



Our Pandemic Journey

Looking Back as We Move Forward



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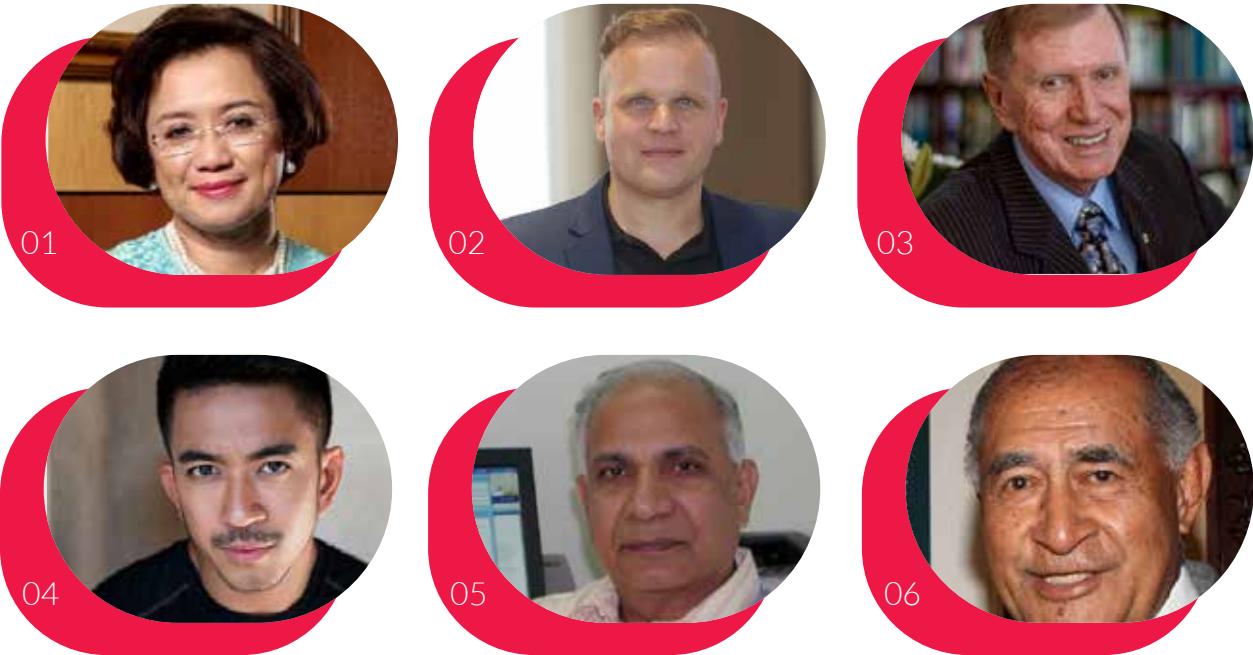
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Message from the Regional Advisory Group Chair

I only joined APCOM towards the second half of 2021, and despite the on-going pandemic, I am amazed at how our staff are remaining resilient and doing more community engagements on health, rights, well-being and Covid-19! I have to say a big thank you to Dédé Oetomo, the previous Chair, for keeping APCOM on course despite challenging circumstances.

The staff welcomed me, along with other new Regional Advisory Group members, Luc Stevens, Max Wahid, Michael Liu, and Renier Bona, with such open arms. We had great online sessions to get to know each other, and we learned that the secretariat had strict protocol in place to ensure safety of our staff, and daily Zoom catch up to check in with each other, and also joint activities to take their minds and themselves outside the work environment and just do fun things together.

We also recognise that as a community organisation operating at the regional level, it is not easy having to be seen as the leader, and charting a course. However, what APCOM has done, and does very well is its continued outreach to the community to form solidarity, to be 'there' when you need someone to talk to, and providing online platforms to share stories, challenges, insights and of course possibilities despite the adversity.

Thank you to our communities working to advance LGBTQI rights, health and wellbeing across the vast Asia and the Pacific region for entrusting your faith in APCOM. Thank you to the dedication of our diverse staff. Thank you also to our supporters, donors, and volunteers. We can only get through together, and we are counting on you to ensure we also build back better.

I very much look forward to working with you in 2022 as APCOM celebrates its 15th year anniversary.

Bryan Choong
Chair: Regional Advisory Group

Message from the Executive Director

As the pandemic was still ongoing in 2021 with new variants - luckily our staff were able to be more protected with the Covid-19 vaccines. Despite Thailand having one of the best health systems in the region, the vaccine procurement and equitable distribution was a challenge.

Who would have thought that our emergency funding started by our staff #CoronaAPCOMpassion emergency fund would still be needed? And that our Covid-19 special series newsletter would also continue as communities share their stories of how the prolonged Covid-19 has affected and impacted on their lives?

Our work this year was all online including our Pride Month activities and Community Symposium - where again brought together delegates, speakers, community members and participants from across the Asia-Pacific region for a virtual conferencing - led by and for the LGBTQI and key population communities in the region to discuss the impact of Covid-19, opportunities and challenges and amplification of inequalities for our communities on their health, rights and well-being.

Our 5th HERO Awards in 2021 was fully online this year, as we honoured heroes from the community and allies of LGBTQI human rights and HIV. The online event took place through Zoom and APCOM Facebook Live, due to the pandemic instead of the usual gala event of the previous years. We were glad to have been able to make the event happen to profile our communities despite the challenges faced.

Despite the effects of Covid-19, our team were able to advance the work on LGBTQI social and economic inclusion in Southeast Asia, advocacy with the Asian Development Bank, engaging with the private sector LGBTQI inclusion, provide technical support on Demand Generation and Community-Led Monitoring, gathering regional key populations to engage meaningfully with PEPFAR ROP/COP 2021 process, and advancing PrEP, HIV self-testing, U=U and chemsex issues in the region.

As APCOM celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2022, with new Regional Advisory Group members on board, and as we develop a new strategic plan, we know that the partnerships built so far are so crucial for us to find solutions together.

We are grateful to our community partners, donors, and sponsors for your ongoing support, and seeing the value of our work. Thank you very much. Thank you to APCOM's board, Regional Advisory Group, Ambassadors, staff and volunteers for your passion, dedication and leadership.

Midnight
Executive Director



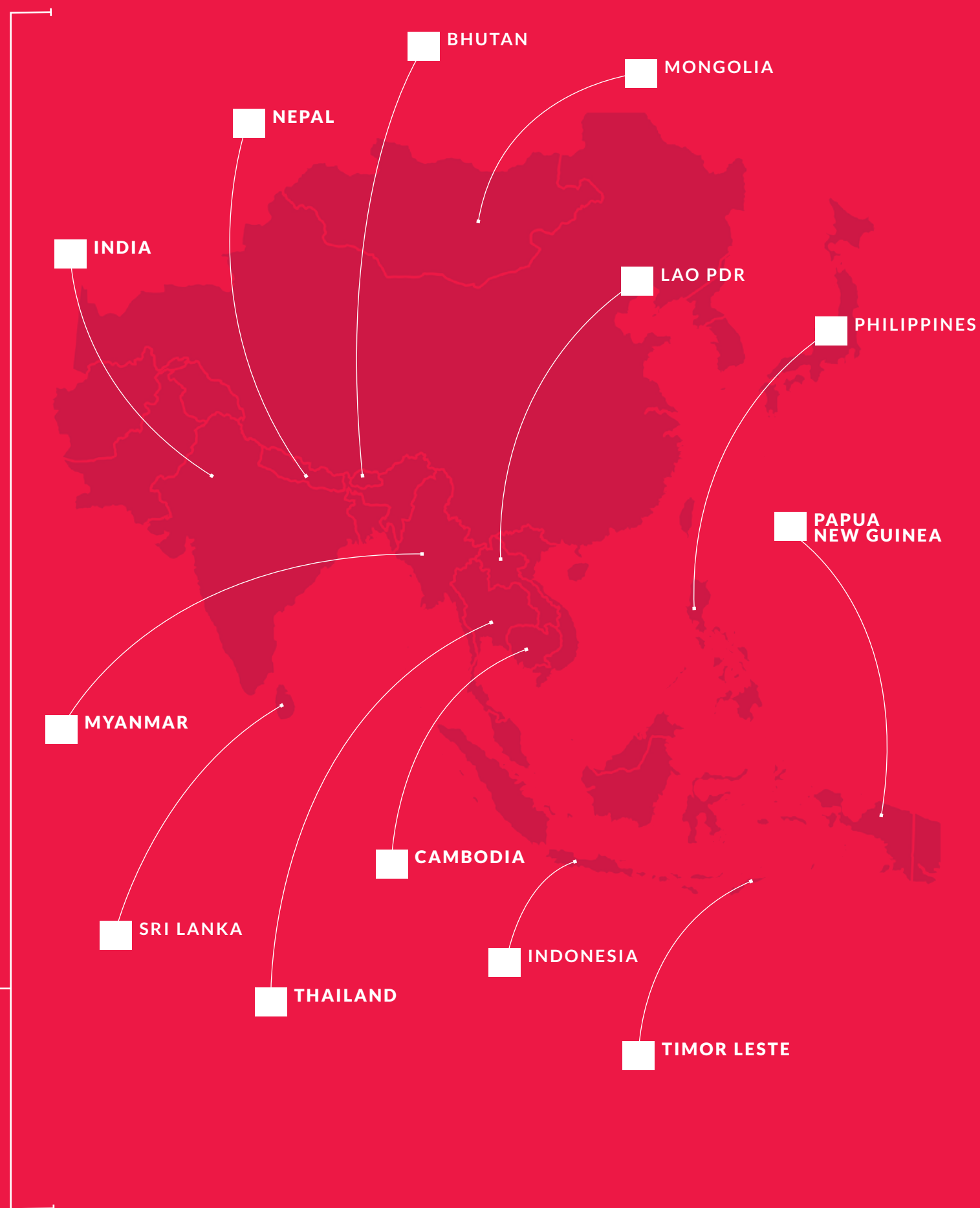
We Are APCOM

Founded in 2007, APCOM is a non-profit organisation working at the Asia Pacific region covering over thirty countries, representing a diverse range of community interests working together to advocate on, highlight and prioritise issues that affect the lives of people regarding their sexual orientation and gender identities. APCOM wants a world where people of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics can fully participate in and achieve sustainable development in all aspects of their health, rights and wellbeing.

