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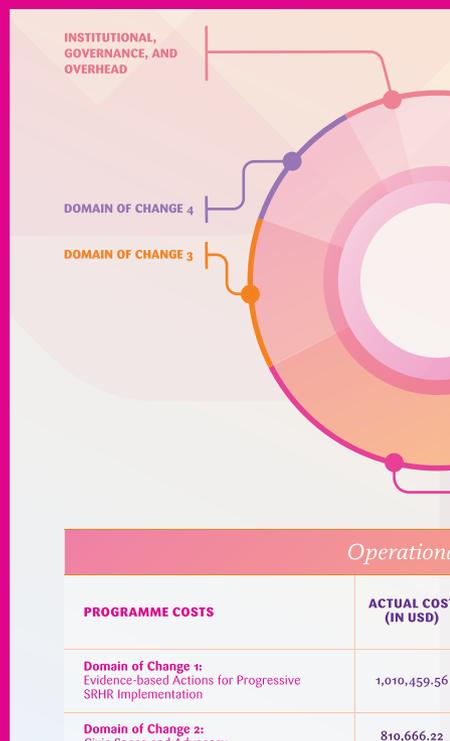
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Acronyms

- AC BA SRHR** Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- AFC** ARROW For Change
- APFSD** Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
- APPC** Asia and Pacific Population Conference
- APRCM** Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
- ARROW** Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre For Women
- BAPSA** Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh
- BBC** Beyond Beijing Committee
- BoD** Board of Directors
- CHES** Community Health Education Session
- CJLS** Center for Justice, Law and Society
- COP** Conference of Parties
- CPD** Commission on Population and Development
- CSE** Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- CSO** Civil Society Organisation
- CSW** Commission on the Status of Women
- DPPA** Danish Family Planning and Associations
- EM2030** Equal Measures 2030
- FGM/C** Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
- FWRM** Fiji Womens Rights Movement
- GBV** Gender-Based Violence
- GEF** Gender Equality Forum
- GEI** Gender Equality Initiative
- HLPF** High Level Political Forum
- HRC** Human Rights Council
- ICPD** International Conference on Population and Development
- IEC** Information, Education and Communication
- InfoCom** Information and Communications
- IPPF** International Planned Parenthood Federation
- JFS** Justice For Sisters
- LGBTIQ** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer
- MRM** Menstrual Regulation with Medication
- NGO** Non-Governmental Organisation
- NHEICC** National Health Education and Communication Center
- NIDWAN** National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal
- PAC** Programme Advisory Committee
- ReHAK** Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan
- RFSU** The Swedish Association for Sexuality Education
- RHAC** Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia
- RHRN** Right Here Right Now
- SAIGE** Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative A Global South Engagement
- SDG** Sustainable Development Goal
- SRHR** Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- UHC** Universal Health Coverage
- UN** United Nations

Reflections from the
Executive Director



In 2023, ARROW celebrated 30 years with our amazing partners and allies across the world. We are deeply grateful to our partners, our allies, and our donors who have been deeply committed to our vision of change. We could not have made it here without all of you. As we step into our 31st year, as a movement, we find ourselves at a pivotal point in time. We move towards calling global reaffirmation of the principles and values enshrined in the documents of Cairo, Beijing, and the SDGs, yet never has a time been so difficult as this. Whilst many of our countries are yet to recover from the economic devastation brought about by the pandemic years, we have been assailed by wars—large and small across the world: Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine, and many others who continue to be politically oppressed. Some countries have completely closed up on the issues of human rights: Afghanistan, Myanmar, Iran, and those who have elected right-wing parties and leaders that endanger the democratic rights of their citizens. Climate issues further divided us even in the Global South. Some of our strongest allies for women's rights have emerged with feet of clay in these fractured times.

If we go back to the drawing board—where do we start, with whom do we start? As enshrined in Cairo—the individual and couples—and their right to have the agency to make decisions and have choices. Because in a world of uncertainty which works to take away all rights, the most critical work we can do is to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals and couples—of women, young people in all their diversity. This thinking led us in 2024, to look at reproductive justice as a means of ensuring that the most marginalised women and young people are able to access their rights. This work led us to the need for us to interrogate power structures and structural barriers in society.

We also continued to witness how young people are a force for good in our society—spurring innovation in the issues we work on and how we work on these issues. The way in which young people organise and mobilise themselves is pertinent especially in light of the rise of ethno-nationalist fundamentalism and anti-rights groups across all countries. We should continue to support and enable young people and their groups as part of our change agenda. We continue to see the effects of climate change unravelling progress across countries in the region, especially for the most vulnerable and marginalised communities.

For many years ARROW has been part and parcel of feminist movement building, even before the terminology became 'sexy'. In 2024, we intend to ensure feminist movement building is a core aspect of the way in which we work—and to do the work from the bottom-up, sharing the knowledge and access that ARROW has with a wider group of organisations and individual feminists. We have been privileged to work with particular groups—indigenous women and women and girls with disabilities—in the last couple of years which has helped ARROW nuance our work and understand better what it means to have intersectionality as a lens through which we view all of our work.

ARROW, as an organisation, will be on a steep growth trajectory in 2024. We are launching some of our most ambitious initiatives—as a lead on the Kaleidoscope consortium—on ensuring SRHJ of marginalised women and girls across the Global South by ensuring access to safe abortion. We are also part of the Women of the South Speak Out consortium which aims to centralise the voices and perspectives of young, marginalised women in all their diversity in global policy and decision-making spaces. But we hope to ground this growth, in our values of feminism, partnership, and solidarity.

2024 will also be a critical year to hold citizens and politicians accountable for progress towards women's rights. Key allies at the global level: the US, the UK, Australia, and Canada will have elections. Our very own Asian giants: India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, Iran—will also head to the polls. It will be a deciding year for us as feminists and women's rights activists on whether we see the rise of authoritarianism being held in check by democratic institutions in our country or not. And we will again have to adjust our sails to reach our destinations we have as individuals, organisations and movements.



Sivananthi Thanenthiran
Executive Director, ARROW

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Our Work makes a contribution to achieving the following objectives, in the long term:

- **Systems, policies and programmes are reoriented to:** (a) Upholding gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights; and (b) Ensuring that health systems deliver comprehensive, gender-sensitive, rights-based and youth-friendly services for sexual and reproductive health that are accessible, just, equitable and of the highest quality.
- **Women's, young people's and civil society organisations are strong and effective in:** (a) Conceptualising and clarifying perspectives on sexual and reproductive rights and larger development issues that impact women and marginalised communities; (b) Influencing policy agenda that affirms women's and young people's sexuality and rights; (c) Holding governments and donors accountable to international and national commitments and obligations; and (d) Gaining sustained participation and representation in decision-making spaces.
- **Women and young people's lives and health outcomes improve,** particularly in the area of SRHR, especially for the poor and marginalised.

How We Work

We believe that together, we must take concerted, collective, and progressive steps to achieve our vision. In line with our new strategic plan, we approach our work through:

Who We Work With and What We Work On

Ultimately, we want to see significant and sustained improvements in the SRHR of women, non-binary people, and young people across Asia and the Pacific, and globally.

ARROW's direct target groups are non-governmental organisations, governments and their institutions, regional and international agencies, and human rights institutions. These direct beneficiary CSOs are chosen on the basis of their commitment to the common agendas of feminism, gender equality, youth rights, human rights, and sexual and reproductive rights.

The organisation aims to influence their approach within their respective areas of work, with the goal of achieving a more rights-based and gender-sensitive implementation of policies and programmes related to health, sexuality, and rights. ARROW provides partners with the physical and political safe space to exchange knowledge and develop strategies.

With like-minded stakeholders and SRHR champions, we tackle the following topics:

Our Four Domains of Change

Domain of Change **1**

Governments adopt, implement and account for laws, policies and programmes, that uphold gender justice and sexual and reproductive rights and fulfil women's and young people's sexual and reproductive rights outcomes.

Domain of Change **2**

Civic space is protected, expands and thrives where women and young people in all their diversities organise, dialogue, participate, advocate and communicate without hindrance, and in doing so, influence the SRHR political and social structures around them at national, regional, and global levels.

Domain of Change **3**

Mobilised communities reinforce positive norms and values around women's and young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and recognise SRHR as a basic human right.

Domain of Change **4**

Feminist movements, SRHR alliances and other social movements uphold women's and young people's sexual and reproductive rights.

