
Let’s start a conversation about how we can tailor a programme to your unique interests and priorities.

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it’s hard enough being gay
In Asia, men who have sex with men are 19 times more likely than the population at large to be living with HIV.

Globally transgender women have HIV infection rates 50 times higher than the adult population.

It’s a public health and human rights crisis.
The facts

78 million people have become HIV-positive since 1981

50% have died

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HIV prevalence among MSM is more than 5% in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

Prevalence is particularly high—15% to nearly 31%—in large urban areas like Bangkok, Hanoi and Jakarta

By 2020, almost 50% of all new HIV infections in Asia could be in MSM

Only about half of MSM in Asia-Pacific get tested for HIV

Access to condoms for low income MSM is 31% and just less than half for high income MSM
90% of MSM in the Asia-Pacific region do not have access to HIV prevention and care because of discriminatory laws.

18/38 countries in Asia-Pacific criminalise same-sex sexual activities with imprisonment, corporal punishment and death.

Rate of HIV transmission through male-to-male sex / Share of total HIV prevention spending for MSM:

- Indonesia: 7% / 1%
- Malaysia: 19% / 0.2%
- Philippines: 80% / 9%
- Sri Lanka: 15% / 6%

In seven short years, APCOM has become a respected mentor to a host of brave organisations and individuals. Together, we work to advocate, highlight and prioritise HIV issues that affect the lives of men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender people, including rights, health and well-being.

"At APCOM, we’re saving MSM lives and making life better for thousands of men."

Midnight
Poonkasetwattana
Executive Director, APCOM
Our six priority areas:

**Encouraging Testing**
We implement innovative campaigns, events and community engagements to encourage testing, especially among younger MSM

**Strengthenings Advocacy**
We strengthen organisational capacities and strategies for stronger MSM networks and more effective responses by organisations across Asia

**Sharing Information**
We fight against ignorance with evidence-based advocacy and dialogue

**Building Leadership**
We support young MSM and transgender leadership to effectively address the HIV epidemic in the region

**Engaging with Global Fund**
We work with the Global Fund to strengthen communities and reduce vulnerabilities

**Shining light on Community Heroes**
We raise the profile of local community groups, networks and individuals

“APCOM REALLY, REALLY CARES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY”

Kong Bunthorn
Core Working Group Member of Bandan Chaktomuk
get on the ground

never before has your support been more urgent

Help us overcome ignorance and fear, and fight for equality. Help us put people before prejudice.

Together, we can save lives, change lives, make lives better.

There are so many ways you can support us...

“APCOM HAS HELPED ME SUPPORT YOUNG GAY MEN TO BE BETTER ADVOCATES”

Niluka Perera
Project Officer
Youth Voices Count (YVC)
Be a life saver
Sponsor APCOM’s innovative campaigns, events and community engagements to encourage testing, especially among younger MSM

Be a strength builder
Sponsor APCOM to strengthen organisational capacities and strategies for stronger MSM networks and more effective responses by organisations across Asia

Be a compassionate champion
Sponsor APCOM’s efforts to fight against ignorance with evidence-based advocacy and dialogue

Be a nurturer of leaders
Sponsor APCOM’s efforts to support young MSM and transgender leadership to effectively address the HIV epidemic in the region

Be an agent of positive change
Sponsor APCOM’s efforts to promote healthy lives by tackling issues that prevent health seeking behaviours and rights

“APCOM HAS HELPED ME BUILD MY CONFIDENCE AND BECOME A LEADER”

Satya Baashi
Transgender Mobiliser - Coordinator, Heart To Heart Sri Lanka