As a rights-based organization, APCOM puts premium in bringing community voices to the forefront of discussions, especially in matters which affect the LGBTQI communities. We put importance in both the results and the processes by which we achieve these results. We are guided by the human rights principles of equality and non-discrimination, participation, and contributing to community empowerment.

Specifically, APCOM's values are embodied in its motto:
Equity. Dignity. Social Justice.

Project implementation in 2021



2021 in numbers

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Number of
Staff

116,531

Website
visitors

75,917

Website
Users

11,260

Facebook
Likes

75,265

Website
New Users

4,467

Twitter
Followers

671,800

Twitter
Impressions

21,054

YouTube
Views

1,233,482

YouTube
Impressions

APCOM IN 2021

Our Strategy

Our strategic framework entitled **TENACITY**, focuses on the following strategic goals:

01 HIV IS NOT OVER

Support initiatives that promote testing and reduce HIV infections.

02 OUR RIGHTS

Protecting gay men, other men who have sex with men and communities and individuals of diverse SOGIESC.

03 OUR STRENGTH

Stronger interlinked communities and broader partner networks.

WE WORK IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

EDUCATION & INNOVATION

We drive innovation and promote technology to build community-based models of evidence-informed interventions and responses. We implement pilot projects which aim to deliver lessons and result in future scale up. We produce campaigns to inform our community members about issues which affect their health and wellbeing. We deliver training and produce resources to help our community partners to improve how they work. We develop and trial new health promotion initiatives that can be used by community partners across the region.

ADVOCACY & RESEARCH

We work with individuals and community partners across the region to help implementers, legislators, policymakers, and international agencies including donor agencies to better understand the context, situation and the gaps in relation to access of rights and needs of our communities, and compel them to act. We also undertake and support a range of local, national and international research projects, so we can inform our advocacy with appropriate evidence and to contribute to raising awareness about the situation of the communities we work with

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We strengthen capacities to build new generations of leadership among gay men and other men who have sex with men and SOGIESC people. We engage communities to deliver strong responses based on evidence and good practice. We connect community members, community partners and other stakeholders so that we can all work together more effectively. We work with individuals and communities to focus attention on local needs that are emerging, forgotten or ignored.

COMMUNITY-LED MECHANISM INITIATIVES

[COMMUNITY - BASED MONITORING]

APCOM provided technical assistance support to country partners in Bhutan, Laos, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka on Community Based Monitoring (CBM) to gather and use the information on improving the quality and access to HIV services for key populations.

APCOM and AFAO conducted the following activities under the CBM component, using the guide developed by APCOM (click [here](#) to see more information about this guide):

SCI IN BHUTAN

Progress

SCI together with community-based organizations, Lhak Sam and Pride- Bhutan rolled out the CBM programme. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, both community-based organizations have rolled out the data-gathering work and reached out to KP beneficiaries accessing services from the clinics in Bhutan (MSM, Transgender, and PLHIV community members). Lhak Sam reached out to 143 respondents and Pride-Bhutan collected data from 175 respondents. The gathered data was analyzed and transformed into a report and presented to the stakeholders (CCM members and National Programmers). Some key findings from the report are; six of the 121 respondents had faced stigma of some form, four respondents faced stigma from family, friends, partners, or neighbors for visiting health centers, more than half of respondents reported that they had never tested for HIV. According to Lhak-Sam and Pride Bhutan, CBM has the potential to improve the national HIV programme and the effectiveness of HIV services by taking into account the needs and priorities of the end-users. More specifically, CBM holds the promise of making services more client-centered and, hence, of providing evidence-based inputs to improve their accessibility, quality and acceptability.



CHIAS IN LAOS

Progress

Orientation meetings conducted with in-country stakeholders and key population communities. The stakeholders are from Stakeholders are from the CCM, CHAS, UNAIDS, FHI 360, CDC, MoH. This consultation meeting was conducted with an intention to; 1. present and share the CBM progress to date; 2. provide an overview of overall CBM, its approaches, and methods; 3. engagement of CHias with potential stakeholders on the CBM intervention program in Laos. CHias in Laos is regularly engaged with the in-country stakeholders to ensure the CBM process and work is open and transparent.

COMMUNITY-LED MECHANISM INITIATIVES

YFHC IN MONGOLIA

Progress

Conducted a community research and reached out to 604 MSM respondents and 210 FSW respondents. Some crucial findings include, large number of respondents have accessed HIV testing services from the NGO clinics in Ulaanbaatar city. A few respondents are afraid that some health care centers in Mongolia are not maintaining clients' confidentiality.

YFHC together with APCOM presented the CBM key findings to the CCM members in Mongolia. YFHC will continue to collaborate with CCM members to receive support from them for swift CBM implementation and further advocacy for HIV programme improvement.

FPA IN SRI LANKA

Progress

FPA together with APCOM conducted a orientation meeting with H2H team in August 2021 to; Assist H2H in getting acquainted with the GF SKPA project and its objectives. 2. Orient H2H on CBM concept, CBM process, methodology, and data collection instrument based on experienced of CBM implementation. Strengthen the partnership between FPA, H2H, NSACP, and APCOM. This meeting provided a broader picture and relevance of the CBM intervention programme to all participants.

KP CONSORTIUM IN PNG

Progress

Community data collectors reached out to 120 respondents (including, sex workers, PLHIV, and MSM) from 9 clinical sites in PNG. The data gathered was analyzed and presented in a technical working group meeting and highlighted the gaps and issues in the health intervention programme in PNG, particularly around the HIV commodities, testing access, and attitudes such as; most of the KPs expressed satisfaction that met their needs for visiting the health facilities; A few of the TG expressed their appreciation for how the clinicians treated them. One of them stated that, "I was happy after receiving the service because I am a TG, and the male clinician treated me with respect. The client (TG) also felt free and secure/open to ask questions, and the answers given were satisfying and with great help.

Those that expressed dissatisfaction due to the reasons of the facility had run out of stock, no STI medications, some clinicians not attending to them quickly and busy answering a call while the clients waited long waiting times. Based on the key findings from CBM report, KP consortium will continue to advocate with the stakeholders for a strong health intervention programme in PNG.

COMMUNITY-LED MECHANISM INITIATIVES

[ACCOUNTABILITY TOOL: KEYPOP APP]

JumpStart2020 builds on our experience in strengthening capacity and programmes for community organisations and key population networks. Through funding support from ViiV Healthcare, it works to develop and implement a key population community-led audit framework to monitor programme investments by PEPFAR through the Key Population Investment Fund (KPIF). Specifically, the framework will measure the level of investments in key population community strengthening in terms of actual funds, capacity strengthening activities, level of investments in the various elements of community systems strengthening, numbers of key population community members reached. Through the project, the KP networks and partners will be ready to use the audit framework and monitor the involvement of key population representatives and communities in funding decision-making process. The program also aims to contribute to the sustainability of key population led HIV services by advocating for increased investments to key population-led programming within the KPIF programmes.

The Key Population Investments, Participation and Ownership Rapid Audit Apparatus (KeyPop App) is the main output of the project. The KeyPop App will be used by community organisations in producing the needed data for public accountability, especially on promised investments. The information will Inform PEPFAR, KP networks and national governments on what goes well and what needs improvement.

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COMMUNITY-LED MECHANISM INITIATIVES

[COP/ROP21]

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and prohibitions, face-to-face meetings are impossible. In order for APCOM to continue strengthen partners' capacity regarding PEPFAR's Key Population Investment Fund (KPIF) and the Country Operational Plans / Regional Operational Plan (COP/ROP), APCOM implemented #KeyPopAsiaCOP21.

The #KeyPopAsiaCOP21 was a series of data collection and consultation with key populations and their networks at the country and regional level. The main component of activity is the direct linking of key population networks and PEPFAR offices during the consultations.

#KeyPopAsiaCOP21 highlighted the challenges that KP-led organizations face in regards to sustainability:

- Challenges in diversifying the HIV services offered to fully meet the needs of key populations.
- Inadequate capacity to develop business plans for sustainability.
- Lack of access to capital on preferential terms.
- Difficulty to fully integrate into national health systems and insurance schemes, thereby limiting their ability to sustain themselves and provide diverse and quality services.
- Difficulty accessing quality assurance and accreditation processes and tools due to the nature of funding and targeted service delivery
- National policies and practices that do not support key population programming and/or legal, functioning, and transparent social contracting mechanisms.
- Addressing human rights barriers and legal environment

The engagements through this activity focused on the COP/ROP21's three phases:

- PHASE 1: PREPARATION (01-14 April 2021),
- PHASE 2: PLANNING (15-29 April 2021), and
- PHASE 3: COMPLETION (03-21 May 2021).

COMMUNITY-LED MECHANISM INITIATIVES

[U=U] ADVOCACY

The landmark research finding about people living with HIV (PLHIV) with undetectable viral load (virally suppressed) CANNOT pass on the virus through sexual transmission was based on HPTN, PARTNERS and PARTNERS2 Studies. Hence, the “Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U)”. This also highlights that the ‘optimal use’ of ART (taking ART daily as prescribed and achieving and maintaining viral suppression) is an effective prevention strategy to reduce the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV. This is achieved if people diagnosed positive for HIV is put into treatment as early as possible.

PHILIPPINES

With the still increasing numbers of PLHIV in the Philippines, one of the main challenges that the country is facing collectively is the logistics side of accommodating the fast growing numbers of PLHIV. Hence, the main goal of this U=U key messaging webinar focused on two various targeted markets: First is the PLHIV community and second are the healthcare providers, co-advocates and Influencers.

The goal is to stir up and rally these targeted sectors of the market to create a significant clamor and hopefully subtly shift the mindset and perspective of all targeted audience depending on the key messaging that the program intends to achieve.

Started in 2020, through the PEPFAR/USAID/EpiC project, and in partnership with Prevention Access Campaign (PAC), APCOM organized a series of webinars about the principles and key messaging of “Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U)” for communities in Asia-Pacific. The webinars aimed to increase the visibility of campaigns on ‘U=U’ in the region, and to highlight good practices taken by CBOs in communicating the key messages behind U=U.

