



Timeline: Important dates in Humsafar history

EVENT	DATE	YEAR
Ashok Row Kavi (Chairperson – HST) visits the cruising site at Maheshwari Gardens in Mumbai to talk to gay men, Hijras, Koti's and other MSM on safer sex practices and need to use condoms	June	1984
Ashok Row Kavi comes out openly as a gay man through an article published in SAVVY magazine and thus begins his journey of working with the communities	December	1986
Ashok Row Kavi attends World AIDS Conference held in Montreal and highlights the vulnerability of gay men, Hijras and MSM in India to the infection of HIV and AIDS	July	1989
Bombay Dost: In June 1990 India's first LGBTQ registered magazine BOMBAY DOST was published under leadership of Ashok Row Kavi and Co-Founder Suhail Abbasi and became the first community collectivization initiative that started a discourse on LGBTQ issues in the country. In many ways BOMBAY DOST is seen as an effort that started the gay movement in India and 29 years later it is still a force to reckon with and the communities continue to look forward to the annual edition of the magazine (Bombay Dost's first issue carried the iconic article by senior advocate Shrikant Bhatt on "How section 377 of IPC criminalized same sex attracted minorities and was a barrier to working with homosexuals)	June	1990
A national AIDS Conference in Delhi organized by health ministry and highlights concerns of gay men and trans communities on their vulnerability to HIV	January	1991

Ashok Row Kavi visits International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam to understand how the world is responding to HIV needs of MSM and Trans communities. He is also very vocal about the needs of communities in India	July	1991
The Humsafar Trust was registered with the Charity Commissioner of Bombay. Ashok Row Kavi (Founder Trustee and Chairman), Suhail Abbasi and Sridhar Rangayan (Co- Founders) signed the documents for India's first LGBT community-based organization	April	1994
India's First LGBT conference – Emerging gay identities in South Asia. It was December 1994 and The Humsafar Trust received support from the Freddie Mercury Foundation and NAZ Foundation (London) to host India's first LGBT conference. Seventy-Two participants selected from the BOMBAY DOST subscribers list were invited to be part of this historic conference that faced hostility, threat and fear of violence, successfully held in SNDT University, women's university in Mumbai. This conference has been the biggest milestone in the LGBTQ history of India.	December	1994
BOMBAY DOST joins South Asian Lesbian Gay Association (SALGA) for San Francisco and New York City Pride: In June 1995 BOMBAY DOST led by Ashok Row Kavi and Suhail Abbasi participated in the San Francisco and New York city Pride walk, with a banner carrying the Bombay Dost logo and a slogan PROUD TO BE HERE and thus bringing LGBTQ issues of India on an international platform.	June-July	1995
The Humsafar Trust acquires a Drop In Center in Vakola BMC market building with five rooms provided by BMC and opened doors for the LGBT communities	November	1995
The Humsafar Trust Initiates Friday workshop at its Drop In Center to mobilize the communities and assess their needs and start a dialogue around them	November	1995
The Humsafar Trust sets up a voice mail helpline where LGBT can call 9726912 and ask for help. The calls were accessed by trained community counselors by calling 9726913. The community counselors would then speak with them on their desired phone numbers or meet them personally at public places. In the next 6 six years the community counselors speak and meet with over 2500 individuals and refer them to Humsafar Center for support.	November	1995

The Humsafar Trust sets up a small resource center of LGBTQ related books / papers and students studies. The library is extensively used by visitors at the center.	February	1996
The Humsafar Trust initiates a dialogue with LTMG (Sion) hospital in Mumbai to create an environment where communities can access HIV and STI related services without fear of stigma and discrimination. Twenty years later the HST /Sion hospital model is seen as a successful model of public private partnerships.	March	1998
National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) Phase II is initiated in India and Mumbai District AIDS Control Society (MDACS) is set up in Mumbai	April	1998
The Humsafar Trust receives funding support of Rs. 58,000 from Mumbai Directorate of Health Services to map gay men and MSM on cruising sites in Mumbai. The report mapping around 5000 gay men and MSM on over 72 sites is shared with DHS and MDACS. In April 1999 a pilot project is rolled out as Targeted Intervention with gay identified and MSM in Mumbai by MDACS.	July	1998
The Humsafar Trust becomes a member of International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) to promote visibility and voice the concerns of Indian LGBT community at an international platform	December	1998
Elizabeth Taylor foundation grant supports Humsafar Trust with a grant of 7500 USD to promote HIV prevention and LGBT rights in India for one year	January	1999
Mumbai District AIDS Control Society initiates a pilot project with gay men and MSM to provide HIV services that include condom distribution at select sites in Mumbai, HIV testing facilities and referrals to Sion Hospital. The project that aims to reach out to 1000 MSM reaches out to over 3000 gay men and MSM in one year. Twenty years later Humsafar and MDACS continue to partner and reach out to over 7500 MSM and Hijra communities every year	April	1999

Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society initiates a pilot project with MSM in the Thane district to reach out to 500 MSM in a year. The project works for two years and later is handed over to USAID FHI360 IMPACT project in September 2001	April	1999
Official Collaboration with LTMG – SION hospital begins with Interns of Skin department visiting HST clinic twice a week	April	1999
Dr. JVR Prasada Rao (DG – NACO) and Ms. Neelam Kapoor officially inaugurate the HST VCCTC on 25 th July 1999, the first of its kind clinic in community settings. Providing health services to the MSM and Transgender communities is one of the core competencies of Humsafar. Since inception health of communities has been high on priority for the organization and its clinic that provides STI and HIV services is the first community clinic in the country. The Humsafar Community Clinic also became the first sero-surveillance site for MSM and TG.	25 th June	1999
India's first Pride Walk in Kolkata FRIENDSHIP WALK. What is now accepted as India's first Pride Walk that saw around 7 LGBTQ individuals who walked the streets of Kolkata with their held high paving way for future of Indian LGBTQ movement. This Friendship walk happened on 2 nd July 1999 exactly 10 years before the historic Delhi High Court Judgement that decriminalized same sex behaviors.	July	1999
MSM Circle: Mapping the world of Men Having Sex (MSM) from Public Health Perspective. This community led exercise learning about various MSM and Transgender identities and behaviors that required STI, HIV/AIDS interventions. This became the backbone of our work. The MSM circle is revised in 2018 to capture presence of virtual world and intersectionality of identities, behaviors in virtual and physical spaces.	January	2000
Humsafars First Knowledge Attitude Behaviour Practices Report on Gay identified, and other MSM project study supported by NACO / MDACS is prepared and is presented by Humsafar Trust's consultant researcher Alpana Dange in the MDACS Conference room, first ever TINGO to conduct a study and present it to MDACS. Country's first ever MSM baseline is created. The evaluation tool was entirely	April	2000

developed in-house and was the first ever tool to differentiate receptive and insertive anal sex.		
Looking into next Millenium – A conference that brought together 127 participants representing individual leaders and around 24 community-based organization and showed that in 1994 HST was the first CBO but by 2000 the number of CBOs had grown manifolds. The conference also saw a resolution being passed that a national network of LGBT communities needs to be set up. The conference also held a capacity strengthening session for CBOs which focused on research methods, community mapping, needs assessment and conducting baseline studies.	May	2000
FPAI approves HST IEC materials to provide support to married MSM who accessed services from FPAI	December	2000
First Humsafar website is launched	December	2000
World AIDS Day: Observed every year on 1 st December WAD is a moment to remember all our loved ones whom we lost in the battle of HIV and AIDS. It is also a moment to strengthen our resolve and commitment to strengthen our services and renew our pledge for healthier communities and work towards community where every HIV positive person is on treatment and every negative person continues to remain negative.	December	Since 2000
Humsafar initiates Collaboration with ASHA Project to work closely with Female Sex workers on issues that affect the two communities	February	2001
First Staff training programme organized for Humsafar Outreach workers to train them on MSM and Hijra specific issues, strengthen their communication skills, knowledge of HIV and STIs and promotion of condoms as means of safer sex practice. The training was conducted at MDACS Hall to support its MSM Targeted Intervention in Mumbai	March	2001
Humsafar Trust supports setting up Lakshya Trust in Gujarat	July	2001
Ashok Row Kavi and Vrushali Deshmukh (HST Counsellor) attend Melbourne ICAAP conference	October	2001

<p>The Humsafar Trust disseminates its KABP study findings at MDACS Hall in Mumbai. It was heartening moment to see that a hall which could take only 35 people had over 60 participants and mattresses had to be put on floors to accommodate attendees and thus marked HST efforts to continuously disseminate its project and study findings to NACO / MDACS /USAID / FHI360 and other stakeholders</p>	December	2001
<p>Humsafar Trust support setting up of Hijra CBO Sakhi Char Chowghi in Mumbai</p>	December	2001
<p>Shashikant Shetye (PLHIV) and Vrushali Deshmukh (Counselor)attend a conference in Chiang Mai-Thailand to address issues of PLHIV and need to initiate treatment for HIV positive persons</p>	December	2001
<p>Humsafar is invited by State Secretary of Health Reena Ray to set up a MSM Targeted Intervention in Goa. Humsafar mobilizes gay and MSM communities of Goa and sets up GOA-HST which effectively implements HIV programs till 2008 before setting up a Goa based CBO Humsaath Trust and exits from Goa with an assurance to continue its technical support to Humsaath Trust.</p>	February	2002
<p>MDACS initiates a project for Hijra communities in sex work on five truck stops in Mumbai. The project aims to reach to 1000 every year and continues till date with focus on Hijra communities not just on truck stops but residing in Mumbai city and part of various gharanas</p>	June	2002
<p>3 Representations from Humsafar (Ashok, Vivek and Vrushali) at the Barcelona International AIDS Conference. Vasanthi Shetty becomes first TG from Humsafar to get full scholarship to present her paper on TG living with HIV. Unfortunately, on 29th May 2002 she succumbs to HIV related ailments and passes away. Her paper never got presented at the conference but the struggle to provide treatment is strengthened in India.</p>	July	2002
<p>Humsafar provides support for setting up of Samapathik Trust in Pune led by Bindumadhav Khire to promote LGBT rights and HIV interventions with MSM and Tg communities.</p>	September	2002
<p>Humsafar introduces First Surakshit Safar Abhiyaan which actively creates public awareness campaigns and</p>	September	2002

works aggressively for 3 months on enhancing knowledge of HIV and vulnerability of MSM and Tg communities in Mumbai.		
In the first phase of IMPACT projects LAB facilities are strengthened and clinic is upgraded	September	2002
IMPACT project introduces Mental health counseling and Nutritional support in Humsafar services	September	2002
ILGA Asia Regional Conference –The A to Z of LGBT spectrum: Humsafar has been a member of International Lesbian and Gay Association since 1998 and in 2002 it was agreed that Humsafar would host a regional LGBTQ conference in Mumbai. This conference brought over 100 LGBTQ individuals and organizations representing over 8 countries in the South and Southeast Asia. This landmark conference discussed thoughts of networking at a regional level that would strengthen struggle for LGBTQ rights in the region.	October	2002
In collaboration with MDACS Humsafar introduces “messenger in the train” a campaign that uses folk songs with outreach workers singing in Mumbai local trains to promote HIV awareness	December	2002
The HIV positive teams of Humsafar still dealing with the untimely demise of Vasanthi Shetty come together to set up a support group for PLHIV as SAFE SAILORS CLUB (SSC) A drop-in center is acquired at the municipal school building of Kamathipura in Mumbai. Soon it is realized that SSC is an English term and that being away from Humsafar in a separate premise is adding to stigma. The group is reconvened as SANJEEVANI and moves back to Humsafar Vakola DIC and has since been working reaching out providing health services, linkages to treatment from its Vakola office	March	2003
National AIDS conference is organized in Mumbai by politician Kirit Somaiyya through his NGO Mukti foundation	January	2003
Humsafar completes its third of its KABP studies. Humsafar Trust engages technical expert to guide on sampling	May	2003
Glaxo incorporates MSM circle in slides for their STI continuing education program at Baroda	June	2003

