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Regional Gender Justice and Sexual Rights Initiative

Regional Partner : APCASO

Country Partners : KHANA Cambodia, SWING Thailand, SCDI Viet Nam

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Geographic Location : Asia Pacific and 3 countries (Cambodia, Thailand, and Viet Nam)

Duration : 2024-2027



Goal

Inclusive HIV, TB, and malaria programming and policy-making in Asia-Pacific that respond to the needs of women and girls and people of diverse sexuality.



Objective

Civil society and communities of key and vulnerable women and girls and people of diverse sexuality actively engage in advocacy for gender justice and sexual rights regionally in Asia Pacific and in 3 countries (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam) to develop gender-just and sexual rights-affirmative HIV, TB, and malaria programming and policy making.



Overview

The Regional Gender Justice and Sexual Rights Initiative (REGENERATE) is a civil society capacity-development, movement-building, and advocacy project that aims to address the long standing gaps around gender and sexuality in health policies and services related to HIV, TB, and malaria in the Asia-Pacific region.

Glossary

Gender Justice (GJ): Gender justice is a concept that promotes the full realisation of rights and opportunities for all genders.

It seeks to realise equality between men and women, as well as among diverse sexualities and gender identities, in terms of rights, responsibilities, and opportunities. It is a holistic approach that addresses the root causes of gender discrimination and ensures that women and other gender minorities are not excluded from the full enjoyment of their human rights.

Sexual Rights (SR): Every person has the right to control and decide freely on matters related to their sexuality; to be free from violence, coercion, or intimidation in their sexual lives; to have access to sexual and reproductive health care information, education, and services; and to be protected from discrimination based on the exercise of their sexuality. These are known as human rights related to sexuality, or simply, sexual rights!

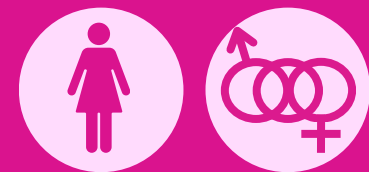
REGENERATE Platform: The organized community and civil society Platform that REGENERATE envisions to form to lead advocacy for GJ & SR in the region. One regional Platform will be formed, with country-level counterpart each in Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam, all serving as a collective voice to influence policy and programming related to HIV, TB, and malaria. The Platform will have representation from key and vulnerable women and girls and people of diverse sexuality, and will be led by a Steering Committee selected from amongst the Platform constituency.

REGENERATE Leadership and Learning Institute:

A specialized institute that will be rolled-out dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge and skills related to GJ & SR. This Leadership and Learning Institute will focus on building the capacity of civil society platforms, targeting duty bearers, through training modules, sensitization toolkits, and situational analysis. It will serve as a center for excellence, providing leadership development, educational resources, and operational guidance to enhance the understanding and implementation of GJ & SR in the context of HIV, TB, and malaria programs across the region.



Movement Building



The project will establish and operationalize **one regional** and **three country-specific** civil society Platforms of key and vulnerable women, girls, and people of diverse sexualities



Create a cohesive network of advocates dedicated to advancing GJ & SR across multiple levels of society.



Advocate for GJ & SR



1 Region
Asia-Pacific

3 Countries



Cambodia



Thailand



Vietnam

Key Interventions



This component includes rolling out the Learning Institute's tools and training modules on:

- i Conceptual and operational understanding of GJ & SR
- ii Advocacy for GJ & SR
- iii Organisational strengthening
- iv Leadership across the three national civil society platform members



Conceptual and operational understanding of GJ & SR in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam is developed and strengthened amongst civil society platforms and duty bearers via training.



Situational analysis reports on the state of GJ & SR within the context of HIV, TB, and malaria programs.

