of October 2003)

148 training programmes conducted in South Asia  
for over 3000 participants

5 HIV education leaflets developed in 8 languages

10 Briefing Papers

5 Handbooks

3 Training Manuals



# Our achievements

3 South Asia Regional Consultation Meetings held in India

Pukaar (NFI quarterly journal) - distributed in 66 countries with some 5000 readers

14 situational assessments conducted in South Asia among MSM

Resource Centre established in 2001 in Lucknow



# Support

## Lord Dholakia

I admire the work of Naz Foundation International, and its efforts to raise the profile of sexual health, a subject which has been ignored for too long.

It is important that subjects such as sexual diversity do not remain taboo subjects, but that through education and debate, these subjects are discussed and considered. This is the only way in which we shall be able to challenge the ignorance and prejudice that is prevalent.

Support for Naz Foundation International must continue in order to ease the plight of those suffering ill-health and to those around them to understand and accept their situation.