BSWS established “HIM” in 2013 with an aim to creating empathetic center for young MSM and Hijra where they can socialize with their fellows in a safe environment together with getting mental and psychosexual counseling, medical care services and edutainment facilities. UNICEF has now been extending supports to HIM activities of Bandhu in Dhaka and Chittagong from April 2014.

On the occasion of Friendship day and upcoming Valentine’s Day, an art/painting therapy event was organized by Bandhu-HIM during 6-7 February 2016 with the objectives:
- To celebrate the friendship and valentine day through artworks as a part of ventilating the mental burden of young and adolescent MSM and TG
- To promote artworks through exhibition at public venue for surfacing their voices and inner feelings and mass awareness raising
- To encourage young community members in art and culture as a part of supplementary livelihood option

The Art Therapy event was consist of 2-days’ workshop (for orientation, basic and thematic knowledge on paintings)

Workshop was conducted and facilitated by a professional mentor belonging to the community.

Participants after two days’ workshop produced their individual and also collective paintings works.

The paintings will be on display in exhibition(s) as community artworks for wider views to surfacing the voice of sexual minorities

The tagline of the exhibition will be “venting stress - coloring life”