

ASIA SAFE ABORTION PARTNERSHIP



QUARTERLY REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021

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GREETINGS FROM ASAP!

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As people come out of lockdowns from various corners of the world, back to their original pace forcing many to slowly recover from their losses and rebuild their lives, it seems like many are looking forward to the world we knew before 2019. However, we hope that as we move forward, we do so with the learning and the understanding that any of our efforts geared towards 'rebuilding' the post pandemic world be inclusive of all and especially the marginalized, because as the past 2 years have shown us, it is always the most vulnerable; women, people living disabilities, non-binary persons, who take the maximum brunt of any natural or 'man-made' calamity.

Amidst all this, ASAP and our Youth Champions have been constantly working with their communities, not only with COVID Relief efforts, but also to ensure equitable access to information and services relating to people's sexual and reproductive needs. So do join us as we take you through the journey of our past quarter along with our brilliant partners and Youth Champions.

In the interest of building cross movement solidarity this year we have been focussing on 'Building Inclusive Movements' as our guiding principle for 2021. The organization is working towards finding synergies and developing solidarities between various human rights, sexual and reproductive rights, and social justice movements in order to encourage them to integrate safe abortion rights within their advocacy agenda and program strategies even as we include their issues within our work. While we are incorporating these principles functionally, we are also focussing on raising awareness on the need for solutions, to make safe abortion services truly accessible to all.

ASAP ACTIVITIES

50 Years of MTP Act: Gaps, Gains and Goals | MASUM, ISAY & ASAP |

Social Media Awareness Campaign

Supported by ASAP, MASUM had undertaken a rapid assessment 'Mapping women's "choices" in accessing abortion services' along with partners from seven states of India. A national level consultation was held on 2nd March, 2020 in Delhi with policymakers and government officials and on 3rd March, 2020 with civil society partners in order to disseminate the findings and to create a community of advocacy around the key issues.

In order to ensure that the testimonies and situation analysis obtained through the study were utilized in an optimal way given the difficult and unpredictable circumstances, we launched a series of online events which will allow partner organisations to create visibility on the specific issues affecting their community and constituency and allow us to create a dialogue and deliberation. We were able to bring in a wide range of civil society partners who helped create a wider base for the discourse and facilitated future advocacy efforts for safe abortion access concerns at district, state and national level.

Members of Humsafar organization from [#UttarPradesh](#) [#India](#) are joining MASUM, [ISAY - India Safe Abortion Youth Advocates](#) and ASAP in our celebration & analysis of the [#50Years](#) the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act which completes 50 years in 2021.

[#abortionisawomansright](#) [#mtpbill2020](#) [#MTPActIndia](#)

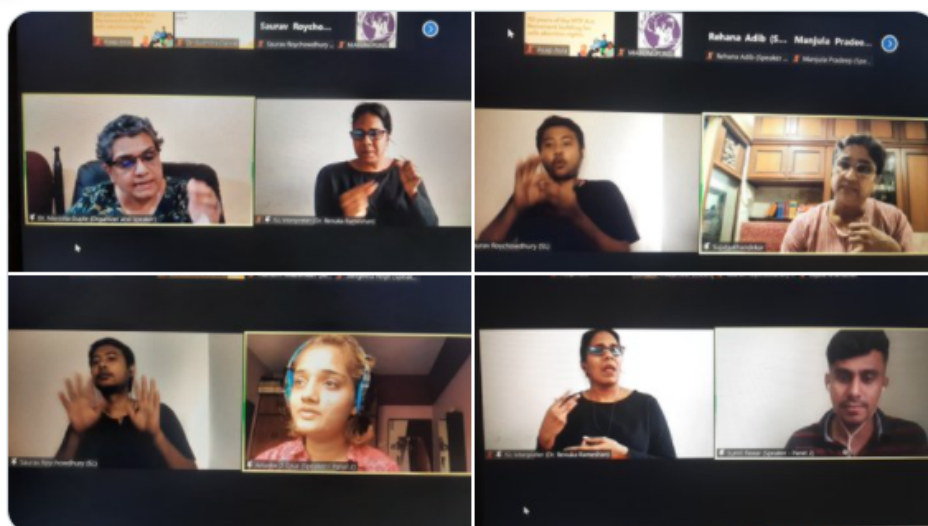
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Webinar - 50 Years of MTP Act: Movement Building for Safe Abortion Rights | 3rd September

After the overwhelming response for our 1st webinar with MASUM & ISAY – India Safe Abortion Youth Advocates mapping the success & challenges of MTP Act in India , we organized the 2nd webinar in the series, where we discussed movement building for abortion rights & the way ahead. We have found, repeatedly, in studies done across decades that those from marginalized and vulnerable communities often get left behind, even when the law itself aims to be inclusive and supportive.

Therefore this discussion was a step towards changing that and encouraging people in cross movement dialogues in order to find ways to work together in synergy so as to strengthen the visibility and reach of all the social justice and rights issues as a whole. The webinar had sign language interpretation and Hindi-English translators, to reach out to as many people as possible.



