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FOREWORD

FOREWORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2020

has indeed been a year that tested the resilience and exposed the fragilities of and inequalities within our societies. To say that 2020 has challenged us in so many ways is an understatement.

Adjustments needed to be made to adjust to external new “normals,” internally within the staff team, to try to safeguard as much as possible safety, health, morale, and sense of stability in such a trying period. With lockdowns and travel restrictions, we had to cancel field visits and community consultations, as well as shift our operation modalities.

More substantively, the political climate brought about by policy regulation COVID-19 has impacted the lives of communities we serve as well as posed the ability and disruptions in the work of our country’s civil society and for their communities.

Amidst this fraught context, we saw even more proof of the important role and civil society networks in challenging, working around, and overcoming.

Despite the various impediments we faced in the year, we and our country network that works on health, human rights and social justice, continued to needs of the most marginalised in both programmatic and policy fronts, had to address existing pandemics such as HIV, TB and malaria within another also beginning to mobilise community and civil society responses to take issues like mental health. These we were able to do, only with the partner dedication and commitment of our country partners, staff team, Council of Representatives (CoR), and Board of Directors and the trust and collaboration funding and technical agency partners.

Looking forward, APCASO remains committed to strengthen community systems and advance human rights of those most marginalised and most affected, including within the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

ABBREVIATION AND TERMS

ACT AP Activists' Coalition

AIDS Acquired Immunodeficiency

BoT Board of Trustees

COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease (2019-nCoV)

CBO Community-based organisation

COR Council of Representatives

CSO Civil society organisations


GFAN AP Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

NGO Non-government organisation

TA Technical Assistance

UHC Universal Health Coverage



ABOUT APCASO

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APCASO is an international NGO registered in Thailand. It is primarily a civil society network organisation of community-based organisations (CBOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on advocacies surrounding HIV, universal health care, and social justice in the Asia-Pacific region, highlighting community capacity development in their work.

Initially established as the Asia-Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organisations in 1992, APCASO was recognised as the Asia-Pacific arm of the 1989 International Council of AIDS Service Organisations. The original mandate was creating and enhancing community-focused approaches regarding the protection and promotion of the human rights of people affected by or are vulnerable to HIV.

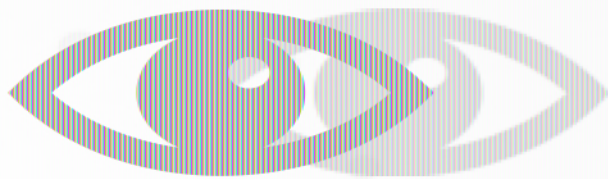
Since 2015, the network now goes by the name APCASO and has redirected its original mandate to widen the scope of advocacy work regarding the intersections of universal health coverage and human rights for all, especially populations affected and vulnerable to HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria. Addressing longstanding global health challenges in the face of evolving development priorities and strategies, APCASO's current mandate continues the 28 years of knowledge, liaisons, and achievements as the network also addresses emerging key health and social development issues in the 21st century.

WHAT MAKES THE NETWORK GROW

APCASO supports and promotes the role of CBOs and NGOs, who work with and represent key populations and communities most in need, in advancing a rights-based social development and health agenda.



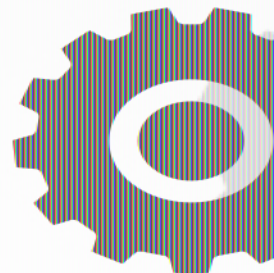
THE VISION



APCASO envisions a world where everyone is safe, healthy, and inclusive, with respect, fulfilment, and the rights of all – especially those most in need – being protected and hastening the end of the AIDS epidemic and achieving universal health coverage.

THE MISSION

APCASO works to strengthen advocacy and community systems towards effective social development and health responses, inclusive of HIV in Asia and the Pacific.



KEY OUTCOME AREAS

Building upon APCASO's institutional history, capacity, and strength, their work focuses primarily on projects that reflect and resonate the organisation's Four Key Outcome Areas, as follows:

1.

SUSTAINING HIV RESPONSE

HIV responses are strategic, sustained, and strengthened
Strategic Objectives: Political will and investments

2.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT AND ADVOCACY

Communities most in need are empowered to advance and protect their rights through an enabling and responsive environment
Strategic Objectives: Health, law, and policy reforms, and community participation

3.

SUSTAINING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIPS

Communities most in need are empowered to advance and protect their rights through an enabling and responsive environment
Strategic Objectives: Health, law, and policy reforms, and community participation

4.