A conference is organized to discuss issues to PLHIV by Udaan Trust in August 2003 and NIPASHA network for HIV positive persons is set up	August	2003
Ashok Row Kavi and Vivek Anand attend ILGA world conference in Manila Philippines	October	2003
A core group of LGBT that had met in the 2000 Mumbai conference announces formation of India Network of Sexual Minorities (INOSEM) in October 2003. The network is formally registered with society's charity commissioner in Mumbai in 2009 and was renamed as Integrated Network for Sexual Minorities (INFOSEM) The network over the years was strengthened by DFID / UNDP and today has 110 CBOs as its primary members.	October	2003
First MSM and TG and their vulnerability to HIV March is organized on World AIDS Day from LTMG Hospital to Maheshwari Garden in Mumbai and has since then been an annual feature of WAD activities	December	2003
World Social Forum brings together over 80000 activists from across the world in Mumbai to discuss various issues and various causes. Humsafar leaves its impact with its GAY ICONS Exhibition and play reading of English version of the iconic original Marathi play Ek Madhavbaug by renowned actor Sunila Pradhan	December	2003
Humsafar Outreach workers Vijay Bansode represents issues of MSM and TG living with HIV at civil society meet in Lyon – France	January	2004
Humsafar Trust organizes a LGBT March from August Kranti Maidan to Azad Maidan to strengthen visibility of LGBT communities in India	January	2004
NACO begins ART treatment program in India at 8 select ART Centers in the country in 6 high prevalence states of India	April	2004
Humsafar organizes its third dissemination of its KABP study and other research initiatives of Humsafar at SNDT women's University in Mumbai. The dissemination of report is shared with NACO and MDACS who also attend the dissemination	April	2004
Vivek Anand CEO – Humsafar Trust is invited on a funded training on ethics of research at Fenway	June	2004

Community center Boston and Brown University in Providence. The aim is to support formation of Humsafar IRB that will monitor ethics of research at Humsafar		
5 representatives from Humsafar Trust attend the International AIDS Conference in Bangkok and present papers. Ashok Row Kavi speaks about the role of civil society in HIV movement at the India Satellite of the conference. Vivek Anand CEO-HST, Vrushali Deshmukh (Counseling Head) and Ashok Pantangi (Outreach worker) present their posters	July	2004
IMPACT project YAARANA supports first capacity building and vision formation 5-day workshop in Mumbai for INFOSEM. 72 participants representing over 18 states of India attend the workshop. The workshop reports are shared with NACO and USAID to strengthen Targeted Interventions with MSM and Tg communities in India.	August	2004
Humsafar begins its first mental health baseline study in collaboration with Fenway Community health in Boston	August	2004
The first Governing Board meeting of INFOSEM is organized in Kolkata CINI that broadens the scope of INFOSEM work and agree to work proactively towards health and human rights of LGBT community. NACO provides a small 50000 INR support to conduct this meeting.	June	2005
The Avert Society –MSACS with funding from USAID started a MSM – TI project with The Humsafar Trust in Kalyan – Thane region of Maharashtra state.	July	2005
Project Gaurav is launched with support from BMGF and FHI360 to reach out to 2000 hard to reach men in sex work in Mumbai. The data from the IMPACT project gives details of sites. A preliminary needs assessment is conducted with select men in sex work. This project marks the beginning of challenges posed with working with hard-to-reach male sex works	August	2005
The LGBTQ communities of Mumbai come together on 16 th August 2005 to protest for their rights and this protest leads to formation of Queer Azaadi Mumbai	August	2005

(QAM) collective in Mumbai which has been organizing Pride walk in Mumbai since 2009		
A model clinic to provide STI treatment, HIV testing facility and referrals for HIV treatment is set up in Kalyan (Thane District) in July 2005. This project is being funded by HIVOS/EU/SIAAP	October	2005
Project AIDS STAR ONE documents Humsafar as one of good practices working with MSM and Tg communities in India	October	2005
Institutional Review Board (IRB): Humsafar IRB, its ethics review committee was set up in 2005 and Humsafar became the first community-based LGBTQ organization to have its own IRB. The IRB is an autonomous body comprising of seven professionals that oversee Humsafar Research projects and ensure that human rights of participants are protected. Humsafar IRB is registered with National Institute of Health (NIH) and has a Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) in place. All research participants and IRB members undergo an Office of Human Rights Protection (OHRP) certificate course before they can become part of Humsafar Research projects.	November	2005
A project to provide capacity building to 25 MSM and Trans organizations from all over India supported by DFID PMO	April – March	2006 -2007
The project developed a strategy for NACO (National AIDS Control Organization) to start up and upscale projects with MSM and Trans communities in NACP III. The strategic plan is merged with the National Guidelines for NACP III	April – March	2006 -2007
Humsafar develops a national advocacy strategy document for MSM and Trans persons to provide support to NACP – III under DFID PMO project	April – March	2006 -2007
The DFID PMO supported project develops a 3-year advocacy plan for INFOSEM, the LGBTQ national network of India.	April – March	2006 -2007
The yearlong DFID PMO project is funded lays foundation for India’s first GFATM project with MSM and Trans persons later in 2008 and 2009	April – March	2006 -2007