As part of the initiative, APCOM strengthens the communication strategies of country-level community-based organisations (CBOs), or PLHIV networks in the Asia-Pacific Region to tailor and adapt the stages and key messaging to guide active engagements with communities, health providers and national HIV program.

The engagement of the key population is crucial to ensuring that the needs of their communities are appropriately addressed in particular on activities related to the key messaging of U=U. Yet clear, concise and community-friendly guidance on communications and social media strategies are very limited. The messaging founded on the U=U campaign is vital for bringing the science to not only the general public and health practitioners, but also to people living with HIV who may not have been informed about U=U, especially those who are already marginalized by healthcare systems. From a human rights perspective, one of the key messages of U=U advocates for the rights of PLHIV to have access to accurate information about their social, sexual and reproductive health HIV stigma is a public health emergency.

COMMUNITY-LED MECHANISM INITIATIVES

INDONESIA

In Indonesia, U=U is more commonly used as a preventive method when a sero-discordant couple is planning a pregnancy (PMTCT). The community worker’s and health providers’ knowledge and interpretation of U=U, on the other hand, is still extremely varied. While some CSOs and healthcare providers have incorporated U=U messages into their service delivery, others are still unfamiliar with the concept. The notion of U=U has only been presented to healthcare workers through training activities or meetings/discussions, raising fears that delivering the U=U message will lead to their HIV patients relapsing to unsafe sexual conduct, particularly when it comes to condom use.

There appears to be no pushback to the U=U concept from the Ministry of Health. The U=U concept, on the other hand, has yet to be incorporated into either healthcare training modules or national guidelines. In the final draft of the revised Minister of Health Regulation (to be released in 2021) on HIV Treatment Management, the phrase U=U is specifically addressed in the section on “HIV promotional messaging.” However, no detail is provided on facts that supporting zero transmission in unprotected sex when the preconditions for U=U are fulfilled. Communication strategies or technical guidelines related to U=U are not yet available among the community, both at CSO service delivery providers and national networks of key populations.

Advocating for U=U is challenging for CSOs and health providers due to the absence of a national guideline. The absence was believed to have resulted in disparities in stakeholders’ interpretation of U=U as a preventative endeavor, resulting in the U=U message not being consistently presented in a complete manner. The national network of KAPs stressed the importance of investigating the best way to formulate a U=U communications strategy by taking into account the unique features and preventative needs of KAPs. For HIV-positive women, the U=U campaign must be implemented with caution to avoid counterproductive efforts to prevent unintended pregnancies and violence against women. The same is true for female sex workers group.

[testBKK]

Year 2021 has been the year of party pack, where we distributed a total of 4,444 party packs in those packs includes 15 condoms and lubricants, making the total number for 2021 of 66,660 condoms and 66,660 lubricants. The most HIV prevention package distribution in testBKK history and it is one of the core activities in the programme.

For 2021, is also the year of promotional materials for testBKK, the programme have produced 2 infographic videos on PrEP and HIV self-testing, informative video about chemsex, documentary on MSM sex worker in Bangkok, 2 promotional videos on HIV testing, PrEP subscription and clinic introduction, 3 comic strips, an influencer video and a new photoset for promoting HIV prevention, testing, treatment, U=U. All of these materials are then launched on testBKK Facebook fanpage, twitter account, Instagram and testBKK.org.

testBKK has been working with local influencers on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to better influence our target audience (young gay men and MSM) and disseminate information on HIV prevention, testing and treatment. We have worked with the influencers in creating contents and sharing them through their social media accounts and testBKK accounts. The contents are not solely about topic of HIV prevention, testing and treatment but more on lifestyles and entertainment while inserting the key messages throughout the video to better cement the idea rather than forcing it on to the audience.

testBKK does not have only content in form of visual graphics but also in writing like blogs and microblog. The content are usually about life styles and interesting topics during those periods, they were posted on testBKK.org website then later shared on Facebook and Twitter.

testBKK also utilized our social media prowess to influence and have better engagement with the community by interacting and individualizing response in each post and tweet. This created a friendly environment within the community and making topics about sexual health and HIV more easily accessible and thus create a better HIV prevention, testing and treatment programme. Moreover, in 2021 testBKK answered more than 100 chats through our social media (Facebook messenger, Twitter Direct Message). We have a team that helps reply crucial question about HIV, sexual health, chemsex and clinics.

And this year testBKK partnered with Jack'D, a social dating application for gay and MSM and Durex, the condom and lubricant company. The partnership primarily was a sponsorship for disseminating HIV prevention package or party pack, where they supply the products and shipping fee for the distribution campaign.



[testBKK.org]

309,885

Pageviews

249,273

Sessions

211,831

Users

84.6%

New Users



[testBKK Facebook page]

696,744

Facebook
Pageviews

71,760

Likes

73,318

Followers

2,355,411

Reach



[testBKK Twitter stat]

2,002,000

Twitter
Impressions

287,225

Profile
Visits

3,339

New Followers

6,757

Followers

SBCC AND DEMAND GENERATION

[SKPA DEMAND GENERATION]

The Sustainability of HIV Services for Key Populations in Asia Programme (SKPA) is a Multi Country/Multi Year (2019-2021) Grant programme, funded by the Global Fund Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The SKPA Programme is led by the Australian Federation of AIDS organizations (AFAO) and implemented in eight countries with the goal to scale up and promote sustainable HIV prevention services for key populations to stop HIV transmission and AIDS related deaths by 2030. The year of 2021 is the last implementation year of the project.

Demand generation under the SKPA project is an initiative to mitigate service delivery gaps through community-led social marketing and online digital campaign, which is specifically tailored to scale-up outreach to key populations and improve their access to prevention, testing and treatment, and retention in the service cascade. It is also an initiative to introduce new and essential programming elements to a country and boosting innovative interventions, including PrEP and self-testing. APCOM works with partner organizations in Laos, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines, providing overall technical assistance from the conceptualization stage to monitoring and evaluation, including assessment processes of the campaigns. Here are some examples:

LAOS

PrEP is newly introduced as an innovative intervention in Laos, where the first ever PrEP client enrolled in the beginning of 2021. To ensure concerted efforts, CHIA, with consistent technical assistance from APCOM, is implementing a social marketing and online digital campaign titled testVTE, which is modeled after APCOM's flagship campaign testXXX. It aims not only to create demand for PrEP, but also self-testing (HIVST) and community-based testing among MSM and transgender women community in Vientiane capital. Using strategic information gathered from a series of FGD involving almost 40 community members, the campaign was constructed in the best way to reach the prospective target audience. Grand launch of the testVTE campaign took place a few days before the end of the year, just in time before the SKPA project wrapped up, attended by many prominent stakeholders in the country, including government officials who delightfully provided support and appreciation toward the campaign. The launch of testVTE – Laos' first ever online-based campaign for HIV-related issues – has marked an important stepping stone for HIV intervention in the country.



SBCC AND DEMAND GENERATION

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Focus Group Discussions were conducted to set a benchmark for future demand generation activities in Papua New Guinea. The initiative, involving 28 individuals from 4 different groups (female sex worker, MSM, transgender women and men at higher risk), produced invaluable findings and recommendations that are essential in supporting the development of report, which has been presented to the in-country HIV Technical Working Group at the end of the year. While the majority of participants are familiar with the use of mainstream digital platforms, there was only minimal effort to utilize these tools to seek key health information. Continuous stigma and discriminations through the use of stereotyping and discriminatory words and slangs are found to be one of the bottlenecks for key populations in accessing services.



SBCC AND DEMAND GENERATION

[SKPA DEMAND GENERATION]

MONGOLIA

The test4UB campaign led by Youth for Health Center (YFHC), an adaptation of APCOM's flagship campaign testXXX, is highly considered as a successful programme implementation in reaching the MSM community in Ulaanbaatar capital. Embarking with the "TEST. PrEP. SEX. REPEAT." Slogan, the campaign directly links to the PrEP and self-testing (HIVST) demonstration project as innovative interventions at the country level. While offline-based activities are constrained by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the online-based activities and its supporting components, such as video production, social media outreach, geo-social advertising (most notably with Grindr dating application) and utilization of community influencers, are all greatly implemented in line with the initial work plan. Campaign touchpoint highlights are website and podcast, where it reaches more than 185,000 and 28,000 views during the lifespan of the SKPA project, respectively. test4UB is setting a milestone as one of the first campaigns with focus on HIV intervention and highly regarded as the first for MSM as its main target audience in the country.



SBCC AND DEMAND GENERATION



PHILIPPINES

#SaferNowPH, an ambitious nationwide campaign pioneered by LoveYourself, Inc. has been successfully implemented as part of the demand generation component. The campaign produced more than 5 seasonal campaigns during the lifespan of SKPA project, most notably the National HIV Prevention Month implemented in the mid-year, replicating last year's success, but bigger and bolder. The Department of Health Promotion Bureau are even interested in promoting the event concept as a national scale event and suggest for scale-up, although they suggest to change the timing to sometime around the month of November or December, to make it in line with the momentum of the World AIDS Day. What makes these series of campaigns interesting are the fact that it is a collective initiative, involving numerous community-based organizations, as well as notable stakeholders and other private sectors across the country. In parallel of the implementation of the seasonal campaigns, LoveYourself, Inc. set in various strategies through wide arrays of activities – online and offline – reaching out to key populations at scale.



SOGIESC RIGHTS

[ADVOCATING FOR LGBTQI SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION]

2021 marked the successful culmination of Finance Inc, a multi country project implemented by APCOM and our country partner organizations in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and the Philippines. Finance Inc provided an opportunity for APCOM and our country partner organizations to engage the Asian Development Bank and the private sector in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and the Philippines on LGBTQI inclusion.

As a pivot to the effects of COVID19 which necessitated the migration of physical activities to online platforms, APCOM launched capacity strengthening of APCOM and partner organizations on how to effectively conduct online activities March 2021.

Country partner organizations in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and the Philippines also embarked on pilot projects which aimed to engage select private businesses in their respective countries for LGBTQI inclusion. Engagements were in the form of SOGIESC awareness raising activities with private businesses. Country partner organizations also developed advocacy videos meant to draw attention to diversity and inclusion in workplaces.

