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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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2023 was an important year for APA and the SRHR advocates in Asia and the Pacific. This year the 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference (7APPC) took place, the regional level review of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD PoA). The APPC takes place once every 10 years and sets development priorities for the next ten years for the region. The outcomes serve as Asia Pacific input to the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD56) for ICPD@30.

APA co-chaired the 13-member 7APPC CSO Steering Committee (SC) that aimed to ensure the 7APPC was grounded in regional realities and facilitated civil society engagement in the review process. APA Members CARAM Asia, International Community of Women Living with HIV Asia Pacific, International Planned Parenthood Federation East and Southeast Asia & Oceania Region, Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, and Y-Peer Asia Pacific also served on the 7APPC SC. The SC organized series of four thematic consultations on cross-cutting issues took place virtually, in the run up to the intergovernmental conference, as well as a two-day CSO and Youth Forum held alongside the intergovernmental conference.

This year, APA Members had the opportunity to meet in person twice, to network, exchange knowledge and discuss joint advocacy priorities. 'Strengthening the ICPD Ecosystem for Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific' took place on 17-18 May in Bangkok in cooperation with RFSU and was organized alongside a regional launch of the ICPD25 High-Level Commission's report, *Sexual and Reproductive Justice as the Vehicle to Deliver the Nairobi Summit Commitment* in partnership with the Embassy of Sweden in Thailand, at the residence of the Swedish Ambassador, H. E. Jon Åström Gröndahl. A second opportunity for APA Members to gather was organized alongside the 7APPC; the APA Network Meeting "Bold Horizons: Advocating for SRHR in Asia and the Pacific" took place on 10-11 November. Members endorsed APA's new strategic plan and discussed governance and methods of work in addition to joint advocacy opportunities for SRHR at regional and global level.

Finally, we were thrilled to welcome three new Members to the APA network this year, FP 2030 Asia Pacific Hub, Sharenet-Bangladesh, and Y-Peer Asia Pacific.

APA is grateful to all our Members and partners for their commitment and collaborative spirit, and we look forward to taking our collective agenda forward in 2024.

Sincerely,

SHAMA KARKAL APA STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

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MISSION

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 prioritized in sustainable development efforts.

We established the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) as a civil society organization (CSO)-led network to support action for promoting the ICPD agenda at national, regional, and global fora. Over the last two decades, APA has galvanized national and regional advocacy from its Coordinating Office in Bangkok to further sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender rights, and human rights globally.

WHO WE ARE

APA is a network of national, regional, and global civil society organisations that advocate for the fulfilment of SRHR for all persons in the Asia Pacific.

WHAT WE DO

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

HOW WE DO IT

APA uses three main strategies to achieve its mission: Cultivating Leadership from and within the Region, Generating Evidence for Accountability, and Intersectional Movement Building. APA and its Members advocate at national, regional, and global fora to ensure inclusion and the uptake of comprehensive sexuality priorities, encourage government transparency and participation, and monitor review processes. These include the 2030 Agenda, the International Conference on Population and Development Programme for Action, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Universal Periodic Review, and human rights treaty bodies for progress on SRHR commitments.

2023 AT A GLANCE

We are committed to empowering SRHR champions. We mobilise for advocacy on SRHR, encourage active participation, and endeavour to increase opportunities for civil society in developing countries to access national, regional, and global review processes.

In 2023, there were a number of positive policy and legal developments for SRHR in the region of Asia and the Pacific. Homosexuality was decriminalized in the Cook Islands, and Nepal registered its first same-sex marriage. Japan legalized the Mefeego pill pack, the first and only medical abortion pills to be legalized in the country, providing an alternative to invasive surgical procedures for abortion seekers. South Korea legally recognized same-sex relationships for the first time in a landmark ruling that concluded it was unconstitutional for insurance companies to deny benefits to non-heterosexual couples.

At the same time, there were challenges this year. India's supreme court failed to recognize same-sex marriages in a unanimous order, and South Korea's constitutional court defended the law penalizing same-sex relations in the military. Conservative members of parliament in the Philippines obstructed progress of the SOGIESC bill, which aims to protect sexual and gender diversity. Although Thailand legalized abortion up to 20 weeks in 2022, prevailing stigma, high costs and refusal to provide abortion services by medical service providers based on personal religious beliefs, means that it still remains inaccessible for many.



