About Bhaiyo

Bhaiyo, Sahiyo's male allyship program, was launched on International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Cutting (FGC) in February 2021. Meaning "male friends" or "brothers" in Bohra Gujarati, Bhaiyo is both a resource and an avenue for men to become involved in raising awareness of FGC. This program grew organically from male allies interested in creating a space to discuss male engagement on the issue of FGC. Learn More at: https://bit.ly/BhaiyoMaleAllies

History

In the Dawoodi Bohra community, a South Asian Muslim community, men are generally not aware of FGC as it is often relegated to a woman's issue or private matter. Thus, men's role as decision-makers in these traditional family structures can influence whether FGC is continued. Harmful, deeply ingrained, community-rooted social norms could be abandoned if men help counter traditional gender norms, in this case, continuing the FGC.

Become a Bhaiyo Member

English application: bit.ly/BhaiyoApplication

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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Educational Webinars
- Public Outreach Campaigns
- Storytelling via Blogs, Media, Social Media etc.
- Male Engagement Resources
- Community Member Meetings



PROGRAM IMPACT 2020-2023

BHAIYO MALE 18 **IDENTIFYING MEMBERS**

ENGAGED WITH OUR PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS VIA 13,247 **SOCIAL MEDIA**

PARTICIPATED IN OUR 36 **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**

ATTENDED BHAIYO MALE-**ENGAGEMENT EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS** 176

BLOG POSTS WRITTEN TO 28 **UPLIFT MALE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO END FGC**

MALE-IDENTIFYING MEMBERS JOINED ADDITIONAL ANTI-FGC PROGRAMMING EFFORTS AFTER **JOINING BHAIYO**

81.3%

PROGRAM GOALS

- To build a community that engages male-identifying individuals to have a role in the work to end FGC
- To educate male-identifying individuals so they have the skills to provide love, support, and understanding to FGC survivors and impacted communities
- To generate resources that maleidentifying individuals can use to raise awareness of FGC and conduct anti-FGC advocacy work