Overarching Themes and Critical Issues



Universality of Sexual and Reproductive Rights



Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality



Affirmative Sexuality



Advancing Universal Access to Quality Sexual and Reproductive Health Services



Emerging Issues Impacting Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Rights

2023 **ARROW** Milestones



5,000+ mailouts

Knowledge products distributed



160,811

Organic reach on Facebook and Instagram



43,114

Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn followers

407,114

Organic impressions on X/Twitter and LinkedIn

Networks and Committees *We are a Part of*

Action Coalition for Bodily Autonomy & SRHR (UN Women)
 Asia Network to End FGM/C
 Asia Network to End GBV
 Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR) International Steering Committee
 Alliance of Inclusive Muslims (AIM)
 ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN People's Forum (ACSC/APF) Regional Steering Committee
 Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM)
 AP-RCEM Thematic Working Group on SRHR, Gender and Sexuality
 Asia Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security (APWAPS)
 Asia-Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)
 Asian Rural Women's Coalition (ARWC)
 Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
 Civil Society Platform to Promote SRHR Beyond 2015
 Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR)
 Equal Measures 2030
 Feminists For A People's Vaccine (FPV)

FIAN International
 GEF Feminist Accountability Steering Committee
 Gender and Environment Data Alliance
 Global Network on the Right to Food and Nutrition (GNRTFN)
 Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)
 Global Nutrition Group
 International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition (ISRRC)
 Observatory on the Universality of Rights (OURS)
 Population and Sustainable Development Alliance (PSDA)
 Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia (RRAAM)
 SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition
 UNFPA Global Civil Society Advisory Panel
 UN NGO Major Group
 UN Women's Major Group
 Women & Gender Constituency of the UNFCCC
 Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)
 Interim Steering Committee of Gender and Environment Data Alliance
 Women Working Group for Financing for Development

ARROW *Own Networks and Alliances*

Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative: Global South Engagement (SAIGE) – 68 members in 2023
 Asia Network to End FGMC – 80 members in 2023
 CSE4ALL Advocacy Campaign – 258 members in 2023



800+

Youth Advocates Engaged



188

Countries reached
through Infocom

23

International, regional, and national
meetings attended by ARROW

In Collaboration With

94 National Partners 16 Regional Partners 30 Global Partners

140 Partners in Total

Country Partners

ARGENTINA: Argentinian Campaign for Safe, Legal, and Free Abortion; Catholics for the Right to Decide Argentina. **BANGLADESH:** Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh (BAPSA); Badabon Sangho; BRAC; Naripokkho; Oboboy; Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF); Nagorik Uddyog; RHSTEP; Wreetu Health and Wellbeing Foundation; and Youth Policy Forum. **BENIN:** COJAS. **BHUTAN:** Bhutan YPEER. **CAMBODIA:** Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia (RHAC). **FIJI:** Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM); and Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding (PCP). **INDIA:** CommonHealth; Pravah; Rural Women's Social Education Centre (RUWSEC); SAHAJ; Sahiyo; WeSpeakOut; The YP Foundation (TYPF); Centre for Justice, Law and Society (CJLS) - Jindal Global Law School; and Breakthrough India. **INDONESIA:** Institut Kapal Perempuan; Kalyanamitra; Komnas Perempuan; Remaja Independen Papua/Independent Youth Forum Papua (FRIP/IYFP); Perkumpulan Lintas Feminis Jakarta; YGSI - Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia; Women on Web; Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan (YKP); YIFOS Indonesia; Red Cross Indonesia (PMI); Sanggar SWARA; Yayasan SAPA; WCC Jombang; Aliansi Sumut Bersatu (ASB); PETRASU; Cangkang Queer; Indonesia Education University (UPI); and National Commission of Disabilities (KND). **LAO PDR:** Lao Women's Union; The Faculty of Postgraduate Studies at the University of Health Sciences (UHS). **LIBERIA:** Community Healthcare Initiative. **MALAYSIA:** Federation of Reproductive Health Associations of Malaysia (FRHAM); Justice for Sisters (JFS); Keman Kolektif; Malaysian Doctors for Women and Children; People Like Us Hang Out! (PLUHO); Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan (ReHAK); Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia (RRAAM); SEED Foundation Malaysia; and Sisters in Islam (SIS). **MALDIVES:** Hope for Women; and Society for Health Education (SHE). **MONGOLIA:** MONFEMNET National Network; and Mongolia YPEER. **MOROCCO:** Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale (AMPF). **MYANMAR:** Colourful Girls Organization; and Green Lotus Myanmar. **NEPAL:** Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC); Blind Youth Association of Nepal (BYAN); Blue Diamond Society (BDS); Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (NYCA); National Indigenous Disabled Women's Association Nepal (NIDWAN); Visible Impact; Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC); YPEER Nepal, YUWA, CDS PARK, Youth Alliance for Development (YARD); Panchakoshi Jwala Yuwa Pratisthan (PJYA); and Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town. **PAKISTAN:** Forum for Dignity Initiative (FDI); and Shirkat Gah. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG):** PNG YPEER. **THE PHILIPPINES:** Galang; Healthcare Without Harm; LILAK; Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights; Likhaan Centre for Women's Health; Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), and Young Feminists Collective (YFC). **SINGAPORE:** End FGC Singapore. **SRI LANKA:** Bakamoono; Sisterhood Initiative; Women and Media Collective (WMC); Youth Advocacy Network - Sri Lanka (YANSL); and Foundation for Innovative Social Development (FISD). **UGANDA:** Alliance of Women Advocating for Change. **VIETNAM:** Centre for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population (CCIHP).

Global Partners

Amplify Change; Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID); CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality; Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA); Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN); Equal Measures 2030; Equality Now; Fos Feminista; Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP); Global Fund for Women; Inroads; International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN); IPAS; Mannion Daniels; Musawah; Orchid Project; Riksförbundet för Sexuell Upplysning (RFSU also known as the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education); RNW Media; Rutgers International; Sahiyo US; UN Women; UNESCAP; UNESCO; UNFPA; UNU-IIGH; Womankind Worldwide; Women Deliver; Women's Environment & Development Organisation (WEDO); and Zinthiya Trust.

Regional Partners

AFRICA: Strong Harmonized and Empowered Advocacy (SHE Acts Alliance); Women Spaces Africa (WSA); Mobilising Activists for Medical Abortion Network (MAMA Network); The Community Health Rights Network; Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health (TICAH); Gender Links. **ASIA:** Asia Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security (APWAPS); Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD); Asia-Pacific Transgender Network (APTn); ASEAN Disability Forum (ADF); Citizen News Service (CNS); Children and Youth Major Group to UN Environment Programme (CYMG-UNEP), Major Group for Children and Youth-Asia Pacific Regional Caucus (MGCY); YouthLEAD; and YPEER AP. **LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:** Catolicas por el Derecho de Decidir (CDD)-Mexico.

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Meetings and Events in 2023

ARROW and SRI Organised UPR Orientation Session for Partners from Bangladesh and Malaysia
19 January

Generation Equality Forum Asia Regionalisation Meeting
14 - 16 February
ARROW's 30th Anniversary
16 February
ICPD+30/SDG+10 Monitoring and Advocacy Initiative Meeting
16 - 18 February
Sixty-seventh Session on Commission on Status of Women (CSW67)
9 - 18 February

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

28th United Nations Climate Change Conference, or Conference of the Parties (COP28)
Dubai, UAE
30 November and 12 December
EU Inception and Strategising Workshop
Genting Highlands, Malaysia
12 - 14 December

Asia Network to End GBV Planning Meeting
Colombo, Sri Lanka
5 - 10 November
ARROW Multi-stakeholder Dialogue Ahead of the 7th Asia Pacific Population Conference
Bangkok, Thailand
10 - 11 November
ARROW Planning and Evaluation Meeting
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
20 - 21 November

Asia Regional Fora
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2 - 5 October
Reproductive and Social Autonomy in Asia Symposium
Kathmandu, Nepal
16 - 17 October
Co-Impact, Kaleidoscope Global Meeting
India
25 - 30 October

**EU Inception + Comms Strategy
Workshops + Launch**

10 - 12 April

**Fifty-sixth Session on
Conference on Population and
Development (CPD 56)**

10 - 14 April

WOSSO Meeting

Johannesburg, South Africa
22 - 25 May

Bonn Climate Change Conference

5 - 15 June

Co-Impact Consultation Meeting

Nepal

6 - 9 June

Co-Impact Consultation Meeting

India

17 - 20 June

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

JULY

ASEAN People's Forum

Jakarta, Indonesia

1 - 3 September

**78th Session of the UN General
Assembly (UNGA) and SDG
Summit**

New York, USA

12 - 21 September

**High Level Political Forum on
Sustainable Development (HLPF)**

New York, USA

10 - 19 July

Women Deliver Conference

Kigali, Rwanda

15 - 21 July



APPC Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue: CALL to ACTION

AHEAD OF THE 7th ASIAN AND PACIFIC POPULATION CONFERENCE
16-18 November 2023
Bangkok, Thailand

WHO WE ARE

We are an international group of the APCC and stakeholders from 15 countries across the Asia-Pacific region. We represent women organizations from the region, youth organizations, organizations working on development, disability, gender equality, women's rights, indigenous peoples rights, and other stakeholders working on sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, climate action, ageing, and social and health care for youth and aging (SRHR).

