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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocates from around the world gathered at the Nairobi Summit this year to commemorate this landmark agenda and design a new framework for accelerated action on gender equality, human rights, and sexual and reproductive health and rights, The Nairobi Statement on ICPD25: Accelerating the Promise.

Our network also made a promise at this event: We will continue to advocate for the areas of greatest need in the Asia Pacific region to ensure all people have the right to bodily autonomy and integrity, access to safe abortion and comprehensive sexuality education, to increase participation of marginalised groups, and that we will continue to strengthen our efforts and promote accountability to SRHR commitments.

This promise has become essential as we face the COVID-19 pandemic. Civil society collaboration and cooperation for the protection and fulfilment of SRHR is more important now than ever.

Throughout the year, our members have worked collectively to fulfill this commitment. The Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) unveiled our new branding and interactive public platforms at the 2019 Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver. Our logo’s three colours represent our determined alliance to mobilise civil society action: pink for sexuality, red for health, and blue to represent our twenty years as a regional network. We also welcomed five new members to our network:

- The International Planned Parenthood Federation East and South East Asia & Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR)
- Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW)
- SERAC-Bangladesh
- Bandhu Social Welfare Society
- Haseeb Khawaja

All of these incredible achievements could not have been done without the continued support of Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT), who hosts the APA coordinating office in Bangkok.

Sincerely,

Shama Karkal
APA Steering Committee Chair

Alexandra Johns
APA Executive Director
In 1994, 179 governments adopted the revolutionary Programme of Action (PoA) at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo. This ambitious agenda called for women’s sexual health, reproductive health and reproductive rights to be prioritised in sustainable development efforts.

We established the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) as a civil society organisation-led network to support action for promoting the ICPD agenda at national, regional, and global fora. Over the last two decades, APA galvanised national and regional advocacy from its coordinating office in Bangkok to further SRHR, gender and human rights globally.

APA is a network of national, regional and global civil society organisations that advocate for the fulfillment of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all persons in the Asia Pacific region.

Our mission is to mobilise civil society advocacy across the Asia Pacific region to hold governments and other stakeholders accountable for their obligations and commitments to realise the SRHR of all persons in Asia and the Pacific. We prioritise issues such as sexuality, access to comprehensive sexuality education and access to safe and legal abortion.

APA uses two main strategies to achieve its mission: regional advocacy and capacity building. APA and our members advocate at national, regional and global fora to ensure inclusion and uptake of comprehensive sexuality priorities, encourage government transparency and participation and monitor review processes. These include 2030 Agenda, International Conference on Population and Development, Beijing Platform for Action, Universal Periodic Review and human rights treaty bodies for progress on SRHR commitments.
We are committed to empowering sexual and reproductive health and rights champions. We mobilise for advocacy on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), encourage active participation, and endeavour to increase opportunities for civil society in developing countries to access national, regional and global review processes.

APA specifically focuses on underserved issues within SRHR, including access to safe and legal abortion, comprehensive sexuality education and human rights for people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities/expressions and sex characteristics.

In 2019, we co-organised numerous capacity building events and partnered with key stakeholders to strengthen regional alliances and advocate for policy development and fulfilment.

We continued to improve our services for members and amplified the impact of our network’s capacity building and advocacy efforts.

We also grew our network this year! Five new members joined our commitment to advancing SRHR in the Asia Pacific, adding sex workers as a new constituency represented in our network, and one new country – Bangladesh.
2019 IN NUMBERS

11 CAPACITY BUILDING & ADVOCACY EVENTS

5 NEW MEMBERS

11 PARTNERS

96 PARTICIPANTS FROM COUNTRIES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

52ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
APRIL 1-5 • NEW YORK

ASIA PACIFIC ICPD25 YOUTH CONSULTATION
SEPTEMBER 23-24 • BANGKOK

NAIROBI SUMMIT ON ICPD25
NOVEMBER 12-14 • NAIROBI

THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL REVIEW OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION
27-29 NOVEMBER • UN ESCAP, BANGKOK, THAILAND

Q1
PRE-APFSD EVENT: CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP
MARCH 25 • BANGKOK

Q2
52ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
APRIL 1-5 • NEW YORK

Q3
ASIA PACIFIC ICPD25 YOUTH CONSULTATION
SEPTEMBER 23-24 • BANGKOK

Q4
NAIROBI SUMMIT ON ICPD25
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TIMELINE OF EVENTS

1 GOAL

Sexual and reproductive health and rights of all persons in the Asia Pacific are respected, protected and fulfilled

- SERAC-Bangladesh
- Bandhu Social Welfare Society
- Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers
- International Planned Parenthood Association East and Southeast Asia & Oceania
- Haseeb Khawanja

- PPAT
- RFSU
- RESURJ
- IWRAW
- APCOM
- IPPF SARO
- YouthLEAD
- Y-Peer Asia Pacific
- ARROW
- UNFPA APRO
- She Decides
APA continues to be a collective regional voice for holding governments and other stakeholders accountable to their commitments for realising SRHR for all. We believe strong partnerships and an active civil society, equipped with knowledge and skills, are the keys to strong, effective regional advocacy that delivers life changing SRHR policies.