APCASO INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

APCASO is a stronger, more effective, and sustainable network
Strategic Objectives: Secretariat capacity, governance, and membership engagement

GET TO KNOW THE NETWORK

APCASO Board of Trustees

When it comes to the organisation's governance, it is the Board of Trustees that regularly delegates APCASO's strategic direction, CoR, and the daily management of the organisation to the Secretariat. The current BoT members include the following advocacy leaders:



Mr. Chalernsak Kittitrakul
Chairperson



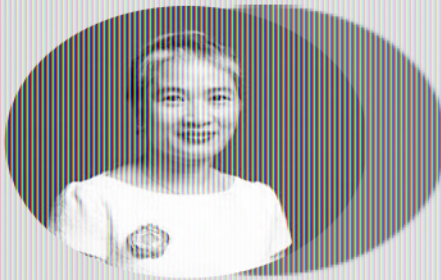
Mr. Kongpan Pramoj
Vice Chairperson



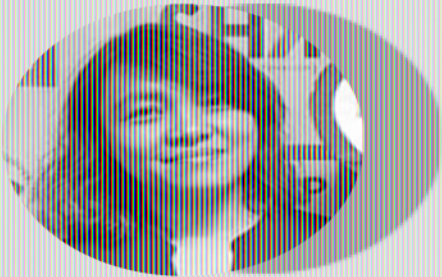
Mr. Chanchai Chaorattana
Secretary and Treasurer

APCASO Council of Representatives

When it comes to steering APCASO's strategic direction as a regional Council of Representatives is responsible for such a drive as an advocacy and networking body. Composed of leaders at the national and regional levels, members bring their respective expertise in guiding APCASO to fulfil its core mandate. Nominated by APCASO's pool of focal point organisations, the CoR also provides management oversight over the secretarial leaderships. The current CoR members include the following development visionaries:



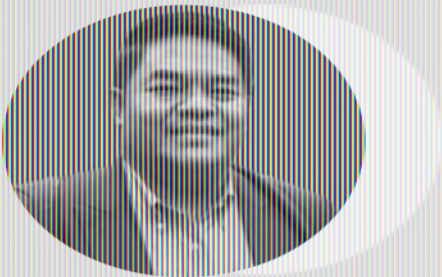
Khuat Thi Hai Oanh
Chairperson



Mara Quesada
Vice Chairperson



Don Baxter
CoR Member



Choub Sok Chamreun
CoR Member



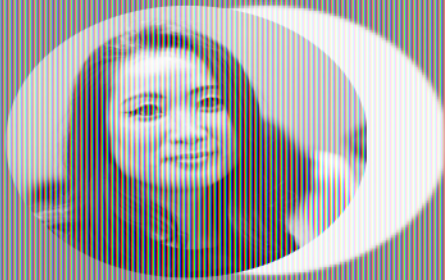
Daniel Marguari
CoR Member

APCASO Secretariat

With people having a diverse set of backgrounds—ranging from feminis justice, human rights advocacy, SRHR, inclusive education, HIV advoc and corporate finance and accountancy—the precious work put forth organisation would not be possible if not for the collective effort of people who make the office run. The current APCASO staff is composed of the following social justice champions:



RD MARTE
Executive Director



JENNIFER HO
Deputy Director



JEFFRY ACABA
Senior Program Officer



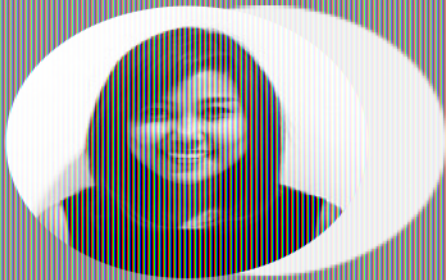
MANGALA NAMASIVAYAM
Senior Program Officer



KRIS PAKORN
Operations Manager



ANCHARAT KAEWMORAKOD
Senior Finance Officer



PATTARIYA MALEEHOM
Executive Assistant to the ED



ROJJANA SEESUWANNAKUL
Accountant



RATTAPOL SRICHAROEN
Operations Officer

APCASO Country Focal Points

Leading health and social justice-focused organisations based in Asia and the Pacific make up the country focal points of APCASO's membership. They are the ones who have the current pulse of their respective countries' needs and concerns, thanks to their formidable connections with civil society or community-based organisations in their nations, providing the network with the crucial link between the organisational mandate and the advocacy engagements on the ground. The current country focal points include the following regional prime movers and shakers.



Each year, APCASO partners with several organisations or groups who are in better strategic positions to support the work for a specific country. These country-specific partners came upon the recommendation of country focal points who have been networking and liaising with local organisations in their respective fields of advocacy work. For each country, these are the country partners that APCASO had the opportunity to work with in their respective countries.

INDONESIA

Yayasan Menara Agung Pengharapan
Internasional Jaringan
Indonesia Positif

The Positive
Indonesia
Network



NEPAL

Trisuli Plus
Community
Action Group
(TPCAG)

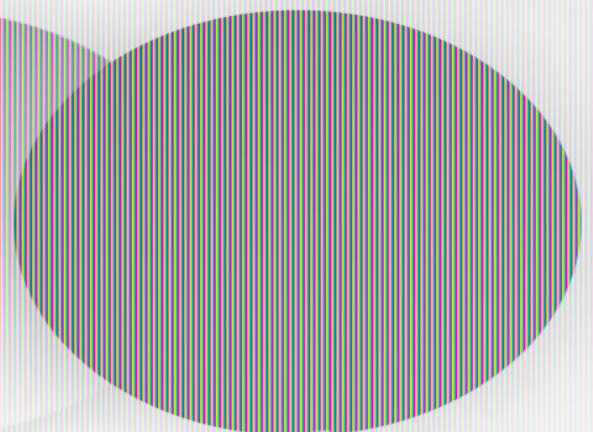


SRI LANKA

The CARE
Consortium

BHUTAN

LHAK-SAM
(BNP+)