Building Inclusive Movements | ASAP with CANs

In line with our efforts towards finding synergies and developing solidarities between various human rights, sexual and reproductive rights, and social justice movements, we are encouraging our members and partners in the safe abortion rights movement to step up as a strong ally for the various marginalized groups and be more inclusive of their issues and concerns. We will work together to create synergies for developing a powerful collective voice to demand freedom, equality, and rights, including the right to choose.

Objectives:

1. To work closely with People with Disabilities (PWD) in order to be more inclusive with our information, capacity building and advocacy programmes.
2. To engage with the LGBTQIA+ movement and proactively create spaces for trans sensitive issues around safe abortion rights and access.
3. To strengthen the partnership with the sex workers' rights movements for ensuring that their voices and issues are included in all relevant advocacy agenda and program strategy.

International Day of Sign Languages : Launch of SRHR Concepts in Sign Language | 23rd September

Human rights movements, including those for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), LGBTQIA+ rights and Safe Abortion rights share several commonalities: they emerged as a response to unjust patriarchal norms and are rooted in the idea that all human beings are equal. Yet these allied movements still function in silos and continue to face the struggle separately although there is great value in strengthening synergies between these movements and building solidarity.

In our attempt to be more inclusive in our conversations on SRHR and abortion rights, ASAP in partnership with its country advocacy networks and sign language interpreters, will be releasing short introductory videos, explaining important concepts related to our sexual and reproductive health and rights, which will be accessible to all.

#InternationalDayOfSignLanguages



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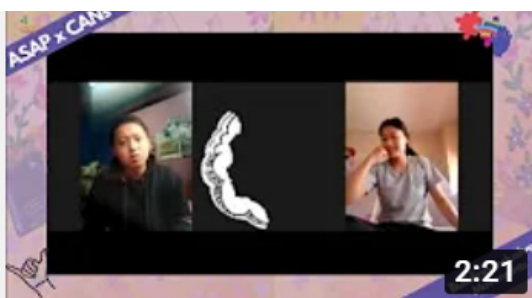


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Understanding Sexual and
Reproductive Health and...



Understanding 'Feminism' in
Sign Language. By Druk -...



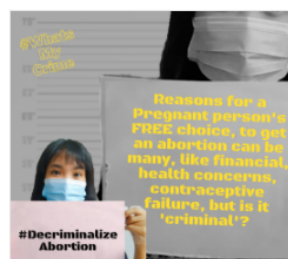
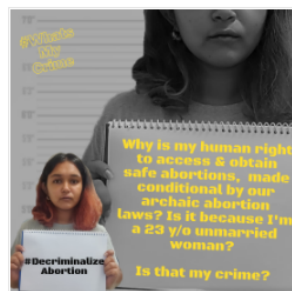
Reproductive Rights in Sign
Language - By Vietnam...

You can
watch the
videos by
clicking on
the images

International Safe Abortion Day | What's My Crime | 28th September

This year on Safe Abortion Day, ASAP along with our Youth Champions raised important questions around criminalization of safe abortion, in many countries in Asia. We asked questions about why terminating an unwanted pregnancy is considered a criminal act in many countries, when unsafe abortions still remain one of the biggest reasons for maternal mortality.

Throughout the day, we shared quotes and images, that focussed on highlighting an individual's perspective to 'de-criminalizing safe abortion' as opposed to just having technical conversations that often alienate people from the politics of why it's so important.



International Safe Abortion Day | Tweetathon | Pratigya Campaign

ASAP also participated in a Tweetathon organized by Pratigya Campaign from India, to highlight the need for 'Safe Abortion For Everyone' and how can we overcome the multiple challenges that marginalized people face, in accessing safe abortion services.

You can read the full conversation [here](#).



Pratigya Campaign
@RightsPratigya

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We are [#LIVE](#) with [#SAFE #Tweetathon](#), and the first question is for [@asapasia](#) -

How do the existing inequalities/prejudices in the society influence the sexual and reproductive rights of individuals?



ASAP @asapasia · Sep 28

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Replying to [@RightsPratigya](#)

Inequalities, like gender oppression, racism, casteism in this ableist world that we have created, which makes it difficult for people to access their basic human rights, like education, socio-economically dignified life, employment, definitely puts SRHR on a low priority+

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ASAP @asapasia · Sep 28

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And in turn, there is very less to no effort from concerned authorities, to raise awareness on 'healthy reproductive choices'. However It's important to remember that our overall mental & physical health is very strongly connected to our sexual and reproductive health.

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Medical Abortion Factsheet - Mandarin

After publishing our MAF in English, Hindi, Japanese and Vietnamese, we're glad to share with you that now it's available in Mandarin and as an audio version also. All our resources regarding accessing safe abortion can be accessed [here](#).



