

Greetings from the Asia Safe Abortion Partnership! The first quarter of the New Year has whizzed by for us here at the Partnership, and we're happy to be able to share with you the highlights of what has kept us busy over these three months.

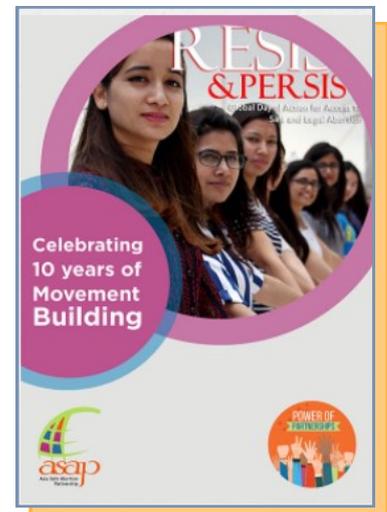
This quarter marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Partnership's journey as advocates for safe abortion in the region!

In this journey, we have had the privilege of working hand in hand with some amazing partners working towards the transformation of the world as we know it. Some come in the guise of funders, some as Country Network mentors, some as Youth Champions, some as trainers. It is the Power of these Partnerships that has sustained us, helped us grow and evolve, ready to take on more challenges



The highpoint of this quarter has been an immensely successful conference that we hosted to mark this milestone. Titled **'The Power of Partnerships: Celebrating 10 years of movement building for Safe Abortion Advocacy'**, the conference was held on the **24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2018** in **Bangkok, Thailand**.

We are delighted to share the highlights of the conference with you here:



Click on the images to watch the video of the conference highlights & read our Power of Partnerships report

In addition, we have, as always, had our fingers in a few other pies! Read on to know what we've been up to!

## EVENTS

### Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018 | Bangkok, Thailand

The three day workshop was convened by the Asia Safe Abortion Partnership in order to facilitate a conversation about Monitoring and Evaluation for both the Partnership, as well as the Country Advocacy Networks (CANs).

Facilitated by Barbara Klugman, the workshop encouraged ASAP and the CANs to:

- develop mechanisms to routinely gather and analyse information on the effectiveness of their activities, and
- generate tools to use this information to reflect and work out how to strengthen their strategies for maximum influence



## MEETINGS

### SheDecides Strategic Stakeholders Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 | New Delhi, India

SheDecides, the global movement to promote, provide, protect and enhance the fundamental rights of every girl and woman, held a meeting with regional stakeholders in Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to

- explore how SheDecides, and its mission, aligns with the goals of different existing stakeholders in the field, and
- to generate ideas and an action plan for the India launch of SheDecides in March, 2018.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to discussing the nature of the launch, and brainstorming ideas. Participants volunteered to be a part of various committees to support the launch. The Stakeholders meeting was followed by a series of virtual and in-person meetings, culminating in the launch event on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Partnership was a part of these meetings and the launch, both at the venue and online.

Swetha Sridhar, Communications Officer, represented the Asia Safe Abortion Partnership at the meeting.

### Family Planning Helplines Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018 | Dubai, UAE

The Asia Safe Abortion Partnership was invited by Dr Haris Ahmed of the Aman Health Foundation and Sukh Initiative to conduct a workshop for the hotlines network they are supporting in Sind Province, Pakistan. The objective of the workshop was to provide the participants with an overview of the global landscape for hotlines, understand data, M&E processes and utilization, and also provide technical updates on contraception and post abortion care (PAC).

The Partnership was represented by Dr. Suchitra Dalvie, Coordinator, and Dr. Shilpa Desai-Shroff, Assistant Coordinator. Imane El Hayek from The A-Project, Lebanon was also a resource person.



## CAMPAIGNS

### SheDecides! Campaign 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

In support of the SheDecides launch campaign, the Partnership participated in the online campaign to generate visibility for the platform. In addition to posting and boosting content that supported the message, the Partnership also participated in online tweetchats.

### International Women's Day Campaign 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

The Partnership marked International Women's Day as it does annually through a digital campaign on all our social media platforms. The theme for this year's campaign was #PressforProgress, bolstered by international movements such as #TimesUp. The partnership generated and posted original content, as well as participated in digital fora that were facilitating conversations on relevant issues.

**Facebook Post:** WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS. GENDER EQUALITY CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO SAFE ABORTION. #PRESSFORPROGRESS #INTERNATIONALWOMENSDAY. Abortion is **black & white.** Women who need an abortion, should get a safe abortion.

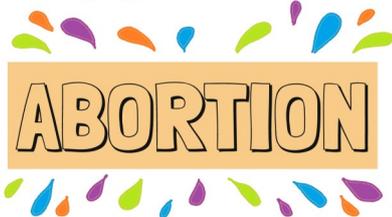
**Instagram Post:** RESIST and PERSIST! We will resist and persist until every woman and girl enjoys complete bodily autonomy.

**Twitter Thread:**  
ASAP @asapasia · Mar 7  
#PressforProgress ♀ to ensure that Pooja has access to the trifecta of #AbortionAgencyAutonomy, and that #SheDecides what to do with her body. This #InternationalWomensDay ♀ demand #safeabortion for all.  
Pravah @Pravah01  
Who makes decisions for #her body ? #SheDecides #InternationalWomensDay ♀ #TimesNow ♀ #5thSpaceChats

In addition, the Partnership used the Day to launch The Abortion Dictionary, a project that is an attempt to expand and reclaim the lexicon around women's reproductive sexual health and rights.

# THE ABORTION RIGHTS DICTIONARY

**A** ABORTION



**B** BRIDE

DESPITE NEAR-UNIVERSAL COMMITMENTS TO END CHILD MARRIAGE, AN ESTIMATED 70 MILLION GIRLS WILL BE MARRIED AS CHILDREN OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, DIRECTLY IMPACTING THEIR HEALTH AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

**C** CONSENT, CLITORIS & CONTRACEPTION



**D** DISCRIMINATION

EQUALITY **E**

**F** FAMILY PLANNING

**G** GENDER



HETERONORMATIVITY **H**

**I** INTERSECTIONALITY

TERM USE TO DESCRIBE THE WAYS IN WHICH OPPRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS (RACISM, SEXISM, HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, ABLEISM, XENOPHOBIA, CLASSISM, ETC.) ARE INTERCONNECTED AND CANNOT BE EXAMINED SEPARATELY FROM ONE ANOTHER; FIRST CAME FROM LEGAL SCHOLAR KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW IN 1989

**J** JAIL

**K** KYRIARCHY

THE INTERCONNECTED, INTERACTING, AND SELF-EXTENDING SYSTEMS OF DOMINATION AND SUBMISSION, IN WHICH A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BE OPPRESSED IN SOME RELATIONSHIPS AND PRIVILEGED IN OTHERS; FIRST CAME FROM ELISABETH SCHÜSSLER FIORENZA IN 1992

LAW **L**

**M** MIFEPRISTONE & MISOPROSTOL, MARRIAGE, MOTHERHOOD



NO **N**

**O** ORGASMS

PATRIARCHY **P**

**Q** QUEER

RAPE CULTURE **R**

**S** SEXUALITY



TABOO **T**

**U** UTERUS



VIRGINITY **V**

**W** WOMAN

X-RATED **X**

**Y** YOU

ZEALOT **Z**