THE YEAR THAT WA

2020: THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE

As an organisation that has worked with the intersecting issues of health, policy, and advocacy, it was nonetheless still a surprise to face the world with a new challenge: the global COVID-19 pandemic. It was one thing to see already ongoing epidemics affect specific areas or regions through the past few years, but to have an unknown pandemic disrupt the entire planet in a sweeping fast-paced manner was another hurdle altogether.

As everyone was faced with its mysteries while experts have been continually exploring ways to eradicate this new global menace, APCASO also adjusted and coped with the developing scenario whilst continuing their valuable work.

General Approach

Quarantine and lockdowns became more than mere buzzwords as the world evolved situations affecting the globe due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They became urgent emergency responses, and later, part of daily life.

Offices that could were forced to implement work-from-home arrangements, with the professional world generally discouraging any return to face-to-face work. Social distancing became the norm, and healthcare workers became hailed frontliners in this epic battle. Suffice to say that communities on a “no work, no pay” type of employment were the hardest hit, as various challenges in people’s economic and mental health situations arose. Indeed, the need to make a living while evading medical downfall became a balance even the most resilient were expected to handle.

As a regional network collaborating with nations across the Pacific, APCASO rolled with such challenges and adapted to newer ways of engagement, driven by our shared goal for the network and their connected communities. Our work must go on.

Urgent Innovations and Revisions

Aside from the general work innovations implemented organisation-wide, s also addressed the emerging concerns related to the developing pandemic

As the host of the Asia Pacific Community, Rights, and Gender (APCRG) PI with the Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP), APCASO rapid assessment among CS and KP-led organisational partners in the Asia

The assessment was able to gather and provide information for the Global partners on the coping and mitigating mechanisms that CS and KP-led or have put in place in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its measures particularly with regards to engaging in the Global Fund processes at country level.

No. 1

To assess the impact of COVID-19 related measures to HIV, TB, and malaria community access to treatment and other medical and health-related services and information, and the undertaking of robust and community-inclusive country dialogue processes for the development of new Global Fund funding requests

No. 2

To document the impact and impact of HIV and malaria in communities and country-level responses

RAPID ASSESSMENT AIMS

No. 3

To understand community and civil society uptake of and any challenges in observing Global Fund-issued guidelines to mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the implementation of Global Fund grants

No. 4

To seek per necessary further COVID-19 related policy to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on malaria co

**Initial
Impact
and
Results:**

**the initial
report**

**dedicated
website section
containing
COVID-19-related
info from the
Global Fund**

**infogra
containing
guides comm
how to virtua
with the Glo
Funding R
proce**

**In addition, APCASO also
conducted a virtual dialogue with
stakeholders and experts in the
hopes of generating discussions and
recommendations for these trying times.**

**An advocacy brief was produced in
partnership with their country
partners and support from the
UNFPA Asia and the Pacific.**


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COV**

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Advoca**



2020: APCASO HIGHLIGHTS

Regardless of the obvious limitations on face-to-face meetings and work-related travels, APCASO still had a busy year as seen in the various highlights of projects from January to December. As in the years prior to this one, there was still a mix of ongoing projects with new ones.



**TIMELINE:
COMMENCED PRIOR TO 2021
AND CONCLUDED IN 2021**

Community, Rights, and Gender (APCRG II)

Implementation Period:

January 2017 - April 2020 with Bridge Fund extension for 1 year (May to December 2020)

Target Countries:

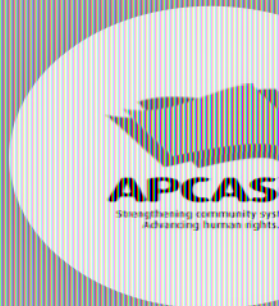
Focused on Global Fund country recipients in Asia-Pacific, namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Multi-country grants covering HIV ASEA AFAO, TB UNDP, TB UNOPS, and in Western Pacific; Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Vietnam.

Target Countries:

The Bridge Fund supported 3 countries: India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka

Key Project Partners/Recipients:

Members and country partners of Activists Coalition on TB - Asia-Pacific (ACT! AP), Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Malaria Consortium, and regional HIV key population networks; three countries namely India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka under the Bridge Fund



THE OBJECTIVES

These four approaches embody the objectives of the project, namely:

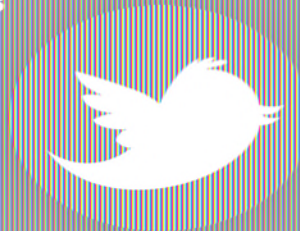
- 1.** To enhance the knowledge of civil society and community groups on Global Fund-related projects
- 2.** To coordinate with other technical assistance (TA) in the region
- 3.** To improve the understanding of community and civil society development gaps
- 4.** To identify and promote other strategic capacity development initiatives

THE PROCESS

As the communication and coordinating platform of the Global Fund, APCA continued its hosting role in the APCRG II, doing the daily programmatic activities and facilitating technical assistance (TA) where needed, making that organisations were apprised of the various processes and details for hopeful Global Fund approval, while also guiding and ensuring that the civil society priorities are reflected in these processes.