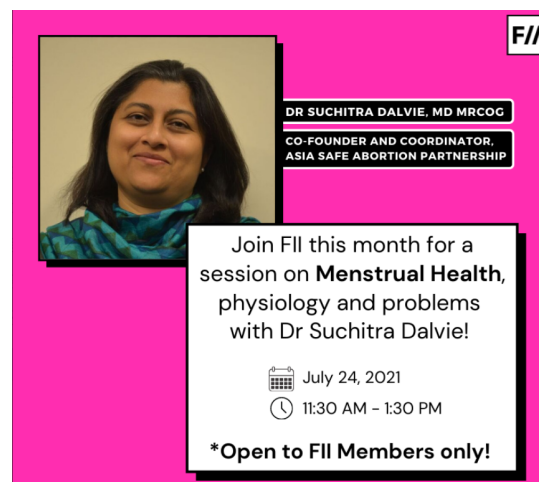
Online Youth Advocacy Refresher

Online Youth Advocacy Refresher ASAP held its first YAR since COVID, which saw participation from Youth Champions who attended our Youth Advocacy Institutes, conducted online in 2020-2021

ASAP AS PANELIST

Session on Menstrual Health for Feminism in India Members | 24th July

Coordinator was invited to facilitate a learning session for the Feminism in India staff team. A session on understanding menstruation, contraception and related gender and rights issues was held on Sat 24 th July 11 am-1.30 pm.



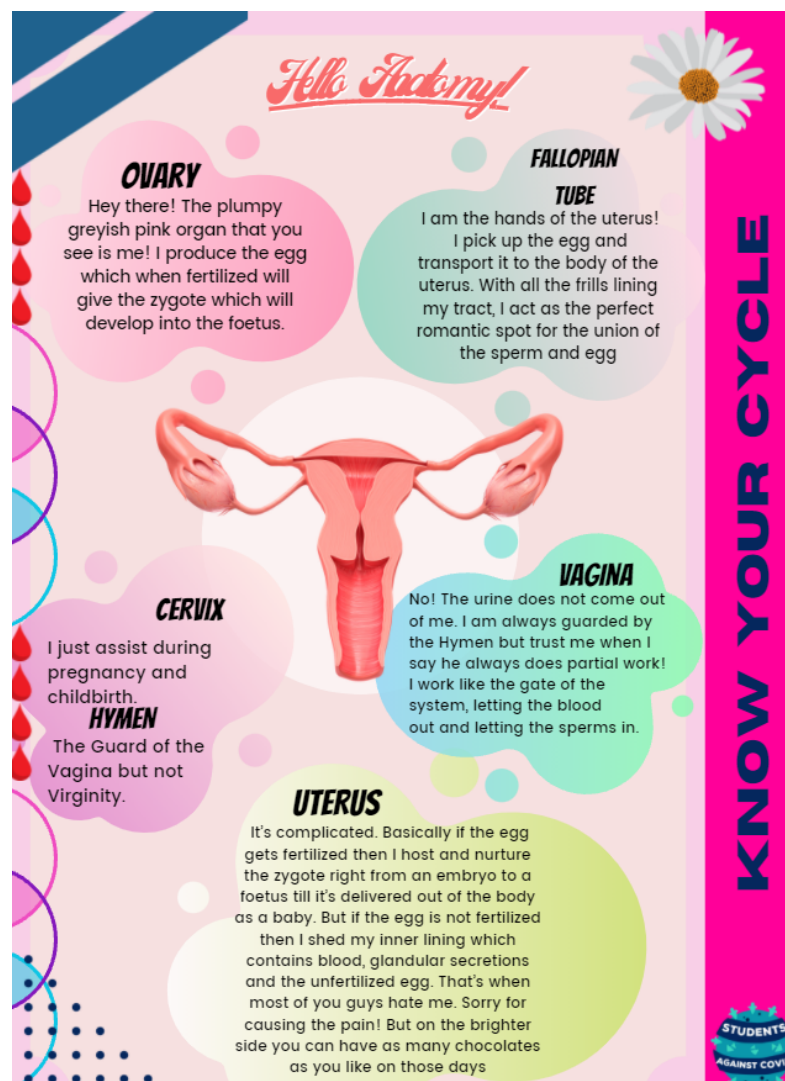
Launch of report and panel discussion -Legal Barriers to Accessing Abortion Services in India: A Fact Finding Study | 16th August

Coordinator Dr Suchitra Dalvie was invited as a panelist to speak at this launch of the fact finding study conducted by Center for Reproductive Rights, National Law University, Delhi & National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

"Pandora: Unboxing Crimson Hope" |1st August

Dr Suchitra Davie was invited as a speaker at the inaugural event of the launch of Students Against Covid, by a Youth Champion Nikita. SAC - Students Against COVID is a global community with volunteers from 99+ countries and recently launched their women's health and rights team with this first event "Pandora: Unboxing Crimson Hope". This campaign is aimed to improve the knowledge of sexual and reproductive health across the world, through the sharing of carefully moderated webinars, debates, and safe-space discussion sessions.

They have also created a 100+ page easy to read booklet on menstrual health that is being translated into multiple languages. You can access the booklet by clicking on the image.



Panel Discussion on World Population Day in Pakistan | 20th July

Institute for Social and Youth Development – ISYD and Pakistan Advocacy Network – PAN in collaboration with Mashal, Ethan Consultants Private Limited and The Unknown Ability conducted an online awareness session to celebrate the World Population Day and to spread awareness on Reproductive Health and Rights with young people from different corners of Pakistan including young people who are differently abled and transgender community.



