

# ASIA SAFE ABORTION PARTNERSHIP

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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# FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK

## ■ Everything everywhere all at once

That is what it has felt like for us at ASAP since 2024!

With the planning and implementation for ARJC IV, launching The Abortion Gazette, and opening the ASAP Online Academy to an amazing cohort of learners from across the globe, things have been everything everywhere all at once for the last two years!

2025 was the year of building and consolidating the work we had started the earlier year. We stepped up to be even more creating, more flexible, more out of the box.

However, the changing socio-political landscape and the donor funding dynamics have been a challenge to navigate in many ways. The younger generation of folks are born into a world filled with polycrisis and the motivation and commitment to larger public causes is becoming a struggle for them to sustain. Many veterans in the movement also seem unable to move on and hand over leadership to the next generation, creating a transition vacuum that is going to create a leadership vacuum in the next decade.

To compound it all we have conservative governments coming into power in so many countries, engaging in complicity with the cabal of billionaires, settler colonialists and war mongers. Oil politics, human trafficking, sex trafficking and horrors beyond imagination were unleashed into the collective consciousness with certain files.

As leaders of the safe abortion rights movement we stepped up and have developed some powerful tools that can build resilience, strengthen resistance and keep us all holding the line, ready to move forward as soon as we need to and are able to.

The ASAP Online Academy now offers full courses on Self Care, Aligned Leadership and Digital Safety to support the urgent and critical need for all of us to step up as leaders the world needs right now!

In solidarity,  
**Dr. Suchitra Dalvie**



# ASAP EVENTS

## ■ 1st ASAP Academy Convening

20TH – 23rd February, 2025 | Bangkok, Thailand

We kickstarted this gathering with a pre-convening workshop for the hands-on sessions such as 'values clarification' or the 'power walk' for the Academy Alumni and 10 participants were selected to attend the workshop along with a few Steering Committee (SC) members, and Country Advocacy Network (CAN) members.



The 1st ASAP Academy Convening brought together around 65 safe abortion rights advocates, health professionals, community organisers, and activists from across Asia and from around the world. The Convening provided the space to share knowledge and experiences, learn from each other, build stronger solidarities and reimagine abortion rights discourse in the region and globally. Held over three days, the event marked an important moment to strengthen safe abortion rights advocacy, share country-level experiences, challenge restrictive regimes, bridge the local and global discourses in SRHRJ and safe abortion rights, and deepen cross-border solidarity in pursuit of accessible, rights-based and stigma-free abortion.



Participants attended the convening from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, U.K. and a few more countries. The Convening was co-shaped and participants shared their experiences and learnings by participating in panels and plenaries, presented in breakout sessions and engaged actively.