This year, we worked with local, national, regional and global organisations that share our mission of mobilising civil society organisations for sexual and reproductive health and rights. Our partnerships produced capacity building events that amplify and strengthen the impact of our advocacy.

APA also contributed to regional and global coalitions and listservs to ensure that Asia Pacific SRHR issues are prioritised. We ensured that our members were continually updated on current initiatives and developments in the region. We also helped coordinate the Thematic Working Group on Gender, SRHR and Sexuality of the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.
CEDAW-SDG LEARNING EXCHANGE

The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) – Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Learning Exchange was organised for APA members on September 7-9 in Bangkok in collaboration with the International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW AP) and Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice (RESURJ). With 17 APA and three RESURJ members in attendance, the event aimed to:

- Facilitate peer learning through guiding conversations on the significance of international legal and policy frameworks concerning SRHR, including CEDAW, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA)
- Provide increased understanding of States’ legal obligations regarding SRHR under the international human rights system
- Strengthen capacity by linking policy frameworks, especially utilising the BPfA +25 review process as an opportunity to ensure coherence in standards setting

EMPOWER! RIGHTS! FRAMEWORKS! DEVELOPMENT!

APA organised a workshop with the Thematic Working Group on Gender, SRHR and Sexuality of the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism to discuss monitoring and accountability mechanisms and cross constituency collaboration to advance gender equality and SRHR for women and young people in the region. This event was attended by 40 civil society representatives including APA members, and organised at the preparatory Asia-Pacific People’s Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) in cooperation with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) South Asia Regional Office (SARO), ARROW, YouthLEAD, and Y-Peer Asia Pacific.
SHE DECIDES
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1 • KATHMANDU, NEPAL

At this flagship event and regional launch of the She Decides movement, APA attended and moderated one of three parallel sessions entitled Stand Up Speak Out, Change the Rules, and Unlock Resources.

ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
MARCH 29 • BANGKOK, THAILAND

With a theme of empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality, three APA members attended the preparatory civil society forum and intergovernmental meeting. We joined representatives of the Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (RCEM) in a side meeting with H.E. Fidelis Magalhas, Minister of Legal Reforms and Parliamentary Affairs in Timor Leste, who chaired the meeting, and advocated for policy coherence between 2030 Agenda and ICPD.

52ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
APRIL 1-5 • NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

This event aimed to review and appraise the ICPD Programme of Action and its contribution to the monitoring and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. APA Steering Committee Chair Shama Karkal delivered APA’s joint oral statement with Swasti, applauding the outcomes of the recent Midterm Review of the 2013 Asian Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and expressed support for the upcoming Nairobi Summit.
WOMEN DELIVER CONFERENCE
JUNE 3-6 • VANCOUVER, CANADA

The global Women Deliver Conference had a theme of POWER. PROGRESS. CHANGE. APA unveiled our new branding and intuitive website alongside the meeting. We organised joint dinner to connect members representing Action Canada, Asia Catalyst, Youth Coalition, Family Planning New Zealand, Family Planning NSW, Youth Advocacy Network (YAN), Burnet and individual members. Members were briefed on the progress of the ICPD25, shared priorities and activities and discussed how civil society can engage more strategically in the process.

ASIA PACIFIC ICPD25 YOUTH CONSULTATION
SEPTEMBER 23-24 • BANGKOK, THAILAND

The goal of this consultation was to ensure that young people were involved in accelerating progress on the ICPD PoA. We supported the participation of two youth in this regional preparatory event for ICPD25, where they had the opportunity to meet country delegates and civil society representatives and provide input for a regional statement. The meeting was organised by UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) and Y Peer and supported by APA, ARROW, IPPF, She Decides and YouthLEAD.

ASIA PACIFIC FLAGSHIP EVENT FOR ICPD25
SEPTEMBER 25 • BANGKOK, THAILAND

UN ESCAP and UNFPA APRO organised the regional preparatory event Accelerated Action for ICPD - Taking Forward the Asian Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. This multi-stakeholder consultation brought together ICPD champions from across the region. APA moderated a session called Reaching 2030: Integrating the APMD and the SDGs, which aimed to address gaps, challenges and lessons learned in the integration of the Asian and the Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development within national sustainable development policies and frameworks for SDG implementation.
EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
SEPTEMBER 23-24 • BANGKOK, THAILAND

ESCAP and UNFPA organised the Expert Group Meeting to solicit inputs from Member States and CSO experts to guide the revision of the regional framework for monitoring the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. We offered our support by attending the event and moderating one session.

