During the FY 2016-2017, MHI funded two additional partners, Bapu Trust and Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy.

Bapu Trust, based in Pune, is a mental health organization that developed the “Seher” program, which links development, disability, communities, and mental health. Through its ‘Community Wellness Centers’, Seher has been working in the area of urban community mental health, in collaboration with the Pune Municipal Corporation. Seher is a comprehensive urban mental health program that envisions sustainable psychological health through community development and aims to facilitate the creation of caring communities through multi-level actions, and a broad range of partnerships.

Bapu Trust’s partnership with MHI entails upscaling and replicating the Seher model in five slum pockets of Pune city, with the active collaboration of the Municipality (Departments of Health, Urban Community Development, Disability).

MHI also extended strategic advice on multiple occasions to Bapu Trust, along with financially supporting the INTAR (International Network Towards Alternatives and Recovery) India Conference in 2016, and the 2017 edition of the ABT (Arts-Based Therapy) Course.

The Atmiyata Project was initiated by the Centre for Mental Health Law & Policy, to protect and promote rights of persons with mental health challenges through capacity building, engaging civil society, strategic litigation against discrimination, and working to implement rights in community and public health systems.

Alpaka is a program that develops high-capacity, faster, community-based mental health services that are accessible to marginalized persons, and conducts KISS (Knowledge Intensive Stigma Sensitization) workshops and spectacles and that people with lived experiences would be situated at the core of any capacity building work, or intervention. KISS facilitates for an intersectional perspective on mental health, sustainable livelihoods, and advocacy. At the same time, sustainability is linked to the grassroots and are community-based.

The Mariwala Health Initiative (MHI) is a personal philanthropic initiative of Harsh Mariwala, Chairperson, Marico Limited. MHI supports 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. KISS facilitates for an intersectional perspective on mental health, sustainable livelihoods, and advocacy. At the same time, sustainability is linked to the grassroots and are community-based.