



1st Leadership & Learning Institute

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W District, Bangkok, Thailand



APCASO Launches Groundbreaking Gender Justice and Sexual Rights Training in Asia-Pacific

APCASO is thrilled to announce the launch of the REGENERATE Leadership & Learning Institute on Gender Justice and Sexual Rights (GJSR). The inaugural training, taking place from June 15-20, 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand, brings together over 35 dynamic civil society and community changemakers from 9 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

The Institute will serve as a center for excellence, providing leadership development, educational resources, and operational guidance to enhance the understanding and implementation of GJSR in the context of health programs across the region. Advocates will be equipped to engage and sensitize duty bearers on GJSR—ultimately promoting the adoption of GJSR affirmative approaches into country health programming.



Manisha Meem Nipun,
Pathchola Foundation, Bangladesh

*“Attending the First **REGENERATE** Leadership & Learning Institute offers me a unique opportunity to learn, unlearn, and reimagine systems of care, resilience, and leadership alongside peers from across the region.”*



Held during Pride Month, a global celebration of visibility, dignity, and resistance for LGBTQIA+ communities, this training boldly affirms the right to health and equity for key and vulnerable women and girls and people of diverse sexuality, issues at the core of the REGENERATE Initiative.

*“Launching this training in June is no coincidence,” said RD Marte, Executive Director of APCASO . **“Pride is not just a celebration, it's a commitment to justice.** We strive to equip communities with the tools, skills, and expertise to challenge oppressive systems and reimagine inclusive health for all.”*



RD Marte
Executive Director, APCASO



Natthakit Phanmung
The Foundation of Transgender
Alliance Human Rights,
Thailand.

“As a transgender woman with a keen interest in gender equality, I aspire to become a voice for those who are experiencing gender-based inequality and injustice”, said Natthakit Phanmung, The Foundation of Transgender Alliance Human Rights, Thailand. “I aim to advocate for and promote activities and policies that can effectively support and empower them within society.”



This first-of-its-kind training in the Asia-Pacific region will equip participants, many of whom are key and vulnerable women and girls and people of diverse sexuality, with:

- A deeper understanding of how gender and sexuality influence health outcomes and access to services
- An operative understanding on using critical tools and frameworks to assess and challenge gender and sexuality-based inequities in health systems and beyond
- Practical skills for community-led advocacy, policy engagement, and movement building around inclusive and rights-affirming health programming



The REGENERATE Leadership & Learning Institute is being launched under The Regional Gender Justice and Sexual Rights Initiative (REGENERATE), a civil society-led project that aims to develop capacities, build movements, and advocate 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. Through REGENERATE, civil society and communities of key and vulnerable women and girls and people of diverse sexuality are actively engaging in advocacy for gender just and sexual rights affirmative policies and programs regionally in the Asia-Pacific region, and nationally in Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam.

This initiative is led regionally by APCASO, and nationally by our country partners KHANA (Cambodia), SWING (Thailand), and SCDI (Viet Nam). The REGENERATE Initiative is supported by L'Initiative and Expertise France.