Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Goal
• To ensure everyone’s right to health is fully achieved through the promotion and inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights

Intended impacts
• Improved sexual and reproductive health services and supplies in developing countries, with a focus in Asia and the Pacific
• An enhanced environment supporting sexual and reproductive health and rights programs and policies in Asia and the Pacific

Objectives
• Increased and diversified funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights
• Improved international assistance policies and priorities on sexual and reproductive health and rights
• Strengthened voices on sexual and reproductive health and rights from Asia and the Pacific and regionally-determined priorities in the global arena

Interventions
• Advocacy at national and regional levels
• Capacity building of members in advocacy
• Advocacy at the global level
• Regional networking
Ensuring everyone’s right to health is fully achieved through the promotion and inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights.
Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) is governed by an elected Steering Committee, which in 2009 held formal meetings in Bangkok on 27 and 28 April, and Beijing on 21 and 22 October.

**Steering Committee**

- Sumie Ishii
  (Chair)
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  (Vice Chair)
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**Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand**

**Population Action International**

**Action Canada for Population and Development**

**Australia Reproductive Health Alliance**

**Family Planning International (NZ)**

**Planned Population Federation of Korea**

**The David and Lucile Packard Foundation**

**Asian Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development**

**International Council on Management of Population Programmes**

**Member Organisations**

**Australia**
- Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia
- Australian Reproductive Health Alliance

**Canada**
- Action Canada for Population and Development
- Youth Coalition
- Canadian Society for International Health
- Sierra Club of Canada

**Japan**
- Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning
- Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement
- Africa Japan Forum
- Conservation International

**Korea**
- Planned Parenthood Federation of Korea
- Korea Women's Development Institute
- Korean Federation for Environmental Movement
- National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea

**New Zealand**
- Family Planning International
- Global Focus Aotearoa (formerly Development Resource Centre)
- Positive Women
- New Zealand AIDS Foundation

**Thailand**
- Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand
- Population and Community Development Association
- Care/Raks Thai Foundation
- Ministry of Public Health

**Supporting Organisations**
- Population Action International
- The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Asian Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development
- International Council on Management of Population Programmes

**Secretariat Staff**

- Rose Koenders
  Regional Coordinator
- Damian Facciolo
  Advocacy and Communications Officer
- Suwanna Promchan
  Project and Finance Officer
Everyone has the right to health. Members of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) work to ensure access to health through the promotion and inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

2009 has been an exciting year of progress and change for APA. With 2009 marking 15 years since the adoption of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), much of our work centred on ICPD+15 review activities, with meetings in Bangkok, Berlin and Addis Ababa. APA also maintained a strong presence at regional meetings and events in Bali and Beijing, and developed new strategic partnerships with NGOs and government agencies. Working with partners in the region and around the world, APA has advocated reaffirming the ICPD agenda and re-focusing development efforts on reproductive health and rights, family planning, maternal health, sexual rights, the environment and prevention of STIs, including HIV.

APA’s Small Grants programme entered its eighth cycle in 2009. Member organisations in Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and Thailand implemented national-level advocacy campaigns to change policy and increase resources. In 2010 and beyond, an expanded and improved grants programme will support work by members to increase resources for MDG 5b, to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015.

2009 was also a year for APA to take stock as we reviewed our Organisational Effectiveness. The review gave the Steering Committee and members a valuable opportunity to realign the network and determine new strategic directions and a new look for the years to come. The review was made possible through the grant funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

These activities and others are outlined further on the pages of this Annual Report. We offer warm thanks to APA members, partners and friends for the support and interest that contributed to successes in 2009. Together, we look forward to an even stronger advocacy effort to increase resources for sexual and reproductive health and rights and advance the ICPD agenda.

Sumie Ishii
Chairperson

Rose Koenders
Regional Coordinator
Advocacy remains critical across Asia and the Pacific to ensure donors maintain and increase commitments to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

In many countries there is great unmet need for family planning and ongoing demand for donor assistance. Approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights vary from country to country. Progress on a range of development and population indicators is mixed. The region is increasingly neglected in global development and Asia-Pacific voices are often under-represented at international forums.

### Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Indicators for Selected Developing Countries of Asia and the Pacific

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In response to these challenges, the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) brings together partners to build a strong network of effective civil society advocates for the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Utilizing international human rights instruments particularly the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), APA works to ensure that the right of every individual to sexual and reproductive health is met.

