

## **Being Equal- Being LGBTQ in India**

**Strengthening Organizational and Technical Capacity of Regional Civil Society Organizations or Networks to Promote Human Rights and Inclusion of LGBTQ people**

Being Equal is a project that implements the Humsafar Trust Advocacy Action Plan that was developed at a national consultation with 63 Community Based Organizations(CBOs) in India and was held in Mumbai in October 2015. The plan provided us with a range of needs to be addressed to mainstream LGBTQ rights and rights of MSM and TG living with HIV in India.

For the purposes of our project, we are implementing some of the recommendations from the national consultation engaging with our partner organizations and individuals who contributed to the action plan. Several of the major issues that emerged from the community conversation centered on capacity building, advocacy, and the need for additional documentation. This project is a pilot project that is being implemented in the state of Maharashtra with four Community Based Organizations and based on learnings, we aim to expand it at a national level in future. They are Sampathik Trust, Pune, Sarathi Trust, Nagpur, Kinnar Asmita, Thane and Sanjeevani, Mumbai.