INDONESIA

Suara Kita (Indonesia) implemented 'Bridging LGBTQI Communities and the Private Sector For Inclusion'. Suara Kita conducted webinar sessions with representatives from private businesses in which they shared their experience regarding inclusivity in their respective workplaces. Webinars were attended by participants from the LGBTQI community. Video about Suara Kita's experience in implementing the pilot project can be accessed [here](#)



LAO PDR

Community Health and Inclusion Association (CHIAs) in Lao PDR implemented SOGIE Inclusion Advocacy in the Workplace with Select Private Sector in Lao PDR. CHIAs produced a video [Diversity and Inclusion in Workplaces](#) in Lao PDR which talks about the importance of inclusive workplaces.



SOGIESC RIGHTS

APCOM aims to build on our experiences and reflections in our implementation of Finance Inc. (2018-March 2021) to contribute to increased inclusion as reflected in policies, spaces, and activities at the Asian Development Bank and the private sector/businesses. We have received commitment from Voice to continue the project, following on from Finance Inc. Called (IM)PART, the project aims to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals' vision of leaving no one behind, and increase social and economic inclusion of LGBTQI people and communities' through engagements with the Asian Development Bank and the private sector/businesses in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand.

(IM)PART project components include partnership building, advocacy, awareness-raising, community-led data generation and evidence building, and capacity strengthening.

(IM)PART is being implemented by APCOM for regional and Thailand activities, with our country partner organizations Micro Rainbow International Foundation Cambodia (Cambodia), Suara Kita (Indonesia), Community Health and Inclusion Association - CHIAs (Lao PDR) and Babaylanes Inc (Philippines) with support from VOICE Global. The project runs from June 2021 to December 2023.

CAMBODIA

Micro Rainbow International Foundation (Cambodia) implemented Advocacy for LGBTQI Inclusion in the private sector through awareness raising. This consisted of radio programs which discussed effects of COVID19 on LGBTQI community in Cambodia which can be accessed [here](#). Suara Kita also produced a video [Open Door](#) which highlights how LGBTQI inclusion can benefit workplaces.



PHILIPPINES

Babaylanes in the Philippines implemented Engagement with the Private Sector through Development of SOGIESC Sensitivity Workshop Digital and Physical Modules. Under this, they were able to produce a [video](#) which documented their experiences in **engaging with the private sector through the development of SOGIESC sensitivity workshop**, including the challenges of LGBTQI Filipinos in the workplace, and how these challenges are being navigated



MOBILISING THE COMMUNITY FOR JOINT ADVOCACY

[HOLDING GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR COMMITMENTS IN ENDING AIDS]

Working with nearly 60 regional and country organizations in the Asia Pacific in developing recommendations to the United Nations High-Level Meeting on AIDS, and influencing the [Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Ending Inequalities and Getting on Track to End AIDS by 2030](#), the following took place:

- Development and launch of [Tools for our community for the High-Level Meeting](#)
- [Stakeholder Consultation Report](#) produced from 66 participants from the region discussing the progress of implementation of the 2016 Political Declaration to end AIDS, and explored country-level and regional advocacy possibilities.
- [Summary of Questionnaire findings](#) produced from online survey to gauge the views of the community and experiences of progress of the 2016 Political Declaration, and their expectations to the 2021 Declaration
- Joint Statement for Asia and the Pacific region: [Recommendations for meaningful integration of priority needs and concerns of Key Populations in Asia and the Pacific into the 2021 Political Declaration on Ending AIDS](#)

We received [official response from the Co-Chair](#), and a [debrief session of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN with Thai Civil Society on the HLM](#).

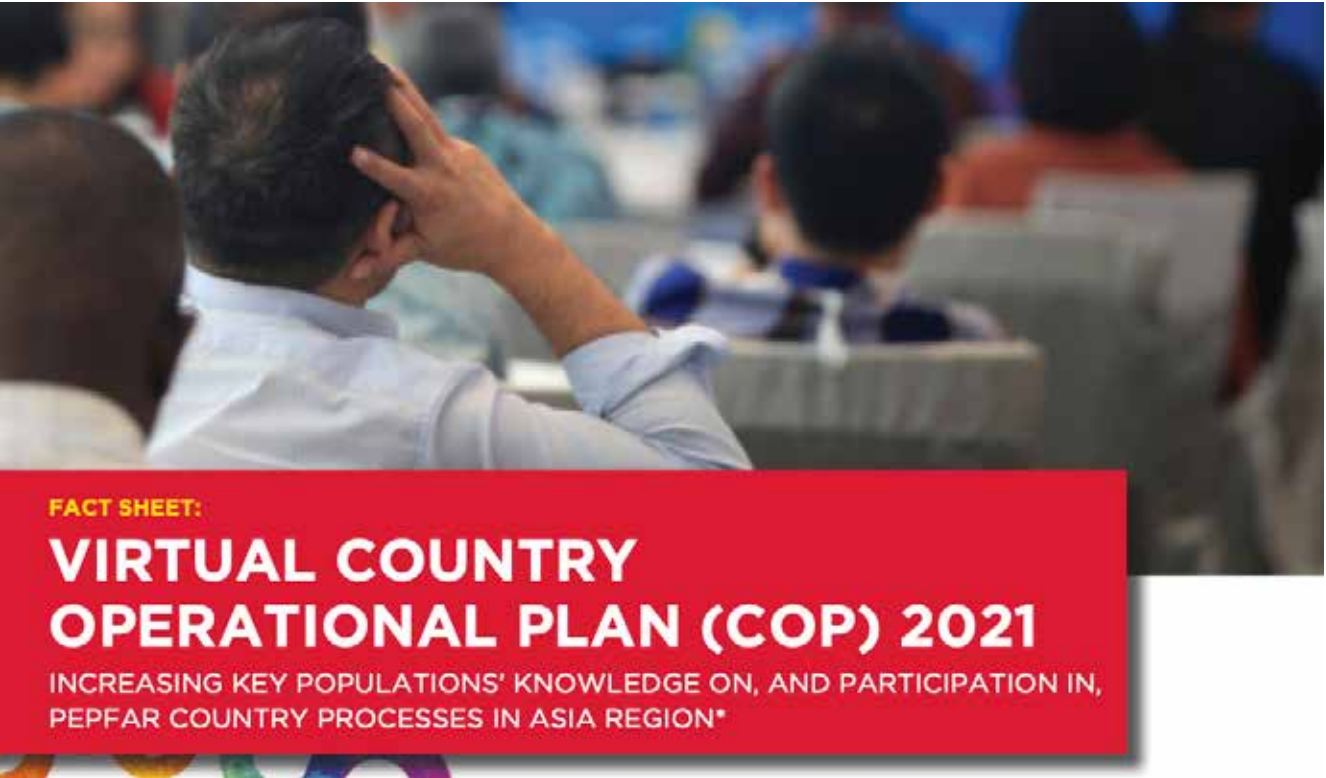


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[PEPFAR COP 2021: RECOGNISING OPPORTUNITIES, FORGING PARTNERSHIPS, CREATING MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENTS]

APCOM launched the COP Opportunity Kit: Evaluating Key Population Involvement in COP 2019 and Mapping Opportunities for Community Intervention in COP 2021 and a [Factsheet](#) for country level community-based and key population organisations ahead of the PEPFAR Country Operational Plans/Regional Operational Plans (COP/ROP) process which covers 13 countries in the region – Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Nepal, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Tajikistan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Due to the pandemic and the process taking place online, the documents helped to ensure more key populations and communities are able to understand PEPFAR and its mechanisms.

APCOM also co-hosted the PEPFAR Asia Region Pre-ROP Town Hall Meeting in partnership with PEPFAR Asia Regional Program, attended by 23 civil society and key population representative from across 12 countries in the region, the meeting presented a very important opportunity in building the essential role of community based organisations in the PEPFAR Asia Region in the planning, implementation, scaling, and monitoring of implementation approaches.



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[APCOM X GILEAD MASTERCLASS]

In view of this opportunity for learning, Gilead would like to partner with APCOM to host a Community Masterclass series. These virtual convenings will bring together global experts and community-based organizations (CBOs) across Asia – with a special focus on Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan (Asia 5) – for dialogue and knowledge-exchange.

The Community Masterclass series provides a platform for CBOs to learn from experts and peers about best practices and new innovations that can inform the design of more effective programs.

The series will take the form of three x 1.5-hour closed-door (by invitation only) virtual convenings between September to December 2021. We are looking at hosting these towards the end of the week in the late morning (to suit Asia time zones) but the exact date and time will be determined in accordance with speaker' availability.

To ensure a high production value, these sessions will comprise a snappy icebreaker video, a pre-recorded presentation by an international expert, a live moderated discussion with regional experts, and audience participation through breakout exercises. The sessions will be conducted in English. To overcome potential language barriers, however, the recordings will feature English subtitles and potentially simultaneous interpretation in languages such as Korean, Mandarin and Japanese (contingent on participants' needs).

We will use Zoom to host the webinars. This is suitable for low bandwidth settings and gives us the flexibility of integrating live language interpretation. We will assess the language support requirements of participants using a pre-event survey and decide whether this feature is necessary.

Though the webinars are by invitation only – targeting CBOs within the region – the recorded webinars will be distilled into capacity-building resources housed on the Rainbow Grant microsite, APCOM website and channels of our chosen media partners.