TIMELINE OF EVENTS

QUARTER 1

JANUARY TO MARCH

6-7 FEB Asia Pacific Regional CSO Forum in advance of CSW67

24-26 MAR Asia Pacific People's Forum on Sustainable Development

27-30 MAR Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

AP-RCEM Thematic Working Group on Gender, Sexuality and SRHR Factsheet



REPORT LAUNCH



CPD56



APA NETWORK MEETING

QUARTER 2

APRIL TO JUNE

10-14 APR 56th Commission on Population and Development

10 APR CPD56 SIDE EVENT "CSE: Advances and Lessons from Asia Pacific"

17-18 MAY Strengthening the ICPD Ecosystem for Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific

18 MAY Regional Asia Pacific Launch of the report of the High-Level Commission on ICPD25 Follow-up

22 MAY UNFPA APRO Regional Human Rights Focal Point Workshop

7-8 JUN Asia-Pacific Feminist Dialogue on Advancing Bodily Autonomy

21 JUN First Stakeholder Consultation for the 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference: Addressing Human Rights, Intersecting Forms of Discrimination and Exclusion: Leaving No One Behind in Sustainable Development

22 JUN Dialogue on Women's Rights and Opposition in light of the upcoming UDHR 75

QUARTER 3

JULY TO SEPTEMBER

21 JUL Second Stakeholder Consultation for the 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference: Achieving Climate Justice for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

10 AUG Third Stakeholder Consultation for the 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference: Universal Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Asia and the Pacific: equality, quality and accountability

6-7 SEP 8th Knowledge Fair on Education and SRHR in Bangladesh

12 SEP Fourth Stakeholder Consultation for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference: Regional Cooperation, Accountability and Modalities for Implementation of Actions on Population and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific



7APPC

QUARTER 4

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER

2 NOV Community Consultation on SRHR of Women and LGBTIQ+ Refugees and Asylum Seekers



10-11 NOV APA Network Meeting "Bold Horizons: Advocating for SRHR in Asia and the Pacific"

10-11 NOV 7APPC APA CS Report: Towards Universal Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights in Asia and the Pacific: Mapping the Status, Gaps, Emerging Opportunities and Barriers

13-14 NOV 7APPC CSO and Youth Forum

15-17 NOV 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference

15 NOV 7APPC SIDE EVENT "Understanding the challenges, opportunities and best practices for the SRHR of women and LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced persons and other people on the move in transition countries in Asia"

17 NOV 7APPC SIDE EVENT "Rights based approaches as the foundation to achieving just and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific"



PROGRAMS

WE MOBILIZE CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION FOR SRHR IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The APA network, comprising of 46 civil society organizations and individual members across 13 countries, continued to propel the SRHR agenda forward in the face of challenges to sexual and reproductive rights in the region. APA Members represent diverse marginalized groups from across the region and synergized efforts to advance the SRHR agenda. APA achieved its objectives through our three strategies: cultivating leadership, generating evidence for accountability, and intersectional movement building.

This year we equipped APA Members with the skills, knowledge and capacity to champion sexual and reproductive justice and resist attacks against bodily autonomy. APA hosted the APA Network meeting that provided a platform for cross-movement solidarity and strategic discussions in preparation for the upcoming 7APPC while identifying other opportunities to maximize our advocacy work. “The Strengthening the ICPD Ecosystem for Advocacy” strategic meeting empowered APA Members by strengthening their knowledge and strategies to realize the ICPD PoA in the region.

APA also advances advocacy through our strategic partnerships at regional and global level, as progressive voices can be more powerful when joined together, to exchange information, strategize collectively, and amplify impact. APA is a member of the following global coalitions: Women Rights Caucus, Women’s Major Group, International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition, AWID, UHC 2030 Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM), Alliance for Gender Equality and UHC, SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition, ILGA World, Center for Transformative Narratives. At the regional level, APA is a member of the Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (RCEM) – Women’s constituency, Asia Pacific Regional Mechanism on Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, CSO Steering Committee for ICPD @30 and Beyond in Asia Pacific (7APPC) and the Working Group for regional preparatory process for CSW. APA also co-convenes the RCEM Thematic Working Group on Gender, Sexuality and SRHR.