Thus, the need to translate materials for people on the ground was also recognised and overseen to localise information and communication materials for the communities. For 2020, there were six pre-identified languages that translation work focused on: Khmer Cambodia, Urdu, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, and Sinhala. The goal was always to make sure that the proposals reflected the realities and issues that specific applying communities face, with the aim to always intersect the strengthening of the health system with concerns that are outside of the disease, such as stigma and discrimination. Therefore, the translation aspect of the work was recommended as a necessity rather than an option, and to offer translation if there was a need for partners to avail of such.

For the main bulk of work for the platform, there are two major channels of communications: Mailchimp and Twitter. The former is a targeted monthly newsletter received by CSOs involved in the Global Fund process one way or another and Global Fund country teams and/or portfolio managers and technical advisors. These newsletters are curated in such a way that the specific target audiences receive the information pertinent to their work, involvement, and realities. All materials were developed to make sure that the communities understand the technicalities of the Global Fund process.



As information overload becomes all too real in today's information-saturated world, it was also realised that curating smaller pieces of information via the Facebook page was relevant to the success of disseminating pertinent information. Thus, better curating was done to present more focused details, and such details were also published on the website where partners could refer to them anytime.



The first cycle of this grant was in 2015-2017, and the second cycle was 2017-2019. The third cycle of this grant was supposed to close in April 2020. However, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a bridge fund supplemented the remainder of the year, from April to December of 2020. The Bridge Fund sustained the four approaches and included direct country-level support in 3 countries.

Other typical challenges still arose, in particular the definition and delineation of what the APCGR platform could do and be for the 1st generation aspect regarding TA delivery and development as assessed by the community partners. APCASO always emphasises to its partners that facilitation is of the utmost concern of the platform, however this somewhat produced reluctant proposal participation due to the tight deadlines for submissions. To address this challenge further, APCASO provided a directory of all possible civil society and population organisational contacts engaged in the Global Fund process. APCASO reached out to the 20 individual countries eligible for the Global Fund in the Asia Pacific region to inform them of the TA program and aid in developing potential TA requests.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

The year 2020 saw the platform support three key population-led networks in India, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka to increase the capacity of key populations about the Global Fund and increase the capacity in engaging with the Global Fund process. The engagement resulted in the communities providing comments on the Technical Review Panel statements, and organising consultations among key populations for the upcoming GF Funding Request country consultations.

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129% increase in APCASO website visitors

79.5% increase in APCRG website visitors

2% increase in Facebook following

**Newsletter had above average open rate
239 downloads of the GF Funding Request Infosheet**

ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

**9 i
material
Fund's New**

2

**6 blog posts de
Fund Realities**

PUBLICATIONS

TA ASSISTANCE

TRANSLATIONS

Supported 5 key population-led organisations:

2 TB-affected community organisations,

3 HIV key population-led organisations)

**Sinhala versio
Handbook and the**

Strengthening Community Engagement in Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCM)

Implementation period:
January 2019 - March 2020

Target Countries:
Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka

Key Project Partners/Recipients:
CCM Nepal, Association of People Living with HIV Pakistan (APLHIV), K
and Care Consortium Sri Lanka

THE OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to increase the effectiveness of civil society and key population engagement and contributions within the Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCM) in Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka. The goal was to enhance the overall performance of these CCMs contributing to the improvement of Global Fund financed programmes in these countries.

THE PROCESS

In its goal of strengthening community engagement, this project aimed to bridge gaps previously unfocused or overlooked regarding how the community representatives in the CCMs can more effectively benefit from their CCM participation. APCASO helped them do this via facilitating and supporting capacity-building trainings, conducted meetings, and ensuring their voices were in the information loop regarding the Global Fund processes.

The goal was to help local organisations ask the right questions regarding the Global Fund processes, to take into consideration a rights-based approach and using gender lens and to make their proposals better. The aim was to have them build an institutional memory to have lasting knowledge of such processes, even if there were inevitable staff changes over the way.

In this kind of work, the challenge was always the level of involvement and participation. Not all countries have the same degree of advocacy or civil society involvement. The usual English documents most times appear cumbersome for people whose first languages do not count English.

APCASO'S aim for this project to encourage the building of in-country expertise and to help disseminate the information to their communities more effectively. The production of localised modules also helped in this regard.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

While working closely with civil society partners, APCASO warranted a close coordination process with governments and other non-civil society country stakeholders to ensure buy-in and support from them, so that the project complemented and built upon other technical assistance initiatives available in the countries.

