

Masculinities, (homo)sexualities and HIV vulnerability

*Working with males who have sex with
males in India*

Third Session



Naz Foundation International

- Formed in August 1996 as a UK registered charity specifically to work with males-who-have-sex-with-males (MSM) networks in South Asia, to empower them to develop their own sexual health services through:
 - Providing technical assistance and support to local groups and networks to develop their own community based organisations (CBOs) as self-help groups
 - Providing access to range of training, management and monitoring and evaluation tools and behaviour change communication (BCC) resources
 - Conducting situational assessments and other studies on male-to-male sexualities, behaviours and health issues
 - Advocating on funding and appropriate intervention strategies
 - Promoting sexual responsibility towards all sex partners

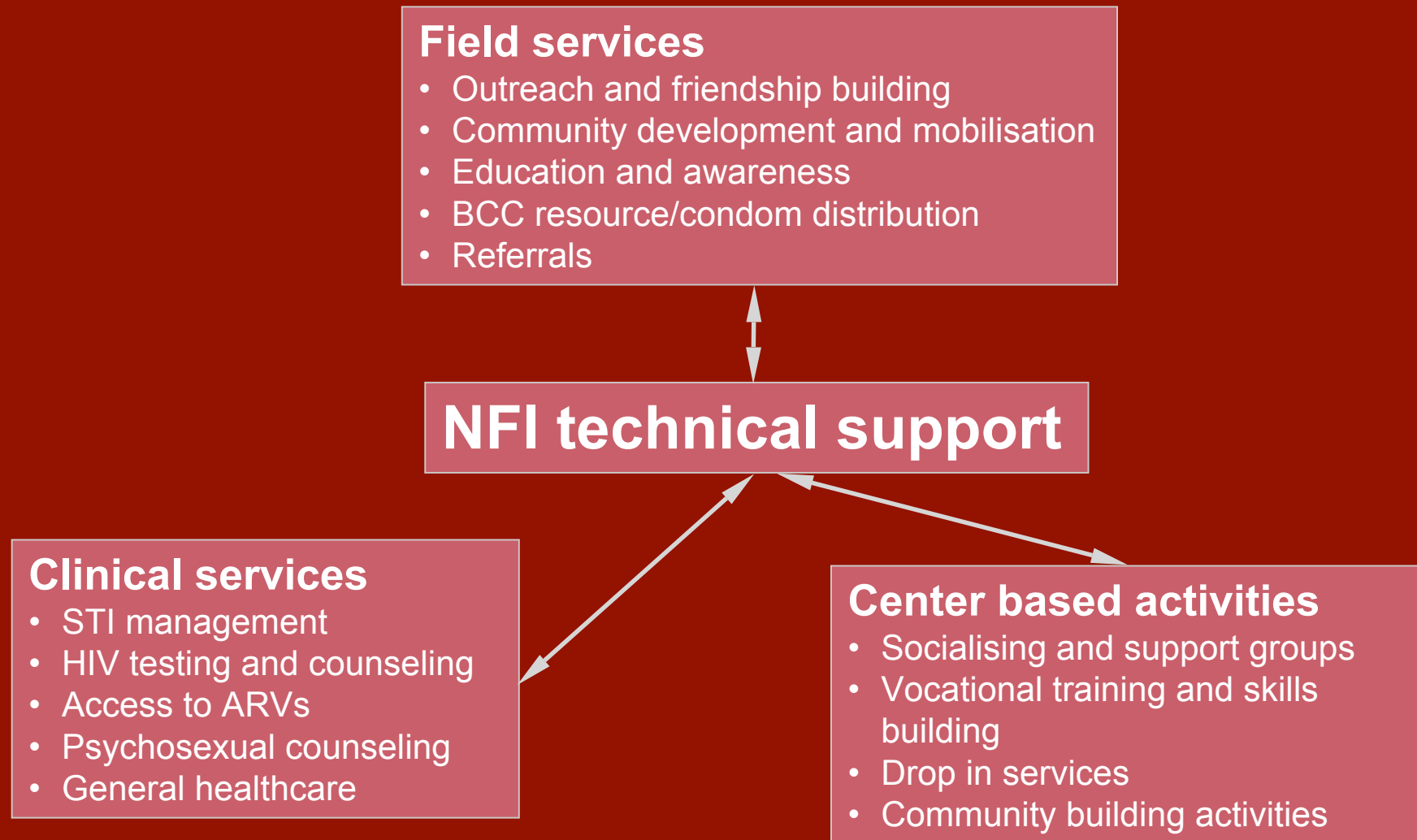
What have we done so far?

- Supported the development of 25 MSM CBOs developed across South Asia -, (16 in India, reaching over 500,000 *kothi*-identified males and their partners
- Regional MSM trainers network developed
- 25 MSM CBOs receiving on-going technical assistance and support
- A range of BCC resources, training manuals and briefing papers developed
- Situational assessments conducted in 12 cities across the region (nine in India)

What have we done so far?