NACO strengthens its ART Treatment Program by extending the number of ART treatment centers in the country from 6 to 54.	April	2006
A research project to study and describe the social and sexual networks of MSM and Trans persons in India. This study was carried out in 5 states and 8 cities and presented to government of India supported by DFID PMO	April – March	2006 -2007
3 representations were made at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. Ashok Row Kavi speaks at the plenary on role of religion and its impact on HIV programs, Vivek Anand presents a paper on setting up of an IRB in community settings and Murugesan presents a poster on Mental health study among MSM conducted in Mumbai.	July	2006
The USAID-FHI supported project IMPACT-YAARANA came to an end on 30 th September 2006 as the term of IMPACT ended. The project was taken over by USAID-Avert from 1 st October 2006	September	2006
A research project to study the dynamics of MSM in Maharashtra State. The study was carried out in two cities and supported by USAID-Avert Society	October	2006
The Humsafar Trust with support from Robert Daly a young Harvard student develops its first 5-year strategic plan that revisits the HST vision and mission statement, introduces a Theory of Change for the organization and strategies and activities for HST from 2007 to 2012.	February	2007
Humsafar produces a feature film “68 Pages” documenting experiences of a counselor working with marginalized communities. The film becomes a reference material and is used by NACO and counseling courses in TISS to understand issues of marginalized persons from the point of view of a counselor.	March	2007
NACP III is launched in India. HST strategic document to upscale Intervention with MSM and Tg communities become part of the National Guidelines of NACP III. The focus is on community based interventions.	April	2007
UNAIDS / Denise Broun and Ashok Row Kavi invite for a meeting with 7 key community leaders to UNAIDS Delhi office to discuss possibility to be	April	2008

writing a GFATM Round 8 grant for MSM and Trans communities.		
HST / India HIV AIDS Alliance / NFI and Sangama support a national consultation in Delhi to initiate writing of GFTAM Round 8. Nearly 65 community representatives attend and identify the areas of work and freeze on a Principal recipient. India HIV AIDS Alliance is appointed the PR as their management fees is much lower than FHI360 and PSI who are the other two contenders for PR of GFATM proposal for MSM and Trans communities.	May	2008
Humsafar produced “Bridges of Hope” a documentary documenting voices and concerns of MSM and TG community and NACP III plans to address the issues through Targeted Interventions	July	2008
5 representations from Humsafar Trust at the Mexico International AIDS Conference. Ashok Row Kavi speaks at the plenary, Vivek Anand presents a paper on CBO capacity building while other teams present their posters at the conference.	August	2008
NACO begins second line ART Treatment in all the ten centers.	September	2008
Badlav ki alpna a project commissioned by UNDP to produce two “Bolo” documenting the LGBT movement in India in the last 20 years. The BOLO interviews are available on www.projectbolo.com and you tube. UNDP supports Bombay Dost magazine for 3 years and conduct national level consultation to strategize next steps after the Delhi High Court judgment.	January	2009
The Humsafar Trust becomes Linking Organization (LO) with International HIV AIDS Alliance as part of its global consortium partners who join hands to work together on addressing issues of HIV and AIDS. Vivek Anand CEO-HST has been part of Executive Directors meeting held in Kaula Lampur in 2009 and Brighton in 2014. Suhail Abbassi (Founder Trustee), Pallav Patankar (Trustee and Director Programs) and Shruta Rawat have attended Blue Sky Week held in Vietnam in October 2014 / Myanmar in October 2015 / Kaula Lampur in October 2016 and Hyderabad and Vijayawada in October 2017. These LO meetings contribute to the discourse to strengthening HIV AIDS work in respective regions and also furthering LGBTQ	January	2009

rights in India and other countries where homosexuality is criminalized.		
A regional level advocacy project in collaboration with SIDA – RFSU and 14 partners from India, Bangla Desh, Nepal and Sri Lanka to increase rights and health based issues of LGBT community is initiated and strengthens the advocacy unit of Humsafar (Period 2009 – 2012)	April	2009
Produced “Yehi Hai...Right way” a condom demonstration film for MSM and Tg	April	2009
Avert Society –MSACS with funding from USAID started a MSM – TI project with The Humsafar Trust in Bhiwandi – Thane region of Maharashtra state	April	2009
A research project with Married MSM supported by NIH in collaboration with Fenway community health, Boston	April	2009
A research project to look into HPV prevalence among MSM supported by NIH in collaboration with UCSF.	April	2009
A research project to look into STI treatment compliance among MSM supported by BMGF and FHI	April	2009
Tracking study of Humsafar, 6 th follow up study on its baseline study of 2000	April	2009
Sashakt A project commissioned by UNDP to Pilot GFATM Round 9 proposal with Alliance India and three more partners from Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.	April	2009
Bombay Dost India’s first LGBTQ registered magazine is re-launched after a break of seven years. UNDP supported six issues of Bombay Dost that helped revive the magazine	April	2009
Ashok Row Kavi, Vivek Anand attend the ICAAP at Bali. While Ashok speaks at a plenary,Vivek speaks at the opening of MSM pre conference organized by APCOM	July	2009
Produced 7 Gay, MSM and Tg friendly posters for John Hopkins University – Bloom berg school of communication	July	2009