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT SETTING

Looking back on the population and sustainable development agendas of the Asian and Pacific region, this group of people from the APCC and other stakeholders in the region have been working together to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asia-Pacific region.

OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our vision is a world where the Asia-Pacific is the most sustainable region in the world, with every individual of the region empowered to live a dignified and meaningful life. Our mission is to ensure that the region is the most sustainable region in the world, with every individual of the region empowered to live a dignified and meaningful life.



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Amplifying voices of women on the nexus of climate change and SRHR in Asia - Nepal

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EMPOWERING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS: Unveiling the Harms of Female Circumcision in Malaysia

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Access to Safe and Legal Abortion Services in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities

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*Generating
Evidence,*
Creating Change



Participants at the Final Review Meeting of Claiming the Right to Safe Abortion: Strategic Partnership in Asia organised by BBC Nepal at Surkhet, Nepal in October 2023.

In 2015, Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC), with support from ARROW, conducted a study titled “Abortion Stigmatisation Attitudes and Belief and its Effect in Accessing Safe Abortion Service”. The findings from the study illustrated how limited information and stigma associated to abortion among the community and health care workers have created barriers in accessing safe abortion in Nepal. To address these issues, BBC initiated the “Claiming the Right to Safe Abortion-Strategic Partnership in Asia” project, with support from ARROW.

This year marks the final year for the project. As with previous years, the focus of the partnership was on generating awareness around safe abortion services and its legal status, value clarification and attitude transformation around abortion and advocacy to increase access to safe abortion services from local to national level.

In Nepal, the Community Health Education Session (CHES) among school children facilitated by trained School Health Nurses has helped inform young people about different contraceptive options available for them and to recognise safe abortion as their reproductive right. Orienting School Health Nurses on CHES has empowered the nurses to continue such informative sessions in school and in the community on their own.

This year, BBC has also been able to develop information, education and communication (IEC) materials with information regarding contraceptives and safe abortion

services in collaboration with the National Health Education and Communication Center (NHEICC) under the Ministry of Health and Population. These materials target people with low vision and the blind to ensure that people with disabilities are not left behind while seeking and accessing information. To reduce stigma around abortion, BBC has engaged school teachers and health workers for their value clarification and attitude transformation around abortion to develop their positive perception toward abortion and realise the importance of creating awareness on this crucial matter.

Although Nepal has developed progressive policies around safe abortion as a result of continuous advocacy, some gaps still remain. To address these gaps, amendments to the Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Right (SMRHR) Act-2018 have been proposed and BBC has been engaged in multiple lobbying and advocacy processes throughout the year. Additionally, BBC was also one of the organisers for the Womens Health Conference in Nepal where it has been championing the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of women and urging the government to prioritise it. Through these avenues, BBC has succeeded in receiving a commitment from the local level government (Birendranagar Municipality) to include safe abortion related activities in their health budget and will continue to push forward on this work in the years to come.

ARROW’s Domain 1 aims to ensure that governments adopt, implement and account for laws, policies and programmes that uphold gender justice and sexual and reproductive rights and fulfil women and young people’s sexual and reproductive rights outcomes. This is done by monitoring international mechanisms such as SDG+10, ICPD+30, and Beijing+30 through the indicator framework to reflect the issues and lived experiences of women and girls in all their diversity from the Global South; capacity building of and with partners on monitoring, research and use of international frameworks to hold governments accountable; and facilitating cross regional exchanges between Global South regions to strengthen knowledge exchange on universal access to SRHR and safe abortion related issues. Through these strategies, we aim to articulate demands that ensure that the developmental agendas of governments, inter-governmental organisations and donors are in tandem with needs, realities and experiences of the Global South with regards to SRHR.

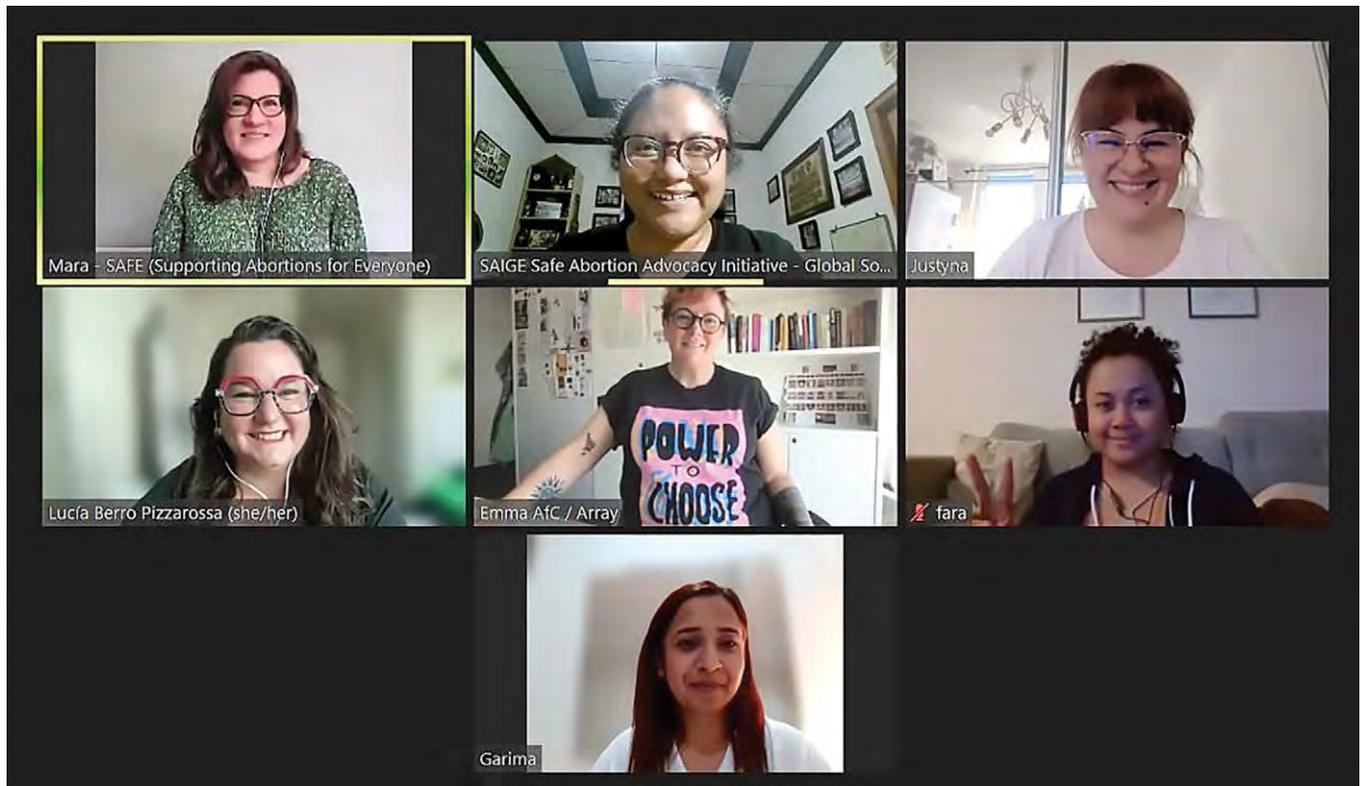
SAFE ABORTION ADVOCACY INITIATIVE – A GLOBAL SOUTH ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, our SAIGE (Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative – A Global South Engagement) network continued to grow. Launched in 2018, SAIGE is a platform for Global South advocates, activists, academics, and services providers committed towards realising safe abortion as a human right.

Furthermore this year, ARROW continued our SAIGE Cross Regional Knowledge Exchange Linking and Learning between Global South Regions series. The learning exchanges are designed and guided by the following three pillars: Innovation, Discourse Change, and Partnerships, and two sessions were held in 2023. The first session was co-organised with Fem Alliance Uganda on the topic of Safe Abortion for LGBTQ and Trans people in Uganda with a team from Fem Alliance sharing their experiences from working

on the ground regarding access to safe abortion for LGBTQ persons in Uganda. The second session featured European activists on Safe Abortion from Supporting Abortions for Everyone, Alliance for Choice, and Abortion Dream Team. SAIGE facilitated the activists from Europe to share their experiences on the liberation and backlash regarding abortion access across Europe in the past years. We will continue with our linking and learning sessions in the coming year in order to strengthen members' knowledge, provide a safe place to share information and hear on-the-ground experiences from activists from the Global South related to safe abortion and other intersecting issues.

Finally, in December, SAIGE also organised and conducted a two-day workshop on intersectionality in the context of Access to Safe Abortion which engaged participants in activities to help understand the concept of intersectionality and how an intersectional approach must be adopted when thinking about safe abortion.



