

**Global Case Study Project:
Rights-Based Approaches to Health and Health Care for Transgender People**

Call for Case Study Submissions

DEADLINE for Submission: May 13, 2011

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The Open Society Foundation's Sexual Health and Rights Project (SHARP) is collecting case studies from organizations or individual activists who have implemented concrete initiatives that have improved health and access to health care for transgender people. This call for case study submissions has a global scope, with a focus on projects that have been successful in settings with limited resources.¹

Goals of the case study project are:

- to identify effective models for increasing access to health and appropriate health care services for transgender people;
- to develop innovative ways to disseminate this information among allied organizations and activists; and
- to contribute to the building of a global network of transgender activists who are prepared to serve as international advocates on issues related to the health and human rights of the transgender community.

What is the Case Study?

Your case study should describe a project that you have implemented that focused on increasing access to basic health care services or effecting local policy change around safety, health, or health care access for transgender people. We are particularly looking for projects that used a human rights approach, that were driven by the needs of transgender individuals themselves, and that had a significant impact on improving health or access to health care for transgender people. Possible areas of work may include:

- expanding access to basic primary care through building infrastructure (for example, opening a clinic or setting aside hours at an existing clinic for transgender people)
- developing tools and training providers on how to offer respectful, appropriate basic care for transgender people
- removing legal or other obstacles to care
- addressing issues of safety and violence against transgender people
- facilitating access to appropriate mental health services
- facilitating access to transition-related care such as hormone replacement therapy
- human rights documentation and advocacy projects

¹ Limited-resource settings refer to communities where there are few or no high-quality health care resources accessible to transgender individuals. This could be a function of a country's lower income status and under-resourced health system, but it also includes communities that are in relatively wealthy countries but where transgender individuals are not able to access health care due to a combination of environmental and individual factors.

How Can You Submit a Case Study?

Submissions may be written in English, Spanish, French, Russian, Hindi, or Mandarin. In order to provide a safe environment, elements of the final case studies may be made confidential and anonymous for dissemination (for example, individual or organization names, localities, etc.). It is up to you to decide what degree of anonymity is necessary – please indicate this in your submission.

All submissions should be emailed as an attachment or in the body of an email to Kellan Baker, case study project manager, at kellan.baker@gmail.com.

Except for identifying information withheld for confidentiality reasons, all submissions must contain the information outlined in the section below.

- Contact person
- Country
- Organization or group name (if any)
- Position in the organization (if relevant)
- Contact information (e-mail and telephone)
- Please describe your project in no more than 1,000 words, being sure to address all of the following points:
 1. When and where was it started?
 2. Why was it started? What problem was it designed to address? Where did the motivation to address that problem come from?
 3. Who were the key players (organizations, individuals) who helped start and operate this project?
 4. What successes has this project had? Please be as specific as possible.
 5. What has changed in the lives of transgender individuals as a result of this project?
 6. What challenges has this project faced, and how have they been overcome?
 7. What is the future of this project?
 8. What non-financial resources would help strengthen this project?

What Will SHARP/OSF Do With the Case Studies?

SHARP will identify 6-8 case studies that will be included in a publication intending to document how projects have successfully improved the health of transgender individuals and/or increased access to health care for the transgender community. The publication will be developed in collaboration with the organizations submitting case studies. There will be a meeting of case study authors to discuss similarities and differences in the examples, and what overall themes are relevant for a broad discussion on improving the health of transgender individuals. In addition to a hard-copy publication, SHARP hopes to use the internet, blogging and other tools to disseminate the case studies to a wide audience. Individuals and/or organizations will be highlighted through the case studies, unless security concerns require anonymity.