

BRIDGES OF HOPE

An Advocacy film on MSM and TG issues

The Humsafar Trust (HST) with its vast experience of working with the marginalized communities in Mumbai metro for over a decade vocalizes the voice of communities through films made by its Advocacy Unit.

HST worked on the Advocacy film 'Bridges of Hope' on MSM and TG issues that need to be addressed in NACP-III under the overall guidance of UNAIDS country office Coordinator

The film brought to light the issues faced by the MSM and TG communities in India with emphasis on their health issues and need to start intervention programs with MSM and TG communities. The film attempted to instill positive spirit in the lives of MSM and TG and an effort to educate and sensitize the mainstream society to the issues of the marginalized communities and positive people and their lives, their hopes and expectations from NACP – III. The film also highlighted NACP-III and its promise to reach out to MSM and TG communities till saturation.

HST creative team worked on the concept note, detailed script, story board and got approval from UNAIDS before the shoot of the film. The film was shot on digital beta format and made available to UNAIDS in original format and DVD.

Later, 200 copies of the film Bridges of Hope were produced and distributed to all SACS officials, various public and private health care settings, ICTCs and NGO/CBO for viewing and encouraging a debate between the communities and key stakeholders

In house professionals of The Humsafar Trust made the film. The board of The Humsafar Trust that comprised of two professionals, Sridhar Rangayan and Vivek Anand who have more than 15 years experience of working on films. Sensitive inputs from the community members and various professionals that have been associated with The Humsafar Trust for years together resulted in production of Bridges of Hope that was shot in 4 different cities in India and helped contribute in making a difference in the society.