SAIGE Linking and Learning Session on Abortion Activism in Europe held on 31st May 2023.



Top and bottom: One of the ARROW partners presenting at the Regional Planning Meeting on ICPD+30: Accelerating the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Agenda in the Asia Pacific Region held from February 16-18, 2023.

We will continue with our **linking and learning sessions in the coming year in order to strengthen members' knowledge, provide a safe place to share information and hear on-the-ground experiences** from activists from the Global South related to safe abortion and other intersecting issues.

GENERATING EVIDENCE

In terms of publications, 2023 marked the start of our work with 17 partners across the region on the development of 16 ICPD+30 Monitoring Reports. To this end, ARROW held an ICPD+30 preparation meeting in February 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, to determine indicators, country-level research preparation, and topics that will be the focus of the regional report to be presented at ICPD+30. ARROW invited 28 participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji Island, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. They presented their country's situation and also the key trends that can affect SRHR. From this meeting we collected SRHR focus issues for ICPD+30 on the following areas: safe abortion, CSE, SGBV, early child marriage, SRHR services for elder people and engaging with health systems, reduction of stigma and fear on SRHR issues, access to comprehensive SRHR services for women and young people including safe abortion, SRHR of elderly women, FGM as a harmful practice, maternal mortality, and access to contraceptives. The 13 partner reports are in the process of being developed and will be ready in 2024.

Furthermore, in collaboration with Center for Justice, Law and Society (CJLS) and Jindal Global Law School, ARROW published a study entitled *Access to Safe and Legal Abortion Services in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities*. This study maps the legal status of abortion laws within the region and seeks to identify and critically examine the abortion laws and their impact on access to safe abortion services in 10 countries in South Asia and Southeast Asia – Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In 2023 we developed a call to action that can be accessed on May28.org as well as developed eight short video interviews with the RFSU partners on their experiences working on the issue of safe abortion in their respective countries.

ADVOCACY

In terms of advocacy, at CSW57 in March, ARROW, along with CommonHealth as part of SAIGE, organised a parallel event titled “Leveraging digital innovations for improving access to abortion”. The side event highlighted the situation of safe abortion in the Global South with a special focus on improving safe abortion, gender equality, and the empowerment of all women and girls. Several members of SAIGE also participated as expert speakers, namely Marevic Parcon from WGNRR Philippines, Samia Afrin from Naripokkho, and Kalpana from BBC Nepal. It was moderated by ARROW’s Executive Director Sivananthi Thanenthiran and deliberated on the current and prospective innovation with adaptations and advocacy opportunities in diverse socio-legal country settings.

Furthermore, during HRC53, ARROW Programme Officer Indah Yusari, representing ARROW and SAIGE, gave an online statement on strengthening self-management of medical abortion via telemedicine. The statement pushed the urgent call for governments to fulfil their obligations in promoting access to telemedicine and medical abortion especially for the vulnerable and most marginalised and stressed that by taking decisive action and addressing these disparities, governments can uphold the fundamental human rights to healthcare and achieve equitable access for all.



67th Commission for Status of Women Side Event by SAIGE : “Leveraging digital innovations for improving access to abortion”.

Additionally, representing ARROW and SAIGE, ARROW Programme Manager Anjali Shenoi delivered a statement at the 54th HRC Annual Discussion on Integration of Gender Perspective where she highlighted the impact of access to safe abortion on gender equality and presented some concrete recommendations including mainstreaming of gender and reproductive justice in all government policies and laws.

Annually, the May 28th Campaign is a campaign to commemorate the International Day of Action for Women’s Health. In 2023, ARROW collaborated with WGNRR, Inroads, and other organisations as members of the May 28th coalition. We developed a call to action that can be accessed on May28.org as well as developed eight short video interviews with the RFSU partners on their experiences working on the issue of safe abortion in their respective countries. 2023 also marked the end of ARROW’s RFSU Right to Safe Abortion Project 2018-2023 with our project partners from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal, and the Philippines. The videos offer insight into the work that has been carried out over the past six years.



Campaign on Menstrual Regulation Management (MRM) in Bangladesh by BAPSA.

Ensuring all Women Have the Choice to a Safe Abortion

Case study from the Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh

Bela (not her real name), 17, turned up one day at a clinic run by the Association for the Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh or BAPSA, after feeling unwell for 45 days. The teenager had been married for just six months and was dealing with a whole host of unusual symptoms, such as feeling ill, not having an appetite, and irregular periods.

The clinic conducted a check up and discovered Bela was pregnant. She was ecstatic and returned home. Barely a week later, Bela turned up at the clinic again. This time, the feeling of happiness was no longer there. She told the medical officer that she was a victim of domestic violence, and she was bleeding.

A check up found that Bela had suffered an incomplete miscarriage, a situation where not all of the pregnancy tissue is expelled from the body. She was very scared and sad over the loss of the pregnancy.

When told she would need to have surgery to remove the tissue that was still left behind, she was worried and said she did not want to do so.

Respecting her decision, the BAPSA medical officers opted to provide Bela with Menstrual Regulation with Medication (MRM). Bela went home with her medicine and returned 15 days later for a checkup. Luckily, everything went well, and the medication allowed Bela to expel the tissue without any problems.

Cases like Bela's are not uncommon. Being so young and in a situation of domestic violence, she was alone and had nowhere to turn to. The BAPSA clinics play an important role in helping women like her deal with their situation and health needs safely.



FOR SRR ACCOUNTABILITY

ASIA YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS PROGRAMME

The Asia Youth Changemakers Programme was a 7-weeks (24 October to 9 December 2021) social innovation, design thinking, intersectionality and sexuality creative leadership programme to empower diverse young people to become effective advocates for social change.

The programme combined social innovation and intersectionality workshops that gave the participants an opportunity to positively impact the realisation of people's sexual and reproductive health and rights in Asia and the Pacific.

Altogether, 83 young people representing diverse geographical areas from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, and the Philippines attended the programme. 70% of the participants were women.



ARROW's movement building work focuses on SRHR alliances and other social movements to support gender non-binary people's sexual and reproductive and strengthening perspectives among CSOs, and around the issues of gender, feminism and SRHR, other issues that impact universal access to SRHR climate change, disability, women peace and security.

ARROW has created a niche for herself within the and convergence with climate change in the region strategy of capacity strengthening, monitoring, advocacy at the local, national, regional and global the issue of SRHR in the context of climate relations.

Research and data on the gendered impacts of and almost non-existent. ARROW has aimed to various programmes.

*Opening Minds,
Shaping Views and
Advocating for Change,
One Year at a Time*



ARROW and Partners at the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference.

ARROW organised a Multi Stakeholder Dialogue in the lead up to the 7th Asia Pacific Population Conference (APPC) on 10-11 November 2023. This dialogue brought together 60 participants including a diverse group of partners and advocates from 16 different countries, to discuss the pertaining challenges and status of the International Conference on Population and Development Program of Action (ICPD PoA). Partners included Naripokkho, BRAC, Oboyob, RH Step and Badabon Sangho from Bangladesh; RHAC from Cambodia; FWRM and PCP from Fiji; Common Health, RUWSEC, SAHAJ, YP Foundation and Pravah from India; YKP, KOMNAS Perempuan and YIFoS Indonesia (Youth Interfaith Forum on Sexuality) from Indonesia; UHS from Laos, ReHAK and PLUHO from Malaysia; Hope for Women from Maldives; MonFemNet from Mongolia; Colorful Girls from Myanmar; BYAN, BBC, Visible Impact, YUWA, NIDWAN, Blue Diamond Society (BDS Nepal) and CDS Park from Nepal; Shirkat Gah from Pakistan; Likhaan from the Philippines; YANSL from Sri Lanka; YPEER AP and YouthLEAD from Thailand; and CCIHP from Vietnam.

The partners from across the region offered significant insights and recommendations on the status of SRHRJ at the national level. The country partners from Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam showcased their national level monitoring works at the dialogue. The partners that presented the ICPD reports include Likhaan, CommonHealth, YUWA, BBC, FWRM, Hope for Women, MFN(MonFemNet), Shirkat Gah, UHS, YANSL, Naripokkho, BRAC, YKP, ReHAK, and CCIHP.

The Multi-stakeholder Dialogue concluded with the presentation of a Call to Action aimed at mobilising collective efforts to advance population dynamics for a sustainable and inclusive future. This Call-to-Action serves as a blueprint for our collective commitment to addressing the complexities of population dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region through evidence-based solutions like data driven decision making, youth engagement and empowerment, holistic policy development, strengthening health systems, environmental sustainability, promoting gender equality and social inclusion, promoting technology and innovation.