PROGRAMS

CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP FROM AND WITHIN THE REGION

APA nurtures and strengthens the leadership capacity and the voice of advocates from the region. APA's approach to leadership is growth based and iterative, and focuses on developing changemakers and elevating the needs and rights of marginalized communities in regional and global decision making fora.



Alexa Johns, Executive Director, APA, delivering the APA Joint Statement at CPD56

THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD56)

10-14 APRIL

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development took place at the UN headquarters in New York under the theme of "Population, Education and Sustainable development". APA and 5 Members participated as NGO observers to represent the Asia Pacific civil society perspectives and put forward the SRHR agenda in the region. APA ED delivered APA's joint oral statement highlighting the effectiveness of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in eliminating barriers to SRHR, particularly for marginalized communities who face intersecting forms of discrimination.

APA ORAL STATEMENT AT CPD56



Caecilia Roth, Senior Policy Officer, Family Planning NSW delivering a CSO statement at CPD56

CPD56 SIDE EVENT

CSE: ADVANCES AND LESSONS FROM THE ASIA-PACIFIC

10 APRIL

APA CO organized a joint CPD56 side event that was co-sponsored by the Australian Permanent Mission and organized with the Global Partnership for CSE and APA Members Family Planning New South Wales (FPNSW), Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC) and SERAC-Bangladesh. It provided a platform to showcase evidence, success stories, experiences and lessons learned Australia, Bangladesh and Nepal towards advancing CSE in Asia and the Pacific.

CPD56 APA Joint Side Event "CSE: Advances and Lessons from Asia Pacific"





Participants at the "Strengthening the ICPD Ecosystem for Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific" strategic meeting

STRENGTHENING THE ICPD ECOSYSTEM FOR ADVOCACY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

17 - 18 MAY

The strategic meeting, organized in partnership with RFSU, brought together 37 Members, partners, and stakeholders to reflect on the current landscape for SRHR and civil society space in the region. Held in Bangkok, Thailand, the meeting was opened by H. E. Jon Åström Gröndahl, Ambassador, Swedish Embassy in Thailand; Hans Linde, President, RFSU; Madu Dissanayake, Regional Programme Specialist a.i. at United Nations Population Fund Asia Pacific Regional Office (UNFPA APRO) and moderated by APA ED.

The meeting facilitated discussion on strategies to enhance accountability and mobilize support for the realization of the ICPD PoA in Asia and the Pacific. Participants were able to reflect on lessons learned from the 56th Commission on Population and Development CPD56, and the 67th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67). Additionally, participants delved into the challenges and opportunities for advancing SRHR in the region, with a particular emphasis on preparations for the upcoming 7APPC.



Swedish Ambassador **H. E. Jon Åström Gröndahl** delivers Opening Remarks at the "Strengthening the ICPD Ecosystem for Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific" strategic meeting

STRATEGIC MEETING



THE REGIONAL ASIA PACIFIC LAUNCH OF THE REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMISSION ON ICPD25 FOLLOW-UP

18 MAY

APA and RFSU organized a regional launch of the ICPD25 High-Level Commission's report, *Sexual and Reproductive Justice as the Vehicle to Deliver the Nairobi Summit Commitment* in partnership with the Embassy of Sweden in Thailand, at the residence of the Swedish Ambassador, H. E. Jon Åström Gröndahl. The launch facilitated crucial discussions aimed at further mobilizing efforts in the Asia-Pacific region to follow up on the ICPD25 Nairobi commitments. The report elaborates on the sexual and reproductive justice framework, demonstrating its applicability to diverse stakeholders across various settings and contexts.

REGIONAL LAUNCH



Asia Pacific Regional Launch of the "Sexual and Reproductive Justice Cannot Wait: All Rights, All People, Acting Now" Report of the High Level Commission on the Nairobi Summit ICPD25 Follow-up



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UNFPA ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP

22 MAY

This meeting organized by UNFPA Asia Pacific regional office (APRO) aimed to facilitate exchange and sharing and support alignment of priorities with human rights commitments and national systems and country office programmes with the goal to advance the ICDP agenda. APA's Executive Director (ED) was a guest speaker in two workshop sessions where she shared information on the road ahead to 7APPC and ICPD@30, trends in the anti-human rights movements. Strategies to work together to advance ICPD in the region were also discussed.