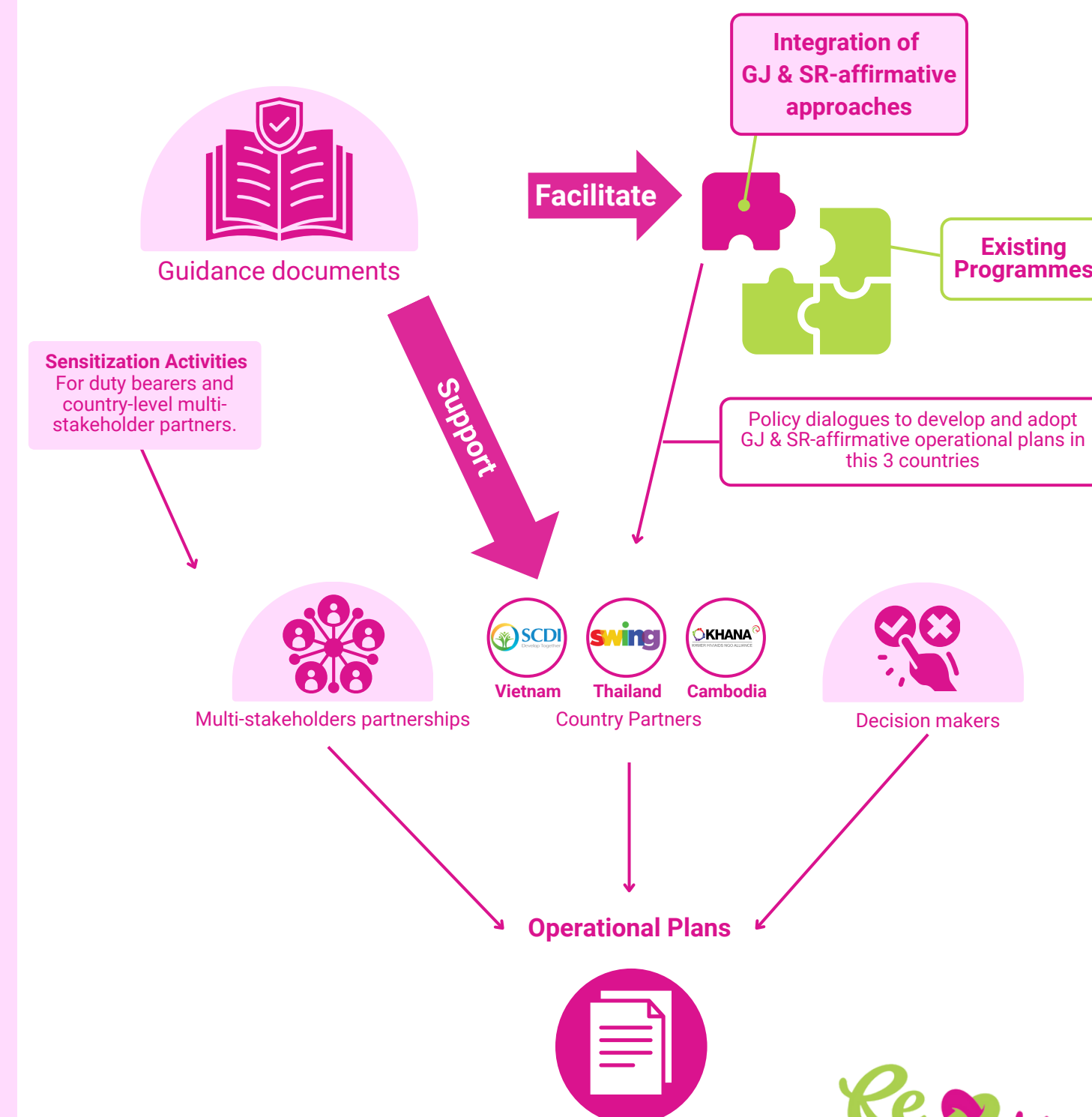
Capacity-Development

Advocacy



This component focuses on:

- 1 Supporting multi-stakeholder partnerships of HIV, TB, and malaria duty-bearers.
- 2 Sensitising duty bearers and country-level multi-stakeholder partnerships
- 3 Integrating of GJ & SR-affirmative approaches into country programming



About Us

APCASO: APCASO is a regional civil society network organization that serves as a catalytic platform for advocacy and community strengthening for health, social justice, and human rights for key, vulnerable, and marginalized communities in Asia and the Pacific. We work with civil society and community-led organisational partners in the region and beyond to promote people-centered, rights-based approaches to health policy and practice.

 <https://apcaso.org/>

KHANA: Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance or KHANA (est. 1996 and registered and recognized by the Ministry of Interior in 2000), is a leading Cambodian non-governmental organization dedicated to improving public health by providing HIV, TB, prevention, care, and support services at the community level in Cambodia. KHANA also specializes in the field of integrated sexual and reproductive health, family planning, maternal child health, viral hepatitis, NCD response, and livelihoods programming. Its Vision is to ensure community ownership and empowerment so that all people have equitable access to high-quality HIV, TB, and other health services, and sustainable development opportunities.

 <https://khana.org.kh/>

SCDI: The Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI), a Vietnamese non-profit scientific and technology organization established in 2010, works with marginalized and vulnerable populations in Vietnam, including people who use drugs (PWUD), sex workers (SW), men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender people (TG), people living with HIV, vulnerable children and adolescents, prisoners, ethnic minority groups. SCDI aims to improve their quality of life through technical assistance, communication, innovative community-based interventions and service provision and advocacy.

 <https://scdi.org.vn/>

SWING: Established in 2004, the Service Workers In Group Foundation (SWING) protects the health and rights of sex workers, expanding its services to include all genders and orientations. Operating centers in Bangkok, Pattaya, and Koh Samui, SWING offers educational programs, health workshops, and a unique Police Cadet Community Involvement Programme. This initiative has successfully improved police understanding and reduced arrests, fostering better relations in sex work communities.

 <https://www.swingthailand.org/>

L'initiative: L'Initiative is a French mechanism that works hand in hand with the Global Fund to accelerate the fight against major pandemics and help countries improve access to quality health services for their populations. L'initiative supports local and national stakeholders to implement catalytic programs that drive improvements in health policies and practices. L'Initiative operates in a limited number of eligible countries, working in close cooperation with national authorities, communities, and stakeholders in the global health ecosystem.

 <https://linitiative.expertisefrance.fr/en/>