SOCIAL MEDIA

ASAP Conversations During COVID HIGHLIGHTS



We try to counteract that and we run sort of forty-to-sixty-minute interactive sessions with relatively small class sizes and the feedback has been really brilliant. Most of the children are 14 to 17 and they are thinking about their sexual health, which is brilliant, and we kind of start with the contraception to present them with preventive measures, but then also want to make them aware that abortion services are available and to destigmatize. We think raising awareness is a key part of the destigmatizing process.

**- CORRINA,
DOCTORS FOR CHOICE UK**

Partner @KumiTsukahara translates the important opinion of Gynecologist Dr Yumie Ikeda's response to the report and survey answers submitted by Japan Govt on their SRHR management, to

UNFPA Proving that things are not black & white as we may see. Read our blog - <https://bit.ly/3sKh7ZG> to know more

#japan #abortioninjapan #SRHR #abortionisawomansright #contraception #reproductivehealth #asia #asapblog

Japan is a country where abortion is hard to get and the laws regarding contraception and sex education score a perfect 100?

What do you mean?

My clinical sense as an obstetrician and gynecologist is totally different from this...

About the Stoppiness of Japan's Answer - By Dr. Yumie Ikeda. Translated by Kumi Tshukahara

In Japan, access to female-oriented contraceptive methods is very poor, and you have to go to a medical facility to get it. It is very difficult for minors to see a doctor without their parents or other adults knowing about it, and there are many people who want to use it but cannot because of its high price.

There is no guarantee of access to all people. There are also rules that hinder the guarantee of access, such as requiring parental consent at medical facilities if you are underage.

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Therefore like other services, we need to ensure equitable distribution of evidence based information, so that individuals make an informed medical choice without any coercion. We must destigmatize this service which has been 'demonized' by patriarchy.

[#DecriminalizeAbortion](#)



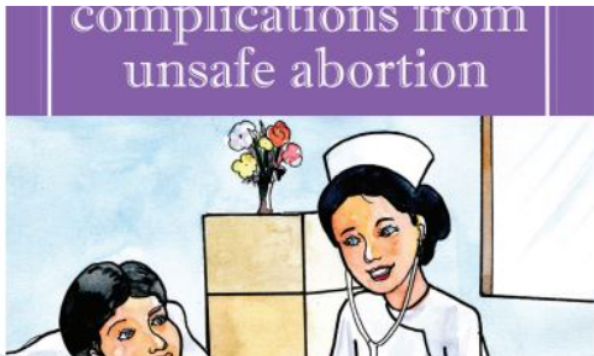
ASAP @asapasia · Sep 28

This comic book has been found helpful by many people, because of the non-stigmatizing way in which information has been shared. You can access this and our other resources along with our Medical Abortion Factsheets here- asap-asia.org/information-bo... Thanks @tarshingo for d shoutout

TARSHI @tarshingo · Sep 28

#WorldSafeAbortionDay:

Preventing Complications from Unsafe Abortion' - This comic book was developed by @asapasia as a resource to help reduce harms from unsafe #abortions in Myanmar. An info-guide towards safe abortions: asap-asia.org/pdf/informatio...



On #internationallyouthday today, we are glad to share with you a small clip of the journey of our brilliant #YouthChampions and co-founders of now, some of the most important organizations working on #safeabortion and #srhr in their respective countries.

Hear from some of our most successful, diligent and passionate #CountryAdvocacyNetwork representatives, from Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka and follow and share their work, to show your support for #YouthLed movements and organizations!

Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka - YANSL

ISAY - India Safe Abortion Youth Advocates

Tanzila Khan Suyash Khubchandani Riti Sanghvi @shwetangishinde

You can watch all videos of our CANs on our Youtube channel!

#InternationalYouthDay2021 #asiasafeabortion #YouthChampions #ASAPYouthChampions #abortionisawomansright #youth #YouthDay #YouthPower #Pakistan #india #Srilanka



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#PopulationControlBill
#WorldPopulationDay2021

#India is signatory to the ICPD PoA & hence moved away from population 'control' & target based approach. Such restrictions on family size affect only those who seek or need public sector jobs and subsidies.



indianexpress.com

UP population draft bill proposes two-child policy, stringent measures for violat... Public suggestions have been invited to improve the draft bill and July 19 is the last date for it.



ASAP @asapasia · Jul 11

Replying to @asapasia

The issue of limited resources is better solved by addressing the privilege to access and the unequal distribution, rather than trying to control family size. We have seen the family size and fertility rates drop by themselves as soon as women are empowered,

#PopulationControl

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ASAP @asapasia · Jul 11

children survive early childhood illnesses and families value the investment in higher education and improve their socio economic status. Equitable development still is the best contraceptive.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Congratulations to Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka - YANSL and a random shout out for consistently raising the issues around safe abortion & reproductive health services & contributing greatly to the pool of resources on #SRHR from SL, despite many legislative & social challenges! More power to the team for their 2021 plans!

#SRHRisEssential #SriLanka #abortioninsrilanka #YANSL
#YouthChampion #asiasafeabortion



Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka
@YANSLanka

"Coming #together is a beginning, staying together is progress, & working together is success."

Team @youthadvocacynetwork met to share progress & strategize our #vision for the rest of 2021!