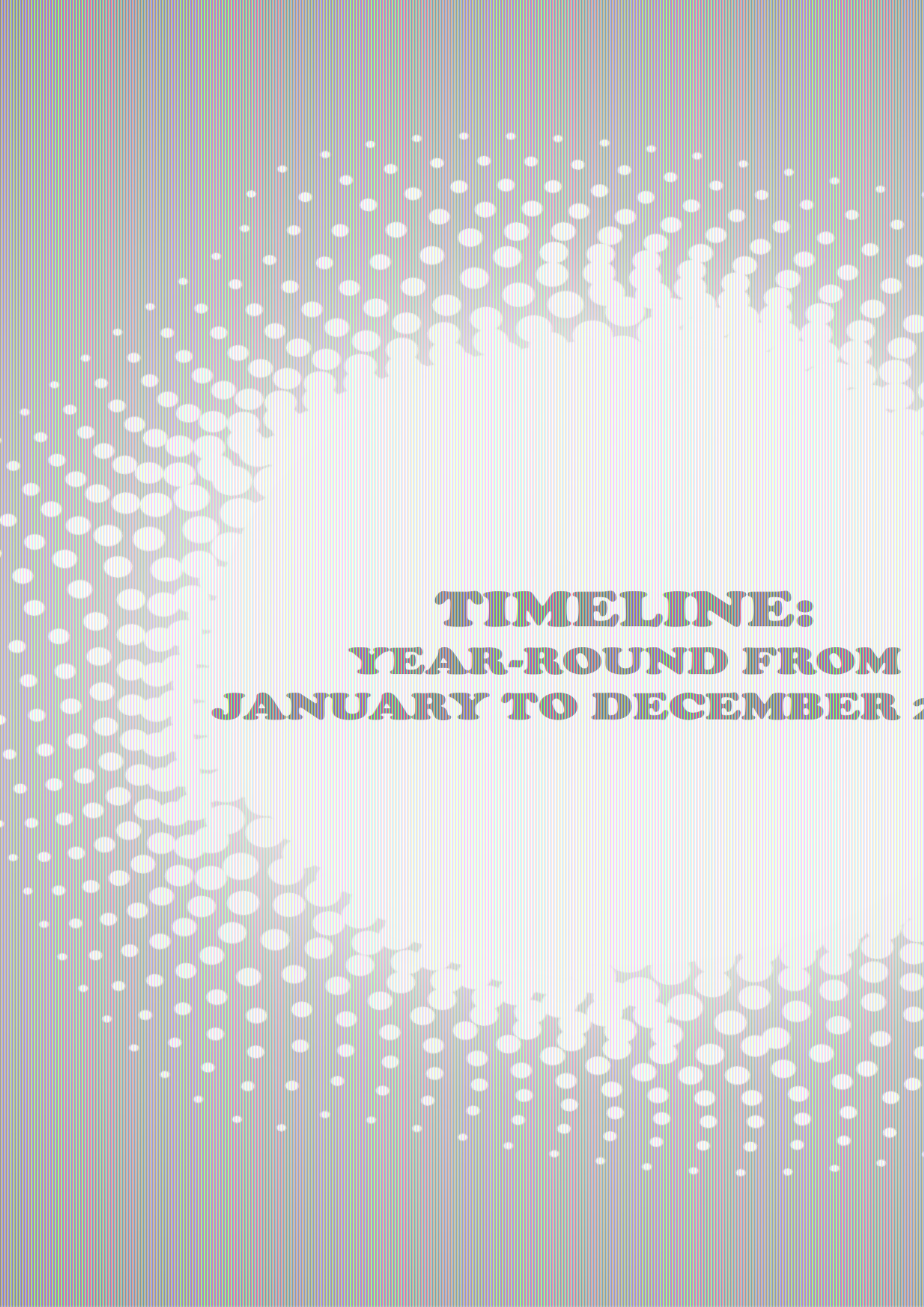
On-site and ongoing remote technical assistance and mentoring support to in-country CS and KP network partners for the following areas: - community, rights, and gender - CCM engagement plan development and implementation - navigation of the CCM evolution process (for Nepal and Papua New Guinea)

Two KP/CS learning and Nepal for cross-country and sharing of experience engagement

APCASO provided, led, and helped facilitate the following activities and output through this project:

Continuous dialogues and facilitated relationship-strengthening between the KP and CS partners with CCM secretariats and executive committees, and interaction between communities of the 3 diseases and other technical partners

213 downloads of the (R)evolutions: Lessons from Four Countries



**TIMELINE:
YEAR-ROUND FROM
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2**

Activist Coalition on TB Asia Pacific (ACT! AP) Secretariat Hosting Support

Implementation period:
January - December 2020

Target Countries:
Asia-Pacific countries, with specific country-level support in
Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam

THE OBJECTIVES

Still under the APCGR platform, the ACT! AP is a continued effort of APCASO's involvement as a secretariat of the coalition since 2016, performing its role as a steering committee.