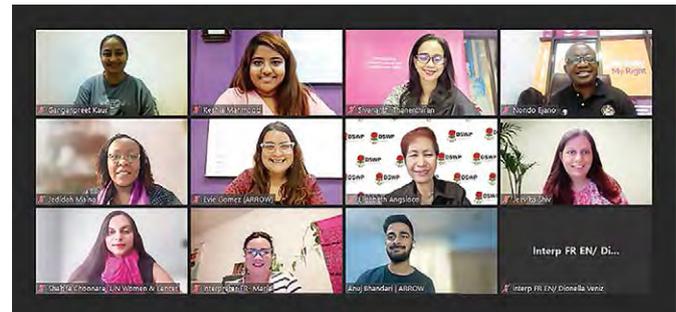
Through this Call to Action, participants present their recommendations and call upon all the Governments, UN agencies, donors, and other relevant stakeholders, to address the issues faced by those in the region in our collective strides to be intersectional, sustainable and inclusive for all.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

ARROW's Information and Communications (InfoComm) strategies champion positive social change by advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the Asia and Pacific region and the world. We do this by ensuring new perspectives and knowledge are built around gender, feminism, SRR and its intersections, utilising information and communications to highlight key SRHR amplifying youth and feminist voices from the ground, and sharing knowledge and information on advocacy actions, spaces and processes. We aim to strengthen ARROW's and her partners' ability to influence key stakeholders on SRHR policies and programmes with our reach to over 188 countries.

Our publications continue to be one of our most powerful evidence-based advocacy mediums through which we, with the support of our partners, advance the SRHR agenda with stakeholders. ARROW produces a range of publications that aim to contribute a Global South, rights-based, intersectional and feminist analyses and perspectives to global discourses on gender, health, sexuality and rights, as well as on their inter-linkages with other development issues. These publications include ARROW's flagship, peer-reviewed and serial publication, the *ARROW for Change*, as well as other types of resources, such as manuals, thematic papers, and briefs, to enable key stakeholders to further understand these themes and use the information generated in their advocacy work.

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Co-organisers ARROW, SAIGE, Feminist Manch, Rising Flame, MAMA Network, Generation Equality, Global Fund for Women, and WGNRR at the Global Dialogue: Launch of AFC on Reproductive Justice on September 26, 2023. The webinar included speakers from UN Women, DWSP, and TICAH.

In 2023, ARROW published our latest edition of the *ARROW For Change: Reproductive Justice – Recalibrating the SRHR Agenda*, which aims to build upon the language of reproductive justice within the framework of development justice in the Global South, and ground the concept of reproductive justice to ensure that health outcomes are fair and equitable to marginalised and vulnerable populations in the region. Furthermore, in conjunction with the safe abortion week campaign, ARROW, SAIGE, Generation Equality, Global Fund for Women, MAMA Network, Rising Flame, WGNRR, and Feminist Manch, launched the AFC on Reproductive Justice with a WD2023 Global Dialogue webinar in September. The launch showcased various perspectives and voices in the Global South on reproductive justice and how it intersects with a variety of human rights issues. The panel featured ARROW's Executive Director, Sivananthi Thanenthiran, as the moderator alongside Shakira Choonara (UN Women), Jeevika Shiv (Feminist Manch), Nondo Ejano (WGNRR Africa), Elizabeth Angsioco (Democratic Socialist Women of the Philippines), and Jedidah Maina (MAMA Network).

Within other areas of our communications work, we were able to further boost our advocacy through our social media platforms—Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn—to an even greater extent through our increased following of 43,100+ people across the platforms. We created messaging through social media toolkits, live updates, photos, reels, and videos for digital advocacy, key international events, conferences, publication launches, and events with SRHR advocates, UN agencies, and partner organisations. We also leveraged on various international days throughout the year to create social media messaging around the intersectionality of SRHR with other critical human rights issues.

In terms of visibility, at the Women Deliver 2023 Conference, ARROW set up an exhibition booth to share information on our work on SRHR in Asia and the Pacific region. The booth was a strategic advocacy space for ARROW's partners to network with delegates, donors, and other key stakeholders. We disseminated ARROW's publications as well as promotional merchandise such as badges and stickers. We also shared our booth space with partners from the WOSSO consortium, Gender Links and Mannion Daniels to share about the WOSSO programme as well as some members of the Global Platform for Action to End FGM/C (Orchid Project, Sahiyo, the End FGM European Network, and IPPF Arab World Region). Furthermore, we held a networking session at the booth where our partners and youth advocates spoke to conference delegates about their work in the region, and the Asia Network to End FGM/C hosted a listening session at ARROW's booth where Asia Network

members from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Sri Lanka spoke to visitors about FGM/C in their respective countries, its drivers, and the gaps and challenges they face advocating on such a taboo subject.

THE ASIA NETWORK TO END FGM/C



ARROW's Executive Director Sivananthi Thanenthiran speaks at the FGM/C Pre-Conference Event in the lead up to the Women Deliver Conference.



Launched in 2019, the Asia Network to End Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) is a collaboration between ARROW and UK-based global NGO Orchid Project, that focuses on gathering data and evidence on FGM/C prevalence rates, engaging key stakeholders such as the faith-based and medical communities, awareness-raising and advocacy, and urging governments in the region to report on SDG 5.3.2 related to FGM/C. In 2023, ARROW and Orchid Project, along with the Global Platform for Action to End FGC, co-organised the 'Catalysing Global Action to End FGM/C' pre-conference ahead of Women Deliver 2023. The FGM/C pre-conference brought together over 150 survivors, grassroots activists, CSOs, donors, international organisations and government representatives from around the world, including Africa, North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle-East. This promoted and encouraged knowledge exchange, interregional collaboration and global cooperation amongst various stakeholders working to address FGM/C in different regions. The pre-conference, which resulted in the adoption of the Kigali Declaration "From Rhetoric to Reality: Closing the Funding Gap and Uniting for Action to End Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting", was a powerful way to put FGM/C firmly on the agenda of the global conference. For the Asia Network members, the FGM/C pre-conference provided the opportunity to raise awareness of the issue of FGM/C in the Asia region, and share the unique contexts in their respective countries.



Top: ARROW's Executive Director Sivananthi Thanenthiran speaks at the high level panel on SRHR at the Women Deliver Conference alongside Dephanie O, French Ambassador and General Secretary for Generation Equality Forum.
Bottom: ARROW partners from Bangladesh during the Women Deliver 2023 Conference.



ARROW staff and participants of the CSO Dialogue on FGM/C in Malaysia.

2023 also saw significant national level advocacy work on FGM/C take place in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Maldives, and the Philippines. Along with our Indonesian partner Yayasan Kalyanamitra, we co-organised a thematic workshop titled “Healthy and Dignified ASEAN Community: Upholding Sexual and Reproductive Rights” at the ASEAN People’s Forum in September. The workshop was an interactive discussion that delved into two highly contested SRHR issues in Southeast Asia: access to safe abortion and the elimination of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). In the Philippines, we supported our partner organisation, Nisa ul-Haqq Fi Bangsamoro (Women for Justice in the Bangsamoro), to organise a study session on FGM/C. The session explored the situation of FGM/C in the Bangsamoro homeland, its religious perspectives, and the risks associated with it from a public health perspective. In Malaysia, ARROW conducted a workshop on FGM/C in Malaysia for activists and CSOs. The workshop was also attended by two representatives from the High Commission of Canada in Kuala Lumpur. In order to promote linking and learning, activists from partner organisations in Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines delivered presentations on FGM/C in their respective countries and effective advocacy strategies. At the end of the workshop, the participants developed collective advocacy strategies at the national level to address the issue of

FGM/C. Finally, in the Maldives, we supported our partner, Hope for Women, to organise a national-level symposium on violence against women in conjunction with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign. Participants, comprising activists and CSOs, were introduced to gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights, the laws and legal frameworks in the Maldives, and ended the event by developing a community-oriented plan to combat violence against women.

In terms of publications, a professional leaflet on female circumcision in Malaysia was published. ARROW supported the Malaysian Doctors for Women and Children in the development of this leaflet which aims to provide accurate information on the practice of female circumcision in Malaysia to healthcare professionals, with the ultimate objective of ending this practice within Malaysia. Other publications worked on during the year include a FGM/C toolkit in Malay, a publication containing FGD findings on FGM/C in Malaysia, and a country profile on FGM/C in Malaysia. These publications are slated to be published in the first quarter of 2024.

The Asia Network will continue to grow and amplify the voices of our members in the upcoming year.



ARROW and Partners at the GEI Inception and Strategising Workshop in Malaysia in December 2023.

THE GENDER EQUALITY INITIATIVE IN MALAYSIA V.2.