BOLD HORIZONS: ADVOCATING FOR SRHR IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, APA NETWORK MEETING

10 - 11 NOVEMBER

This strategic meeting convened 34 APA Members and key partners from across the Asia and the Pacific to discuss how to navigate around the shifting SRHR advocacy environment in order to better address emerging challenges and oppositions. The first day aimed to provide an overview of global and regional opportunities, namely 7APPC, ICPD@30, Beijing +30, Summit of the Future and the international human rights system. Tools were shared for civil society to promote SRHR, and opportunities for intersectional collaboration were explored to enhance APA's joint advocacy efforts.

Day two was exclusively for Members of the APA network to participate in our biennial general meeting. The new 2023-2027 Strategic Plan for the network was reviewed, and then followed up with small group discussions on methods of work, joint planning, and governance. Members strategized on how to effectively collaborate as a network through the formation of three new internal Working Groups - Leadership and Advocacy, Evidence Generation and Intersectional Movement Building - to leverage APA's strengths and maximize meaningful impact.



Alexa Johns, Executive Director, APA, and **Aleksandar Sasha Bodiroza**, Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA APRO at the opening session of "Bold Horizons: Advocating for SRHR in Asia and the Pacific" 2023 APA Network Meeting



Participants at the "Bold Horizons: Advocating for SRHR in Asia and the Pacific" 2023 APA Network Meeting

STRATEGIC MEETING



7APPC CSO AND YOUTH FORUM

13 - 14 NOVEMBER

The 7APPC CSO and Youth Forum organized by the 7APPC CSO SC convened civil society and youth organizations from across the Asia-Pacific region to discuss challenges and opportunities faced by civil society in contributing towards the realization of the ICPD PoA and APMD. The CSO and Youth Forum delegates discussed key regional priority action areas with a focus on SRHR, education, gender equality, migration, climate crisis, youth populations, and ageing among others that culminated into *The Call to Action* that captures key demands and recommendations discussed in the forum.

CALL TO ACTION



Uzma Yaqoob, Executive Director, Forum for Dignity Initiatives, delivers a civil society statement at the 7APPC

7APPC CSO and Youth Forum



7TH ASIAN AND PACIFIC POPULATION CONFERENCE

15 - 17 NOVEMBER

The 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference (7APPC) is an intergovernmental meeting organized by UNESCAP and UNFPA that convenes every 10 years in Bangkok. This year's 7APPC served as the regional preparation for the global ICPD@30 process and provided a platform to review the implementation of the APMD and ICPD PoA in the region. APA was a member of the CSO Steering Committee (SC) that was reinstated to facilitate civil society engagement in the process, and ensure the meeting was grounded in regional realities. The SC organized a series of four thematic civil society consultations on cross-cutting priority issues that took place in the run up to the meeting and organized the preparatory 7APPC CSO and Youth Forum which gathered more than 120 civil society advocates from across region.



7APPC Joint Side Event led by Equal AF "Rights based approaches as the foundation to achieving just and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific"

7APPC SIDE EVENT

UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR THE SRHR OF WOMEN AND LGBTIQ+ FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND OTHER PEOPLE ON THE MOVE IN TRANSITION COUNTRIES IN ASIA

15 NOVEMBER

The 7APPC side event was organized by APA Member Equal Asia Foundation in collaboration with Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) Asia and Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) and APA. The session highlighted the barriers to SRHR faced by women, young people, LGBTIQ+ individuals and other forcibly displaced populations experiencing intersecting forms of marginalization.

7APPC SIDE EVENT

RIGHTS BASED APPROACHES AS THE FOUNDATION TO ACHIEVING JUST AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

17 NOVEMBER

APA with the Directorate General of Family Planning of Bangladesh, IPPF ESEAOR, SERAC-Bangladesh, Family Planning 2030, David and Lucile Packard Foundation and Equality Now organized this 7APPC side event that highlighted the necessity of implementing rights-based policies and narratives to achieve SRHR, improving access to SRHR information, education and services, and eliminating harmful practices such as female genital mutilation/cutting.



7APPC Joint Side Event led by APA "Understanding the challenges, opportunities and best practices for the SRHR of women and LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced persons and other people on the move"

PROGRAMS

GENERATING EVIDENCE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

APA monitors and evaluates commitments and generates evidence to support advocacy efforts to advance SRHR in the region of Asia and the Pacific.