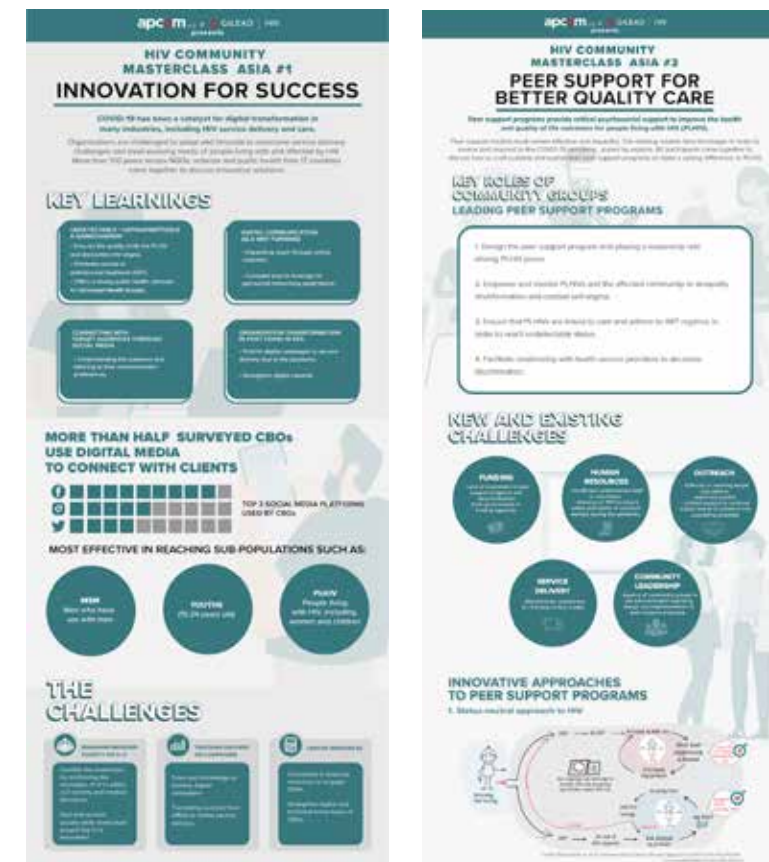
These are invite-only sessions targeting CBOs in Asia, especially in the aforementioned markets. However, the sessions will also be open to healthcare professionals, representatives from public health agencies, and representatives from regional or international NGOs working on HIV issues. The list of invitees will be drawn from APCOM and Gilead's respective networks. A pre-event invitation will be sent out and participants will be required to register and complete a survey. Upon successful registration, a secure Zoom link will be sent enabling them to dial in on the event day. The target number of registrants is 50 pax, assuming a drop-out rate of 20-25%. This will enable us to keep the size of each breakout group to between 15-20 pax.

These will be woven into the agenda of the 3 thematic sessions:

- **Innovating for Success:**
 - Designing innovative and engaging campaigns
 - Transforming organisations to meet evolving needs in HIV care
- **Peer Support for People Living with HIV**
 - Examining successful models and how these have adapted under pandemic conditions
- **Going beyond 90-90-90**
 - Celebrating success for countries that have reached 90-90-90 in Asia Pacific
 - Overcoming the double-edge sword of success in terms of funding
 - Identifying new frontiers for progress

The intended outcome is to help build capacity within CBOs to support their work in the HIV space through expert-led sessions and peer-to-peer learning. To sustain the momentum on these important issues, materials developed (such as videos, stories, infographics) will be useful tools to continue the education and advocacy.

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[APCOM X TWITTER SPACE]

The APCOM x Twitter online activity was in observance of the World AIDS Day on 01 December 2021. This online event was also simultaneous with Twitter's launch of #ThereIsHelp and #WorldAIDSDay official hashtag.

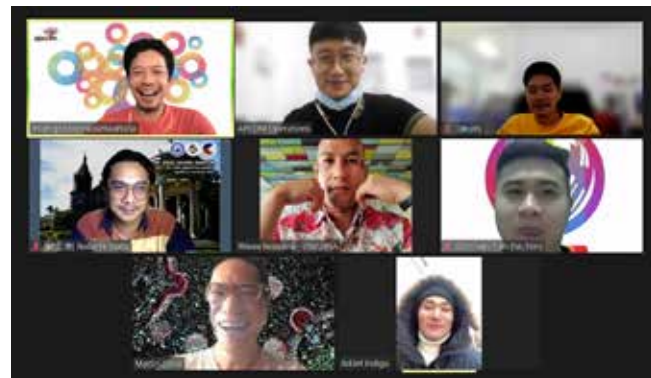


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[APCOM X WHO REGIONAL PREP WEBINAR]

APCOM, with the support of WHO, UNAIDS, and USAID, along with FHI360, the USAID EpiC Project, PATH, IHRI, PrEP Viet and APTN, organized the ground-breaking webinar titled “New PrEP Products for Asia Pacific: What Do We Need to Know?” on 7 October 2021. It discusses evidence supporting long-acting injectable drug cabotegravir (CAB-LA) from the successful HPTN 083 Study in Thailand and Vietnam, while also discussing implications for combination prevention and other future PrEP products. Leading doctors from the research study, along with one community participant from both sites shared their journey, including the showcase of dazzling videos which explains how the initiative is being implemented.

In the latter sequence of the webinar, representatives from key population communities (female sex workers, men who have sex with men (MSM) who use drugs, transmen, transwomen and young key population), also share their views on how they envisioned PrEP as HIV combination prevention strategy going forward. Intended for civil society organizations, key population communities and other stakeholders who are interested in learning more about new PrEP products and actively participating in generating demand for PrEP in the Asia Pacific region, there were 214 participants who are registered and attendance rate is almost 70%. One of the objectives of the webinar was to serve as a prelude for an upcoming regional survey to assess values and preferences for PrEP products among MSM and transwomen, which is going to take place in more than 15 countries across the region in 2022.



[APCOM X FHI360 CHEMSEX WEBINAR]

Chemsex or Sexualized drug use is one of the endmost pivotal milestone that is require to be tackled to finally put an end to our overdue battle with HIV AIDS as it has cemented its unwarranted epic center in Asia Pacific region since 2018. Several alarming reports are expected to be broadcasted by various media outlets forecasting the significant drastic increase of drug supply and usage in the region fueled by the current political unrests in Myanmar and Afghanistan.

APCOM in alliance with PEPFAR/USAID under EpiC Project and with the full of backing of UNAIDS, the Global Funds, UNODC and UNSW has taken the valiant role to further the discussion in creating opportunities for the integration of sexualized drug users into HIV programmes with a careful examination of challenges and promising solutions for attaining, providing and maintaining HIV services in addressing Chemsex with wide variations of prevalence among men having sex with men and transgender women.

The virtual event was facilitated by our very own Executive Director, Midnight Poonsakesawattana, which warmly welcomed all 190 participants from 23 countries across the Asia Pacific Region and Europe followed by the prefatory remarks of USAID RDMA's HIV Deputy Team Leader, Dr. Pimpanitta “Guide” Saenyakul, who firmly believe that the output of this discussion could assist USAID to design and develop robust interventions to accelerate key strategies for epidemic control in achieving our the global target by 2030.



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Desire Rwodzi of UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific together with Angela Kelly Hanku of Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research and the Kirby institute, UNSW, has supplied us with factual background on Chemsex based on the WHO/UNODC Technical Guide on HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support for people who use stimulant drug and Qualitative Scoping Review of Sexualised Drug Use (including Chemsex) respectively. To view the mentioned reports, please kindly click the link below;

[Technical Guide on HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support for People who use stimulant drug](#)

[A qualitative scoping review of sexualised drug use \(including Chemsex\) of men who have sex with men and transgender women in Asia](#)

Furthermore, the timely Regional Asia Pacific Chemsex Webinar centered on the on-the-ground experiences and perspectives of our hard-working community advocates from Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Philippines highlighting the key findings from Chemsex research among MSM from their respective countries, shared views on Chemsex and possible solutions moving forward which collectively aim to champion the Government and other stakeholders to accept Chemsex interventions are lifesaving both at policy level and public health standpoint. Here are some key findings and recommendation from Chemsex Research across Asia;

Key Findings:

1. MSM chemsex users in the Philippines are more likely to engage in condom-less sex, making them more vulnerable and at risk of contracting HIV/STIs.
2. In Vietnam, MSM has exposed on are challenges at personal level, such as lack of knowledge of drugs, harm reduction, HIV prevention and treatment, self-stigma, substance dependency, and mental health problems.
3. Popular drug/ substance in Indonesia is Shabu, Inex, Poppers, Tramadol, and happy from these drugs, Poppers is highly preferred by MSM for chemsex activity.

Recommendations;

1. Develop a comprehensive and appropriate harm reduction service package in line with community needs and priorities and deliver it by community peers with collaboration with Health Service Providers;
2. Increase social media interventions on awareness-raising, harm reduction promotions, covid hiv preventive measures, and HIV/AIDS services;
3. Advocate for enabling policy and support appropriate mechanisms for the people who use drugs;
4. Online counseling;
5. Structural and clinical guidelines to be made available. (Revolving around the issues of chemsex in the context of public health).

Lastly, the brief introduction and discussion for the upcoming “Chemsex and HIV Cascade: A Guide for Program Planners in Key Population-led HIV/Sexual Health Programs in Southeast Asia” marks the genesis on bridging and closing existing gaps by integrating sexualized drugs users in the HIV intervention programmes and the catalyst in fostering exchange of best practices through KP prevention and treatment cascade in achieving the global HIV target.

To listen more about the Chemsex and HIV Cascade and to watch the full webinar, please kindly click the [link](#) herewith;

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[IDAHOTB 2021 WEBINAR]

To commemorate the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia 2021 (IDAHOTB 2021), ADB, in collaboration with the [World Bank](#), [International Monetary Fund](#), [European Bank for Reconstruction and Development](#), and [Inter-American Development Bank](#), hosted a series of webinars to reach global audiences. For 2021, IDAHOTB comes against the backdrop of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which had adverse effects on vulnerable groups such as sexual and gender minorities, a group that World Health Organization and others have found to be at increased risk during the pandemic.

APCOM participated on a panel hosted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) talking about the impact of COVID-19 on sexual and gender minorities and policy responses to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) people mitigate the worst effects of the pandemic, show casing our #CoronaAPCOMpassion work.

To listen more about this IDAHOTB 2021 webinar, please kindly click [here](#).



[PRIDE MONTH 2021]

APCOM AND THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY KICKS OFF PRIDE MONTH HIGHLIGHTING LGBTQI INCLUSION AND COVID-19

On 4 June, APCOM in partnership with the Australian Embassy in Bangkok hosted a webinar entitled Celebrating **Pride Month 2021: LGBTQI inclusion and the effect of Covid-19** to kick start the month long Pride celebrations. The webinar comprised 2 sessions, the first session was **Voices from Thai LGBTQI: Launch of Khormoon Report**, which talks about the effects of COVID-19 on the community. The second session was **COVID-19 Recovery and LGBTQI Inclusion: A Perspective from the Business Sector**, which talks about how the business sector implemented LGBTQI inclusion and how they will further advance the LGBTQI agenda in the business sector.