Delhi HC judgment: On 2 nd July 2009, Delhi High Court passed a historic verdict that led to reading down of Section 377 that criminalized same sex behaviors and the community for the first time smelt freedom. Now they could live as free citizens and not be seen as criminals. Justice A P Shah gave a verdict that respected the rights of LGBTQ communities of India. However the happiness was short lived as the judgment was challenged in Supreme Court and subsequently in December 2013 the Delhi High Court judgment was over ruled and sex between consenting same sex individuals in private was again brought in the purview of criminalized behaviors thus overruling the 2 nd July 2009 Delhi High Court Judgement	July	2009
Mumbai Pride Walk (QAM): What started as a protest on 16 th August 2005 in Mumbai Hutatma Chowk became the most well attended Pride Walk of India in 2009 and since then the numbers of Out, Proud and fearless LGBTQ community walking the march has increased many folds.	August	2009
A national consultation with 108 LGBT leaders to take the Delhi High court judgment forward supported by SIDA RFSU	October	2009
Developing health messages in collaboration with University of Illinois, Chicago	December	2009
EnGayging lives a film produced by Humsafar Trust for students of Sophia college to discuss issues related with gay relationships (won jury award at Kashish film festival)	January	2010
A study to understand vaccine preparedness in India supported by CIHR	April	2010
Humsafar and Solaris Pictures become founder and co-organizers of Kashish Mumbai International Queer Film Festival bringing India's first LGBTQ film festival in a mainstream auditorium and successfully gets all approvals from I and B Ministry for screening to queer themed films at a mainstream venue – PVR Juhu	April	2010
Ek Madhavbaug: Chetan Datar's poignant Marathi play about a son coming out to his mother has its first Hindi performance at PVR-Juhu at the Kashish Mumbai International Film Festival by Actor Mona Ambegaonkar. The solo performance has so far	April	2010

completed over 120 performances in corporates, educational institutions, community settings and national and International platforms		
SIDA /RFSU supported project to conduct sensitization workshops with five leading stakeholders.	April	2010
Sandeep Mane (Research Associate) presented married MSM study paper and Sridhar Rangayan (Founder Trustee) screened Bridges of Hope (a film on strengthening NACP IV) at the Vienna International AIDS Conference. San	July	2010
YAARIYAN- Yaariyan (Friendship) is a voluntary LGBTQ youth initiative and a support group by The Humsafar Trust (HST) which functions as an online forum, organizes offline events and facilitates youth access to health and social support. Yaariyan was founded in 2010. Yaariyan organizes movie screenings, outings, bonding events, HIV and STI awareness talks and discussions on issues impacting the LGBT youth on a monthly basis.	August	2010
UMANG – Umang is the LBT Support Group of The Humsafar Trust, based in Mumbai, providing community support spaces to Lesbian women, Bisexual women and Trans*persons (LBT). Umang’s services include mental health ounselors, legal support, community support and events. Umang organizes monthly events for the LBT community comprising workshops, social events, get together and games-called ‘Chill Outs’- meetings with no agenda! Umang currently has a membership of over 200 LBT.	August	2010
PEHCHAN – Global Fund Round 9: A capacity building and training project in 5 states and 51 partners. The proposal initiated in 2008 under Round 9 finally got approved in Round 9 becoming the first GFTAM grant supporting MSM and Tg communities in India	October	2010
Humsafar Co-produced feature film “I AM OMAR” in collaboration with Anti Clock films and ONIR, a film that brings to light harassment faced by gay community	October	2010
Aa Muskuraa : A film on building communication skills of ICTC ounselors for NACO was produced	December	2010

Documenting six successful HIV interventions in India with MSM and Tg community commissioned by UNDP	December	2010
The Humsafar Trust becomes part of NACP IV planning team to highlight the role of CBOs in addressing and reducing the prevalence of HIV among MSM and TG communities.	January	2011
Developing a programmatic road map for LGBT friendly laws in India : A Study undertaken in partnership with World Bank – Amaltas post Delhi High Court Judgement in July 2009	February	2011
Impact of 377 : A study undertaken to understand the impact of Delhi High Court Judgement that decriminalized same sex behaviors between consenting adults and in the privacy of their four walls	February	2011
MSA Grant supported by GFATM Round 9 begins in 7 countries in South and South East Asia to advocate for the rights of MSM and TG, providing technical support to state and services to communities in some countries like Pakistan. The project informally known as DIVA faces severe challenges and is almost shut down but UNDP – BKK is appointed as PR.	February	2011
NACO strengthens its HIV treatment program by expanding its ART services from 54 to 250 treatment centers in the country	October	2011
SHAKTI: Intervention with health care providers to work better with TG –ICMR, Baldwin Wallace – Cleveland and MGM Hospital	April	2011
SIDA RFSU: Enhancing LGBT awareness through Ek Madhavbaug in 12 corporate and educational institutions	April	2011
ISHKconnect : Internet Based HIV prevention for Indian MSM in collaboration with University of Texas, University of Minnesota and Tata Institute of Social Sciences	April	2011
UNDP supports INFOSEM Secretariat strengthening where over a one-year period INFOSEM sets up its secretariat, develops an advocacy action plan, a journey	April	2011

documents, revisits its vision and mission statement and undertakes a study assessing SRS needs in select cities of India		
Stigma Study with ICMR to study systemic stigma levels among MSM and Tg populations in health care settings	July	2011
Humsafar Tracking Study: KABP VII Wave report is readied.	July	2011
The Humsafar Trust organizes it's third day long dissemination in Mumbai to share its research projects and findings to national stakeholders.	July	2011
Gulabi Mela (Q-Fete): First organized in January 2012, this initiative of YAARIYAN, the youth wing of Humsafar Trust brings over 1000 LGBTQ communities, entrepreneurs, and allies for an evening filled with games, stalls, and dance performances displaying colors of rainbow and unity in diversity. This annual event remains among favorites during Mumbai Pride month with increasing participation for every year since its inception. Gulabi Mela has been particularly innovative in mobilizing communities and establishing connections with key stakeholders in its journey as well as showcasing talent and providing opportunities to start-up queer businesses.	January	2012
NACP IV is initiated in India upscaling Targeting Interventions with support from Pehchan Project in India and focusing on composite Interventions to strengthen and saturate outreach	April	2012
Project Voices – Team Grant: CHVI Team in Social and Behavioral Research on HIV Vaccines	April	2012
4 representatives attend Washington DC International AIDS Conference. Vivek Anand speaks the plenary about the journey of Humsafar Trust, HST presents its theater performance Ek Madhavbaug in English and has three more performances in the next one week in DC area. Murugesan and Shruta present their posters at the conference	July-Aug	2012
Understanding stigma at systemic and individual level to overcome barriers to HIV related health seeking behavior among MSM – ICRW study	September	2012