2023 saw the launch of the second phase of our Gender Equality Initiative (GEI) in Malaysia, the GEI V.2., together with our partners SEED, Justice For Sisters (JFS), PLUHO, Kemban Kolektif, and the Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan (ReHAK). Over the next five years, ARROW and our project partners will work to ensure the full and effective inclusion of LGBTIQ people, women, girls and youth in all their diversity in democratic development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia. In 2023, the majority of the year was spent developing the toolkits and resource kits that will be used as a baseline throughout the duration of the project. The toolkits and resources, which cover various topics related to LGBTIQ+ rights, as well as access to SRHR and contraception in Malaysia, will be launched in the first quarter of 2024.

ARROW focuses on women and girls with ReHAK while the rest of the partners look into the LGBTIQ community. Our UPR submission with ReHAK focused on gender equality while partners made a submission on LGBTIQ issues. As Malaysia will be going through its UPR review in 2024, 2023 saw the development and submission of UPR reports on gender equality and LGBTIQ+ rights in Malaysia by ARROW and our partners. The report on gender equality was also shared by ARROW amongst the embassies within Kuala Lumpur so that the respective ambassadors will be able to take forward our recommendations. Further advocacy around the UPR will take place in 2024.

Furthermore, two GEI V.2. CSO workshops were organised by ARROW in 2023. In November, the first workshop aimed to conceptualise and deliberate on efforts that can be taken

by CSOs to accelerate SDG implementation in the country. The workshop covered the following issues: (1) Malaysia's progress on the specific SDGs that are pertinent and decisive for the SRHR issues, (2) A review and feedback session on the SRHR Toolkit that is being developed as part of the project, (3) Available advocacy spaces for CSOs to work towards the advancement of SRHR in Malaysia, and (4) Knowledge sharing by partners who have been involved in the ICPD+30 and UPR processes. In December, with the growing conservatism and backlash against SRHR and LGBTIQ+ issues in Malaysia, the second strategising workshop brought together the project partners, as well as relevant stakeholders we will be working with across the implementation of the project at the Federal level and also at the State level to map the situation in the country for women, girls and the LGBTIQ+ community and planned our interventions ahead for 2024.

2024 will feature further advocacy efforts crucial to the GEI V.2. both at the national and international levels.

ADVOCACY

2023 was a year of continued strong engagements by ARROW and its partners in advancing gender equality and SRHR in the region through sustained advocacy work at the national, regional and international levels. ARROW's advocacy initiatives continued to create spaces for and amplify ARROW and our partners' effective and meaningful engagement in the identified advocacy arenas and processes despite the pushback and regression in the region and globally.

At the regional level, during the APFSD Intergovernmental Forum, four interventions were made by APFSD Youth Forum delegates: Prim Rajasurang Wongkrasaemongkol delivered the Youth Forum Call to Action at the opening of the Forum, highlighting young people's recommendations on the SDGs; Telesia Kobiti, of Pacific Disability Forum delivered a powerful and inspiring CSO statement highlighting demand for development justice and sustainable development; Jin Tanaka, delivered a statement on behalf of the APRCEM Youth Constituency to highlight youth participation in development justice; and Ashley Yong, delivered a statement at the sub-regional panel, highlighting young people's needs and inclusion in South East Asia. Finally, an APFSD side event organised by ARROW, along with STEPS India, titled, "APFSD Youth Forum Call to Action 2023: Agenda Setting for



Top: At the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on CSW67 Gizka Ayu from our partner organisation Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan (YKP) Indonesia, highlights how strengthening access to medical abortion with pills and telemedicine has huge potential in improving access and confidentiality for women seeking safe abortions. **Bottom:** At the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage at the UN Headquarters in September, Shamala called for governments to improve health systems, especially sexual and reproductive health services. Photo: UNWebTV.

Strengthening Partnerships to Accelerate the Recovery from the COVID-19 with Human Rights and Gender Equality at the Forefront, witnessed inspiring opening remarks by his excellency Syed Rashedul Hossen, the Economic Minister and Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to UNESCAP, Embassy of Bangladesh followed by the launch of the APFSD Youth Call to Action 2023.

In November, ARROW and its partners actively engaged at the pre-APPC youth and civil society forums in Bangkok. ARROW also led the CSO consultations with APA prior to the 7th APPC, informing the outcome documents and securing some positive languages around SRHR. On behalf of the steering, Deputy Executive Director Sai Jyothirmai Racherla, shared her opening remarks at the Civil Society Forum and Youth Forum. Highlighting the recommendations from the multi stakeholder dialogue, she introduced the indicator framework designed to monitor indicators linked to SDGs. Furthermore, ARROW and



ARROW Deputy Executive Director Sai Jyothirmai Racherla making an oral statement at the 56th Session on Commission on Population and Development (CPD).

partners engaged in the seventh Asia and Pacific Population Conference (APPC) through several avenues. The Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM), an ARROW partner, presented the opening remarks at the seventh APPC, where Laisa Bulatale called for stronger multilateral cooperation and greater financial commitment for the Pacific region in the realm of geopolitical tensions, economic disparities and intersecting crises. More than 20 representatives from our partner organisations were selected to be part of this process through a rigorous selection process of the CSOs from the region. We were also at the roundtable in the 7th APPC, 'Health, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights'. Besides that, few of our partners also made interventions during the forum, which included Blind Youth Association Nepal (BYAN), Blue Diamond Society (BDS) and YIFoS Indonesia (Youth Interfaith Forum on Sexuality), where partners urged member states and stakeholders to expand their SRHR interventions to people with disabilities and LGBTIQ communities. Additionally, ARROW in collaboration with the Equal Asia Foundation, also organised a side event titled, "Understanding the challenges, opportunities and best practices for the SRHR of forcible displaced persons in all their diversities in transition countries in Asia." The side event called for grassroots level actions, gender inclusive and responsive policies for older women and demanded the need for safe motherhood services, CSE and multi stakeholder collaboration.

At the international level, 2023 witnessed ARROW and our partners' active engagement at several advocacy meetings such as CSW67, CPD56, HRC52, HRC53, HRC54, HLPF, UPR Bangladesh, SDG Summit and UNGA78.



On March 12, Siva spoke alongside an intergenerational panel at the CSW67 Youth Forum, calling attention to the accessibility of spaces like CSW67 for all women and girls in all their diversity. Photo: UN Women.

At the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67), UN Women selected ARROW to deliver in-person oral statements at the General Discussion and Interactive Dialogue. The oral statement at the General Debate on March 14th was delivered by ARROW's Programme Director, Biplabi Shrestha, where she highlighted how access to digital platforms and innovative approaches can improve sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information and services, especially digital media-based delivery of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE). On March 16th, ARROW's Programme Manager, Shamala Chandrasekaran delivered an oral statement at the Interactive Dialogue 'Getting Back on Track: Achieving Gender Equality in a Context of Overlapping Emergencies'. The statement emphasised the importance of a gender responsive approach in crisis response and urged Member States to recognise that women play a critical role in COVID-19 crisis management and mitigation, and to include them equally and meaningfully in the designing, implementation, financing and monitoring of crisis response. In addition to the oral statements, ARROW's written statement was also selected and published by UN Women on the UN Women's CSW67 website. ARROW's statement welcomed the priority theme of the CSW67th on innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age with a specific focus on access to comprehensive sexuality education and safe abortion for young women and girls in Asia and the Pacific region.

Additionally, ARROW organised two parallel events at CSW67. The first, titled 'Addressing Digital Divide to Ensure SRHR for All', featured diverse speakers from across Asia who

highlighted the issue of access to digital spaces for women and girls in all their diversity and its impact on SRHR. The opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Senutha Poopale Ratthinan, Deputy Undersecretary, Policy & Strategic Planning Division from the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development Malaysia. The second, titled, 'Leveraging digital innovations for improving access to abortion', was organised by ARROW along with CommonHealth as part of the SAIGE Network as a parallel event highlighting the situation of safe abortion in the Global South with a special focus on: innovation and technological change, in the digital age for improving safe abortion, gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

At the 56th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD56), ARROW's joint written statement with RHRN2 consortium members – Rutgers and CHOICE was uploaded on the CPD official website. The statement emphasises that adolescents and young people have the right to information about sexual and reproductive health, including the access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in both in and out of school settings. The statement urges the acceleration of our efforts to ensure all children and young people have access to the skills, knowledge, autonomy, confidence and ability to make informed decisions about a person's sexual and reproductive life. The statement from ARROW was also delivered in person at the CPD by ARROW's Deputy Executive Director.

At 52nd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC53), three of ARROW's oral statements were selected to be broadcast on the right to adequate food and nutrition, the rights of persons with disabilities, and the high prevalence of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in India. At HRC53, four of ARROW's oral statements were broadcast on discrimination against women and girls, digital innovation and technologies in promoting the right to sexual and reproductive health, the rights of adolescents and children to learn about important issues such as Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), and how climate change disproportionately impacts women and girls in all their diversities. At HRC54, a further three more of ARROW's oral statements were broadcast on different forms of abuse among older persons, meaningful youth engagement in policy and decision-making processes from the right-to-development perspective, and the considerable impact of access to safe abortion on gender equality.