#SRHR4All #SmashPatriarchy #DreamTeam
#Safeabortion #SafeSpace #genderequality #SRHR



PUBLICATIONS

COVID Changed the Way We Bleed: Women Call for Research on Impact

Women across the globe are sharing anecdotes on how the coronavirus has disrupted their menstrual cycles.

MYTHREYEE RAMESH

Published: 01 Jul 2021, 4:55 PM IST

GENDER

5 min read



Dr Suchitra Dalvie of Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP) asserted that modern medicine and patriarchy simply sees women as a vehicle towards the next generation and just that.

"When you are seriously ill or are stressed, for example, if you have an exam or a job interview coming up, or you have moved towns, your body sees it as a stressful situation. Under these circumstances, it is not safe for you to get pregnant. Usually, your body shuts down for a cycle or two, or you experience irregularity during this period. Women who have chronic illness, like tuberculosis, also have irregular periods," she said.

CAN ACTIVITIES

NEPAL - YOUTH LED SRHR ADVOCACY (YOSHAN)

Clubhouse discussion | 11th July | Visible Impact

YoSHAN attended a clubhouse discussion as Panelists on “Pandemic World: Putting SRHR of youth at the centre of health” which was organised by Visible Impact. They presented their views on ongoing SRHR issues during the pandemic along with other activists.

Clubhouse discussion | 8th August | YoSHAN

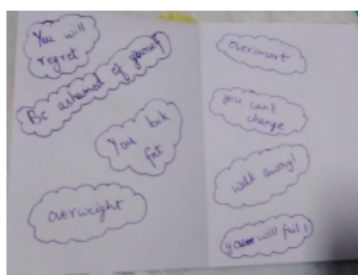
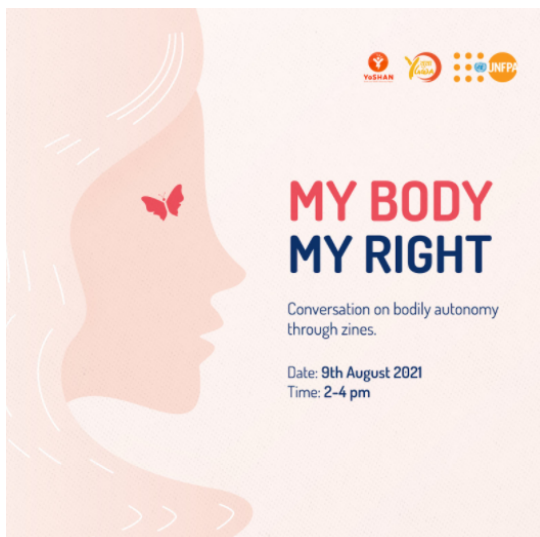
YoSHAN organized a clubhouse discussion on the topic “Let’s talk about Sex” on August 8th. The discussion was organized through the club called ‘Young Nepali Feminist’ opened by YoSHAN. The YoSHAN team along with other participants had a healthy discussion on the topic and related issues.



NEPAL - YOUTH LED SRHR ADVOCACY (YOSHAN)

Workshop on bodily autonomy| 9th August | YoSHAN

Pushpa Joshi from YoSHAN facilitated a workshop on bodily autonomy titled “My Body, My Rights” which was followed by Zine making exercises. The zine is a self-published magazine that includes texts, images and artworks. In the workshop, participants explored bodily autonomy and experiences related to the same. The workshop was the side event of the Youth Summit in celebration of International Youth Day, 2021 which was organised by YUWA with support of UNFPA.



Zine by one of the participant of the program.

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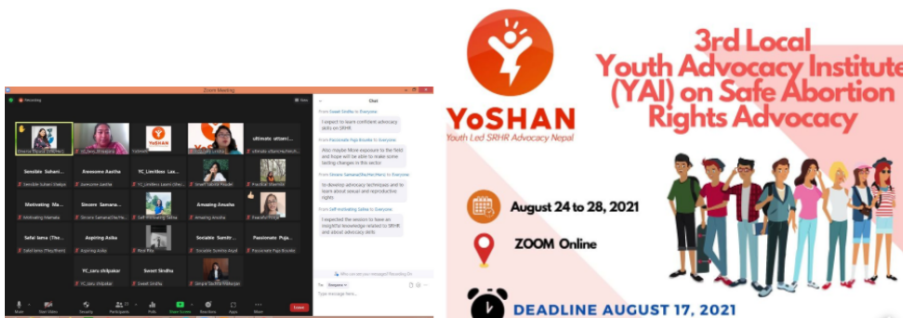
Radio Program

Lirisha Tuladhar; Youth champion of YoSHAN Nepal, presented YoSHAN in a Radio Program "Man ko Chautari" which was aired through Radio Audio FM. The discussion program was focused on Breastfeeding as a shared responsibility and other affecting factors.



Zoom session on gender and sexuality | 17th August | YoSHAN

YoSHAN in collaboration with Leo club of Kathmandu Aananda Bhairav and with support from SDGs National Network Nepal organized a ZOOM session on "Understanding Gender and Sexuality" which was facilitated by Leo Mandira Shrestha who is also a YoSHAN youth champion. The session took place on zoom on 17th August.