THE PROCESS

Even though there had been no specific projects for 2020, APCASO continued to steer the members of the organisation numbering to 31 members in 13 countries. This meant continuing information-sharing duties and, if there were project opportunities, would be a consultation process that could happen among parties involved.

This close relationship, covered in a memorandum of understanding between APCASO and ACT! AP to jointly apply for funding opportunities, allowed APCASO to apply on behalf of ACT! AP. Thus, APCASO continued to coordinate meetings as ACT! AP, with APCASO as the co-facilitator from the inception of the Coalition.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

ACT! AP organised three learning exchange webinars with period (mention the titles). Further, APCASO facilitated steering committee meetings within ACT AP. Three interactive virtual dialogues were also facilitated which were participated by key community, civil society, government, and technical partners of APCASO.

Output
for 2020:

3 Interactive
Webinars

273 downloads
of ACT! AP TB
Community Support
Mapping Report

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Administrative and Financial Management Support to the Global Fund Asia-Pacific Network (GFAN AP)

THE OBJECTIVES

In continuing APCASO's administrative and financial management support to the GFAN AP, the following objectives were upheld:

1. Strengthening of the GFAN AP as a regional platform;
2. Contributing to the regional movement building regarding Universal Coverage (UHC), Tuberculosis, and Malaria;
3. Creating and/or strengthening the movement of community and civil society in NVF subgrantee countries on domestic resource mobilisation; and
4. Supporting Asia-Pacific community and civil society mobilisation and engagement within the regional and global spaces relevant to the Global Fund region and domestic resource mobilisation.

THE PROCESS

The main goal of the process for this year was to emphasize APCASO deep commitment to financial management.

Part of this aim is undergoing ways to strengthen GFAN-AP'S finance system by helping them undergo evaluation and assessment processes.

Thus, coordination work between the identified programme coordinator and communications person of GFAN AP continued in this process.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

It was significant for the organisation to participate in the form of UN micro-accounts process. It shows the organisation always trying to improve and strengthen the way they manage their funds, which is a key to accountability in their work.

Promoting A Health and Human Rights-Based Approach to Drug Policies, Programmes and Services in Asia

THE OBJECTIVES

This project aimed to promote and support evidence and rights-based approaches to the development of drug policies, programmes and services in Asia.

THE PROJECT

The project supported evidence-based safeguards and measures to protect the rights of vulnerable communities affected by the current approach to drug policies, programmes and services in Asia. It aimed to ensure that communities could still continue functioning in the current given scenario and environment. As of the day, it needed to ensure that the current approach to the drug issue in the region was based on evidence and human rights principles, and that it is community-centred, people-led and rights-based.

Core funding supports have been provided to civil society and community groups, including people who use drugs, and community organisations to enable a range of activities, legal-aid services, community dialogues and sensitivity workshops, and community services.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

Ensuring the lives of vulnerable populations and communities impacted by the punitive drug policy environment is not further endangered by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Governance and Organisational Development Activities

THE OBJECTIVES

The goals of these organisational development activities were to strengthen and enhance the various work processes happening, evaluate the results of projects, and identify gaps in any of the procedures.

THE PR

A Governance Meeting January 26-27 to discuss

- an overview of APCASO 2020 and finances

- Programme and finances for 2021 plans and forecast (including operating budget, audit calendar, 2020 Resource Mobilisation)

- APCASO structures, current

In addition, the CoR discussed 2021 plans for the new cycle, as well as proposals regarding the current Focal Point membership and leadership, and proposals for board members.

The governance body also discussed an amendment to the Open Access Policy to accommodate the CoR's functions, as well as the Strategic Planning process beyond, including long-term planning and

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

The membership of the CoR was extended until the end of 2020. The Board also approved the strategic planning for the 2021 process.



**TIMELINE:
QUARTER 3-4 OF 2020**

Scaling Up Human Rights Advocacy and Accountability Among People Affected with TB

Implementation Period:
July 31, 2020 - September 15, 2021

Target Countries:

Asia-Pacific countries, with specific country-level support in Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam

Key Project Partners/Recipients:

Trisuli Plus (Nepal), KP Advocacy Consortium (PNG), and SCDI (Vietnam)

THE OBJECTIVES

This project put forward the following objectives:

- 1.** To support civil society, TB-affected communities, and TB survivors in the rollout of the TB and Human Rights Manual and in the implementation of their advocacy plans;
- 2.** To lead the development of a national TB advocacy agenda for the TB response;
- 3.** To advocate and influence the national human rights agenda into the national TB responses.

THE PROCESS

In a nutshell, the main goal of this project was to mainstream human rights within TB response, to make sure that certain human rights issues and challenges undergone by people affected with TB were included in their country's national TB responses.

With a project duration spanning 2020 to 2021, the 2020 activities focused on the training of trainers in using the Right to Breathe and HR Manual. However, due to the pandemic, the main challenge was in transferring these usual face-to-face trainings in the online realm.

APCASO faced the challenge of having no prior experience in online training procedures, so the Right to Breathe modules were translated first and adapted to fit the online format. To test the effectiveness of the new digital formats, APCASO teamed up with their ACT AP partner, ACHIEVE, in conducting a focus group session to sample the modules for feedback and improvement.