Male Sex workers: Protected or at risk: what are the factors influencing sexual behavior and sexual health outcomes of men selling sex in Mumbai	October	2012
GFATM Round 9 supported Vihaan Project: Creating care and support model for people living with HIV	April	2013
SAHAAY: HIV Prevention for MSM Using Mobile Technology in collaboration with FHI360 and Mitr (Delhi) Humsaaya (Thane) and Mitwa (Chhatisgarh)	July	2013
MAC AIDS FUND supports Humsafar to create a holistic approach to its interventions by introducing online outreach work, PLHA support group strengthening, capacity building of HST outreach workers on key issues of MSM and TG and strengthens its youth support group. The Project SAHYOG though initially assured a support of 3 years is now in its 6 th year and again a collaboration of two agencies (MDACS and MAF) strengthens Humsafar services to MSM and Tg community.	July	2013
Alpana Dange (Consulting Research Head) initiates the process of HST 2 nd Strategic Plan for 2014- 2017. It is agreed that a 5-year plan is challenging to monitor and that a 3 year plan is more apt to track and monitor. The process involves a community consultation, meeting with Board members and series of consultations with Humsafar Teams before it is finalized and approved by the HST Board in June 2014	October	2013
Bisexuality Study: Assessing risk behavior of self-identified bisexual men with Indiana University	February	2014
Mission Azaadi Document; A reference manual to promote LGBTQH rights in India supported by International HIV AIDS Alliance	February	2014
Discrimination and its relationship with Socioeconomic Status and Life Chances of sexual minorities in India with Amaltas and World Bank NORAIID fund	May	2014
CHALO: A pilot study to assess efficacy of safer sex messages on internet outreach program with Einstein University – New York	July	2014
Adherence Study: A pilot study to assess adherence of ART among MSM and Tg populations in Mumbai with Einstein University – New York	July	2014

SAHARA : A support for LBT persons affiliated with UMANG group	July	2014
5 representatives of Humsafar attend Melbourne International AIDS Conference. Shruta presents a paper on violence faced by MSM post Supreme Court judgement of 2013 that re-criminalized homosexual behavior. The other 4 team members present their posters at the conference.	July	2014
ACCEPTANCE MEET- As part of the anniversary month celebrations, Yaariyan, the youth initiative of The Humsafar Trust annually organizes the 'Acceptance Meet' on every August 15 th . The 'Acceptance Meet' is an event where community members and allies come together to share their stories of inclusiveness, bonding and love. Acceptance meets focusses on being a space for parents, families and allies of LGBTQ individuals creating platform for acceptance of LGBTQ children.	August	2014
SANCHAR Project: A desk review of media reporting on sexual minority issues conducted. This was an in-depth research of media coverage of sexual minorities in print and electronic media of English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati languages by the Humsafar Trust research team. This was developed under Pehchan Innovations Fund under GFATM.	September	2014
Humsafar develops Child Protection Policy pledging its commitment to the rights of children. It is first of its kind policy developed by a community-based organization of LGBTQ communities that stands up for the rights and protection of children.	September	2014
Humsafar becomes MSM partner for India reaching out to 11 hard to reach states in India in October 2014. After Pehchan closure in 2016, Humsafar is given a mandate by NACO to extend its project activities across India. The Project completes its successful tenure and finally wraps up in November 2018.	October	2014
Fostering Resilience: Study on understanding the impact of structured counselling towards safer sex behaviour with Massachusetts General Hospital, Fenway Community Health and TRG – Chennai	October	2014

SANDESH: An advocacy initiative supported by Canada Consul General to promote equal rights for LGBTQ communities	October	2014
Humsafar and Naz Foundation (Delhi) became co-recipients of 50 Lakhs donation given through the national programme Satyamev Jayate hosted by celebrated film actor Amir Khan. The amount is donated by Reliance Foundation Philanthropy unit and the amount is to implement a project in India promoting LGBTQ rights with focus on Trans women and LBT communities	October	2014
SANKALP: A community initiative to promote LBT, Hijra and young LGBT initiatives in two states of India supported by Reliance Foundation and Satyamev Jayate	April	2015
SANCHAR Media Guide: India's first ever recommended language manual for improved reporting on sexual minority in India developed in English, Hindi, Marathi by the Humsafar Trust research team. This was developed under Pehchan Innovations Fund under GFATM.	April	2015
C2C: A South-To-South Initiative: Strengthening Community learning processes for increased HIV responses among Men who have Sex with Men populations	July	2015
Sanchar – Media Training Initiative: The Humsafar Trust has developed India's first ever appropriate media reporting guide 'Sanchar' in English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati. Sanchar is a media training initiative of the Humsafar Trust. Sanchar media training focuses on media person's understanding about LGBTQ issues and capacity for appropriate reporting for the print and electronic media.	July	2015
Humsafar is part of End AIDS India campaign, along with 3 other NGOs, namely India HIV/AIDS Alliance, Lepra Society and MVM.	July	2015
The Humsafar Trust Community Action Plan for Advocacy on LGBT rights in India prepared after two day consultation with 108 CBO representatives. The workshop was supported under DIVA project by UNDP-Global Fund	December	2015