PANEL 1: VOICES FROM THAI LGBTQI: LAUNCH OF KHORMOON REPORT

PANEL 2: COVID-19 RECOVERY AND LGBTQI INCLUSION: A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE BUSINESS SECTOR

BANGKOK PRIDE 2.0: COVID-19 RECOVERY TOWARDS LGBTQI INCLUSION

In partnership with The Canadian Embassy in Thailand, The Securities and Exchange Commission Thailand. The session looks at the perspectives from the Thai LGBTQI community, government, the private sector and contribute to the search for opportunities to work together across multiple sectors to celebrate and advance LGBTQI inclusion in Thailand.

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[HUMAN RIGHTS DAY WEBINAR]

BUILDING BACK INCLUSIVELY: INSIGHTS ON COVID-19 AND LGBTIQ COMMUNITIES

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone, everywhere. However, as in other situations of crisis, data shows that it has disproportionately affected communities that already experience marginalization and discrimination, including LGBTIQ people.

A community survey conducted by APCOM at the onset of the pandemic indicated that effects were particularly devastating in the areas of work/employment, access to health services, mental health and the work of LGBTIQ organizations. The session discussed the effects of Covid-19 on LGBTIQ communities in Asia.

Speakers: Hiker Chiu, Midnight Poonkasetwattana, Olam Rasaphonh, Tharindi Devasurendra, Yiu-tung Suen



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[APCOM SYMPOSIUM 2021]

Past two years have transformed nearly every aspect of our world. COVID 19 pandemic outbreak has dramatically changed APCOMs routine work to improve the rights, health, and well-being of gay men, other men who have sex with men, and SOGIESC people across Asia and the Pacific region. During the COVID 19 pandemic, APCOM was at its persistent in conducting significant events for its communities; It was evident when APCOM well-executed the [APCOM community summit event](#) in November 2020 in a hybrid format. Following the success of this event, APCOM continued its resilience and conducted another event, [APCOM symposium](#), from 27 October to 4 November of 2021 in a virtual format. This symposium event brought together delegates, speakers, community members, and participants from across Asia – Pacific region – led by and for the key population communities in the region.

APCOM symposium 2021 has provided a regional platform for key populations and LGBTQI+ community to discuss and share important innovations, updates and lessons learned on HIV and human rights work. This symposium has enabled community partners to effectively engage with national programs and scale up their roles in advocacy, design, implementation, and monitoring. This is also an opportunity to discuss possible innovations in engaging various stakeholders and players in LGBTQI+ inclusion

Here is a summary of what we discussed during the APCOM symposium 2021.

1. YOUTH PERSPECTIVE, 27 OCTOBER 2021

To amplify young key population voices and highlight their issues, APCOM collaborated with Youth Lead to conduct a “Youth Perspective” webinar on 27 October 2021 to table the issues faced by young people on access health services, mental health, stigma & discrimination, violence & bullying and etc.

During this webinar, Justin Francis Bionat from [Youth Voices Count. Inc in the Philippines](#) shared a glimpse of structural and political barriers for young key population communities accessing health services in Asia and the Pacific region. Selvan Antony from APCOM highlighted the significant findings from the [PULSE UP study report](#). Finally, the following representatives from CBOs/CSOs from partner organizations; Olam Rasaphonh from [CHias](#) in Laos, Phorng Chanthorn from [KHANA](#) in Cambodia, Dr Min Thet Phyto San from [Myanmar youth Stars](#) in Myanmar, Sadam Hanjabam from [Ya – all](#) in India and Ms. Ezza Riaz from [Dareecha Male Health Society](#) in Pakistan spoke about the ground realities/ issues that adversely affect the young key population in their countries

Dr. Heather Marie Schmitt, UNAIDS Asia Pacific Regional Office and the World Health Organization and Munkh – Erdene, [Youth Lead – Mongolia](#) moderated this overall webinar. Midnight Poonkasetwatta, Executive Director of APCOM, has given the opening remarks and welcomed and thanked all the participants.

Click [here](#) to watch the recording of the webinar.

Webinar: YOUTH PERSPECTIVE
APCOM SYMPOSIUM 2021

Moderators
Dr. Heather Marie Schmitt
UNAIDS Asia Pacific Regional Office and the World Health Organization

Speakers
Midnight Poonkasetwatta
Executive Director, APCOM
Justin Francis Bionat
Executive Director, Youth Voices Count. Inc., Philippines
Selvan Anthony
Programs Officer, APCOM, Thailand
Olam Rasaphonh
Programs Coordinator, CHias, Laos
Phorng Chanthorn
Senior Coordinator for Partnership, Policy and Monitoring, KHANA, Cambodia
Dr. Min Thet Phyto San
Network and Program Coordinator, Myanmar Youth Stars, Myanmar
Sadam Hanjabam
Founder and CEO, Ya – all, India
Ezza Riaz
Community Education Coordinator, Dareecha Male Health Society, Pakistan

Date: 27 October 2021, Wednesday | Time: 10 - 11 am, Bangkok time

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2. THE FUTURE OF HIV SELF-TESTING IN THAILAND/อนาคตของ HIV SELF- TESTING ในประเทศไทย 27 OCTOBER 2021

Thailand is in the starting stages of having HIV self-testing disseminated to the general public after long years of approval process in the Thai FDA. . However, after going through that hurdle, more new hurdles need to go through.

Speakers; Rachaya S - Pacific Biotech, Siroat Jittjang - FHI360, Panyaphon Phiphatkhunarn - Love Foundation, Thisanut Kaewnukul - APCOM, Phubet Panphet - RSAT, George - Clubhouse Idol Men.

Speakers shared their opinions about HIV self-testing in Thailand. The HIV self-testing distributors shared their experience in distributing their devices and gave a small demonstration for their devices.

Click [here](#) to see the webinar recording.

3. SAFETY OF CHEMSEX AND HIV PREVENTION / ความปลอดภัยใน CHEMSEX และการป้องกัน HIV 28 OCTOBER 2021

Chemsex situation in Thailand has worsened due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. However, few agencies in Thailand are unable to respond to this service gap with the rising use of sexualized drugs amongst men who have sex with men.

Speakers; Chaophichan Techo (Din); Akaraset Chawengchinwong (Arm); Charunee Siriphan (Ja); Wattana Keiangpa (A) highlighted the current situation and the HIV prevention strategy for chemsex users.

Click [here](#) to watch the recording of the webinar.

4. ARE WE LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND? THE LGBTQI ECONOMIC INCLUSION SITUATION IN SELECT COUNTRIES IN SEA 29 OCTOBER 2021

The session looked into the LGBTQI social and economic inclusion/exclusion in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and the Philippines focusing on health, education, employment, financial inclusion based on the research conducted by panelists. Panelists also shared how COVID19 affected the LGBTQI individuals and communities in their respective countries, and responses of LGBTQI organizations to COVID19. They also shared their insights on how stakeholders can be more LGBTQI inclusive in the process of rebuilding after COVID19.

Speakers during the panel were: Yara Kong, Project Officer of MRIF Cambodia; Olam Rasaphonh, Project Officer of Community Health and Inclusion Association (CHIAs) in Lao PDR; Radi Arya Wangsareja, Media Campaigns Officer of Suara Kita, and Jap Ignacio, Executive Director of Babaylanes. The session was facilitated by Ramil Andag, SOGIESC Rights Officer of APCOM.

Click [here](#) to watch the recording of the webinar.

ความปลอดภัยใน Chemsex และการป้องกัน HIV
Safety of Chemsex and HIV Prevention
APCOM SYMPOSIUM 2021

Moderator
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Campaign Officer, มูลนิธิเพื่อสิทธิมนุษยชน (APCOM Foundation)
Wattana Keiangpa (A)
Co-founder, มูลนิธิเพื่อสิทธิมนุษยชน (APCOM Foundation)

Date: 28 October 2021, Thursday | Time: 2-3:15 pm, Bangkok time

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5. THAILAND LGBTQI+ BIZ 2021 I 29 OCTOBER 2021 27 OCTOBER 2021

The Thailand LGBTQI+ Biz Forum 2021, an online event as a part of APCOM Summit 2021, was held on 29 October 2021. The objective of the forum is providing the space to share perspectives from LGBTQI community, government agencies, private businesses on diversity and inclusion. All sectors will discuss the LGBTQI situation in Thailand and COVID has affected the LGBTQI people and communities, including LGBTQI-related businesses. Most importantly, to seek the possibilities of being more LGBTQI inclusive in the 'new normal' after COVID19.

The forum was composed of two (2) panel discussions. The first panel discussion was "LGBTQI+ Situation in Thailand – What's happening?" Starting the first panel, the session brought all audience to review the situations of LGBTQI in Thailand from the civil society, government, and private sector. Stories from the panelists were shared as making point of change to make awareness and become the spearhead supporters for LGBTQI issues. Although all sectors are working differently with various types of targets on LGBTQI advocating, however, we are putting on the same track to our goal, building LGBTQI equality to our society. The panelists for this session were: Nattinee Nateamphai, External affairs & Media Relations Senior Manager, Unilever Thai Trading Limited (Head Office); Chitsanupong Nithiwana, Managing Director, Young Pride Club; Kannika Charoenrak from Department of Women's Affairs and Family Development, The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. This session was moderated by Midnight Poonkasetwattana, Executive Director of APCOM.



The second panel discussion was "How COVID-19 affected Thai LGBTQI business?" Tourism industry in Thailand is one of the top revenues and generating as the main income for many workers, especially for LGBTQI community. However, due to the outbreak has been existing for years, most of small-medium business (SMEs) in Tourism industry are vulnerably affected from the restrictions. Consequently, most businesses were closed, and people were unable to generate income for living. This session explored the situation of the LGBTQI Businesses affected by COVID-19 in Thailand. And sharing stories, lesson learned, and suggestions from the panelists on how businesses can be more inclusive in the process of building back in the 'new normal' life, and opportunities for LGBTQI in Thailand. The panelists for this session were: Tinnaphat Sutthakard from Silom Soi 4 Group; Apinan Sittichai from Pinklao Spa, Akkaraset Chawengshinnawong from Krubb Bangkok; Silpin "Zymone" Gil, entertainer, and singer. This session was moderated by Phongnarin Sukcham, SOGIESC Rights Assistant of APCOM.