Left: APFSD Intergovernmental Fora 2024 concluded with active CSO engagement including ARROW and our APFSD Youth Forum participants. **Right:** ARROW and partners along with the speakers at the pre SDG Summit SDG Action Weekend side event “Towards the realisation of SDGs: A multistakeholder, intersectional and intergenerational approach” in September 2023.



ARROW along with the Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI) also supported the RHRN2 Bangladesh country coalition to successfully submit the alternative UPR stakeholder report for Bangladesh review which took place during the 44th session of Universal Periodic Review in October. The report, which was submitted in April, focused on young people’s SRHR including comprehensive sexuality education (CSE); access to safe abortion services; child marriage; youth-friendly health services for all; sexual orientation and gender identity; gender inequality and; gender-based violence.

At the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023 in July, ARROW, along with partners, organised an online side event titled, “Youth at the forefront of change: Agenda Setting for Strengthening Partnerships to Accelerate the Recovery from the COVID-19”. The side event witnessed inspiring opening remarks by Sara Libera Zanetti, Voluntary National Review Specialist at UNESCAP. It featured an exclusive youth panel from seven countries who presented their view to accelerate SDG implementation in their respective contexts in the region. Furthermore, ARROW on behalf of APRCEM, organised a side-event titled, “Change The System, Shift The Power: Addressing Structural And Systemic Barriers For Transformative Change.” Ajay Jha, the APRCEM Farmers Focal Point and Oliver Padison from UNESCAP provided their opening remarks at the side-event.

In September, during SDG Action Weekend, ARROW along with the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the UN in New York, UNFPA, Women’s Major Group (WGM) and Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) organised a panel session titled, “Towards the Realisation of SDGs:

A Multistakeholder, Intersectional and Intergenerational Approach” as part of the official programme of the SDG Summit. The side event showcased the strength of multistakeholder, intersectional and intergenerational initiatives especially pertaining to gender equality and SRHR. The event brought together CSOs, UNFPA and the government at different levels to discuss initiatives leading to the goal of gender equality and universal access to SRHR including in the time of emergency such as but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA78), ARROW was selected by the WHO to deliver an oral statement at the 2023 UN High-level meeting (UN HLM) on universal health coverage (UHC). The statement was delivered by ARROW’s Programme Manager, Shamala Chandrasekaran during the ‘Multi-stakeholder Panel 2: Aligning our investments for health and well-being in a post-COVID world’ where she stressed on the urgent need for governments to improve public investment in health and develop social protection systems, especially universal access to health, and develop health strategies to provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive rights for all women and girls, especially the marginalised and vulnerable groups.

Through the cumulative work done currently and in the past, ARROW’s identity as an advocacy organisation working on SRHR issues has thrived. We will continue to collaborate with intergovernmental stakeholders including the UN, Member States, and key CSO networks working on SRHR and gender equality at the global, regional, and national levels to ensure active and effective engagement in different advocacy spaces and processes.

ARROW's *Regional Events in 2023*

- 7th APPC CSO Forum, Youth Forum and Intergovernmental Forum
- 7th APPC Multi Stakeholder Dialogue
- APPC CSO Consultations
- Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
- APFSD Youth Forum and Asia and the Pacific Regional ECOSOC Youth Forum
- Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on CSW 67
- Asia Pacific CSO Forum on the Priority Theme of CSW67

ARROW's *International Events in 2023*

- Conference of Parties (COP28)
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA78)
- SDG Summit 2023
- High Level Political Forum 2023
- Women Deliver 2023 Conference
- 54th Session of the Human Rights Council
- 53rd Session of the Human Rights Council
- 52nd Session of the Human Rights Council
- Women of the South Speak Out Inception Meeting
- UPR Bangladesh
- 56th Session of the Commission on Population and Development
- 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Global Futures Forum

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The Asia-Pacific is the most populated region on Earth, with more than half of the world's population living in the region. From the world's 1.2 billion people aged 15-24 years old, more than half or approximately 719 million live in Asia and Oceania. However, the voices of young people are not being heard or valued in decision-making processes. Those from marginalised communities, including youth with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ youth, and those from lower economic backgrounds, have been even further excluded.

ARROW's Domain 3 focuses on mobilising communities to reinforce positive norms and values around women and young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and recognise SRHR as a basic human right. We aim to do this through four specific interventions: (1) Capacity Strengthening done through creative interventions such as building champions in intervention communities; (2) Linking and Learning of youth SRHR advocates on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services to provide them with information and skills to plan and develop gender-responsive programmes and mainstream intersectional approaches in SRHR advocacy strategies; (3) Enabling increased outreach and participation of women and young people at local and national level by creating public support through campaigns and community mobilisation, outreach and awareness raising sessions on SRR issues, policies, and accountability mechanisms; and (4) Accountability for CSE and SRH Services by strengthening capacities of partner organisations in advocacy and utilisation of community accountability tools and amplifying youth voices to demand accountability for SRR.

In Nepal, gender inequality has taken firm root. According to Shambhawi Adhikari, a member of RHRN's Youth Activist Leadership Council, fixed gender roles are deeply ingrained within the community. She shared, "Having grown up in an educated family, I held the belief that I would never encounter discrimination. I observed no distinction in the way my parents treated me compared to my brother. However, my later involvement with RHRN provided ample opportunities to delve into the realm of Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Gender Equality, which led me to realise that discrimination can manifest itself in various forms—physical, emotional, or verbal.



Shambhawi Adhikari, a member of RHRN Nepal and YUWA's Youth Activist Leadership Council, delivering a session to school teachers and parents on the importance of adolescent SRHR and gender equality in Kathmandu. Photo: Shambhawi Adhikari.

"As the eldest child in my family, I naturally garnered the most attention, and my parents held high expectations for my accomplishments. Every time I achieved something, they would lavish me with praise, exclaiming, "You are like a son, the pride of our family!" I never heard such words of adoration directed towards my brother, praising him as a cherished daughter of our household. Upon receiving training in Comprehensive Sexuality Education through RHRN, I came to realise the stark division of roles based on gender within my own family. It became clear how, despite being a daughter, I was frequently urged to adopt masculine traits and behaviours. Upon gaining a deeper understanding of gender-sensitive language and the importance of gender equality, I began to feel a sense of discrimination whenever my parents referred to me as their 'son'. One day, I mustered the courage to confront my parents. The ensuing silence within my family lasted for several days. However, it became apparent that my words had stirred a transformation. Gradually, my family began to honour and respect my sentiments."

“The most profound change that has occurred within me, through my affiliation with RHRN, is the cultivation of an egalitarian perspective when viewing individuals and the world at large. I have embraced a Gender Perspective Lens, which I carry with me wherever I venture. It is often said that if you emerge from a tempestuous storm, you come out a changed person, and that, indeed, is the very purpose of enduring it in the first place. However, what few people grasp is that the storm itself dissipates precisely because of the transformation that has occurred within.”

“My journey as a peer educator for Comprehensive Sexuality Education and a youth activist for SRHR, has acquainted me with the enigmatic truths surrounding gender equality and equipped me with the ability to advocate for it. It has propelled me towards personal liberation, endowing me with wings to soar and embrace my authentic self. This transformation has enabled me to confront the darker aspects of my society, and I take great pride in the change I have undergone.”

ASIA REGIONAL FORA

The Asia Regional Fora 2023 was organised from 2-5 October, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Following RHRN's aim to widen the scope for Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) related advocacy and capacity building specifically to strengthen young people's role in holding their States accountable to upholding the implementation of CSE, the focus of the Asia Regional Fora for the year 2023 was the “Exchange of Learning from Country Implementations” with a focus particularly on CSE advocacy and implementations, intersectionality, and sustainability to build on the roadmap post-2025. The regional fora also highlighted the regional and global advocacy spaces and processes that are relevant for RHRN advocacy.

The Asia Regional Fora brought together 26 participants from the three RHRN programme implementing Asia countries – Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Nepal. On day one, the agenda focused on the good practices and lessons learned of the respective country's CSE advocacy at both the international and local levels. Day two was spent on identifying and leveraging upon upcoming regional and international advocacy spaces. Day three had participants contemplate their sustainability plans as well as programme exit strategies.



Top: ARROW and RHRN partners from Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Nepal posing for a group photo during Regional Fora, 2023 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
Bottom: Young people from the Asia Pacific holding the Call to Action developed during the APFSD, 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.