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Conducted 2 training of trainers (TOT) in using the Right to Breathe TB and Human Rights manual

Began the roll-out of s for at least 2 of the 3 c partners concerned (Pa Guinea and Nepal)

Output for 2020

Capacitate the organisations to conduct activities they have identified as urgent for their needs: - TB information dissemination for PNG - coordination and mobilisation to create a TB network in Nepal

The Right to Breathe Project garnered trac through the website: 1 visits since its launch (representing 5% of the website views for September 15 - December 31)

Download Data:

404 downloads of the Right to Breathe Manual

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Community, Rights And Gender The Time Of Covid-19 - Framing Health Responses And Policies Based On The Perspectives Needs Of Affect Communities

Implementation Period:

August - December 2020

Target Countries:

Asia-Pacific countries, with specific
country-level support in Nepal,
Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam

THE OBJECTIVES

This project's main objective
to convene and facilitate
regional multi-stakeholder
collate community-centred
affirmative, and gender
policy recommendations
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THE PROCESS

Even though APCASO has been focusing earlier on HIV, TB, and malaria-related advocacy work, its longstanding mandate of pushing universal health access for all doesn't come at a more crucial time for better understanding and need than during 2020's pandemic. The global health crisis that emerged proved that the strengthening of the health system is needed to deal more effectively with such crises, and proper policies should be put into place more. Thus, what public health advocates have been speaking about ever since is now front and centre of this global pandemic as people receive unequal responses and treatments.

Thus, this project gathered regional multi-stakeholders to help frame and formulate COVID-19 and post-COVID-19 responses, specifically drawing up recommendations that were community-centred, rights-based, and gender transformative. Virtual dialogues were held, participated by key community society, government, and technical partners.

Given the situation at hand, this project had seminars designed to be conducted solely online, since it was conceptualised during the pandemic. The challenge in making these webinars happen focused mainly on the difficulty of gathering the partners during their common availability since there were other competing commitments and priorities taking place. Another hurdle faced was conducting such work – and all work, for that matter – while experiencing and observing an onset of a mental health crisis emerging because of the pandemic.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

While there were many new challenges unfolding as the pandemic progressed, other side of this situation was that advocates were able to document the policy and health responses as they were observing it, first hand, and see the effects and reactions as it happened and evolved. Such observations and findings could hopefully produce insights that could inform upcoming additional responses to the yet-unfolding scenario

The output:

3 interactive
webinars

Advocacy brief:
The UHC That We Want

Advocacy
Mental Health
COVID

Global Fund Beyond 2022 Strategy Engagement - Asia Pacific Roadmap

THE OBJECTIVES

The aim of this activity was to mobilise community groups to make sure that community voices are heard in the strategic planning consultation process of the Global Fund Advocates Network for Asia Pacific.

THE PROCESS

Due to the pandemic situation, the usual face-to-face exercise of garnering feedback from Global Fund multi-stakeholders partnership consultations was moved virtually, with additional online platforms created to adapt to the situation, such as pushing online surveys.

Moreover the organisation felt that, due to the language barriers and connectivity issues, these processes would work better if community organisations themselves led the facilitation of their own regional local community dialogue and consultation process.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

With APCASO's facilitation, country groups were encouraged to hold their respective country-level consultations so they could closely analyse what to prioritise and how to approach the next global Fund strategy.

These moves go back to APCASO's mandate to support community engagement. APCASO'S support also foregrounded the inclusion of human rights and gender perspectives in the individual countries consultation processes.

Part of the achievement was the development and publication of a community-centred, rights-affirmative, and gender-transformative policy recommendation document related to COVID-19/post-COVID-19 and other pandemic risks.



Annual Financial Report 2020

Details Financial Status	2020 THB
Total current assests	31,383,502.50
Total non-current assests	177,982.64
Total assests	31,561,485.14
Total liabilities	1,423,958.32
Total Equity	30,137,526.82
Total liabilities and fund	31,561,485.14
Operating Performance	
Revenue	42,735,863.49
Disbursement	25,648,005.86
Income over(under) expenses for the years	17,087,857.64

Average Exchange rate

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APCASO Foundation Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Initial fund	Retained earnings	
		Appropriated	Unappro
Balance as at 1 January 2019	200,000.00	-	30,7
Net income/(loss) for the period			-9,7
Balance as at 31 December 2019 (Pre-Adjustment)	200,000.00	-	20,93
Adjustment			-8,0
Balance as at 1 January 2020 (Post-Adjustment)	200,000.00	-	12,84
Net income/(loss) for the period			17,08
Balance as at 31 December 2020	200,000.00	-	29,93



**LOOKING FORWARD
LOOKING AHEAD**

APCASO BEYOND 2020

**Balancing what is yet to come
with what's going on in the world,
APCASO believes that, as long as
goals are set and current mandates
hold, going forward to face future
challenges amidst existing ones
will always be work worth
undertaking.**



RD

"The world we live in continues to be full of injustices and inequities. I see APCASO's work of supporting activism, community mobilisation, and movement building as a contribution to efforts to subvert and dismantle these injustices and inequities. Our work helps re-assert community and civil society's legitimate right to influence and shape decisions that affect us. We will continue our work until this vision is achieved, and as long as our partners validate the value and effectiveness of our work. It takes resources to run an organisation. We have the moral obligation to make sure the resources we take is returned in steps towards our desired changes in the long term."