FACTSHEET DEVELOPED FOR THE 2023 ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

27 - 30 MARCH

APA collaboratively led the AP-RCEM TWG on Gender, Sexuality and SRHR, to develop this factsheet which focused on strengthening the linkages between SRHR and the SDGs under review in 2023, namely goals 3, 4, 5, 11, and 19. The brief was disseminated at the APFSD and the People's Forum in March 2023, and underscored concrete actions on SRHR as integral to implementing the SDGs and accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

FACTSHEET



TOWARDS UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: MAPPING THE STATUS, GAPS, EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS: 7APPC APA CS REPORT

11 NOVEMBER

APA produced this civil society alternative report for the 7APPC focusing on policy and legal developments with regards to access to SRHR for adolescents and young people, provision of CSE in school curricula, access to safe abortion services, access to contraceptives, and laws and regulations to promote bodily autonomy of LGBTI people. It fed into the development of the CSO Call to Action at the 7APPC and will be utilized for ICPD@30 process in 2024.



PROGRAMS

INTERSECTIONAL MOVEMENT BUILDING

APA works with diverse communities that are united by their experience of SRHR violations and lack of recognition of the right to bodily autonomy, and often facing opposition in challenging contexts. We endeavor to create a safe environment for advocates and activists with a focus on wellbeing that is necessary to support transformational social change.

ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CSO FORUM IN ADVANCE OF CSW67

6 - 7 FEBRUARY

The Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Priority Theme of the Sixty-seventh Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) took place from 8-9 of February and provided an opportunity for governments in the region to assess key trends, identify policy gaps and explore potential areas for joint interventions to empower women and achieve gender equality. APA was a part of the CSO Working Group for the Asia Pacific preparatory process for CSW and moderated a session at the civil society forum in advance of the CSW67 Regional Consultation on 6-7 February. The CSW67 priority theme was "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".



Asia Pacific Civil Society Regional Consultation for CSW67

ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

27 - 30 MARCH

AND

ASIA PACIFIC PEOPLES FORUM

24 - 26 MARCH

The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) focused on "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific". APA co-lead the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (APRCM) Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Gender, Sexuality and SRHR that led to the development of the Factsheet. The Factsheet focused on linkages between SDG goals under review in 2023, namely 3, 4, 5 and 10 and was disseminated at the APFSD and the preparatory Asia Pacific People's Forum.

FACTSHEET



ASIA-PACIFIC FEMINIST DIALOGUE ON ADVANCING BODILY AUTONOMY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OPPOSITION

7 - 8 JUNE

This feminist dialogue was part of a global series organized virtually by Fos Feminista aimed at countering anti-gender, anti-rights movements and advancing abortion rights as a global feminist movement. APA was a co-convenor along with Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP), Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), and Diva for Equality for the Asia Pacific dialogue. APA ED presented on the context of Southeast and South Asia at the meeting.

DIALOGUE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND OPPOSITION IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING UDHR 75

22 JUNE

The UN Working Group on Human Rights organized a session to discuss strategies to navigate around opposition movements to advance gender equality and women's empowerment in light of the upcoming UDHR 75. APA moderated discussion with 3 CSO leaders on civil society space and the inclusion (or lack thereof) of gender in the human rights movement.



8TH KNOWLEDGE FAIR ON EDUCATION AND SRHR

6 - 7 SEPTEMBER

The 8th Knowledge Fair was organized by APA Member Sharenet-Bangladesh in Dhaka under the theme “SRHR & Education – For Smart Bangladesh”. It brought together government representatives, experts, and civil society representatives and aimed to address the critical intersection of SRHR and education in Bangladesh. APA’s ED participated and shared key takeaways from APA’s report *Shifting the SRHR Narrative in Asia Pacific – A civil society perspective on advocating for and generating evidence*.