## ■ ASAP Book Writing retreat

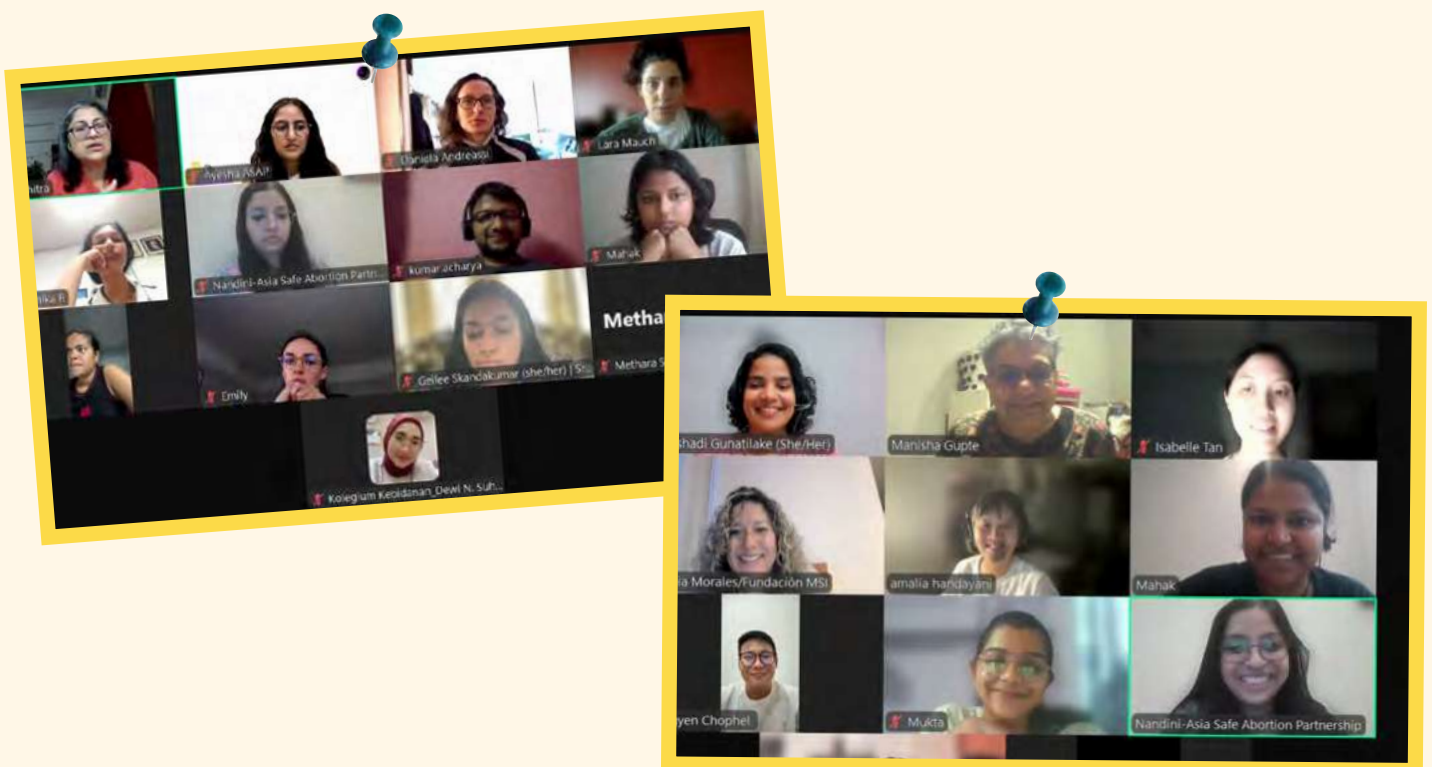
14TH – 20th April | Goa, India

The ASAP team continued working on our respective books, documenting our journeys and learnings within the SRHR and safe abortion rights movement. Coordinator Dr Suchitra Dalvie is sharing about her entire journey from being a gynaecologist, to becoming a feminist and then joining the abortion rights movement. The book will be a documentation of the evolution of the abortion rights movement locally and globally. Assistant Coordinator Nandini is writing about movement building and what it means in today's world, and how we can sustain movements that bring about actual change, while also looking after ourselves and our personal lives. Communication and Network Manager Ayesha's book will focus on faith and abortion and how religion can create barriers, but one can also look at progressive interpretations of religion that put human rights, dignity and bodily autonomy at the centre. Communication and Network Officer, Mahak, is working on a documentary to highlight the importance of advocacy and why, even though it might not always translate into 'quantitative impact' that can be reported through numbers, it's creating change on a more molecular level, shifting mindsets one conversation, discussion or session at a time.

## ■ ASAP Academy 3rd and 4th Semester 2025

April – June | Online

ASAP launched the 3rd and 4th semester in 2025, which saw participation from activists across the globe for our Foundation and Advanced Courses. We had participants from Argentina, Australia, Bhutan, Brazil, Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mali, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, United Kingdom, United States of America and Zambia.



# ■ Unseen, Underpaid, Undervalued: The truth about sexual and reproductive labour

ASAP X RRAAM | 1st April 2025 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ASAP organized a panel discussion in collaboration with Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia. The focus of this panel was on amplifying the often-overlooked labour and lived realities of women and gender-diverse communities in Malaysia. From the domestic sphere to the margins of the informal economy, this session explores how care work, sex work and reproductive labour are deeply political and how societal structures continue to undervalue, exploit or criminalise these forms of work.

Jayamalar Samuel, Capacity Building Director at AWAM began the panel by sharing findings from her research project titled 'Balancing the Double Burden: Investigation on How Professional Women in Malaysia Navigate Challenges of Child Care and Career Expectation,' conducted as part of her Master's in Gender Studies. Key findings showed an internalised acceptance of gender norms. Many women felt it was simply their 'duty' as mothers to do it all, despite experiencing frustration and burnout.

Nadirah is a medical doctor and former humanitarian worker with experience at the Red Cross and the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She spoke from the perspective of a Malay Muslim woman, reflecting on how reproductive labour in Malaysia often means constant, unpaid work that women carry out to sustain families and communities. Heang-Lee is a researcher working at the intersection of gender and health. She described sexual and reproductive labour as a form of care work, essential for maintaining relationships. She introduced the concept of "kin keeping", a term used by sociologists to describe the often invisible tasks involved in sustaining family bonds.

Manis, a representative of the sex worker community explained that sex work remains invisible and undervalued because it is not recognised as legitimate work. In Malaysia, identifying as a sex worker often leads to stigma, discrimination and moral judgement, unlike professions such as law, medicine or teaching, which are socially respected.

## Three key reflections that came out from the discussion:

- First, she urged a reimagining of what constitutes 'work', noting that unpaid domestic labour, typically done by women, is often overlooked despite its importance.
- Second, she discussed the gendered nature of work, where labour within the home is associated with women, while paid work outside the home is seen as the domain of men.
- Third, she reflected on the structural forces shaping work, pointing out that patriarchy operates both within households and through capitalism in the public sphere.



## ■ Youth Advocacy Institute | ASAP x RRAAM

2nd – 4th May, 2025 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ASAP & RRAAM organised the Youth Advocacy Institute (YAI) Workshop with the aims of equipping youth advocates with feminist ideals, gender equality, and SRHR values. It aimed to build SRHR advocates among youths in Malaysia with the know-how on issues such as comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), teenage pregnancies, contraceptive care, safe abortion, baby dumping, and related issues. It aspires to support youth advocates to make an impact in the community by championing for the SRHR cause in Malaysia.

A total of 26 participants between the ages 18 and 35 years old joined this workshop from contacts with non-governmental organisations involved in women's rights and health, and online through social media.



## ■ 'Convening, Collaborating, Creating' Webinar Series

Online

In February this year, we hosted our first-ever Academy Convening where activists, abortion seekers, queer feminists, community providers and more, all came together to unpack how old issues like patriarchy, neo-colonialism combined with new challenges like tech violence and climate collapse are shaping our SRHR realities. We all wanted to be there in solidarity, but we also wanted to strategize and imagine resistance that is fierce, joyful, messy and collective.

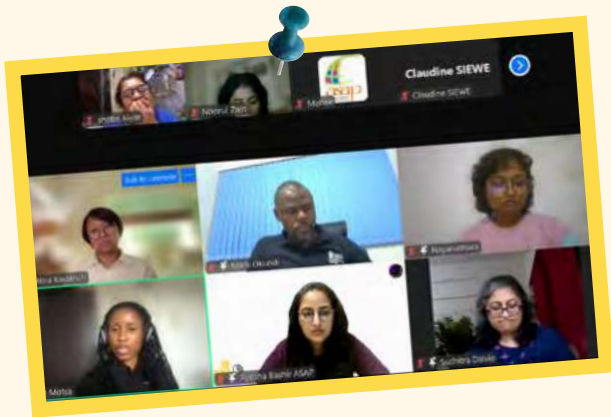
So we followed it up with a series of webinars, because we wanted to continue to hold this space for solidarity and more discussions. These webinars, some of which were organised in collaboration with our partner IPPF ESEAOR, were also a form of political statement in a world that often sidelines the Political South voices even within the global feminist movement. We wanted to keep reminding everyone that we are not here just to talk about 'problems' or 'challenges' being faced by the 'Political South', we're also here to build solutions for ourselves and for others.



