

CONNECT: Network of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in India responds to health and human rights of Sexual Minorities

The Humsafar Trust (HST), an LGBTQ Community Based Organization (CBO) based in Mumbai, was selected through a competitive process and awarded PROJECT CONNECT for India funded by AMPLIFY CHANGE.

The overall objectives of the project include setting up of a secretariat in Delhi and build capacities of the communities for effective delivery of Advocacy initiatives. The initiatives include setting up of LOK PANCHAYATS (Peoples forum) and invite various stakeholders to share community concerns and disseminate findings. It will also aim at identifying community leaders in 18 states and arrange monthly meetings with Parliamentary forums to address their concerns and give updates to the secretariat. The five regional boards will implement the defined activities in 18 states. Research will conduct a literature review/assessment of all research on Sexual minority issues that exists in the country and documentation of the oral history of sexual minorities, MSM and TG living with HIV in the country will be undertaken

The project will aim to improve information dissemination and strengthen community participation in enhancing knowledge and access to health and human rights issues. The project activities will focus on creating visibility of a National Network at regional and national level through strengthening community participation and creating online database of policy documents, reports, papers, and advocacy tools to increase accessibility of information to a wider audience. The project will strengthen a national network website, set up an E- Resource Centre.