

A study with self-identified bisexual men in Mumbai to understand their health related issues and challenges.

The Humsafar Trust in collaboration with Indiana University, Bloomington and Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio.

Bisexuality Study:

This project involves an interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers at Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio; Indiana University, Indiana and the Humsafar Trust, Mumbai. The study aims to document the concept of identity, sexual practices with different partners and associated risk behaviors of self-identified bisexual men in Mumbai, India. This study also seeks to understand the health related issues and challenges experienced by self-identified bisexual men. The findings of this study would be inform future research and strengthen the existing intervention efforts among this hard to reach population.

MSW Study:

The study proposes to research men who sell sex to other men (MSW) in Mumbai in exchange of cash and/or kind. This study aims to understand the social and sexual networks of male sex workers in Mumbai, India. We propose to use an exploratory quantitative design to assess the knowledge, attitude and sexual risk behaviour and associated HIV and STI prevalence of these men. Findings will be used to monitor and strengthen the existing sexual health intervention programmes among MSWs in Mumbai, India. The study findings also would help to plan strategies to reach out to hidden MSWs and improve their health care access. This project was supported by Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom. As part of this, Wellcome trust had supported a research fellow from The Humsafar Trust to complete a Master's course in London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK.