

September 28, the Day of Action for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion has its origin in Latin America and the Caribbean where women's groups have been mobilizing around September 28 the last two decades to demand their governments to decriminalize abortion, to provide access to safe and affordable abortion services and to end stigma and discrimination towards women who choose to have an abortion. The date – September 28 – was chosen in commemoration of the abolition of slavery in Brazil, which is now remembered as the day of the "free womb" demanding for safe and legal abortion for all women. In 2012 and 2013 September 28 became the Global Day of Action For Access To Safe and Legal Abortion as various organization across the world come together to demand their right to safe and legal abortion. September 28 is celebrated on the ground and online.

As a regional network ASAP supports the activities of its partners by providing them with information and technical support, and by increasing visibility for their events. This year ASAP lead a Global Tweetathon- a worldwide effort to occupy social media and promote the right to safe abortion widely (find toolkit here-<u>http://asap-asia.org/september-28-global-day-of-action/</u>) in support of <u>International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion</u>; the theme this year was #BustTheMyths. ASAP along with its youth champions conducted a Myth busters Superhero photo-shoot in Colombo during its 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Advocacy Institute. ASAP Youth Champion from Philippines Sarah Jane conducted the photo shoot and helped in editing the pictures. These photos were then widely shared on social media (<u>twitter and Facebook</u>) on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and were much appreciated. Following report gives provides detailed highlights of the ASAP Sept 28<sup>th</sup> activities.

#### **TWEETATHON**

**Total Retweets: 230** Favorites: 78 Mentions: 180 TweetBank- <u>http://asap-asia.org/bust-the-myths/</u>

Top Tweet earned 2,212 impressions

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Nadine Moawad @nmoawad · Sep 28

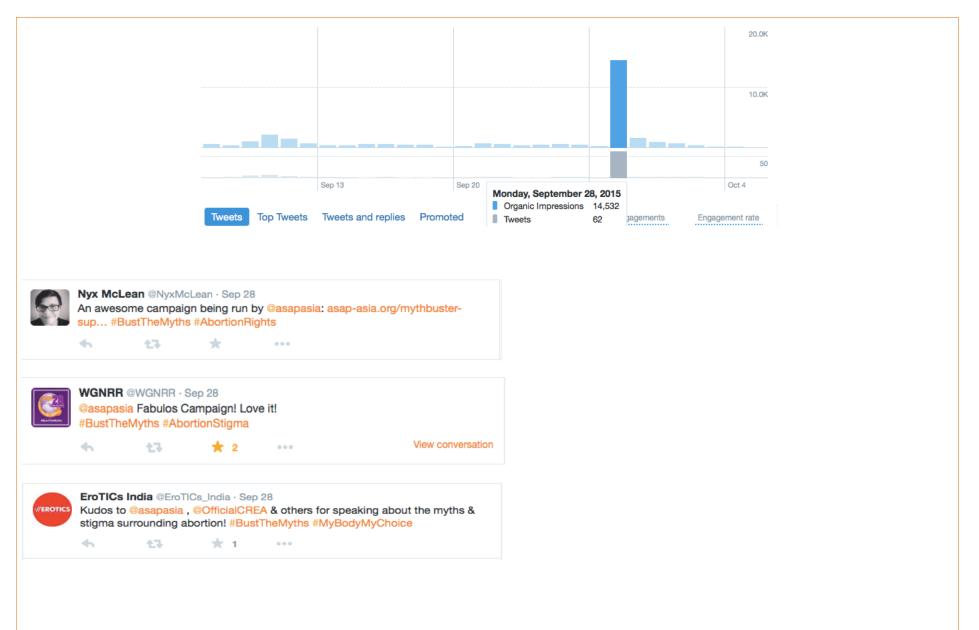
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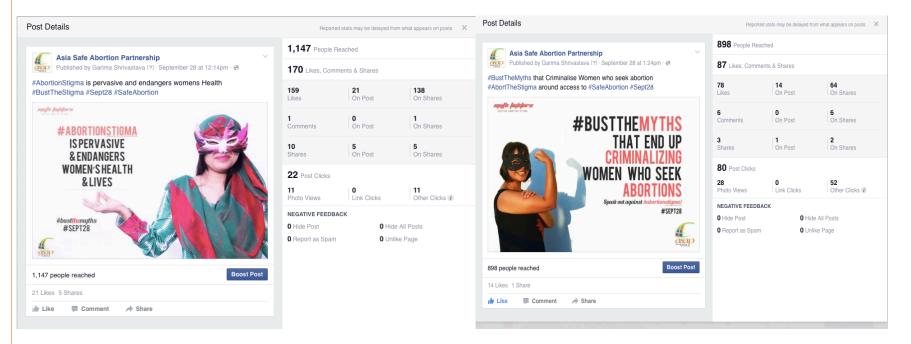
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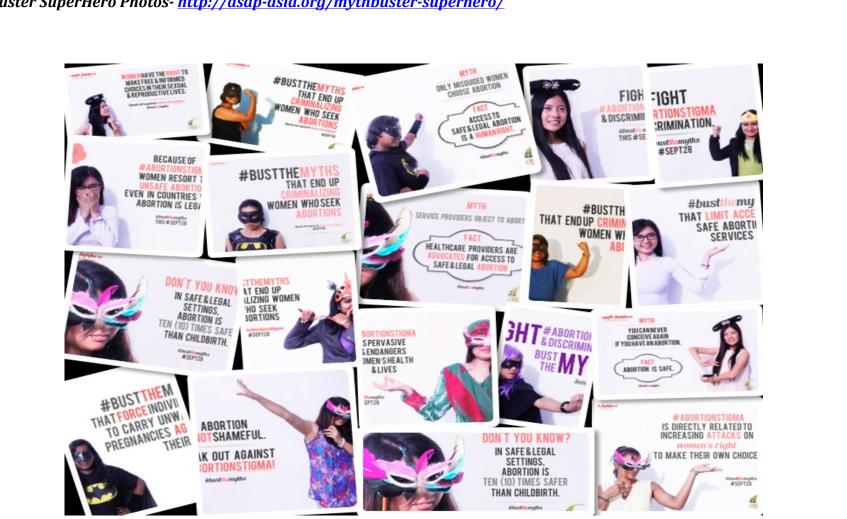


#### FACEBOOK

# Total Page Likes 2519, on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>- 77

#### **Top Posts:**





*Myth Buster SuperHero Photos- http://asap-asia.org/mythbuster-superhero/* 

# Youth Activities



### Nepal-

#### Media Sensitisation Workshop

Youth Champion Advocacy Network Nepal, YOUTHCANN had received a small grant from Asia Safe Abortion Partnership to organize various advocacy sessions on safe abortion to different groups like young people, service providers and media people. On the occasion of 28 Sept, YOUTHCANN organized a half-day sensitization program on safe abortion to media persons from print and radio. The program discussed the theme of September 28 and its national and international importance. Participants were asked to share common myths they come across regarding abortion. The resource persons then tried to unravel these myths promoting abortion stigma, which acts as a barrier in providing safe and legal abortion even in the setting, like Nepal where abortion is legal. The program concluded by taking pictures of the participants holding placards on myth and realities on abortion stigma which contributed to the campaign's <u>virtual mural</u>. The program was also featured in national media see here- <u>http://myrepublica.com/society/story/28954/awareness-on-safe-abortion-lacking-in-nepal.html</u>

For more details - <u>https://ceezana10.wordpress.com/2015/09/27/media-sensitization-on-safe-abortion/</u>

Iran:

## ASAP Safe abortion film with Farsi subtitles

*by Nikzad (Iran)* We added Farsi subtitles to ASAP's film 'From Unwanted Pregnancies to Safe Abortion':

http://www.aparat.com/v/FXOnR



# Sri Lanka:

#### **#MythBuster Youth Champion Cartoons**





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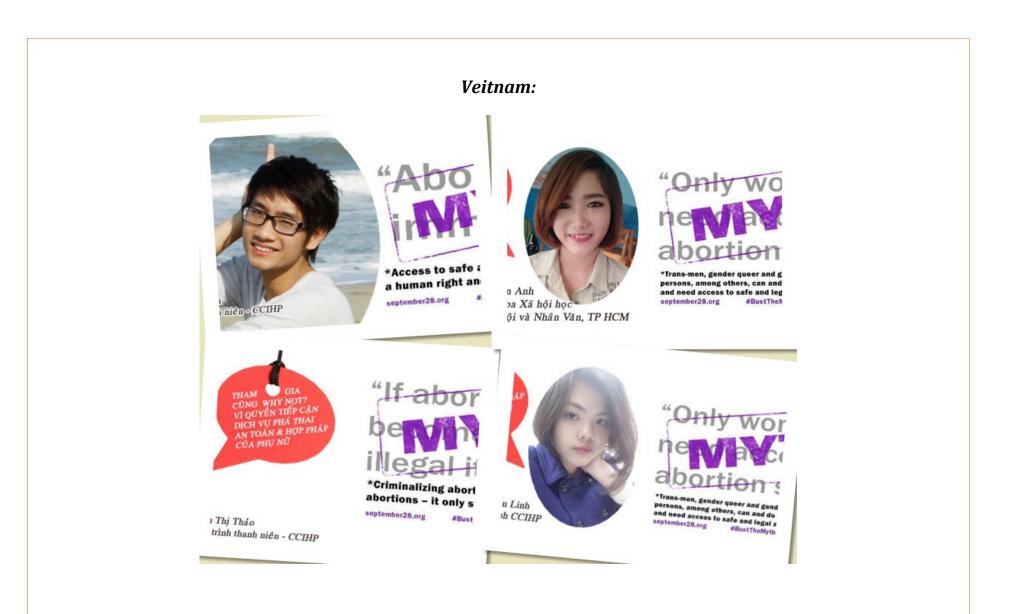


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Video on Abortion Myths: <u>https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B11T-</u> tsSDnl9TGtRUGJiaVZRbU0&usp=sharing\_eid&ts=56078a6f

