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[Mariwala Health Initiative](#) (MHI) – is an organisation that started in 2016. MHI supports and advocates for innovative mental health initiatives, with a particular focus on making mental health accessible to marginalized persons and communities. MHI views mental health as a spectrum and that people with lived experiences must be situated at the core of any capacity-building work or intervention. MHI advocates for an intersectional perspective on mental health, undertakes capacity-building initiatives along with funding projects that are user-centred, and where the interventions are linked to the grassroots and are community-based.

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The following organisations attended the LGBTQIA+ Consultation organised by Mariwala Health Initiative and Church's Auxiliary for Social Action on 7th March 2022: 1. [Jeeva](#), 2. [Nirangal](#), 3. Raahi: A Journey Towards Dignity (Raahi), 4. [Queerala](#), 5. [QueerSpace Saga](#), 6. Sabrang, 7. [Trans Community Kitchen](#), 8. [QueerAbad](#), 9. [Varta Trust, Kolkata](#). The first-hand data and evidence shared by them in that consultation have been included with their permission in this report. Reports that were submitted by the invitees of the consultation have been included in the Annexure (IV). These reports further corroborate the testimonies and anecdotal evidence that was shared in the consultation.

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