

**Protected or at risk: What are the factors influencing sexual behaviour and sexual health outcomes of men selling sex in Mumbai**

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.