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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF
WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV
ASIA PACIFIC

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Reflecting Towards its Mission

A YEAR REPORT BACK OF ICWAP

We are thrilled to share with you some updates from 2024 and a glimpse of the year ahead. We know it is not going to be easy but together, united we will make the changes in our communities that we want to see.

A Regional Feminist Leadership Training led to replicate in Bhutan, Cambodia and Sri Lanka

ICWAP organized a Feminist Leadership Development Training from January 26-30, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand, supported by RCNF, UNAIDS, and SKPA-2 Global Fund. Participants from 12 countries gathered to strengthen their leadership skills and advocacy for human rights. In this year 70 women and girls in their all diversity were trained on Feminist leadership advocacy and movement building training

● Cambodia

From October 27-29, 2024, Cambodian women living with HIV launched a Feminist Leadership Advocacy and Movement Building Training, empowering young women and girls living with HIV to lead and advocate for their rights.



● Bhutan

Held on October 22-24, 2024, at Metta Resort & Spa, Paro, this training provided a safe and empowering space for women and girls living with HIV to share, learn, and grow. Participants reflected on personal growth and the importance of community support.

● Sri Lanka

From November 20-22, 2024, ICWAP hosted a Feminist Leadership Training at Pegasus Reef Hotel, Wattala, in partnership with Positive Women's Network, Family Planning Association, and SKPA-2. Fourteen participants from three organizations addressed critical issues such as healthcare privacy, policy advocacy, staff sensitization, and comprehensive sex education to combat HIV-related stigma.

Partnering with Seven Alliance

ICWAP joined regional workshop on Community-Led Monitoring (CLM): Charting the Future Together! 18-19 Sep 2024. This workshop was aimed to foster a deeper understanding and strengthen collaborative efforts between the EECA and AP regions, ultimately enhancing the efficacy and reach of community-led responses.

This event provided a unique opportunity to ICWAP to advocate on the gaps on gender transformative approach into CLM framework with stakeholders and government across 17 countries through ICWAP led sessions.

SKPA-2 Workshop: Advancing Human Rights and Gender Advocacy

On November 4-5, 2024, SKPA-2 subrecipients ICWAP and other key population-led organizations gathered in Bangkok for a two-day Skills-Building Workshop. The event focused on refining advocacy strategies, mapping decision-makers, and tailoring messages to diverse Stakeholders.

Micro Grants Empower PLHIV Organizations Across Asia Pacific

APN+, ICWAP, and NAPWHA, with support from HIV Science as Art a project supported by ViiV Healthcare launched micro-grant opportunities for women/PLHIV-led organization in Asia Pacific.

Organizations from 18 countries received grants to implement community projects focused on Treatment, Advocacy, Awareness, Communication, and improving the Quality of Life for people living with HIV. These grants were aimed to strengthen grassroots initiatives and amplify impact across the region.



APWAI in Philippine conducting CEDAW training

ICWAP Governance and Team Building Meeting Held in Bangkok

On September 7-8, 2024, ICWAP hosted a Governance and Team-Building Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, bringing together international and Thai board members along with staff. The meeting aimed to establish a shared framework for collaboration, enhance communication

channels between the board and staff, and strengthen trust through team-building activities. Participants celebrated each other's strengths and contributions, setting the foundation for a productive and cohesive



Team Building participants celebrating end of year 2024

ICWAP Highlights Feminist Approaches to HIV at AWID Forum 2024

an evidenced based documentation from eight countries

ICWAP, with UNAIDS support, conducted a study on “Best Practices to Address the Needs of Women Living with HIV in Asia and the Pacific”. ICWAP hosted a session at AWID Forum “Why HIV is a Feminist Issue,” showcasing documented best practices from following countries; Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Nepal, India and Philippine in AP region.



The session included a dynamic panel discussion, emphasizing feminist approaches to addressing HIV. ICWAP also engaged participants through an interactive booth, fostering dialogue and sharing insights on empowering women living with HIV. Through the 2023 intervention 167 activities



ICWAP at AWID forum

Towards visibility and representation

- ICWAP invited eight women living with HIV to participate in AWID forum in Bangkok from 2-5 December 2024
- On behalf of CSOs, ICWAP delivered statement to ICPD meeting /80 commission session to ministerial forum
- On behalf of Seven Alliance, ICWAP nominated to serve as a steering committee member of GFAN AP
- ICWAP presented abstract entitled: **“Ensuring the engagement of women living with HIV in Global Fund processes is still HARD ROCK”** at AIDS conference, Munich, Germany based on the assessment conducted in four countries Vietnam, Thailand, India and Cambodia.

Click this link for full report:

<https://icwasiapacific.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/final-report-2024-2.pdf>

ICWAP Joined the Launch of the REGENERATE

On October 4-5, 2024, ICWAP participated in the inaugural meeting of the Regional Gender Justice & Sexual Rights (REGENERATE) Platform, organized by APCASO in Bangkok. This historic event brought together regional partners to establish a platform addressing the needs of key and vulnerable women, girls, and people of diverse sexualities.

ICWAP Highlights Issues of Women and Girls at AIDS 2024 in Munich

ICWAP participated in the AIDS 2024 Conference in Munich, where the Regional Coordinator presented a poster abstract. ICWAP also contributed to key discussions, spotlighting the challenges faced by young girls and women living with HIV in the Asia Pacific region, reinforcing its commitment to advocacy and representation.



ICWAP at Asia Pacific workshop on Feminist for peoples vaccine