## Webinar 1 – Feminist Solidarity in a Shifting World

Our first webinar was a direct follow up with some conversations from the Convening, especially for those who couldn't join us or make it to the gathering. Titled 'feminist solidarity in a shifting world' we had the following speakers.

- Mitra Kadarsih, Midwife and SRHR advocate from Indonesia
- Mark Okundi, Marie Stopes International Kenya,
- Nilupuli Nayanthara, SRHR Advocate from Sri Lanka
- Sihle Motsa, SRJC South Africa.

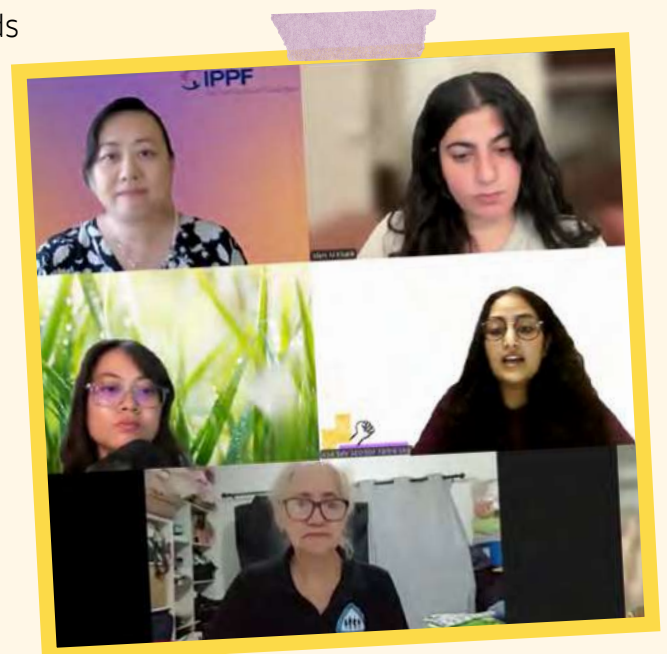


## Webinar 2 – SRHR and Safe Abortion under Occupation and Crises | in collaboration with IPPF ESEAOR | 10th July, 2025 | Online

Our second webinar was more to do with the polycrises we have been dealing with and amidst that how do we fight for our SRHR and bodily autonomy. This was an extremely eye opening conversation with the following speakers

- Palestinian citizen of Lebanon
- Service provider and SRHR advocate from Myanmar
- Aroe Ajoeni, Climate change activist from Malaysia
- Rongo Filett, service provider from Cook Islands

Throughout the conversation, the issues connected with each other. Climate change, militarism, fascism and global policy decisions are not separate from the fight for abortion rights. The speakers reminded everyone that resilience does not happen in isolation. Rongo pointed to the possibilities of technology, both for knowledge-sharing and for expanding access to pills. Aroe is inspired by the courage of young Indigenous women leading change in vulnerable environments. The doctor from Myanmar found hope in the resistance of women demanding their rights despite so much risk. Islam reminded us that in the fractures of the current order, we have a chance to build something new and better, if we work together and with intention.

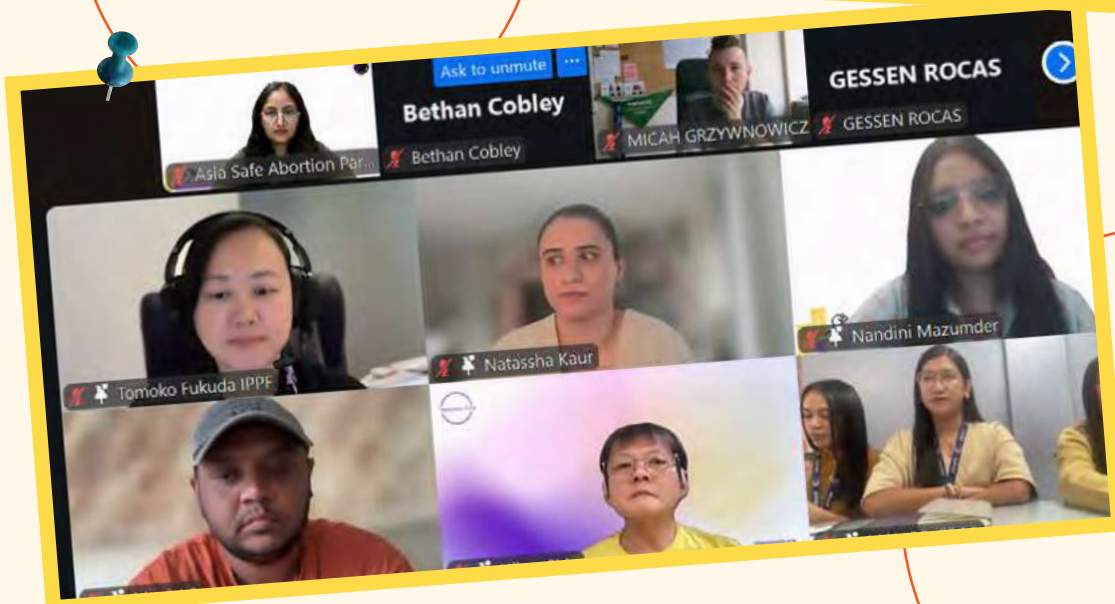


## Webinar 3 – Our Body, Our Rights: Queer Perspectives on Abortion Access

Our webinar on Queering Safe Abortion was a big success as it gave us a reality check that reminded us that for many people, even if the abortion is medically safe, it can still feel unsafe when they are misgendered, judged, or shamed. True safety has to mean dignity, autonomy, emotional care, and respect for the whole person. This was an extremely eye opening conversation with the following speakers

- Mani AQ, Co-founder of HOPE, Pakistan
- Sylvester, IPPF SARO, India
- Hiker Chiu, Intersex Asia, Taiwan
- Jhune Fred Cordero (Ms. Amber Lopez)- Transwoman, Transhealth Coordinator MANGO Clinic, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Iloilo Chapter
- Ms. Ecile Genit , Transwoman, Transhealth Case Manager MANGO Clinic, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Iloilo Chapter
- Ms. Razel Cabrera, Midwife, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Iloilo Chapter

You can read more about the [webinar here](#).



## ■ Youth Advocacy Institute | ASAP x SHARE

6th – 8th June | Seoul, South Korea

The aim of this YAI was to create a community of trained and sensitized youth champions in South Korea, who have an understanding of access to health care as a gender, sexual and reproductive rights, as well as human rights issues.

The goal for this group was to emerge as a community with a strong voice on this discourse at local, national and regional levels and to engage with the issues on an ongoing basis through the online network as well as through participation in relevant meetings. A total of 15 participants, including international students living in Korea, participated in this program.



## ■ Community Engagement | ASAP x Vikalp Sansthan

18th June | Udaipur, India

ASAP team in collaboration with Vikalp Sansthan in Gogonda sub-district of Udaipur, Rajasthan, organized a community education program to raise awareness on safe abortion rights. Around 30 people (mostly girls and young women) attended the session where we discussed unjust gender norms, abortion rights and why it remains so difficult to access safe abortions. The interactive session was led by Dr. Suchitra Dalvie, Coordinator-ASAP and the board game session was led by Ayesha Bashir, Communications and Networking Manager.



# ASAP Strategic Planning Integration Meeting

19th – 20th June, 2025 | Udaipur, India

Energized by the on- ground experience of the community engagement the day before, we held an internal strategic planning integration meeting. In this meeting the discussions were guided by two key documents:

- ASAP Strategic Planning Meeting (2024) Report by Barbara Klugman
- ASAP's Organizational Plan (2021) by Davine Thaw

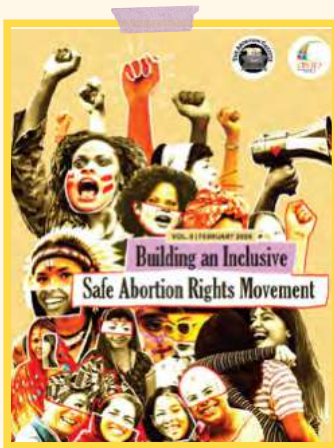
# ASAP Community Engagement

21st – 22nd November | Pune, India

We organized a two-day community-based learning programme in collaboration with our partner organisation Mahila Sarvangeen Utkarsh Mandal (MASUM). This was our 2nd community-based learning programme that added significant value and learning for the medical students and for us at ASAP. Learning about MASUM's journey and how they overcame barriers to build a strong, resilient, and self-sufficient community of women leaders who are now independent and raising a stronger generation of young kids, was deeply insightful. What stood out was that every community member, while speaking about their programmes or sharing stories from their villages, did so through a feminist lens. Their deep-rooted understanding of patriarchal and caste-based power structures was truly inspiring.

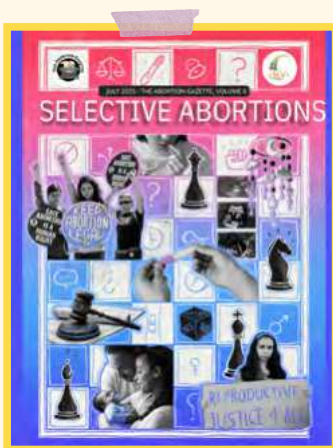


# ASAP's Abortion Gazette's New Volumes 2025



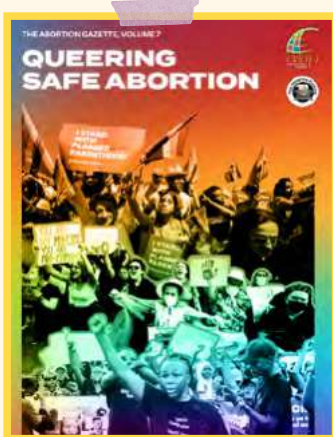
## Vol 5 – Feb 2025: Building an Inclusive Safe Abortion Rights Movement

But the rise of regressive right-wing forces around the world tells us how urgent and critical is the need to build bridges between communities and movements in order to amplify each other's voices to collectively demand our rights. The million rupee question is: given our limited time, money and human resources, how do we build inclusive movements? (And, is it even possible to do so?) – Nandini Mazumder, ASAP, Guest Editor



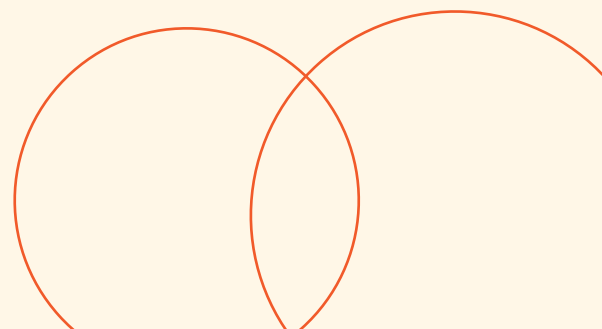
## Vol 6 – June 2025: Selective Abortions

Do we believe that 'every pregnant person has the right to choose to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.'? Is this a complete sentence? Or is it 'every pregnant person has the right to choose to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, unless/ except for/ within etc.'? If we accept, believe and defend the position that every and any pregnant person has the right to choose to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, should there ever be any conditions set upon what is an agreeable reason for it to be unwanted? – Dr Suchitra Dalvie, ASAP



## Vol 7: Queering Safe Abortion

All communities, activists, service providers and policy makers should have a comprehensive understanding of the unmet SRHR and safe abortion needs of queer people. This politics needs to go beyond just identity and towards justice. Queer rights and safe abortion rights movements should confront structures which control people's bodies and reduce agency by dismantling the larger all-pervading patriarchy through integrating queer feminist perspectives. – Sylvester Merchant, IPPF SARO (Guest Editor)



# ASAP AS PANELLIST

## ■ Investing in Gender- Transformative Responses for Women who use drugs in Asia Pacific

Women 4 Global Fund & IPPF | 27th March | Online

The webinar brought together regional experts to discuss the need for gender-transformative approaches in responding to the health and rights of women who use drugs in the Asia-Pacific. The discussion highlighted how stigma, criminalisation, and structural inequalities intersect to limit access to sexual and reproductive health services, including safe abortion.

Dr. Suchitra Dalvie emphasised that women who use drugs face layered vulnerabilities, not only as women but also due to criminalisation and social exclusion, which further restrict their access to reproductive healthcare and bodily autonomy. She highlighted that policy and programmatic responses often remain rooted in moral judgment rather than rights, reinforcing surveillance and control instead of enabling care. Dr. Dalvie called for a shift from punitive, protectionist frameworks toward rights-based, gender-transformative approaches that recognise agency and ensure access to comprehensive SRHR services without stigma or institutional gatekeeping.



## ■ No health equity without access to sexual reproductive health, rights and justice

FPA India & IPPF SARO | 25th April | Online

At the World Health Summit Regional Meeting (April 25–27, 2025), ASAP Co-founder and Coordinator Dr. Suchitra Dalvie spoke on the urgent need to address abortion access disparities as a central health equity issue in South Asia. She highlighted how access to safe and legal abortion is shaped by intersecting factors such as socioeconomic status, geography, race, and marginalisation—resulting in unequal health outcomes for women and pregnant people across the region. Emphasising that legal reform alone is insufficient, Dr Dalvie highlighted the need to confront structural inequalities and social barriers that continue to limit real access to care, reinforcing that universal sexual and reproductive health rights cannot be achieved without addressing these layered disparities.

## ■ The Bench and the Body: An analysis of abortion jurisprudence in India

C-Help | 25th August | Online

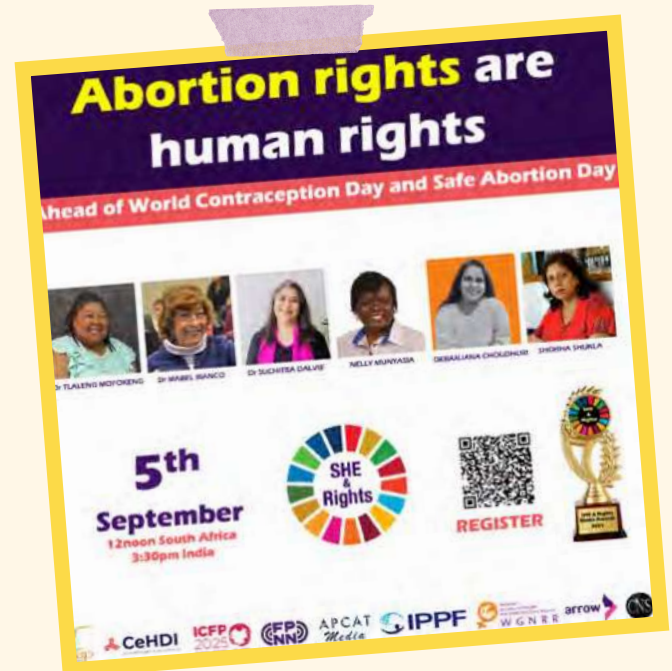
ASAP Coordinator Dr Suchitra Dalvie highlighted how abortion law in India continues to function as a mechanism of control over pregnant people's autonomy rather than a rights-based health framework. Drawing attention to the criminalisation of abortion under the Penal Code and the gatekeeping role of Medical Boards, she questioned why abortion remains uniquely monitored when other complex medical procedures are not. Dr Dalvie argued that the current system prioritises fetal interests over the pregnant person and creates unnecessary legal barriers that push individuals into courts for care. She underscored that true access to safe abortion lies in decriminalisation, which would centre bodily autonomy and reduce systemic hurdles that disproportionately affect the most vulnerable.

## ■ Abortion Rights are Human Rights

IPPF Global | 5th September | Online

The webinar brought together global SRHR leaders to reflect on progress and challenges in advancing abortion rights as fundamental human rights. Discussions focused on the growing tension between legal frameworks and lived realities, highlighting how access to safe abortion remains deeply shaped by structural inequalities, stigma, and political resistance despite formal policy advancements.

Dr Suchitra Dalvie drew attention to the persistent gap between legal permission and actual access to abortion care. She emphasised that the issue is not merely about service delivery, but about power specifically, who gets to make decisions about pregnant bodies. She noted that systems often frame abortion through protectionist or regulatory lenses rather than autonomy and rights, resulting in layered barriers even in legally permissive settings. Dr Dalvie stressed that meaningful progress requires moving beyond technical solutions to confront the underlying social and institutional impulse to control reproduction. She called for a shift toward centring bodily autonomy and lived realities, underscoring that without addressing stigma, surveillance, and structural inequities, legal reforms alone cannot ensure access to safe abortion.

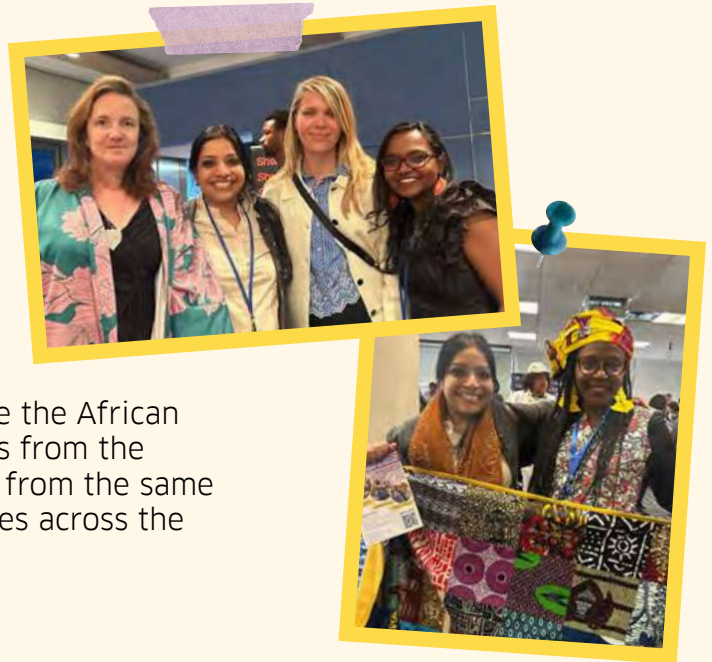


# ASAP AS PARTICIPANT

## ■ Commission on Status for Women 69 (CSW)

UN ECOSOC | 10th – 14th March | New York, USA

Nandini Mazumder, Assistant Coordinator, ASAP was supported by Fos Feminista to attend CSW 69 for the first 1 week from 10th to 14 th March, 2024. This was an extremely rich experience and ranged from feeling inspired to just be in the general assembly and listening to Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary General, about the importance of women’s leadership and the steps he took to ensure there are more women leaders in his immediate sphere of influence, to his honest admission of how far still we have to go. To see the African delegation was also very inspiring and activists from the continent shared a double bonding, with those from the same country but also with those from other countries across the continent.



## ■ Commission on Population Development (CPD) 58

UN ECOSOC | 6th – 11th April | New York, USA

Ayesha Bashir, Communication and Network Manager, was supported by ASAP to attend the CPD58 meeting organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. CNM also presented the statement on behalf of Fos Feminista in one of the sessions.

[Watch a clip from the statement here.](#)

With discussions heavily focussed on the ‘idea of families’, for ASAP, this was a reminder that global debates are also similar to what we see in Asia, where anti-choice groups could be loud but also more , organized, and well-funded.

Lack of Asian representation, within civil society spaces, also showed how critical it is for us to link our regional advocacy with global work and strengthen South–South solidarity.



Overall, CPD 58 reinforced some key ideas for us. We must keep our messaging on abortion and CSE bold and clear, without compromise. Our framing has to go beyond health, centering justice, poverty, race, and disability. Digital safety and creative community-led models, like the ones we are already building through our ASAP Academy, are becoming important globally. The lack of Asian representation in spaces like the International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition (ISRRC) is a gap we need to address. Anti-choice groups are increasing their presence, so our presence, even if small, is essential. Being visible, speaking out, and connecting across regions are our strongest tools to keep abortion rights and SRHR at the centre of global and regional agendas.

## ■ Digital Rights Asia Pacific Conference (DRAPAC)

25th August | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Communication and Network Manager Ayesha Bashir attended the Digital Rights Asia Pacific Conference 2025, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 26th–27th August.

The conference was organized to create a space for the digital rights community, journalists, civil society organizations, and human rights advocates to come together and learn strategies to protect themselves online and connect with each other for support in these increasingly hostile political situations across the globe.

Unfortunately, there weren't many feminist or gendered perspectives in approaching digital spaces, and none represented abortion rights work being done online, especially when it comes to sharing evidence-based information, connecting providers and seekers, running hotlines, etc., especially in circumstances where women and people from non-binary communities are targeted for speaking their minds online.

We wanted to be in the space to bring these concerns into such spaces and highlight them for tech activists and hackers working in the region and hopefully find ways to collaborate efficiently so that we can protect each other.



## ■ International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)

4th – 6th November | Bogota, Columbia

ASAP attended Global Safe Abortion Dialogues (GSAD) followed by the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Bogota, Colombia in November 2025, and was represented by our Assistant Coordinator, Nandini Mazumder. At GSAD and ICFP we presented our work and reemphasised the need to support safe abortion rights movements in Asia and beyond. At ICFP we presented a poster, Bodies That Remember, Futures That Resist: Disability, Dignity and Decolonizing Reproductive Justice in collaboration with Revival Disability India, and this was in continuity of our Building Inclusive Movements (BIM) work for a stronger and inclusive safe abortion rights movement regionally and globally.

Undoubtedly, in the current times where we are seeing an increased backlash against safe abortion rights, reproductive justice and intersectional feminist movements, both GSAD and ICFP 2025 provided important global platforms where advocates like us from all over the world participated to share our experiences and learn from each other, build stronger solidarities and partnerships, and resist the backlash with even greater commitment to work collaboratively for safe abortion rights for all.



## ■ CREA Reconference

8th – 10th December | Kathmandu, Nepal

CNM Ayesha Bashir and CNO Mahak Agrawal attended the Reconference on a full scholarship to present our Snakes and Ladders Board Game for Safe Abortion and animated videos based on case studies and research conducted by our collaborator, Rishita Nandagiri, in Karnataka, India. The conference was organised to reimagine what a feminist gathering can mean and look like, and to rethink the different ways in which we can advocate for the issues we believe in. It was heavily focused on artists, filmmakers, writers, and authors, which offered us a refreshing perspective that we had not encountered in other conferences or similar spaces. The conference had strong representation from Asia, particularly from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, and several Southeast Asian countries. Our game, Snakes and Ladders for safe abortion, was very well received by the participants. There was genuine interest, especially for safe abortion and SRHR advocates. Our interactions with participants were honest and highly valuable. People shared their personal stories, or we got to hear about their country's context, exchange information about some technical details related to abortion and also got very useful feedback for the game. These engagements, through a creative medium, reminded us of the value of interactive, accessible spaces that invite participation rather than passive listening. We also used this opportunity to have an informal meet-up with the members of our country advocacy network YSERHA Nepal.



# NEW COUNTRY PROFILES ADDED

## ■ South Korea

We added a new Country Profile for South Korea to our website, in collaboration with our partners at [SHARE](#). Here's what you'll find:

- Legal changes and current access pathways
- Historical context and cultural stigma
- Realities of post-legalization care gaps and much more!



## ■ Iran

From laws to the role of religion and research, explore how abortion access is shaped in the Iranian context.

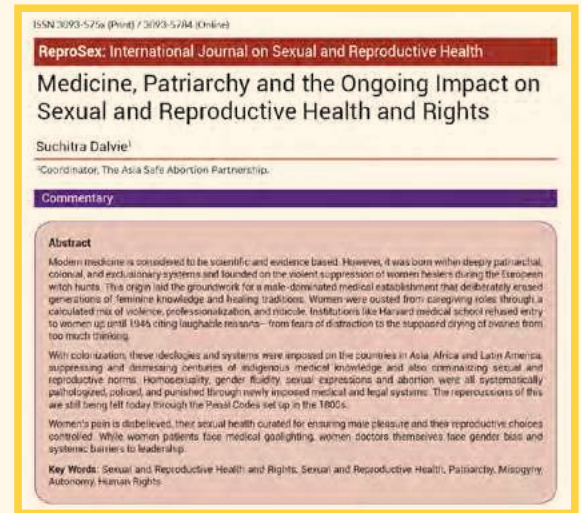
In collaboration with the organisation called [ZAGAAH](#), a feminist initiative and network dedicated to reproductive justice and facilitating access to safe abortion in Iran. This is part of our growing library that tracks abortion rights, challenges, and reforms across the globe.



# PUBLICATIONS

## ■ Medicine, Patriarchy and the Ongoing Impact on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Dr Suchitra Dalvie | 9th Feb 2025 | *ReproSex: International Journal on Sexual and Reproductive Health*

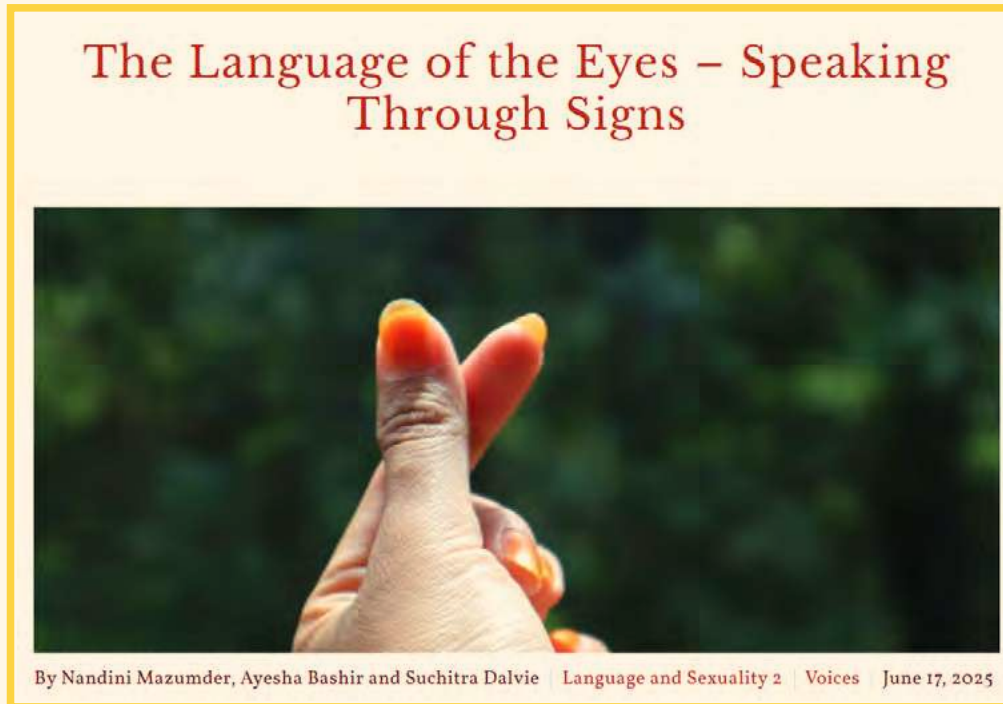


## ■ Safe Abortion Rights – A letter of solidarity from Asia, to the world

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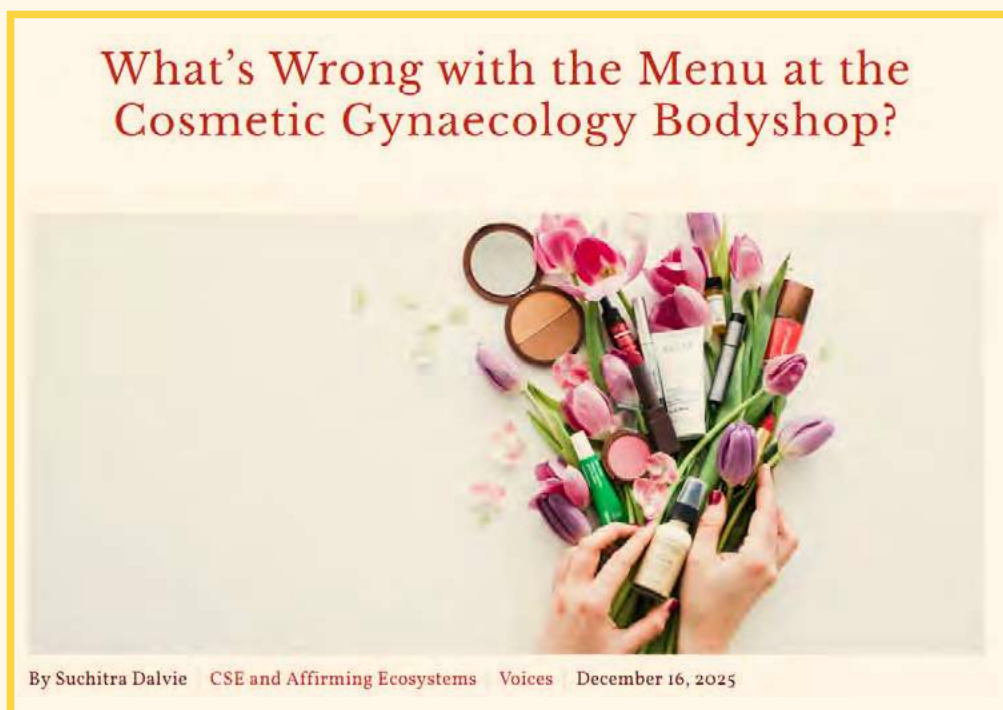
## ■ The Language of the Eyes: Speaking through the signs

Nandini Mazumder, Ayesha Bashir and Dr Suchitra Dalvie | 17th June, 2025 | TARSHI In Plainspeak



## ■ What's Wrong with the Menu at Cosmetic Gynaecology Bodyshop?

16th December 2025 | TARSHI In Plainspeak



# BLOGS



## Holding space in hostile times?



## Queering Safe Abortions!

# SOCIAL MEDIA

## ■ Safe Abortion Day Campaign

ASAP & IPPF ESEAOR | 28th September

We collaborated with IPPF ESEAOR to develop a Safe Abortion Day Social Media Toolkit. The toolkit included ready-to-use posts, captions, illustrations, and templates for individuals and collectives to adapt for their own channels and communities.

