

Naz Foundation International

*providing technical, financial and institutional support
to MSM sexual health interventions, collectivities,
groups and networks in Asia*

MSM **Men Who Have Sex With Men**
Males Who Have Sex With Males

MMSB **Male To Male Sexual Behaviour**

The term men who have sex with men ignores the different cultural and social constructions of adulthood, manhood, and differing gendered male identities.

It is often treated as an identity term, an exclusive group rather than an inclusive behavioural framework.

It should mean any male who has a sexual encounter with another male, whether exclusively, regularly, frequently, or infrequently, for whatever reason

Working with MSM in South Asia

January - December 2001

Category	Quantity
MSM contacted	167,501
condoms distributed	655,758
STI referrals	29,831
BCC materials distributed	533,670
MSM counseled	23,927
drop-in service users	83,359

Sexual Labeling - MSM 1

Hijra

A self-identified term used by males who define themselves as “not-men/not women” but as a “third gender”. Hijras cross-dress publicly and privately and are a part of a social, religious and cultural community. Ritual castration is part of the hijra identity. Sex with men is common. They also have their own language, known as *ulti*.

Kothi/Zenana

A self-identified label used by feminised males who have sex with men, and used their feminine behaviours in public spaces to attract men for sex. They usually are sexually penetrated. However, many kothis will also be married to women and have children in a culture with “compulsory heterosexuality”.

Sexual Labeling - MSM 2

Panthis/Giryas/"Real" Men

A label given by kothis/hijras to "real" men who sexually penetrate whether this be a woman or another male. Panthis do not have a label for themselves other than MAN. Panthis may have sex with kothis/hijras because they like having sex with males, or they like having anal sex, or they want "semen discharge" at that moment. Called "body heat" in the region.

Do-Paratha/Chavas/Double-Decker/AC-DC/Dublis

A label given by kothis to other males who are sexually penetrated and also penetrate other males, and whose public behaviour is normatively masculine. Most of these males do not have a label for themselves. Some will act like kothis in public spaces to access panthis.