### Selected Developing Countries of Asia and the Pacific

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Advocacy, Networking and Capacity Building

Reviewing ICPD at 15

A focus of 2009 advocacy work was the 15-year review of activities of the ICPD Programme of Action. APA member organisations joined Secretariat staff at the Global NGO Forum in Berlin in August to make the case for sexual and reproductive health needs in Asia and Pacific. A satellite meeting organised in partnership with the Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), discussed advocacy for resource mobilisation. Speakers from around the region agreed that the need for sexual and reproductive health services in Asia and the Pacific remains vast. The session called on donors and governments to improve health systems and respect sexual rights. These discussion points were echoed in sessions throughout the forum, including the final plenary.

To follow up, a regional NGO Forum on ICPD + 15 was held in Bangkok in September. Staff from the Secretariat joined representatives from four APA member organisations at the UN Convention Centre. APA Regional Coordinator Rose Koenders was invited to speak and moderate two plenary sessions. Members Shiv Khare and Jane Singleton took part in panel sessions during the day. The NGO Forum provided input for a high level meeting for Asia and Pacific government representatives on ICPD+15, also in Bangkok.

9th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP)

During the ICAAP on 12 August, APA joined with the UNFPA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to host a satellite meeting on linkages between sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV. The satellite meeting provided a valuable space for dialogue and discussion on challenges for resource mobilisation. More than 120 congress attendees took part in the session. The meeting was moderated by Elisha Dunn-Georgiou from Population Action International. Speakers included representatives from UNFPA, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the India HIV/AIDS Alliance, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), AusAID, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and the Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (SIDA). Donors confirmed the importance of practical linkages between HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as the importance of support for civil society partners to promote change in policy, funding and law.

Prior to ICAAP, 19 participants from 13 different countries took part in a two-day workshop to develop advocacy and leadership skills on reproductive health and HIV. Responding to an open call, participants came from Bangladesh, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Philippines, India, Nepal, China, Malaysia and Pakistan. Representatives from five APA member organisations took part in the training. APA worked with Family Planning International (NZ) and the German Foundation for World Population (DSW) to organise the training while International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) (South Asia Regional Office) and Population Action International (PAI) provided technical assistance. The workshop enhanced advocacy skills and developed key messages for prevention, care and treatment of HIV, to meet the reproductive health targets of the ICPD Programme of Action, and the MDGs.
APA members from all of the focus countries actively participated in the biannual APCRSHR, held in 2009 in Beijing. APA, together with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), convened a satellite session and donor roundtable discussion which focused specifically on resource mobilisation for MDG 5 and MDG 5b, universal access to reproductive health. APA also joined with the International Youth Steering Committee to fund, plan and implement several activities for youth delegates, including a capacity building workshop at the Youth Forum. The APA Task Force for Youth coordinated the conference’s Youth Commitment Desk and collected pledges and commitments from delegates at points around the conference venue. The desk and the activity gave APA high visibility and collected 174 commitments which will be monitored in 2010.

Reproductive Health Supplies

In 2009, APA was a sub-grantee of a larger joint effort (Project Resource Mobilisation and Awareness) of PAI, IPPF and DSW. The initiative works to focus attention on reproductive health supply shortages around the world. Dr Rosalia Sciortino, from the Institute for Population and Social Research at Mahidol University, worked on a desk review of contraceptive security issues for Southeast Asian countries. Advocacy and awareness raising activities were also conducted for the Pacific. Family Planning International (NZ) led these components with a sub-regional teleconference for interested stakeholders in 2009. The capacity building workshop, held in Bali prior to ICAAP, was also partly funded through Project RMA. APA researches strengthen evidence-based advocacy efforts to address the high unmet need for family planning and reproductive health supplies in Asia and the Pacific regions.

Linking parliamentarians and civil society: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

APA completed a project funded by the ADB and SIDA in 2009. In Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand, the project linked parliamentarians and civil society on policy change for HIV prevention. Specific activities in 2009 included the donor roundtable satellite meeting at the 9th ICAAP in Bali. Providing a venue for discussion between civil society and parliamentarians gave under represented communities the opportunity to increase their voice and influence policy makers.
APA provides support to national advocacy campaigns by members, primarily through small grants. The program allows members to plan in-country advocacy activities based on national priorities. In 2009, APA’s Small Grants Program entered its eighth cycle. Each country was allocated USD 25,000 to implement activities.