By sharing these posts together in solidarity we wanted to give a collective call to **decriminalise abortion, expand access, protect providers and defenders, and invest in inclusive, rights-based healthcare systems.**

You can access the toolkit [here](#).





safeabortion\_asap  
Original audio

safeabortion\_asap Let's talk about Abortions.. no matter how much they try to censor us, let's find new ways to disrupt the fascist patriarchal algorithm and support & amplify each other as much as we can!

#destigmatizeabortion #destigmatizeabortions  
#destigmatizeabortionsday #march28 #selflove #selfcaretips  
#healthjourney #AsiaSafeAbortionPartnership #ASAPAcademy  
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Decriminalization doesn't mean deregulation

It means recognizing abortion as healthcare, not a crime

It means taking decisions out of the courtroom and into the clinic.

Alumni Says...

"I also feel I have more knowledge on contraception for my personal life.."

"I didn't realise how much stigma there was around contraception and the laws around advertising contraception and it was very surprising to see the data around vasectomies vs tubal ligations."

Lucy Horton  
MSI, London  
★★★★★

**“Unsafe abortion kills. Denying access doesn’t stop abortion —it stops safe abortion.”**

UNFPA State of World Population Report 2025

*From restrictive laws to healthcare provider bias, systemic failures continue to cost lives across Asia.*

**“In India, one in four women still can’t say no to sex. This is the real crisis—not birthrates, but control.”**

UNFPA State of World Population Report 2025

*We need to stop obsessing over fertility numbers and start dismantling systems that deny bodily autonomy.*

**“You can’t plan your family if you’re denied contraception or abortion, or pressured into marriage at 15.”**

UNFPA State of World Population Report 2025

*Gendered violence and coercive policies are systemic. Asian feminists are fighting for the right to choose—when, how, and if to become parents.*

**“The real fertility crisis is not about too many or too few babies. It’s about too many people unable to make choices about their own bodies.”**

UNFPA State of World Population Report 2025

*Economic precarity, gender norms, lack of healthcare, and coercive policies are stealing agency from people across Asia.*

# SAFE ABORTION IS NOT SEPARATE FROM SEXUAL HEALTH, IT IS WHAT MAKES SEXUAL HEALTH..

just, equitable, and complete.

**When the patriarchy tries to rebrand itself as 'trad values'**



What happened to Adriana Smith in Atlanta, Georgia is what happens when reproductive rights are replaced by reproductive mandates.

A woman's body becomes state property.





TikToker Sana Yousaf Shot Dead: Sana Yousaf, originally from Chitral, was a well-known TikTok personality and a rising voice among Gen Z influencers in Pakistan (Image source: @sanayousaf22/Instagram)

Sana Yousaf, a 17-year-old Pakistani social media influencer known for her TikTok and Instagram content, was shot dead inside her home in Islamabad on Monday.

REST IN POWER SANA.



Another reminder of what it costs women to assert independence in a world built on patriarchal control.

It doesn't matter how successful or outspoken a woman becomes; all it takes is one NO, for us to lose our lives.

We can't just mourn these tragedies in isolation. Outrage alone isn't justice.

We need to confront rape culture every single day. In the jokes passed off as harmless, in the memes that belittle women, in the messages that glorify entitlement, in every statement that paints us as disposable.

Patriarchy thrives in silence. These structures won't collapse on their own.

They crumble only when all of us, consistently, loudly, collectively, call out injustice wherever it exists.



MY VOICE  
MY CHOICE

European Parliament's Women's Rights & Gender Equality Committee has adopted a draft resolution, backing the **'My Voice, My Choice'** initiative which can ensure that safe and legal abortion is not solely a national matter but part of Europe's shared human rights framework.



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By calling on member states to align with international standards and urging a solidarity mechanism for access-failures, the Committee acknowledges the **systemic barriers many women still face.**

Several clips from a BBC documentary released in 2024, by Amitabh Parashar on the issue of 'sex-selective' abortions have recently gone viral on Indian social media.

These clips highlight the role of midwives in perpetuating the practice, but fail to provide the full context — overlooking the deeper, systemic issue of girl child 'unwantedness'



An article reviewing the documentary by Scroll accurately said...

Rather than allowing a narrative to emerge through the conversations, *The Midwife's Confession* projects onto Parashar's quest a pre-determined theme of guilt: giving way to remorse. The insistence of extracting a confession from Siro Devi for her past actions feels forced.

Here's what feminists working on abortion rights and sex determination have to say.

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"The corollary of the emphasis on 'protecting' and 'saving' female foetuses was that the act of abortion got projected as the sole means through which sex selection took place.

**The fact that not aborting (and thus, retaining) male foetuses was equally an act of sex selection was lost.**

The focus on abortion following sex-determination legitimized the surveillance of women having female foetuses, putting them at further risk of discrimination versus women who benefitted within patriarchal marriage after sex determination, namely those who had male foetuses and therefore who did not go / were not taken for an abortion.

A movement that started off as one questioning gender discrimination in the 1980s gradually became a platform for people with underlying or overt anti-abortion views to voice their sentiments and shape public thinking accordingly.

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Even as State sponsored programmes are rolled out to ensure that more girls are being born, there are studies showing **systematic neglect of the girls during early childhood with malnutrition, incomplete immunization and active neglect, leading to a higher mortality rate for them compared to boys.**

There are also the lifelong mental and emotional health issues caused by the knowledge that they are unwanted by their parents, as can be seen by this practise of naming them *Nakusa* (unwanted girl).



**THANK YOU**