HST introduces a “Free-to –Fee” model by introducing Blue and Green health cards that would reduce reliance on funded interventions by introducing an annual fee of INR 1000 for clients earning over INR 15000/month entitling them to a Blue Health card. The card provides holders quarterly HIV/Syphilis tests as well as unlimited consultations with physicians, mental health professionals, nutritionists, and legal/crises support. These services are offered at no cost to individuals (green card holders) earning less than INR 15000/month thus allowing free services being cross subsidized by communities that can afford to pay	December	2015
Being Equal: Delivering effective Advocacy initiatives through capacity building of 4 community based organizations in Maharashtra	January	2016
Media Policy: Media Guidelines for HST teams developed.	March	2016
TRANScend: Supporting Transgender Rights in India is a TRANS initiative of Humsafar that works on advocacy with corporates and educational institutions aimed at social inclusion and empowerment of Trans communities. This initiative supported by SAPIENT has touched lives of innumerable Trans individuals enabling them to live with dignity and self-respect.	April	2016
MDACS and Humsafar restructure six Targeted Interventions (1999 – 2016 model is revisited) into three for better and effective management of prevention, care, support and treatment to 7,500 MSM and TG in Mumbai Metro.	April	2016
Wajood: A ground-breaking rights-based programme that strengthens the capacity of community-based organizations based on learning’s of Pehchan project.	April	2016
Suhail Abbasi (Founder Trustee) and Hemangi Mhaprolkar (Project Director MSA Project) represented The Humsafar Trust at the High Level Meeting (HLM) on Ending AIDS at the UN Headquarters in New York.	June	2016
Beyond the Rainbow: A media reference manual for LGBTQ community leaders	June	2016
SASHAKT: Strengthening LGBTQ network In India supported by US Gov.	July	2016

5 representations from HST team present papers and posters at the International AIDS Conference at Durban, South Africa	July	2016
LIKHO (WRITE) – Nurturing LGBTQ citizen journalists is an initiative and brainchild of Humsafar Board member and journalist Shibu Thomas that trains 20 selected candidates every year as citizen journalists who strengthen reporting on LGBTQ issues. All trained candidates are expected to write a story that is published in the upcoming issue of BOMBAY DOST magazine. The articles submitted by the participants are also reviewed by a jury who announce the Top 3 articles and honor them at the magazine launch. Since its beginning in 2016 LIKHO has nurtured over 60 individuals as citizen journalists.	September	2016
Impact of Supreme Court Judgement on Section 377 (11/12/13) recriminalizing same sex behaviors on the community study report is ready	October	2016
Strengthening Bridges: A counsellor’s manual to support parents of LGBTQ	October	2016
LINKAGES: Aims to accelerate the ability of Government and KP organizations to collaboratively plan, deliver and optimize services that reduce HIV transmission among KPs and extend life for those who are HIV positive.	October	2016
F K Norway supported project Saksham (Empowered) an exchange project between three countries is launched. The partners HST (India) BDS (Nepal) and Bandhu (Bangladesh) shared two fellows every year from two neighboring countries with the objective to learn best practices in each organization and bring back their learnings and implement the same in their country of origin.	October	2016
Humsafar supports Mingle Leadership Summit an initiative of Udayan Dhar to train young community leaders in corporate environments and how the youth could shape young corporate India.	October	2016
Humsafar supports IIT Mumbai gay support group Saathi in accessing funding from Rainbow Solidarite to produce videos of youth coming out and conduct events	October	2016

in IIT and other educational spaces to create a positive LGBTQ image in the student community.		
CONNECT: A project to bring about changes in laws and attitudes of stakeholders towards LGBTQ community and fighting Sec 377 begins in Humsafar Delhi. CONNECT: Network of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in India responds to health and human rights of Sexual Minorities	November	2016
Humsafar organizes its 4th National Dissemination of its Research studies and findings to key National and International agencies. SACS and NACO officials along with USAID / FHI360 / Alliance, NARI and ICMR attend	November	2016
LIKHO AWARDS IN MEDIA EXCELLENCE: Introduced in 2016 LIKHO Awards honor the journalists, film makers and advertising campaigns that champion the cause of LGBTQ rights in mainstream media. LIKHO Awards believe that honoring individuals and organizations for their exemplary work will encourage effective and strengthened reporting and positive depiction of LGBTQ lives and their stories.	December	2016
Humsafar installs a DONATE NOW button on its website to encourage communities to donate to Humsafar to take its work forward. Some key areas like Sanjeevani (HIV positive support group) Bombay Dost magazine, Section 377 reading down, Umang and Yaariyan initiatives are identified as causes for people to come forward and donate.	December	2016
Humsafar Initiates a partnership with Vidya an NGO working in over 3000 municipal schools in Mumbai and trains their counselors to work with schoolteachers and sensitize them and help address issues of bullying at school of young LGBTQ.	January	2017
Humsafar initiates collaboration with Vidya to promote education among the communities working at Humsafar to pursue their Secondary School Certificates (SSC) and Computer skills classes. In the first 3 batches over 30 students gain from this collaboration	January	2017
MTV Staying Alive Foundation supports YAARIYAN with a project to increase awareness and testing of HIV among youth gay men and other MSM through	January	2017

<p>innovative approaches. Two youth team members Tinesh Chopde and Richa Vashista are trained in Johannesburg to project management techniques to build their skills in project implementation. The one year project receives a 3 year extension and will now be implemented through December 2020</p>		
<p>Humsafar discontinues its partnership with Kashish Mumbai International Film Festival as co-organizers of the festival. It is felt that Kashish is big enough to support itself and instead the funds ear marked for Kashish could be used in supporting smaller initiatives in the country. It is also agreed strategically that Humsafar should now focus more on semi urban India and take the work to smaller towns and cities to strengthen movement. This decision results in Humsafar supporting 67 small initiatives across 27 states in India in the next 12 months.</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>Humsafar Trust Delhi office is officially inaugurated on 7th April 2017 at Sant Nagar in Delhi. A large number of key stakeholders show up to support the new beginning of HST that would support advocacy and policy level changes for LGBTQ communities</p>	<p>April</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>The Humsafar Trust, Ashok Row Kavi (Chair) Vivek Anand (CEO-Board member) Suhail Abbasi (Board Member) Yashwinder Singh (HST Delhi Office Team leader) Gautam Yadav (HST Delhi Office and PLHIV activist) file a petition in Supreme Court of India seeking reading down of Section 377 and decriminalize sex between consenting same sex adults in private.</p>	<p>April</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>Khush Pudi (Pleasure Pack) that is produced by Humsafar in 2003 with 3 high quality condoms, one sachet of lubricants and one condom usage booklet is re-launched in 2017 as a social marketing tool to enhance uptake of condoms among youth. The newly designed pleasure pack finds an audience among the youth and does well at various youth events. It is priced at 20 Rupees but for students and underprivileged community members it is priced at Rs. 10 per pack.</p>	<p>May</p>	<p>2017</p>
<p>Humsafar produces three short films supported by MTV Staying Alive Foundation that promote condom usage, ill effects of drug abuse and positive living for PLHIV, The three films are later screened at the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam in July 2018</p>	<p>June</p>	<p>2017</p>