SHIFTING THE SRHR NARRATIVE IN ASIA PACIFIC



Participants at the Community Consultation on “SRHR of Women and LGBTIQ+ Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Thailand”



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON SRHR OF WOMEN AND LGBTIQ+ REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

2 NOVEMBER

APA and Equal AF co-organized a community consultation as the first of two events looking at the unmet SRHR needs of forcibly displaced migrants in Thailand, with support from the Julia Taft Fund. Thailand, as a non-signatory to the UN 1951 Refugee Convention, does not grant official refugee status, further marginalizing migrants and refugees. The consultation examined SRHR gaps that are exacerbated by the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination faced by women and LGBTIQ+ migrants in Thailand. Civil society representatives, health service providers, donors, and other key community stakeholders convened to collectively share knowledge and experiences across various sectors that culminated into key action points and inclusive solutions. The consultations will culminate into a set of recommendations encapsulated into a Call to Action to fill the SRHR gap for women and LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced migrants that will be presented to the Thai government.

COMMUNICATIONS

By harnessing the power of effective communication strategies and advocacy, we strive to increase our impact on advancing SRHR in Asia Pacific. APA promotes shifts in public policies, fuel social engagements, and raise the profile of issues concerning SRHR. And we actively engage in national, regional, and global communications campaigns to promote essential SRHR messages, and to combat misinformation, disinformation, and harmful rhetoric aimed at undermining SRHR.



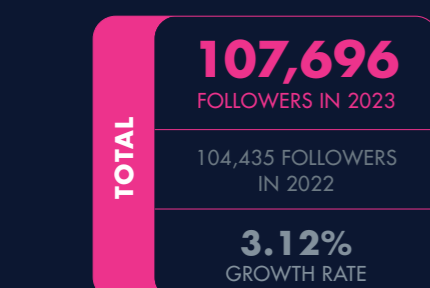
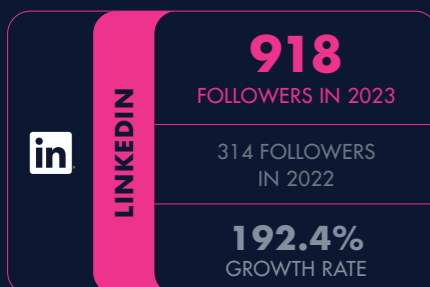
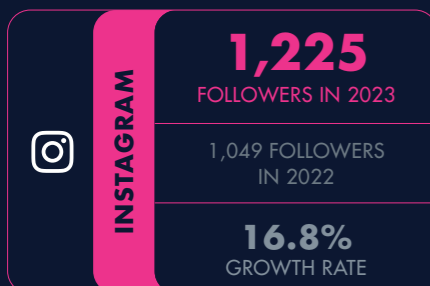
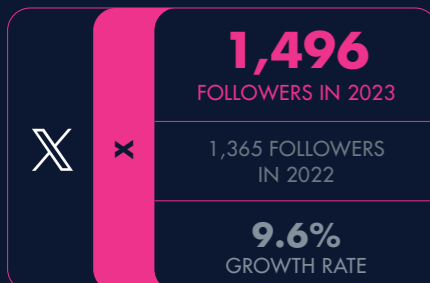
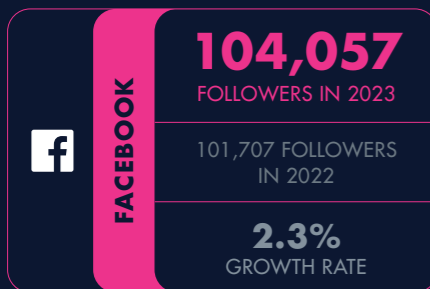
APA also spotlights research, initiatives and campaigns of our Members to raise the profile and visibility of their work, while improving the quality, relevance, and access to information shared within the network. We strengthen partnerships and engagements within the network and with allies through synergized efforts.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our website and social media platforms are designed to enhance collaboration, foster networking, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and tools on global, regional, and national SRHR developments. APA uses Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn to amplify key SRHR messages, share policy and legal updates, and mobilize social and online movements that advance SRHR in the Asia Pacific region. Followers, engagements and reach saw significant growth in 2023, with the total follower count surpassing 107k and 1,116 posts shared across the platforms.



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IN NUMBERS



KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Launched in 2020, the Knowledge Management Portal (KMP) is an exclusive user-friendly online platform that is curated to equip APA Members with strategic advocacy tools and a secure digital space for community building and fostering collaborations. The KMP offers a database that houses strategic resources for APA Member's advocacy work at relevant global and regional intergovernmental meetings that allows them to track country positions and keep their governments accountable to their SRHR commitments. It provides a joint calendar to share key events and houses organizational documents for the APA network related to governance and strategy.

