

Advocacy, policy and support on male sexualities

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A Best Practice Model

What we must keep in mind working with male-to-male sexual behaviours and HIV?

MSM is not an exclusive group isolated from the general population

It involves males from the general male population along with males with specific gender/sexual orientations

Male-to-male sex is a bridging behaviour for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections:

Transmission routes: male-to-male-to-female
 female-to-male-to-male

What we must keep in mind working with MSM and HIV prevention, care and support

It's the right time to do on humanitarian grounds

It's the right time to do epidemiologically

It's the right time to do from a public health perspective

Males who have sex with males (MSM), whether their self identity is linked to their same sex behaviour or not, have the right to be free from violence and harassment;

the right to be treated as full citizens in their country;

the right to be free from HIV and AIDS

And MSM who are already infected with HIV have the right to access appropriate care and treatment equally with everyone

Services framework: *NFI* *Model*

Field services

- Outreach and friendship building
- Community development and mobilisation
- Education and awareness
- BCC resource/condom distribution
- Referrals

NFI technical support

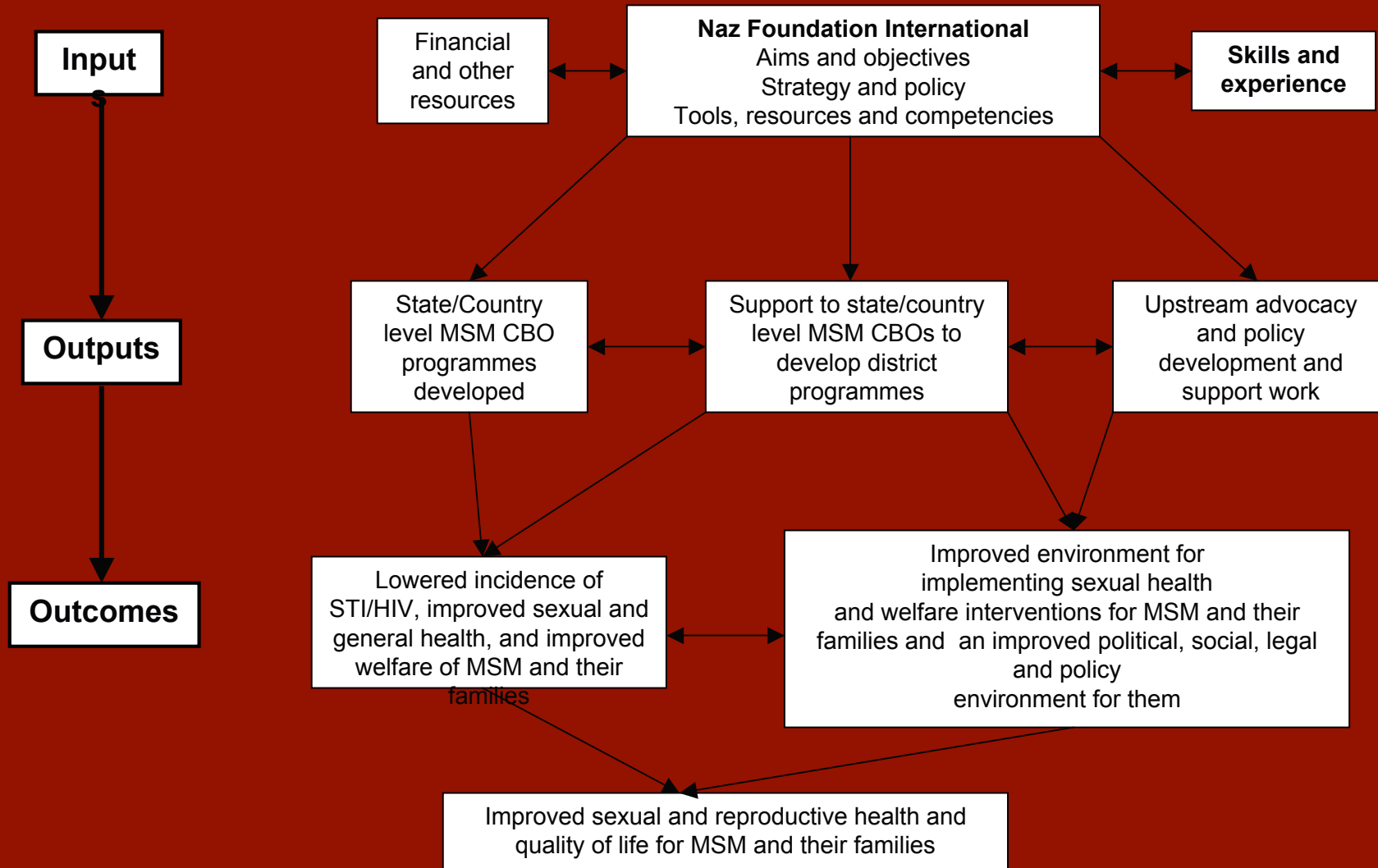
Clinical services

- STI management
- HIV testing and counseling
- Access to ARVs
- Psychosexual counseling
- General healthcare

Center based activities

- Socialising and support groups
- Vocational training and skills building
- Drop in services
- Community building activities

The role of NFI



Currently:

- NFI has about 40 partners across the region
- This year we are implementing 36 new interventions across 4 states as well as developing 4 state level nodal agencies.
- All these interventions are community lead with the help of other stakeholders in the respective states.

For resources please refer:

www.nfi.net