NAIROBI SUMMIT ICPD25
NOVEMBER 12-14 • NAIROBI, KENYA

The Kenyan government hosted the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25. Accelerating the Promise culminated in the Nairobi Statement, a set of global commitments to advance the ICPD Programme of Action’s promise of leaving no one behind in the pursuit of universal access to sexual and reproductive health, girl’s and women’s empowerment and gender equality. We attended the Summit and delivered a Statement of Commitment on behalf of the network, committing to mobilise civil society action for SRHR and continue our advocacy for the areas of greatest need in our region. We also committed to increasing participation of under-represented groups and fostering accountability. APA members SERAC, YAN, ARI, YUWA, FP NZ, Action Canada, Youth Coalition also attended the Summit.

THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL REVIEW OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION
NOVEMBER 27-29 • BANGKOK, THAILAND

This event was organised by UN ESCAP and UN Women and resulted in the Asia-Pacific Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: Beijing+25 Review. Three APA members advocated for inclusion of SRHR at the preparatory civil society meeting and intergovernmental conference.
In addition to education and advocacy, we published and contributed to SRHR research initiatives. Joint network submissions were formulated and sent to:


- **International Court of Justice:** “Developing principles to address the detrimental impact on health, equality and human rights of criminalization with a focus on select conduct in the areas of sexuality, reproduction, drug use and HIV”

APA also developed a publication to address the gaps in sexual rights knowledge and evidence in the region. Our aim was to determine what types of evidence civil society can utilise to fill these gaps. The publication will be finalised in 2020 and will highlight neglected areas of SRHR, including comprehensive sexuality education, sexuality of young people, access to safe and legal abortion, right to a pleasurable sex life, eliminating discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression and sex characteristics.

We utilised participatory methodology to engage members of the APA alliance, partners and extended networks. A short-term task force was formed to ensure quality assurance:

- **Shrirupa Sengupta**
  Lead Communications, Associate Director, Swasti Health Catalyst

- **Fsahat Hassan**
  CEO, Youth Advocacy Network (YAN) Pakistan

- **Dakshitha Wickremarathne**
  YAN Sri Lanka

- **S.M. Shaikat**
  Executive Director, SERAC Bangladesh

- **Amit Timilsina**
  Vice-Chair, Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights
We took concrete steps to better serve our members by improving the quality, relevance and access to information within our network.

**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

We launched our new branding and website at the Women Deliver conference in June 2019. Our intuitive website serves as an external repository for knowledge. It also highlights our members’ strong, intersectional commitment to fulfill SRHR for all. Additionally, we developed a quarterly newsletter to highlight legal and policy developments and advocacy opportunities across the world and share the far-reaching work of APA members in the Asia Pacific.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Our website and social media aim to strengthen cooperation, promote networking and advocacy between members, and exchange knowledge and tools on global, regional and national SRHR developments.

**GOVERNANCE**

Our organisation is governed by a seven-member international Steering Committee. At our annual meeting, held October 11th, we decided to formally register as a foundation in Bangkok, Thailand. And in August, we secured a new office space and are now open to members and partners at our new location in Surasak district of Bangkok.
Our membership is as diverse as our region. We are a network of family planning associations, public health researchers, parliamentary networks and community-based organisations who work across numerous expertise in advocacy, human rights, service delivery, public health research and inclusive measures for marginalised groups.

We continued our growth in 2019 by adding four organisations and one individual to our network. These members from Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand are champions of sexual and reproductive health and rights: The International Planned Parenthood Federation East and South East Asia & Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR), Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW), SERAC-Bangladesh, Bandhu Social Welfare Society and Haseeb Khawaja.

As of December 2019, our membership comprised 39 organisations and individuals in 10 countries.
OUR PEOPLE

STEERING COMMITTEE 2019

Shama Karkal (Chair)
New Zealand Family Planning Association
SOUTH ASIA

Ann Brassil (Vice-Chair)
Family Planning New South Wales
OCEANIA

Hong Ping
China Family Planning Association
EAST ASIA

Pattaya Buranprapra (Treasurer)
Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT)
SOUTHEAST ASIA

Sandeep Prasad
Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights (ACSHR)
GLOBAL

Lloyd Nunag
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YC)
GLOBAL

COORDINATING OFFICE 2019

Alexandra Johns
Executive Director

Wasana Kumanuwong
Administration and Finance Support
# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

## SECTION A: CASH FLOW

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| Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual             | Office Deposit                                | 61.88    | 1,865.91 | [61.88]                   | [1,865.91]|
| and Reproductive health and Rights (         |                                              |          |          |                           |          |
| Accumulated Fund)                            | Workshop                                      | -        | -        | [5,348.56]                | [161,280.37]|
| Grant period: 1 January 2019-31 December 2019|                                              |          |          |                           |          |
|                                              |                                               | 0.00     | 0.00     | 5,410.44                  | 163,146.28 |
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| Grand Total                                  | 220,141.55                                    | 6,638,148.35 | 168,383.72 | 5,083,473.44            | 51,557.84 | 1,554,674.91 |

(RATE US$1 = 30.154)
APA would like to extend warm thanks to:

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