MALE-TO-MALE SEX 1

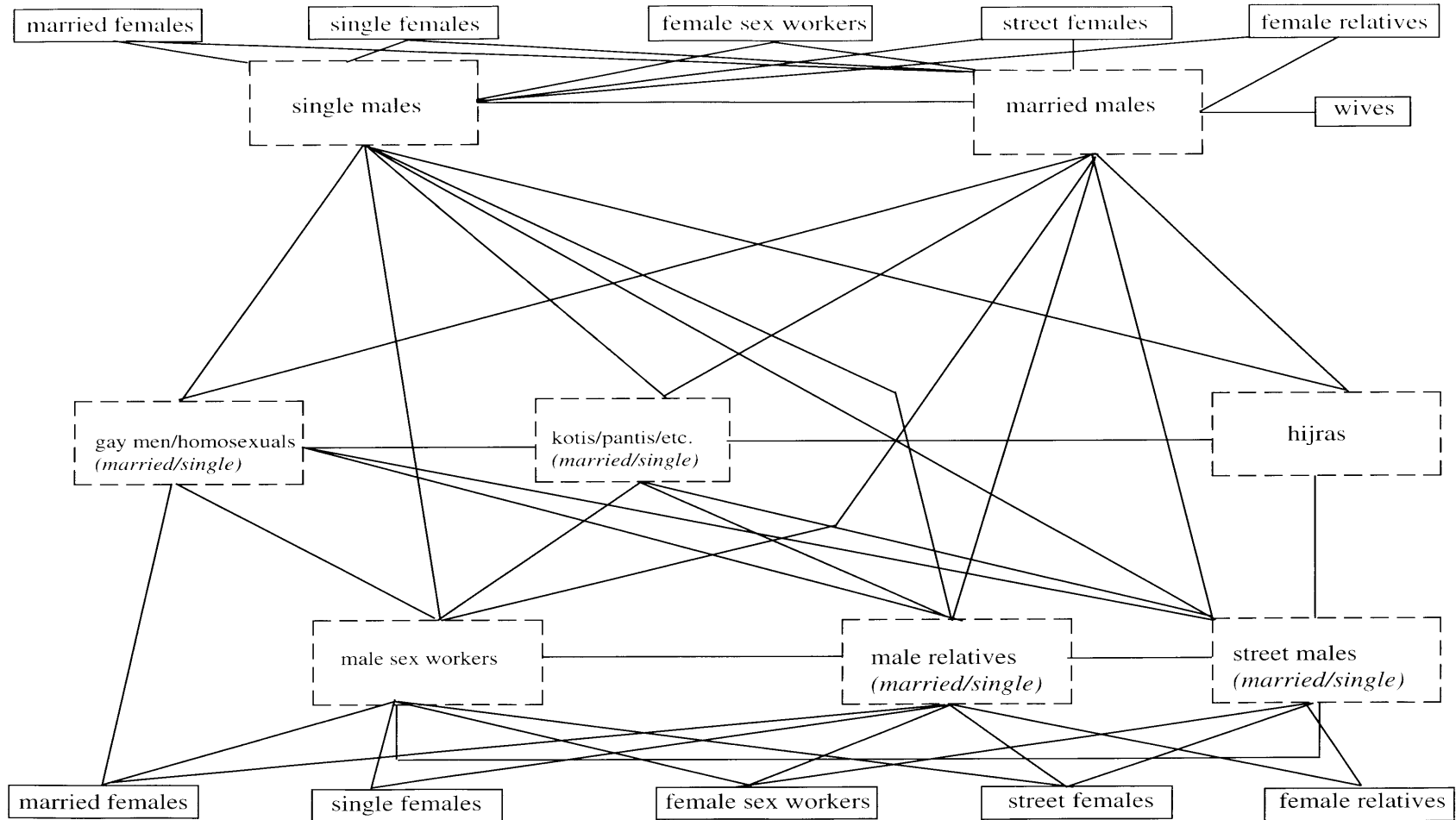
city	population	sample size	public sites	Reported sex partners in one month
Hyderabad India	5,000,000	200	102+	8100
Sylhet Bangladesh	700,000	200	28+	8800

MALE-TO-MALE SEX 2

- ❑ 20% of men in one rural area have male-to-male sex
- ❑ 25% of men in a Karachi prison had male-to-male sex
- ❑ 40% of men living in a Karachi squatter settlement had male-to-male sex
- ❑ A survey amongst truck drivers from central Karachi reported:
 - ❑ 76% visited female commercial sex workers
 - ❑ 72% has sex with other males

From AIDS Analysis Asia, July 1996

mapping male-to-male sex in South Asia



SEXUAL HEALTH

a WHO definition

*the integration of physical, emotional,
intellectual and social aspects of sexuality
in a way that positively
enriches and promotes personality,
communication and love*

NFI Services

- ✓ Technical assistance programme for MSM HIV / AIDS interventions
- ✓ Regional MSM Training and Resource Centre
- ✓ Regional Network of MSM Trainers / Consultants
- ✓ Masculinities and sexualities research
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ MSM Partnership Programme
- ✓ BCC Resource Development

What we have done since 1997

Regional Liaison Office established	Lucknow, India, 2000
Develop new MSM sexual health projects	22 MSM sexual health projects developed, reaching over 500,000 MSM
Recruit and train MSM trainers/consultants	28 MSM trainers from the region trained and regional trainers network developed
Provide technical assistance and support to MSM partner projects	22 projects receiving on-going technical assistance
Training programmes conducted	112 programmes conducted: over 2200 MSM trained
BCC resources developed	5 education leaflets: 8 languages HIV-The Facts Condom Use STDs Female Partners of MSM Legal Rights 8 Briefing Papers 5 Handbooks 3 Training manuals 24 editions of Pukaar distributed
Range of research conducted	10 situational assessments conducted: 2000 MSM interviewed in a range of cities across south Asia Human rights and MSM study in Bangladesh Masculinities and sexualities among male adolescents
Information and Resource Centre for MSM	Established in 2001 in Regional Office