A quarterly newsletter is shared with Members of the APA network, which highlights global, regional and national policy and legal developments and advocacy opportunities related to SRHR, as well as sharing updates on the work of APA Members across the region.

In 2023, APA disseminated 11 email campaigns within the network as part of its advocacy efforts. Four quarterly newsletters, 4 KMP updates, and 3 In Focus series were disseminated to share good practices, strategies and insights from featured APA Members.

Additionally, APA has an internal listserv exclusive to its Members that is used on a daily basis to disseminate strategic information and developments related to SRHR throughout the network, and for joint planning.

2023	KMP CAMPAIGNS	4
	IN FOCUS CAMPAIGN	3
	QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER	4
	TOTAL NUMBER OF NEWSLETTERS	11

OUR NETWORK

Our network is united by our commitment to realize SRHR for all. We are an alliance of non-governmental organizations, family planning associations, public health researchers, regional networks, and community-based organizations with diverse areas of technical expertise in advocacy, human rights, service delivery, and public health research. We bring together representatives from youth, persons of diverse SOGIESC, sex workers, women living with HIV, refugees and migrants, climate change affected, and young key populations.

As of December 2023, our membership is comprised of 43 organizations and 4 individuals in 13 countries across Asia and the Pacific. APA was pleased to welcome the following new Members to the alliance this year: FP 2030 Asia Pacific Hub, Sharenet-Bangladesh, and Y-Peer Asia Pacific.

OUR GOVERNANCE

APA is registered as a foundation in Bangkok, Thailand. APA is governed by a six-member international Steering Committee (SC) that sets strategic directions for the network, and a Thai Foundation Board that oversees legal and administrative compliance for the foundation in Thailand.

In 2023, APA Steering Committee met twice in-person, on 16-17 February and 12 November, and once virtually on 25 September. The APA Foundation Board also met twice in 2023, in March and October. Quarterly CO reporting was maintained for the SC and the Board.

This year, APA's leadership finalized the new 2023-27 Strategic Plan with four programme priorities: Cultivating leadership from and within the region; Generating evidence for accountability; Intersectional movement building; and Core mission support. In addition, a System Based Review was undertaken on CO operations and governance in the first half of the year, and a Resource Mobilization Plan was developed in the fourth quarter to support fundraising efforts for the network.

APA Members endorsed the new 2023-27 Strategic Plan at the APA Network Meeting on 11 November, and as an outcome of the meeting also established three new internal working groups – on Leadership Cultivation, Evidence Generation, and Intersectional Movement Building. The working groups are set to commence activities in 2024 and will aim to drive the network's joint initiatives.



OUR PEOPLE

STEERING COMMITTEE 2023



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SOUTHEAST ASIA



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Youth Coalition for Sexual and
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OUR MEMBERS

FULL MEMBERS 2023

AUSTRALIA

- Burnet Institute
- Family Planning New South Wales (FP NSW)
- Family Planning Welfare Association of the Northern Territory (FP WANT)
- Shine SA

BANGLADESH

- Bandhu Social Welfare Society
- SERAC-Bangladesh
- ShareNet Bangladesh

CHINA

- China Family Planning Association

FIJI

- Reproductive and Family Health Association of Fiji

INDIA

- Swasti Health Catalyst
- Population Foundation of India (PFI)

INDONESIA

- Aliansi Remaja Independen (ARI)
- Indonesia Planned Parenthood Association (IPPA)

JAPAN

- Africa Japan Forum (AJF)
- Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP)

MALAYSIA

- Caram Asia

NEPAL

- IPAS Nepal
- Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC)
- YUWA

NEW ZEALAND

- Family Planning New Zealand

PAKISTAN

- Chanan Development Association
- Foundation for Dignity Initiatives (FDI)
- Sukaar Welfare Organization
- Youth Advocacy Network (YAN) Pakistan
- Youth Association for Development (YAD)

PHILIPPINES

- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)

THAILAND

- Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM)
- Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW)
- Asia Pacific Transgender Network (APTN)
- Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)
- Equal Asia Foundation (EAF)
- International Community of Women Living with HIV Asia Pacific (ICW-AP)
- Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT)
- Raks Thai Foundation
- YouthLEAD
- Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center (Y-PEER AP)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2023

