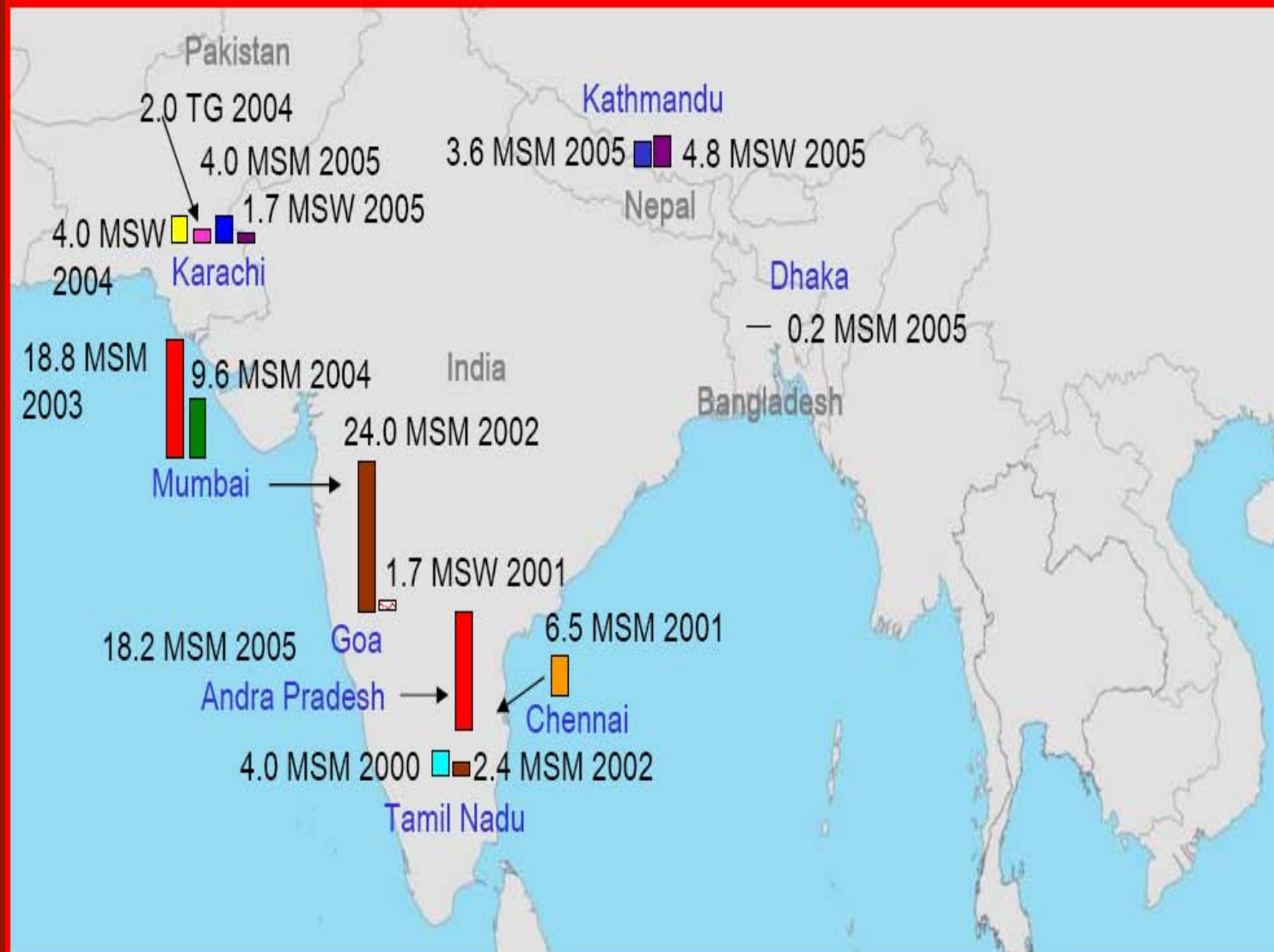


Advocacy, policy and support on male sexualities

The response to MSM and HIV



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Afghanistan

No reliable data available, where to date (August 2008) only 478 HIV cases reported.

No information on MSM and HIV. Small study done by NFI

Early stages of the epidemic.

MSM activities are known to occur with similar dynamics as in other South Asian countries

No current interventions

Bangladesh

Wide range of estimates for number of MSM from 40,000 by national programme to more than 1 million

HIV prevalence among MSM in 2007 estimate at 0.2%. However there is growing evidence that this is increasing significantly

Prevalence of active syphilis among MSM was estimated at almost 4% (2004-2005)

Bandhu Social Welfare Society national MSM and HIV agency working in 12 cities.

Coverage less than 30%

Bhutan

No data on MSM and HIV.

Only 144 cases of HIV infection reported out of a population of 700,000.

MSM activities known to occur in the country.

No services for MSM

India

- **6.4% nation wide (with wide variations across different cities) among MSM, 20 times higher than HIV prevalence of the general population (0.3%)**
- **Over 10% prevalence in MSM in southern and northeastern states**
- **Highest in large cities: 32.8% in Delhi; 23.6% in Pune; 19.2% in Bangalore; 15% in Gujerat**
- **Alarming HIV prevalence among hijras , where prevalence varies between 26% and 49% (Mumbai and Delhi respectively)**
- **Estimated numbers of MSM between 20-40 million**
- **Estimated numbers of highly at risk MSM at sites, 2.35 million**

**No of interventions for MSM and hijras
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Coverage: below 50%

Maldives

Very little information on HIV, none on MSM, but male-to-male sex known to occur, configured within Muslim frameworks.

No services for MSM

Nepal

HIV prevalence among MSM in Kathmandu was 3.3%, which is 6 times higher than adult national prevalence of 0.5%

National estimate of MSM is 64,000-193,000 out of a male population between 15-64 years of 7.6 million

Blue Diamond Society as a national MSM and HIV agency with a network of 25 MSM CBOs

Coverage estimated at 50%

Pakistan

Overall HIV prevalence is 0.9% among male sex workers and 6.4% among hijras

3.1% of male sex workers in Karachi, and 27% of hijras in Larkhan are HIV positive

(IBBS, 2008)

Pakistan in early stages of the epidemic, with indications of rapid increase of HIV among MSM and hijras.

Very poor services with coverage less than 20%.

NGO led. No CBOs. Coverage: less than 30%

Sri Lanka

UNAIDS estimates that about 3,800 Sri Lankans were living with HIV at the end of 2007, yielding a prevalence of less than 0.1%. However, there is no information regarding prevalence amongst MSM, but other countries in the region are showing much higher prevalence amongst MSM than among the general population.

Very limited coverage with two CBOs: less than 10%

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Both of these agencies primarily focused on LGBT rights