Link to the session can be found [here](#):

6. USING THE MESSAGE OF U=U TO TRANSFORM HIV EXPERIENCES INTO STORIES OF INSPIRATION AND EMPOWERMENT 3 NOVEMBER 2021

The stories of breaking free was the heart of the matter on the coffee table talk format webinar held during the second week of APCOM Symposium 2021 last 3rd of November.

The first segment of the Virtual consultation centered on the inspiring and empowering journeys of two open PLHIV individuals, Inad Rendon and Stephen Christian Quillacio. Their testimonials revolve on the personal side of their journeys, how they fully accepted their new status and use it to inspire more people especially in the PLHIV community.

It was followed by a delicate but motivational story of a Serodiscordant couple named Ben and Carlos. What really made this session special and even empowering is that, these couple paved the way to the idea that achieving and maintaining U=U is possible and that Serodiscordant couples, too, can have their own fairytale love story.

You can click the [Link](#) to be inspired by incredibly inspiring stories of powering though, acceptance and love.

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7. (INTEGRATE) MULTI-COUNTRY DISCUSSION ON INTEGRATING U=U IN NATIONAL HIV GUIDELINE 4 NOVEMBER

APCOM Symposium 2021 culminated through a regional consultation with our community partners to understand what needs to be done to integrate U=U into National HIV guidelines.

The principle of U=U is a research finding that has generated wide call for its immediate use especially in disseminating its key message that a PLHIV with an undetectable viral load has ZERO RISK of transmitting the virus. It is a landmark finding, when used strategically, will address the cross-cutting issues that affect the PLHIV community. It has the potential to dismantle self-stigma, stigma and discrimination in the healthcare setting, drive awareness and generate demand for ART, addressing barriers to access to life-saving ART, and decrease in LTFU by promoting adherence. However, the principle of U=U will be an effective tool as part of HIV response only if it is integrated in the national HIV programming as firmly stated by Manisha Dakal, Executive Director of Blue Diamond Society, Nepal during the session. Two other speakers from JIP Indonesia, Adi Nughuro and Chandra was also present to share the current situation of U=U in their country.

This session was made possible with the support of USAID, PEPFAR, FHI360, EpIC, GILEAD and Prevention Access Campaign. To watch the full video of the session and the detailed discussion points, please click the Links below;

[\[Integrate\] U=U Regional Consultation](#)

Survey Feedback

Following the symposium event, a short survey was sent out to all speakers, stakeholders, and all participants by APCOM to hear feedbacks/ opinions about the symposium event on the areas of; time taken, session quality, areas for improvement, and any other feedbacks to bring improvements to the similar event of APCOM. Almost all survey participants said they are happy and satisfied with how APCOM has structured and executed the symposium sessions. Areas or topics discussed in the symposium event supplied the participants with innovative ideas that they could apply in their HIV and LGBTIQ work. For the areas of improvement, some participants suggested APCOM to supply IEC or communication materials on the discussed topics and themes to all participants. A few other participants suggested APCOM to expand the scope of topics; Southeast Asian LGBTIQ+ and their migration to Europe, America, and countries; Filipina TransHealth and Children with HIV.



HERO AWARDS 2021



Heroes from the community and allies of LGBTQI human rights and HIV were among 11 people and organisations who received an award the 2021 Asia Pacific HERO Awards in Bangkok last night taking place online for the first time under the theme **HERO AWARDS 2021: One Night Live for All.**

Standing for HIV, Equality and Rights, the HERO Awards acknowledges outstanding service to the HIV response in Asia and the Pacific, and to the region's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) communities. The online event took place through Zoom and APCOM Facebook Live, due to the pandemic instead of the usual gala event of the previous years. The event also raises funds for the Bangkok-based APCOM Foundation, a non-profit organisation which works to fight HIV and advance LGBTQI health and rights and to support organisations affected by Covid-19, across the Asia Pacific region. The Awards were supported by a range of corporate sponsors, community organisations and diplomatic missions.

There were all together 21 honourees this year, and the award recipients from 11 award categories came from Australia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand.



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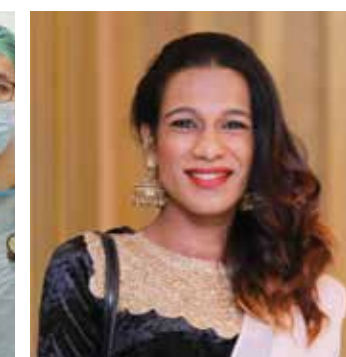
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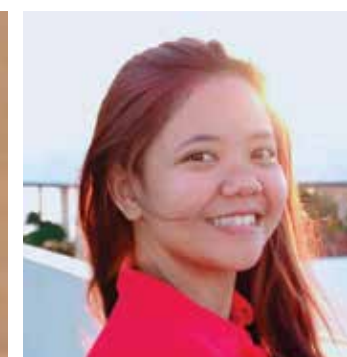
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HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE COVETED HERO AWARDS 2021;

Shivananda Khan Award for Extraordinary Achievement (01)

Dennis Altman (Australia)

A proud gay man who played a vital part of the early gay liberation wave of the early 70s and was very active around AIDS from the mid-90s. A retired professor of Politics at La Trobe University in Melbourne and a writer about sex and love. He was part of the founding of both ASAP and APCASO, co-chaired the ICAAP in Melbourne in 2001 and was on the Governing Council of the Internaltionnal AIDS Society for 8 years.

Business Ally (02)

Unilever Group of Thai Companies

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Community Ally (03)

Isikeli Vulavou (Fiji)

He is a development professional with over fifteen years of experience as a human rights activist and defender for LGBTQI Rights and Equality and key

populations affected by HIV in Fiji and the Pacific. He is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Sexual and Gender Diversity Network (PSGDN) – a regional network of LGBTQI networks and organisations from around the Pacific. He is also the Founder for the Rainbow Pride Foundation which is an LGBTQI-led organisation in Fiji and he was the lead convener for two Pacific Human Rights Conferences on SOGIE that were held in Nukualofa in 2015 and in Nadi in 2018. He has about twenty years of cumulative programme management experience at the national and international levels with specialities in Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Organisational Development and Change Management, Results Based Management for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Advocacy, Communication for Development and Behaviour Change. He's professional experiences includes working in government, the UN and with civil society.

Community Hero (04)

Gopi Shankar (India)

He is the co-founder of Srishti Madurai, a student-run volunteer intersex rights movement by representing the concerns of the SOGIESC community to the Schools and Colleges campuses and impacted a lot of schools and college-going children. Through Srishti Madurai, they have impacted a lot of medical professionals about intersex human rights. Without any outside support, they have run the student volunteer movement and worked with multiple fronts like journalists, judicial bodies and politicians. He was the first to work in the regional Tamil language. After English, Tamil is the only regional language in India that has terms for the SOGIESC identities. Currently, He is the South Regional Representative to the National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP), appointed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. As a representative to NCTP, he attend to the grievances of the SOGIESC community and gender non-conforming persons and work for their redressal.

Community Organisation (05)

Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association (Taiwan)

Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association is the first and the biggest national LGBTQ+ organization in Taiwan. For 23 years, Hotline has cultivated and trained many LGBTQ+ activists, as well as pioneered many new fields for LGBTQ+ movement and services, such as family and coming-out, LGBTQ+ education, elderly LGBTQ+, LGBTQ+ teenagers, sexual health for gays and lesbians, workplace equality, and Pride parades in both Taipei and Kaohsiung City. A Hotline has also helped many LGBTQ+ organizations to be born and to grow, such as Taiwan LGBT Pride, Marriage Equality Coalition (now as Taiwan EquCality Campaign), Indigenous Taiwan LGBTQ and Hand Angel.

COVID-19 Hero (06)

Outrage Magazine Northern Mindanao Correspondent (Philippines)

The Philippine's first LGBT newspaper since 2007 offering all LGBTQIA individuals in the country a voice and increasing awareness about the fight against HIV and LGBTQIA issues. From 2015 to 2018, they started a Theater Advocacy about the lives of PLHIVs and people in Mindanao, led by the community and stakeholders. These stories need to be spoken in order to raise awareness about HIV and the true story. As a result, we continue the online conversation using social media platforms such as QTALKS in 2020 and, more recently #DearGrey on Twitter Spaces.

HIV Hero (07)

Ali Raza Khan (Pakistan)

He started working for HIV awareness and prevention in 2015 during his university days as volunteer of HYPE national youth group of Rutgers in Pakistan. He continued his volunteer work for the community along with different organizations including FDI, Aahung, ACT, ISYD, YAN, KSS and APLHIV. He started his full-time job for PLHIV with Trans Welfare Organization, a CBO working for HIV among the TG community. TWOCBO provided me the opportunity to speak about the PLHIV community. Later, he joined Wasaib Sanwaro, a CBO working for MSM and amplified his efforts by representing PLHIVs at international platforms. He started his own initiative "Hi Voices" due to the lack of any dedicated platform for the empowerment of YPLHIVs and because many PLHIVs lack the required skills and knowledge to raise their voices. Currently, at national level, I'm organizing capacity building training for YPLHIVs under the Young Positive People of Pakistan Program. Apart from these efforts in empowering PLHIVs at the regional and global level with The PACT and YPEER, He also trying to influence stakeholders and policy making via Youth LEAD and as a member of Communities Delegation to the board of The Global Fund.

Health & Wellbeing (08)

Dr. Eugene Kroon (Thailand)

A young MSM physician, HIV was the dominant theme of his generation and volunteering as a medical student gave him an opportunity to do something useful rather than stand on the sidelines. This has introduced him to HIV medicine and have been incredibly lucky with the most inspiring role models, Aj. Praphan Phanuphak and Prof. Joep Lange, both physician activists with a vision. He worked at the University of Amsterdam when Joep Lange stationed me in Bangkok to help set up HIV-NAT. The early trial outcomes of HIV-NAT have contributed to implementation of broader ART access in Thailand.