ORGANIZATIONS

- Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights (ACSHR)
- Family Planning 2030 Asia and Pacific Hub (FP2030AP)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation East and South East Asia & Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR)
- Population Action International (PAI)
- Marie Stopes International (MSI)
- Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YC)

INDIVIDUALS

- Amit Timilsina
- Dakshitha Wickremarathne
- Pooja Badarinath
- Sandeep Prasad





ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2023

SECTION A CASH FLOW

	RFSU		JULIA TAFT FUND (JTF)		MEMBERSHIP		ACCUMULATED FUND		TOTAL	
	JAN – DEC 2023		SEPT – DEC 2023		JAN – DEC 2023		JAN – DEC 2023		JAN – DEC 2023	
	US\$	Baht	US\$	Baht	US\$	Baht	US\$	Baht	US\$	Baht
Opening Balance	77,129.43	2,511,587.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,751.31	1,276,670.86	116,880.74	3,788,257.86
Fund received	191,486.74	6,553,308.00	18,163.06	621,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	209,649.80	7,174,908.00
<u>Add</u> : Bank interest received	206.18	7,056.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.38	1,142.31	239.55	8,198.31
Membership Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,284.87	180,865.56	0.00	0.00	5,284.87	180,865.56
Other Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.84	200.00	5.84	200.00
Total Income	268,822.35	9,071,951.00	18,163.06	621,600.00	5,284.87	180,865.56	39,790.53	1,278,013.17	332,060.80	11,152,429.73
Subtract : Expenses as at 31 December 2023	(258,460.90)	(8,717,348.00)	(4,766.17)	(163,114.00)	0.00	0.00	(61.26)	(2,096.61)	(263,288.33)	(8,882,558.61)
Prepaid for 2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187.59	6,420.00	187.59	6,420.00
Accrued for 2023	(10,361.45)	(354,603.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(32.43)	(1,110.00)	(10,393.88)	(355,713.00)
Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,935.26	66,231.06	1,935.26	66,231.06
Total Expenses	(268,822.35)	(9,071,951.00)	(4,766.17)	(163,114.00)	0.00	0.00	2,029.16	69,444.45	(271,559.36)	(9,165,620.55)
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2023	(0.00)	0.00	13,396.90	458,486.00	5,284.87	180,865.56	41,819.68	1,347,457.62	60,501.44	1,986,809.18

SECTION B FUND BALANCE

GRANTOR	BUDGET LINE DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BALANCE: 31 DECEMBER 2023		% SPENT
		US\$	Baht	US\$	Baht	US\$	Baht	
RFSU Civil Society Partnership Programme for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Core Grant (Year 2018 – 2023)	1. Result 1: Strong CS capacity on SRHR and accountability	42,894.75	1,468,000.00	47,920.28	1,639,990.00	(5,025.52)	(171,990.00)	
	2. Result 2: Synergised engagement on nat/reg/global processes on SRHR	13,148.94	450,000.00	11,003.99	376,593.00	2,144.94	73,407.00	
	3. Result 3: APA is a sustainable organisation with a diverse donor and membership base	23,726.53	812,000.00	30,106.54	1,030,345.00	(6,380.01)	(218,345.00)	
	4. Coordinating Office and network facilitation	166,744.59	5,706,550.00	167,722.66	5,740,023.00	(978.08)	(33,473.00)	
	5. Audit	8,240.00	282,000.00	8,327.66	285,000.00	(87.66)	(3,000.00)	
	Total	254,754.81	8,718,550.00	265,081.13	9,071,951.00	(10,326.33)	(353,401.00)	104.05%*
Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (accumulated fund) Grant period: 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023	1. misc expenses	0.00	0.00	61.26	2,096.61	(61.26)	(2,096.61)	
	Total	0.00	0.00	61.26	2,096.61	39,884.42	1,281,226.56	
Julia Taft Fund Small grant Grant period: 1 September 2023 – 31 December 2023	1. Community Consultation SRHR of Women and LGBTIQ Migrants & FDPs in Thailand	18,163.06	621,600.00	4,766.17	163,114.00	13,396.90	458,486.00	
	Total	18,163.06	621,600.00	4,766.17	163,114.00	13,396.90	458,486.00	26.24%
	GRAND TOTAL	272,917.87	9,340,150.00	269,908.56	9,237,161.61	42,954.99	1,386,311.56	

Exchange Rate: US\$1 = 34.223
*due to exchange gain



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