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'Let's talk' series | YoSHAN

YoSHAN collaborated with Yatra Creatives for the Let's Talk series. Their theme for this season was "Understanding Social Norms" on different issues. Pushpa Joshi from YoSHAN is the director and scriptwriter for this video podcast and YoSHAN youth champions have been moderating the episodes. Four episodes have been released on the youtube channel of Let's Talk till September. The episodes of the Let's talk web series are as follows:

- First Episode: Motherhood and Breastfeeding
- Second Episode: Body Image
- Third Episode: Safe Abortion Rights
- Fourth Episode: Disability and SRHR



NEPAL - YOUTH LED SRHR ADVOCACY (YOSHAN)

YoSHAN at the Global South Conversation on Safe Abortion | 24th September | WGNRR

On September 24, YoSHAN cofounder Pushpa Joshi talked at the global south conversation on safe abortion, about barriers diverse young people face while accessing safe abortion service and how can we #makeunsafeabortionhistory . The event was organized by the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR).

What young people want to

#MakeUnsafeAbortionHistory

→ Barriers to safe abortion and way forward



Pushpa Joshi
Co-founder
YoSHAN



Pushpa Joshi Pradhan
Young People's Call to Action
and Initiatives to
#MakeUnsafeAbortionHistory

**#MakeUnsafe
AbortionHistory**
A Global South Online Conversation on Safe Abortion
September 24, 2021 via Zoom

Pushpa is the co-founder of Yo SHAN, a youth led organization in Nepal that aims to promote, protect and advance SRHR of women & girls in Nepal, by advocating for access to comprehensive SRHR services including safe abortion. She is also a Youth Champion of Asia Safe Abortion Partnership and Young Leader of Women Deliver.



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Program on Dignified Menstruation | 25th September

YoSHAN in collaboration with Radha Poudel Foundation and Global South Coalition for dignified menstruation completed the program on dignified menstruation on 25th Bhadra, Friday in Lalitpur. The program was fun and engaging where the participants and facilitators talked about Dignified Menstruation. Youth Champion Mandira Shrestha coordinated and facilitated the program

Zoom session | 28th September

On September 28, Durga Sapkota one of the co-founders of YoSHAN, shared her views at Martin Chautari on the topic “Experiences on Sexual and reproductive health of women with disabilities residing in Kathmandu Valley”. The discussion happened at zoom and was also aired through Facebook live.



**Experiences on Sexual and Reproductive Health of Women
with Disabilities Residing in Kathmandu Valley**


 

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Date, Time and Venue
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 (असोज १२, २०७८)
03:00 – 04:30 PM
ZOOM Online Platform

Register in Advance
<https://bit.ly/3nsEPcu>


Durga Sapkota
RN/Co-founder, Youth-Led SRHR Advocacy Nepal

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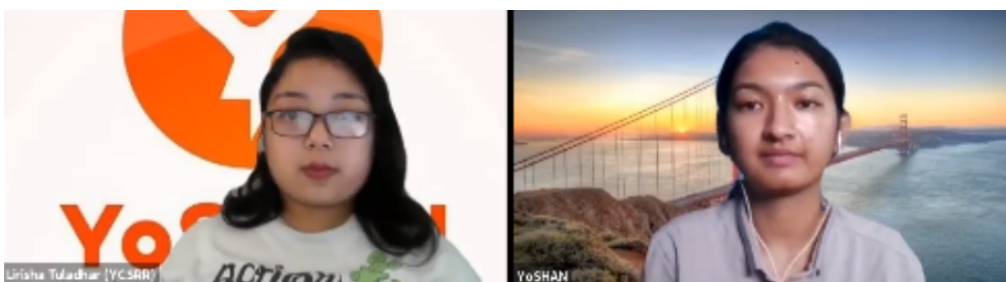
Strategic planning meeting

YoSHAN organised a three day long organizational strategic planning meeting in the month of September. The core team and working committee members of YoSHAN attended the strategic planning and it was facilitated by Sumera Shrestha.



Facebook live on Safe abortion

Anjila Thapa and Lirisha Tuladhar from YoSHAN along with YUWA Nepal, delivered a Facebook live session on the basics of Safe abortion in collaboration . The live session happened through Facebook page of 'My Abortion My Choice' and focused on safe abortion services, myths associated with it and the legal aspects in Nepal.



SRI LANKA - YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK SRI LANKA (YANSL)

Catalyst Episodes

Three Catalyst Episodes were conducted during the Third Quarter of the year.

1. Mental Health and its Impact on Sexual and Reproductive Health by Tashya de Silva (Counsellor at Shanthi Margam) moderated by Dulmani Atapattu
2. Teenage Pregnancies in the Estate Sector: Root Causes and Learnings by Kisha Kumar (Social Researcher, Activist and Non-Profit Consultant) moderated by Priskila Arulpragasam
3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Practices and Challenges during the Pandemic conducted by Dr. Indika Gunawardana (Technical Advisor of World Vision Lanka) moderated by Harini Fernando.