- Resource and Training Centre developed in Lucknow, India
- Regional Liaison Programme Office established in Lucknow, India
- Strategic development plan for scaling up response across the region
- Significant advocacy work done nationally, regionally and internationally

Services model for MSM CBOs



Stakeholder analysis

- **Primary beneficiaries**
 - *Kothis*, other self-identified MSM and males sex workers
- **Secondary beneficiaries**
 - MSM's male and female partners
- **Linking agencies**
 - State and country CBOs
 - Local grassroots CBOs and networks
- **Enablers**
 - Donors, policy makers, judiciary and state enforcement agencies

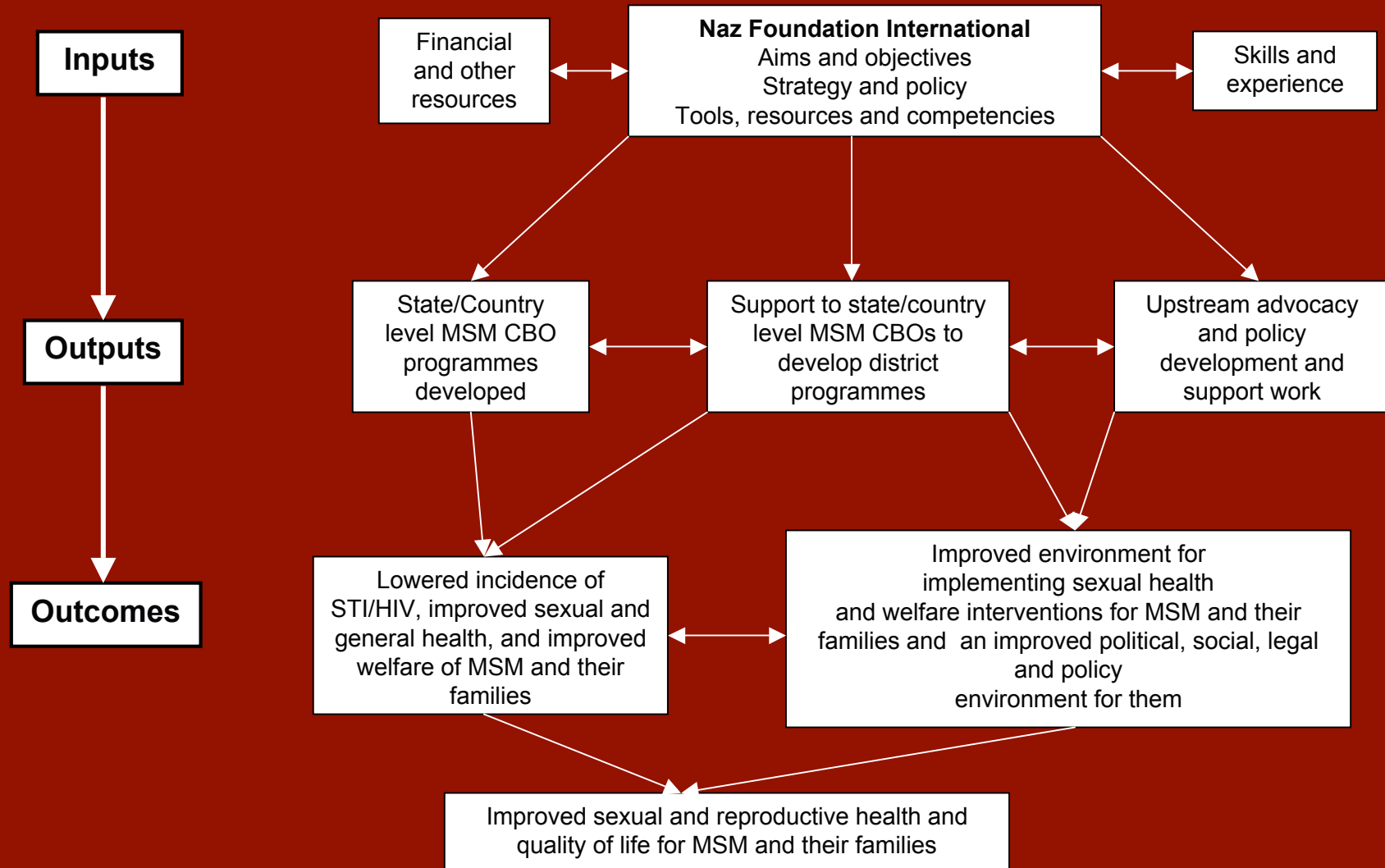
Tools and Models

- Adaptable and replicable
- Documentation
 - Re-formatting CBO development and management handbooks as user friendly and in local languages
- Training manuals
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- Development of new components
 - Counseling: pre-post test, psychosexual
 - Appropriate care and support
 - Management of a voluntary testing and counselling centre
 - Developing self-help HIV+ support groups
- BCC materials
- NFI Partners Network: a tool for sharing skills and information

Strengths

- Credibility - a proven track record
- Knowledge and experience
- Models of replicability and scaling up developed
- Existing partnerships

The role of NFI



What can NFI offer?

- Grass roots knowledge and a decade of experience working in the field of MSM and sexual health in South Asia
- A range to replicable service provision and management tools for MSM sexual health CBOs
- Experience in training and capacity-building of MSM CBOs with the necessary tools to achieve this
- Experience in training for peer-led situational assessments

What can NFI offer?

- A study centre with over 2500 books and documents on HIV/AIDS, masculinities, sexualities, genders and male-to-male sex – a developed Knowledge Management Plan
- A range of briefing papers, essays and articles on masculinities, sexualities, male-to-male sexual behaviours and sexual health
- Advocacy and policy experience
- An existent network of MSM sexual health projects:
ARMAN – Asia Region MSM AIDS Network

What can NFI offer?

- Skills in organising and managing regional workshops, meetings and conferences
- Research into masculinities, sexualities and male-to-male sexual behaviours
- Access to a network of international experts in the field

What can NFI offer?

- A broad range of BCC templates specific to the needs of MSM already tested and replicated in local languages in South Asia
- A Regional Training Centre in Lucknow, India
- Mentoring and technical support
- An MSM CBO service provider model
- A process model
- Cost-effectiveness