Members in Australia lobbied for the removal of the Australian Aid Program’s Family Planning guidelines. Following advocacy by APA members, the government announced significant changes to the guidelines such as the removal of key restrictions, as well as an intention to increase support for family planning activities. The small grant also supported the development of the Common Ground website and other advocacy work by Australian members, including the preparation of media releases and the provision of technical input at key meetings.

In Canada, APA members worked to build awareness and political support for sexual and reproductive health, HIV and the environment leading up to the G8 Summit in Canada in June 2010. Advocacy work focused on parliamentarians, as partners worked to capitalise on the Canadian Prime Minister’s intention to make maternal and child health a priority area of summit discussion. APA members in Canada met with government officials and produced materials on maternal mortality and violence against women to inform government interventions for key statements and resolutions.

Advocacy in Japan focused on ensuring that the government is on track to meet commitments made at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). With APA support, Japanese NGOs officially participated in the TICAD process and provided input for new policies on aid for global health. Members in Japan organised and took part in a follow-up meeting to TICAD in Botswana, as well as the NGO Strategy Meeting and TICAD Roundtable in Japan in October. Recognising that Korea is an emerging donor country, members in Japan also worked to strengthen connections with NGOs in South Korea.
South Korea members worked together to raise public awareness on the issue of climate and gender justice for achieving the MDGs and advancing ICPD. Korean members organised a study visit to Tuvalu in mid-2009 and held the International Symposium on Climate Justice, ‘We are All Tuvaluans’ in Seoul on 24 September 2009. More than 150 people participated in the symposium, including an expert from Tuvalu, and representatives from government agencies, research organisations, NGOs and embassies in Korea. A documentary on Tuvalu, in English and Korean languages, was produced to increase awareness of climate and population issues in Tuvalu among the people of Korea. The documentary was aired on KBS and featured at the Incheon Film Festival.

A major advocacy activity for New Zealand members was the Open Hearing into Maternal Health, held in Wellington on 21 September 2009. More than 80 participants took part in the hearing and the event attracted significant media interest. The hearing produced concrete recommendations for action on maternal health and a report which will inform future advocacy work on sexual and reproductive health and rights in islands of the Pacific. Members also produced ‘Intimate Relations: Sex, Lives and Poverty’, a publication to explain issues and challenges for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Pacific Island countries.

Thailand has a very large population of migrant workers, refugees and displaced persons. Many of these population groups are excluded from public health programs and services provided by the Thai government. Thai members worked together to develop an evidence based advocacy and promote access to sexual and reproductive health among migrants living in Thailand. A needs assessment was conducted in four provinces and from this, members developed advocacy messages and a rights-based curriculum for reproductive health. Assessment reports from four provinces, as well as findings from seminars and workshops, were presented to the Ministry of Public Health at a strategy forum convened by the Ministry’s Reproductive Health Division in early 2010.
Organisational Effectiveness

Through a one-off grant, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation funded an Organisational Effectiveness (OE) review of APA, with most activities implemented in 2009. In Phase I, consultants Dr Tim France and Ritu Shroff worked with the Steering Committee, members, and other stakeholders to set new strategic directions. The primary outcome was the Steering Committee’s adoption of a new Program Framework for APA with a revised goal and new objectives and intended impacts. Advocacy continues to be APA’s focus of work, with a concentration on increased funding and donor assistance for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Asia and the Pacific. Outcomes of the OE Phase II included changes to the Advocacy Grants Program, an improved Governance Framework, and strategies for communication and advocacy.

Communications

In 2009, communication activities focused on improving and increasing web content, and providing more relevant information to members via the e-newsletter. More than 160 new articles and resources have been written or selected for the site. 20 editions of the ‘APA Update’ were produced and distributed to a mailing list of almost 200 subscribers.

Finance

APA is supported by donors during different grant periods as reflected in the financial report. APA works in partnership with the Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT) while in the process of official registration with the Government of Thailand. APA is thankful for PPAT’s support and services.
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**GRAND TOTAL**

|     | 891,400.00 | 658,419.01 | 232,980.99 | 73.86% |