JEN

"I realised how important the work we do is. It's important to realise all the things that we've been complaining about is not meaningless. It is so essential. These are not concepts you talk about in the UN, you talk about in spaces out there. You wanna throw all these beautiful jargons and all, but this is the reality of it. So, I think for me, it's the realisation that all that we do is not in vain. It's completely needed."

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MANGALA

"I think what's really unique about the work we do and the people we work with, you really meet people who are genuine, who are caring, who speaks their mind, and who speaks truthfully. And these are very special, unique people. You may not always get along with them, but then they become part of who you are; they become part of your life; they become part of your family and new circle. I think that's why many of us continue to stay and do what we do."

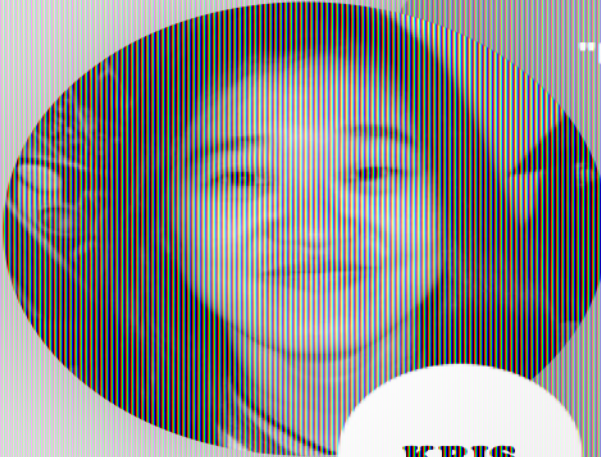
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"Perhaps more than being intersectional, it has to be more comprehensive, the way we understand ourselves in relation to others. Before, the big picture is important. But let's not push ourselves too much as activists. We are not superheroes. So we celebrate small wins, small successes. We need to recognise that part of the big picture is you. And without you, there won't be a big picture."

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KRIS

"Before, I am interested in doing many things, or watching something that excites me, but there is no access to information. Now, when you open things like in social media, you always learn something new - I learn something new. For life goals, I still have a lot of things to do. I still have not reached my goal yet - to be a millionaire."

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"I would like to express how the COVID-19 has affected everyone's lives regardless of where they are, who they are, or what they do. Unfortunately, marginalised people are in the worse situation. I see many gaps in how some governments are dealing with the situation, how many people are still being left behind in a vulnerable state. Even though the pandemic is new to everyone globally, it should not be a long-term excuse for the governments on how they plan to take care of their citizens."

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ANCHARAT

"Everything that happens in this world would have a cause and effect chain that teaches us to know and develop ourselves to live with it. Right now, this pandemic teaches us how to survive and live with it, which shows that what is happening now causes changes in the economy and a new way of living that humans try to find a way to develop and survive effectively, as well as stepping into a modern evolution or into another era of humankind even more. Everything gives us a lesson on how to live effectively, and its role is to help us in moving towards a new way of life."

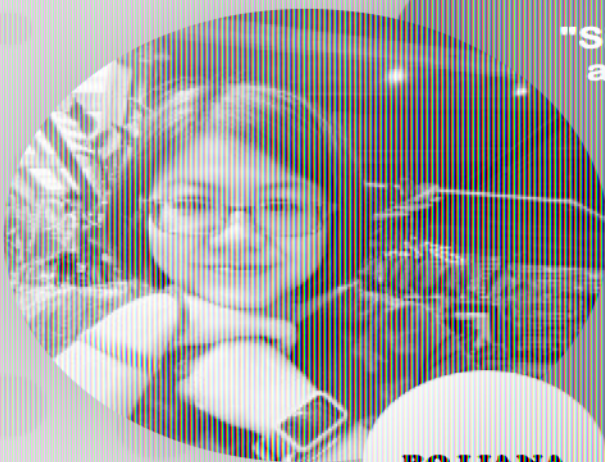
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RATTA

"As the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic happens in the world, especially Thailand right now, it has a huge impact on everyone and in every sector. The vulnerable people are suffering and unable to access health facilities and get vaccinated. It made inequality worse between the rich and the poor. This situation has a huge impact to me and my family, same as other families. Focus to work becomes very difficult and I have to balance between raising my kid and working at the same time. This will cause and make a long-term impact to those families who have young children at home."

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ROJJANA

"Since the COVID-19 virus has been affecting the world, I saw the good things and bad things that impact people and the environment. Human beings are now more aware of the uncertainties in life, and they learn to live with it. It has been affecting our work even though the work-from-home staff duties are different than the work in outside areas. We need a good way to manage and coordinate more."

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