



GAURAV, through intervention in the state, provides the following services:

- HIV prevention and referrals for care, support, and treatment
- Behaviour change communication
- Income generation and livelihoods support for affected communities and their immediate families
- Creating enabling environments with primary and secondary stakeholders on sites
- Immediate crisis response
- Policy advocacy on issues of sexual minorities specifically related to issues of sex work, transgender persons etc.
- Community mobilization and networking
- Social and legal protection services



Greater Action for Unity Rights Advocacy and Visibility



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Empowerment Activities

- Outreach programs with key stakeholders- such as the police and local leaders.
- Spreading awareness about STI/HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support.
- Strategic Behavior Communication (SBC) sessions to improve health seeking behavior
- Counseling sessions with lawyers and doctors via camps.
- Income generation activities for the MSWs.
- Monthly meetings of three self-help groups.

Community Strengthening & Support

With support from the Aastha Parivaar, we are working towards strengthening our program management and technical capacity. We have conducted a series of events and activities geared towards non-profit management and project formulation, project and financial management, resource mobilization and entrepreneurship, and fundraising and networking.

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Mission Statement:

Promotion of positive health-seeking behaviour and reduction of HIV and STI prevalence in the community.

Vision Statement:

A self-sustaining community for MSM in sex work and their partners to implement scaled up prevention programs with a strong focus on networking and advocacy to strengthen project management, skill building and livelihood.

Quotes

“We have gained something we never had... an identity” - Aslam Khan.

“Aastha main aake hume ek respect ka platform mila” - Amit Goswami

About us

GAURAV is a Community Based Organization (CBO) registered in March 2010 in Mumbai. Mentored in its fledgling years by The Humsafar Trust, GAURAV today conducts extensive outreach to male sex workers (MSW) and high risk men who have sex with men and Transgender in 2 prevalent districts of Maharashtra. GAURAV is also a member of the Aastha Parivaar, a federation of 14 sex worker CBOs in Mumbai.

GAURAV was conceived with the vision **to promote sustained health-seeking behavior among male sex workers (MSWs) and their clients to stabilize HIV, reduce STI, stigma and discrimination.** The organization was nurtured in its early days through private contributions from its seven management committee members and it is due to their passion and deep rooted community engagement that GAURAV strives today for the well being of marginalized communities.

Four years into health and development services, GAURAV today has expanded service delivery beyond Mumbai to Nagpur district of Maharashtra with support from MSACS and MDACS. Community engagement has been through volunteerism via the board and community members. As of 2016, the organization has an annual outreach of 6000+ high risk key population being reached through HIV service delivery, care support treatment, & social – legal protection services

GAURAV's Key Approaches

- Integrated/holistic programming for more effective outreach
- Grassroots and community-driven approaches
- Local capacity building of networks, CBOs, NGOs, FBOs
- Quality improvement of service delivery
- Implementation of a systems approach: linking communities to institutional health care
- Sustainability and scalability of programs
- Social drivers of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including gender inequality and GBV, stigma, and poverty/economic empowerment
- Evidence-based programming
- Targeting of high-risk groups

“Outreach through Internet”

The purpose of outreach through internet is for Outreach Workers to provide a variety of services through online means to the GAURAV community members in the Mumbai district area. These services include: prevention education, risk-reduction counselling, referrals to shakti clinics, recruitment into prevention programs, care & support programs, promotion of positive health-seeking behaviors, and support for the Virtual communities at risk for HIV/AIDS/STI. Health messages can be delivered through Whatsapp and Facebook groups via GAURAV's webpage or by mobile. Additionally, GAURAV has accounts on various social or sexual networking sites such as Facebook & Planetromeo where information can be shared through postings on bulletin boards, with individuals during one-on-one private sessions, and/or e-mail. These interactions do not require an appointment, vary in duration and intensity, and most importantly, meet the community members online at their convenience.

MSW (MSM) TI Project (Mumbai) – This project is supported by MDACS to cover 2200 MSW in 7 sites inclusive of 37 hotspots of Mumbai district since 2012. On this project, we have 10 full time staff and 18 Peer Educators who work on honorarium basis. The services offered to our community members under this project are BCC/IPC sessions, regular medical checkups, STI screenings & treatment, HIV testing, condom distributions, counseling, referrals for ART, and legal aid services.

MSM & TG TI Project (Nagpur) This project is supported by MSACS to cover 1000 MSM & 100 TG in 4 sites inclusive of 17 hotspots each in Nagpur district since 2013. On each project, we have 4 full time staff and 17 Peer Educators who work on honorarium basis. The services offered to our community members under this project are BCC/IPC sessions, regular medical checkups, STI screenings & treatment, HIV testing, condom distributions, counseling, referrals for ART, and legal aid services.

PROJECT SHAAN: Strengthening stigma reduction and access to justice mechanism

This project is supported by ViiV- POSITIVE ACTION to work for young MSM and TG community members from 2016. The goals of the initiative are 1. Increase access to justice mechanism, 2. Reduce stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings and 3. Reduce social stigma of same sex issues through numbers of activities.

CBO Empanelment 2017-2019

Organisation selected as partner in CONNECT, The Humsafar Trust for CBO Empanelment also received funds to conduct various Advocacy activities under project



Support us through donations for:

- Balwadis and schools to educate MSWs' children.
- Employment services
- Mobile Health Van.
- Training in Income generating skills and setting up livelihoods resource center
- Legal aid Counselling and Volunteers for legal issues.