Humsafar Introduces Media Fellowship through its MSA Grant where each year 6 fellowships are awarded to selected candidates through a fair process of selection to produce digital content (films / documentaries / print and electronic media) that will enhance and strengthen LGBTQ rights in India	June	2017
5 representatives from Humsafar attend the Paris IAS 2017 and present posters.	July	2017
Canada Local Fund Initiatives provides support to UMANG for 6 months to strengthen its work with LBT communities and enhance visibility and awareness among stakeholders on issues affecting lives of LBT.	October	2017
The Humsafar Trust represents India along with UNESCO India office,NCERT and ministry of social justice at the regional consultation of experts to assess education sector responses to school violence on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) in Asia and the pacific, at Manila, Philippines	November	2017
PANKH (WINGS) - LBT Film Festival. Addressing the dearth of LBT representation in mainstream cinema, this film festival provides a platform for discussion on LBT issues. It presents a well curated line-up of sensitive LBT films from South Asia which reaches a national audience and will help change the discourse on LBT rights.	April	2018
SWAG : A Study to understand Identity, Attraction and Trust: How MSM Compose and Assess Location-Aware Dating/Hookup App Profiles in Mumbai in collaboration with North Western University is initiated	April	2018
Bhavishya (FUTURE) - SOGIE in educational institutions: Is an initiative is aimed at enhancing advocacy and training on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGI) in the educational institutions. This has orientation and training for academic and non-academic school/college staff, students and policy work with the government.	May	2018
The International AIDS Society extends a grant to analyze messages on Yaariyan support group on Facebook and understand the level of awareness among youth on issues of HIV and their vulnerability and the difference Yaariyan approaches made in enhancing awareness and testing among youth gay men and MSM	May	2018

<p>Bhavishya (FUTURE) - SOGIE in educational institutions: Is an initiative aimed at enhancing advocacy and training on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE) in the educational institutions. This has orientation and training for academic and non-academic school/college staff, students and policy work with the government. First primary school level sensitization was conducted at the Bombay International School, Churchgate. The initiative received great response from teachers, children and parents.</p>	<p>May</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>EQueL - Emerging Queer Leadership Programme: In June 2018 Humsafar introduced its initiative EQueL that aims at nurturing second rank leadership in the country. EQueL participants are selected from various parts of the country and these youngsters are trained extensively over a period of 3 days on various aspects of LGBTQ rights and provided support to strengthen equal rights for LGBTQ in their regions.</p>	<p>June</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>A contingent of 17 members supported by HST from its teams and communities in India attend The International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam.</p>	<p>July</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Supreme Court Judgement: On 6th September 2018 an 18-year-old struggle finally came to an end with a five-judge bench who unanimously gave the verdict that declared Section 377 unconstitutional and read down Section 377 to the extent that consenting sex between two adults in private would no longer be a criminal offence. The Humsafar Trust was one of the petitioners in the Supreme Court. The LGBTQ community now needs to begin a new journey and face challenges and work towards social and legal acceptance of LGBTQ in India.</p>	<p>September</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Humsafar conducts six community consultations in India and one LOK PANCHAYAT in two months period after the Supreme Court Landmark Judgement of 6th Sept 2018 to seek community recommendations and develop a way forward plan towards equal rights of LGBTQ in India. The Inputs of the same are incorporated in the Humsafar Strategic Plan 2018- 2021 and the scope of plan in increased to four years thus making it effective from 2018 – 2022 to achieve desired results</p>	<p>Sept - Oct</p>	<p>2018</p>

<p>MDACS / NACO and FHI360 come together to set up India's first community-based link ART center to provide ART medicines to community persons who have become stable (Viral load undetectable) and will continue to access services from HST Vakola Clinic. A part of the drop in center is added to the clinic and 4 news rooms are made to accommodate the service to the communities. MDACS first Project Director Dr, Alka Gogate and current APD Dr, Srikala Acharya along with leading actor Richa Chaddha inaugurate the clinic.</p>	<p>October 18th</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Prabal (STRONG) - Capacity building of parents of LGBTQ - is a capacity building initiative of the Humsafar Trust aims at building capacities of parents and siblings of LGBTQ to strengthen themselves on LGBTQ rights, address issues in media, support other parents and work towards increasing acceptance of their LGBTQ children.</p>	<p>December</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Humsafar through its project CONNECT launches a National Online Resource Center that aims to become a repository of all LGBTQ related information and materials in India and become one stop shop for global audiences to source LGBTQ resources of India</p>	<p>April</p>	<p>2019</p>
<p>Sandeep Mane, one of the oldest and most hardworking and brightest team leaders of Humsafar is awarded and invited by USAID for its International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP-2019) to hone his skills in NGO Management Program II. The three-week capacity building program begins on 6th May 2019. It's a milestone moment for Humsafar. s</p>	<p>April</p>	<p>2019</p>