Social Justice (09)

Dr. Pyae Phyoo Kyaw & Dr. Aung Soe Tun (Myanmar)

Their "doctor/hospital-staff" lives ended when they started participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement in March 2021 after the military coup. With their strong will for democracy and justice, their professional lives also reached a turning point when they decided to come to Karenni state and help the villagers, refugees and internally displaced people of different ethnicities. When they first arrived in the Karenni forest area, there were about 2,500 IDPs in the camp, but the population is increasing and now there are altogether some 3,000 people spread out in small camps. They mainly provide staple foods to internally displaced citizens and run a clinic for them. Aside from the main camp, there are also mini camps in ethnic-controlled areas and therefore they make tele-consultations with healthcare workers in those camps, provide required drugs and medicines, and run a mobile clinic for them. They also provide rations and healthcare services in collaboration with Free Burma Rangers and some other organizations outside IDP camp areas. They also run a Covid-19 center and keep Covid19 positive patients from surrounding mini camps, look after them routinely and take care of the physiological needs of those patients who cannot afford the cost. In their Covid-19 Center, They also accept patients who are not from the camp areas and are responsible for lending oxygen tanks and other apparatuses to clinics in other areas.

Transgender Hero (10)

Bhoomi Harendran (Sri Lanka)

She is the Founder and Executive Director of the National Transgender Network (NTN) in Sri Lanka, one of the leading Non-Governmental Organizations for LGBTIQ+ rights and started this organisation in 2018. Though the organisation has a very recent

history, her work for the community dates back a little more than a decade and she have been an active member of the community for 11 years now. She is also a subcommittee member of the Human rights commission for LGBTIQ people, a steering committee member of the children's parliament, and an ambassador for the "Stop Child Cruelty" foundation. Currently, NTN is involved in the work of spreading awareness about HIV, working to support the rights of LGBTIQ persons in Sri Lanka and also involved in a project towards the designing of a protection bill for transgenders in Sri Lanka. When she is not an Executive Director or an activist, she is a television personality and an actress. Both these platforms have given me the chance to create better and more awareness about our community among the society.

Young Achiever (11)

Ikka Noviyanti (Indonesia)

She joined the HIV work in 2015 after discovering her HIV status by joining a sex worker organization (OPSI) and becoming a board member for a young key population organization (Fokus Muda) in Indonesia. She is currently working as an Advocacy Officer at Youth LEAD and represent Youth LEAD at various workshops, consultations and forums to ensure the needs of YKPs are being met. She also provide technical support to country-partnered organizations and ensure meaningful engagement of Youth LEAD's Focal Points in advocacy, joined as a member of the Developing Country NGO Delegation for the Global Fund and represented YKPs in Asia and the Pacific as a Youth Council member for the Global Fund.

#CORONAAPCOMPASSION

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Thai Baht (JAN - DEC 2021)

APCOM has never stop navigating various ways in rendering a direct and immediate aid required by the grassroots within the HIV and LGBTQI communities across Asia and the Pacific through the turbulent waters of COVID 19 pandemic since 2020 that significantly altered the course of normalcy and brought havoc of destruction, unimaginable despair, and countless numbers of unnecessary loss of life. As the pandemic continue to conquer every shore, it has placed humanity in the core of a monstrous storm in the very face of public health system and isolate the most marginalized communities and the Key Population into another barren of vulnerability sealed with inherited challenges brought by HIV/AIDS and for being a proud LGBTQI members.

The SARS COV2 and its several mutated variants may not exhibit a direct effect to the community and the key populations from the corona virus itself but rather the significant heterogeneity and inevitable consequences entails by the pandemic itself. The drastic but needed measures mandatorily enforced to contain the spread of the virus has disproportionately impacted the LGBTQI community socially, economically and psychologically.

#coronaAPCOMpassion continued its voyage in 2021 with a commitment tightly wrapped on its steering wheel as a navigational compass to spread belongingness and acceptance that solidify protection from within the community and trusting that our stronger gear for survival is to rely on the compassion of humanity for humanity.

APCOM commits to help community to fight against COVID-19 that affected the society as a whole, by setting up emergency fund. The campaign was first funded by APCOM staff member donated salaries to kick off the fund and have some generous outside donors joined in the campaign



YOUTH CHAMPZ 4 MENTAL HEALTH, FIJI

Lead by its President, Lionel Rogers, they have seen the unfiltered struggles and suffering within the LGBTQI communities as the majority of government support are still concentrated to traditional nuclear families. The pandemic combined with the rapid increase in crime rates, alarming numbers of attempted suicide, unemployment and amplified by the inherited challenges of HIV epidemic has exacerbated the already diminishing mental and general well-being of the marginalized community specially the Transgender and Sex Workers in Fiji.

Youth Champz 4 Mental Health is a Community Based Organization with no core funding and very limited resources. However, through the assistance received through #coronaAPCOMpassion has mobilized resources for emergency assistance to the affected key populations across Lautoka, Nadi, Labasa and Suva (lock-down/isolation zones);

A total of 92 LGBTQI and Sex Workers and their household were assisted through #coronaAPCOMpassion were completed last 31 November 2021;

- 50 emergency food packs were distributed.
- 31 were given financial aid to support to pay for their utilities such as electric and water bills.
- Minimal lodging allowance was provided to 11 individuals who had lost their homes during the lockdown period.

YC4M continues its mission to roll out psychological assessment and counseling remotely via their social media platforms including other communication apps such as Viber and WhatsApp.





DAREECHA MALE HEALTH SOCIETY, PAKISTAN

Due to the additional government mandated and imposed lockdowns resulted to the increasing threats of Covid-19 omicron variant, the key populations surrounding Rawalpindi, Islamabad and adjoining areas expresses a heightened level of anxiety due to its economic related consequences. Thus, targeted initiatives are required to alleviate their daily living conditions.

In celebration of World Aids Day last 01 December 2021, Dareecha Male Health Society in partnership with APCOM through #coronaAPCOMpassion has issued World Aids Day assistance packages for affected Transgender and key population members. The receipts were identified through a preliminary socio-economic fast need assessment for Covid-19, which was developed and materialized by the community to cater to the most vulnerable Transgender and Key Population people.

25 World Aids Days assistance packages which includes 1 month worth of food and grocery supplies with PPE were handed. However, some selected receipts were unable to claim due to mobilization issues. The remaining unclaimed assistance packages were turned over to focal points for later distribution to worthy selected receipts.

Each assistance package contained 20 kg of Flour, 3 kg of Daal, 1 kg of Gram Flour (Besan), 5 Liters of Cooking Oil, 1 Pack of Dish Washing Soap, 2 kg of Sugar, ½ kg of Tea, 1 box of 3M Face Mask, Sanitary Gloves and Hand Sanitizer.



MYANMAR YOUTH STARS NETWORK, MYANMAR

Many young MSM and Key Population has been the unwitting recipient of socio-economic meltdown and has suffered psychological and mental health problem as a consequential effect brought by the pandemic. In addition to this, the KP and the entire people of Myanmar have been subject of brutal judicial killing and torture due to the current political unrest and unjust military coup since 01 of February this year.

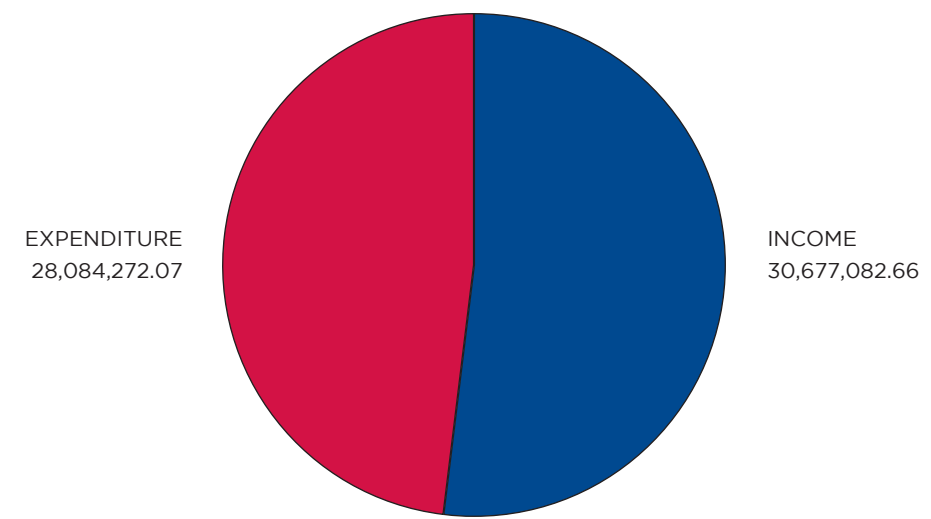
The youth especially the key affected populations have been at the forefront of financial hardship to support their living expenses particularly MSM, Transgender and PWUD and Sex workers as nearly all of them was laid-off and sustained unemployment.

#coronaAPCOMpassion has rendered two set of donations dated 31 of March 2021 and 29 of October 2021 which was both initially planned to distribute Food and PPE packages through the assistance received through #coronaAPCOMpassion which includes rice, cooking oil, canned fish, dry noodles, eggs, vitamin c, hand sanitizer, oral ORS, Mask and other general medicine but unable to materialized the due to logistical difficulties attributed by the current political instability. Thus, MYS transferred the funds to each township's focal person's census to reach YKPs who are in dire need of financial assistance. A total 94 YKPs has received 30,000 MMK each as a financial aid.

As the anchor has safely secured in the stern and the loud horn echoed to indicate the new 2022 voyage of #coronaAPCOMpassion, APCOM remains optimistic to carry the torch of compassion and continue to strive in raising more funds with your help and will steadfastly continue to support other community-based organizations to help them contribute in addressing the community's needs as we claim our victory against Covid-19.



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| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT (THB) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| INCOME | |
| Grants and donation | 30,675,710.66 |
| Interest Income | 1,371.84 |
| Other Incomes | 0.28 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 30,677,082.78 |
| EXPENDITURE | |
| Sub Recipient for Project Work | 1,659,115.44 |
| Administration and Management Work | 26,425,166.63 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 28,084,272.07 |

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