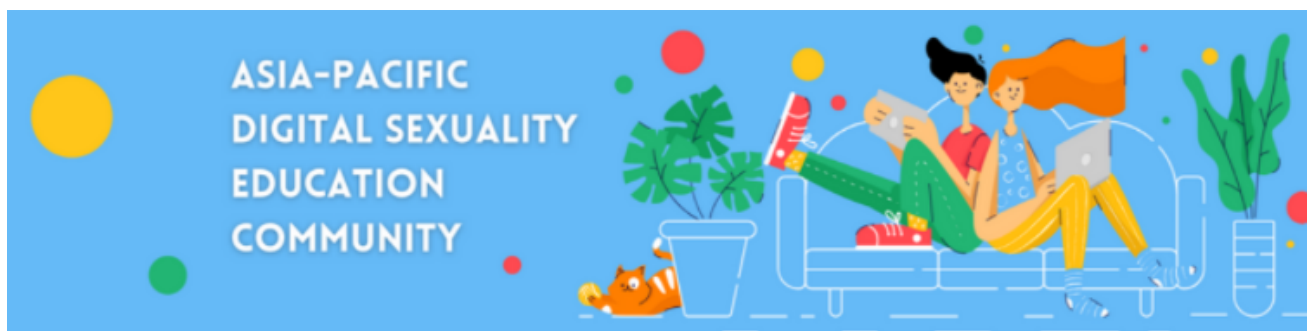


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Asia Pacific Digital Sexuality Education Community

UNFPA, UNICEF, and UNESCO at the Asia-Pacific Regional level have been building and providing support to a community of digital sexuality education (DSE) app developers, content creators, vloggers, and online sex educators in response to the rapid increase in the use of digital technology and internet access by young people across Asia-Pacific (referred to as DSE community members). Henry Mitchel represents YANSL in the DSE community, where he collaborates and plans digital events and projects that will be carried out near future.

DSE is a topic that this community debates and shares best practices on with the goal of improving access to comprehensive, high-quality DSE for young people.



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World Sexual Health Day | 4th September

September 4th is World Sexual Health Day. "Physical, mental and social well-being in connection to sexuality" are the terms used by the WHO to describe sexual health. While avoiding sexually transmitted illnesses is an important element of maintaining good sexual health, it's not the only consideration. A crucial part of sexual wellness is understanding issues like consent and abuse. Sex and sexual education are taboo subjects in many cultures around the world including Sri Lanka. To commemorate World Sexual Health Day, YANSL created a small poster campaign that aims to educate people about their sexual and reproductive health and rights. The campaign was a success.

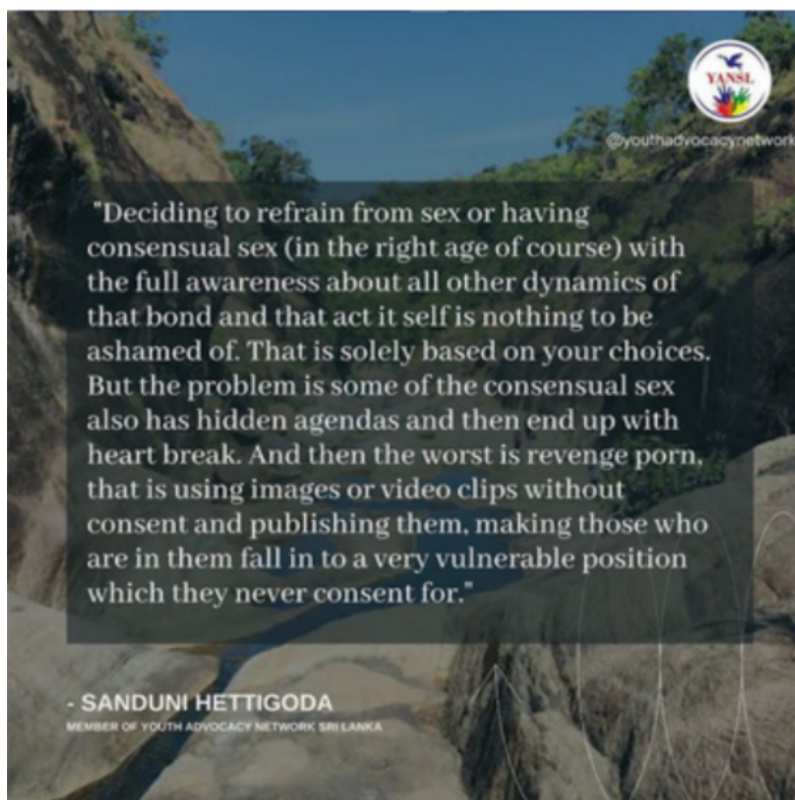


"Pahanthudawa Incident" and the poster campaign

Beautiful Pahanthudawa waterfall is located in Belihuloya, Ratnapura and is called for a clay oil light that once stood there. Even if it happened in secret, the small fall has gained exceptional fame as a result of the iconic pornographic film, which is sure to cause discussion in Sri Lanka. The Criminal Inquiry Department (CID) initiated an investigation to apprehend those responsible for the video's production and publication on a commercial pornography website. When it came to finding the people who had posted and

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circulated the files, CID's Cyber Crimes Division was there to help. Through their combined efforts, the police managed to apprehend and release the suspect couple within three days after their first detention. The Pahanthudawa event has given us a unique opportunity to delve deeper into issues around sex and sexuality in Sri Lanka. Despite the fact that some believe there are more pressing issues facing the country, it is important to remember that sex and sexuality are integral parts of both public and private life. Some have even argued that a society's stance on sex is a good barometer of civility and maturity as a whole. Without engaging a survivor of sexual violence, an incident of this magnitude that exposes our society's attitudes on sex and sexuality will be rare for a long time. Some related news also shows that the media in Sri Lanka cannot be relied upon to provide accurate reporting or analysis. Social media sites' roles, community norms, and where they locate individuals who can stumble into sexual or 'sensitive' information are all raised as a result.



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World Contraception Day | 26th September

The 26th of September is designated as World Contraception Day. The goal is to increase awareness of all contraceptive options available to young people and to empower them to make educated decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and well-being. The result was an informational poster campaign about contraception facts, as well as a Clubhouse session, to raise awareness about the benefits of contraception among young people.



International Safe Abortion Day | 28th September

Abortion is a fundamental right that is inherent in the right to have control over one's own body, and it should be protected as such. In order to achieve gender equality, it must be possible to exercise this right in conditions of safety, respect, and dignity that are satisfactory to the person exercising it. Because of the failure to respect this right, some women are forced to resort to so called illegal abortions, which are performed in dangerous situations.

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According to some international reports, these abortions account for more than ten percent of all maternal deaths in some parts of the world. As part of the campaign, YANSL organized a massive digital campaign that included a club house session with out standing speakers, a short informative video, abortion stories from Sri Lanka, and Unsafe Abortion facts. This campaign reaffirms the organization's commitment to the rights of women and girls, which is at the heart of its feminist diplomacy. The goal of the campaign was to increase access to safe abortions in Sri Lanka while also assisting the authorities in identifying the risk of unsafe abortions around the country.



SRI LANKA - YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK SRI LANKA (YANSL)

SRHR Advocacy on Social Media by Aisha Nazim | 17th August

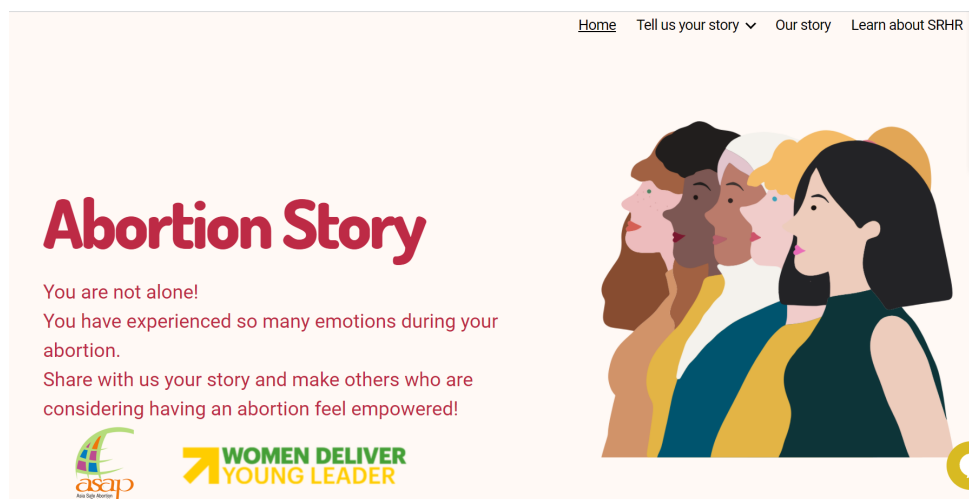
Former Communications Manager of YANSL, Ms. Aisha Nasim conducted a session on SRHR Advocacy on Social Media on the 17th of August for the YANSL members discussing Social Media etiquette, confidentiality and sensitization. The meeting was recorded and will be used as an educational tool for YANSL members in future.



VIETNAM - VIETNAM YOUTH ACTION FOR CHOICE

Launch of Abortion Story Website | VYAC

An initiatives taken by the leaders of VYAC and developed with financial aids from ASAP and Women Deliver Alumni Grants. The website includes tools to collect stories from people who experienced abortion. With abortion stories shared via the website, we expect to intervene in the mainstream discourse to diversify the abortion experiences and to combat abortion stigma.



Launch of Abortion Story Website | VYAC

As an extension from the networking business with Nang Moi Sign Language Interpreter Service in Ho Chi Minh City, Son was invited to be a trainer for the Sign Language interpreters team to talk about Understanding Feminisms.



VIETNAM - VIETNAM YOUTH ACTION FOR CHOICE

SRHR Training | VYAC

VYAC co-founders organised the SRHR training for young members of the "Easy things to say" youth-led project. The training was delivered online and consists of three main parts (which can be seen as a mini Youth Advocacy Institute) which are

- (1) Understanding gender, sex, and sexuality;
- (2) Family planning and abortion;
- (3) Understanding Reproductive and Sexual Rights and Right-based Approach.



FindMyMethod.com Vietnam Country Profile | VYAC

Thuy has led the initiative to collaborate with FindMyMethod to develop Country Profile (Vietnamese and English) for its global website. A document in dual language (VIE and ENG) has been submitted to FindMyMethod for the reviewing and publishing process