APFSD YOUTH FORUM 2023

ARROW's biggest annual regional forum took place from 18-20 March 2023, where over 400 young people in all their diversities across 36 countries in the Asia-Pacific region gathered for the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) Youth Forum 2023, held in hybrid modality, in Bangkok, Thailand. The APFSD Youth Forum 2023 was organised ahead of APFSD, the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023, on the theme “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific with Young People at the Forefront”.

The Forum represented youth-led and feminist organisations, changemakers, social entrepreneurs, activists, and students who gathered together in hybrid modality. Together, the Forum comprised diverse individuals ranging from age 13 - 30, across all backgrounds and identities including persons with disabilities, persons belonging to various sexual and

gender identities and expressions, youth from ethnic and minority groups, and various socio-economic backgrounds, amongst others. Our participation in this Youth Forum brings forth our collective voice and is a representation of our place across various social movements in the region reflected collectively.

The Forum culminated in a Youth Call To Action that was presented both at the APFSD People's Forum and at the APFSD Intergovernmental Forum. A further 16 country and sub-regional Call To Actions were also developed by the youth advocates of the forum to be used within their national advocacy actions.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE AHEAD OF THE 7TH APPC

On 10-11 November in Bangkok, ARROW organised a multi-stakeholder dialogue to bring together a diverse group of partners and advocates to discuss the pertaining challenges and status of ICPD since its 30 years in the region. The Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue was organised ahead of 7th APPC to bring together ARROW's partners to have a pre-dialogue on the ICPD. Our partners from across the region offered significant insights and recommendations on the status of SRHRJ at the national level as well as on the advocacy and capacity-strengthening initiatives within their respective countries. A total of 60 participants from 15 different countries attended the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue, with various partners also sharing their findings from the ICPD+30 monitoring reports they have been working on during 2023. During the dialogue, the findings from RHRN's global ICPD+30 shadow report 'Heart Of The Matter' were also highlighted and the recommendations were used to feed into the Pre-APPC MSD Call to Action which was then taken to 7th APPC by ARROW and the partners.

GLOBAL SDG YOUTH SUMMIT 2023

The Global SDG Youth Summit took place on 17th-18th November, and was organised by The Earth and Climate Parliament Bangladesh in partnership with the Embassy of France in Dhaka, ARROW, UNDP, Dhaka International University, and We Can Cox's Bazar as the youth partner. After two days of deliberation involving policymakers, academicians, bureaucrats, development partners,



Top: Participants doing an energiser during the Pre-APPC Multi Stakeholder Dialogue held in Bangkok from 10-11 November, 2023. Bottom: Sai from ARROW, co-moderating a panel on 'Maternal Health and Reproductive Rights Framework' during the Learning from Neighbors Symposium organised by Center for Reproductive Rights from 15-17 October 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

practitioners, and youth from diverse backgrounds, the summit concluded with the issuance of the Dhaka Declaration. This declaration calls upon global stakeholders to undertake robust strategies for the aggressive implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The summit brought together 350 youth participants, 28 panellists and six thematic sessions. Furthermore, ARROW's Programme Officer, Momota Hena, moderated a panel entitled, "Thematic Session: Gender Equality and Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR)" which featured speakers presenting on gender, SRHR, youth, climate, and disability rights.

#CSE4ALL CAMPAIGN

The CSE4ALL regional advocacy campaign focuses on the demand for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), its implementation and access to young people in all their diversities. The campaign positions young people from the Asia-Pacific region at the forefront to increase advocacy and public support for young people's SRHR, and contribute

towards changing attitudes, improving policies and strengthening advocacy around the implementation of CSE both in and out of school. Across 2023, ARROW rolled out the CSE4All campaign messaging at strategic global and regional advocacy spaces. In conjunction with CSW67, the CSE4All social media campaign online advocacy toolkit with key messages was launched, aimed at ensuring CSE is prioritised in the technology and digitalisation discourse. Additionally, ARROW conducted the campaign within three more international advocacy spaces—the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023, Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023), and the SDG Summit 2023. Three social media toolkits with key messages were developed, one each for the three events and were shared with a total of 248 registered CSE4ALL campaign members.

INTERSECTIONALITY, DISABILITY AND SRHR

With ARROW's project on Defending SRHR for Women and Girls with Disabilities in Bangladesh coming to an end this year, an endline study was conducted in 2023. The research team interviewed 519 baseline study participants from the 10 unions of five sub-districts in Bogura district (Bogura Sadar, Gabtoli, Sherpur, Sonatola, and Kahaloo) and assessed changes in different outcome indicators relating to SRH knowledge, awareness about SRH service availability, SRH service utilisation and others. The endline study findings suggest that knowledge of women and girls with disabilities on various SRH issues and their service utilisation for different SRH issues increased from the baseline to the endline period and the increase in knowledge on various SRH issues and improved service utilisation could be associated with WDDF's community level intervention.

Furthermore, a symposium was organised by the Center for Reproductive Rights in Kathmandu, Nepal from 15-17 October, which ARROW was invited to. ARROW's Programme Officers, Shiwa Karmacharya and Momota Hena shared their abstracts and papers for the symposium. During the thematic discussion of 'Intersectional Discrimination' Momota presented her paper on 'SRHR of Persons with Disabilities in Bangladesh', while Shiwa presented her paper on 'SRH education in Asia-Pacific' during the thematic discussion on 'Adolescents'.

Our Impact *in 2023*

3

Countries reached directly from RHRN in terms of project implementation

200

Participants from RHRN countries reached through Global Linking and Learning Events

60

Young people reached through NAYA

350

Youth SRHR advocates trained on social innovation and intersectionality through the Changemakers Programme

15

Members from different RHRN countries strengthened through CoP on CSE

400

Youth Advocates who participated in the SDG review process mobilised through the APFSD Youth Forum

1

Regional advocacy dialogue completed on young people's SRHR

Empowering Women and Girls with Disabilities to Make Decisions in Their Family and Communities

Ashrafun Nahar Misti, Founder and Executive Director, Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF)

2023 was a year where everyone had to practise the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic, overcome all the challenges it brought with it and aim for a brighter future. I continued to face hurdles of my own as I continued my work with girls and women with disabilities across Bangladesh.

During the pandemic, many girls and women with disabilities faced multiple forms of violence, discrimination and barriers to accessing their basic living needs. Mental health issues and increased costs of living have caused people, especially those with family members with disabilities to become eager to keep their family members away. Funds for aid have also decreased for Bangladesh from the global community.

The Women with Disabilities Foundation (WDDF) has implemented several projects for the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities, where we try to economically empower girls and women with disabilities to make them important members for decision making in their family and also the community. Through the WDDF, I have served women and girls with disabilities and implemented projects in collaboration with organisations such as MamaCash, IWRAW Asia Pacific, Foundation for a Just Society, Disability Rights Advocacy fund, Women Fund Asia, UN Women-Bangladesh and CBM Global Inclusion.

We have worked together implementing programmes in areas such as gender-based Violence, leadership building for women with disabilities, working on political and human rights, support for education and employment, accessibility, media campaigns, UNCRPD implementation, policy advocacy, networking and inclusive health and rehabilitation services. More than 4,000 girls and women with disabilities have directly benefited from our activities which I have led. I have also participated in international programmes such as CSW, COSP, Women Deliver and others.

We try to build a family and friends group to collect support for food, festival goods and winter clothing for girls and women with disabilities who are deeply marginalised due to their economic conditions. I have conducted numerous meetings with the grassroots groups. They are vocal in seeking support for health coverage, food, clothing, tuition fees and other living costs which make them more vulnerable. The groups always talk about the barriers they face to being involved in their community and society. They are told that participating in activities in the community is not for them due to their disabilities and that the organisers would need some accessibility in order to accommodate them.

A single movement is too hard; I feel like I am a stone rolling under the weight of the world. I have faced various barriers from different service providers, but I remain patient and committed to my work, as my sisters with disabilities need cooperation, services, and support.

As a woman with a disability, I have to perform as an efficient official and understand first-hand the barriers that girls and women with disabilities face. 2023 was a year full of work which did not allow me any free or personal time. It was challenging as I fell ill and required surgery after the muscles of my right leg became infected.

This happened after I had to travel from Dhaka to Siem Reap in Cambodia for a convening meeting for the Feminist Accountability Framework. The airlines lost my wheelchair which required me to purchase a new wheelchair and get it customised to my needs. This didn't work and I had to purchase another wheelchair, which I did not receive.

Without a suitable wheelchair, persons who depend on a wheelchair for movement are seriously impacted. A single movement is too hard; I feel like I am a stone rolling under the weight of the world. I have faced various barriers from different service providers, but I remain patient and committed to my work, as my sisters with disabilities need cooperation, services, and support.



Forging New **Alliances**

The community of *Hanunuo Mangyan* in Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro rarely receives typhoon warnings despite being one of the provinces in the country most frequented by typhoons. During calamities, they evacuate to a nearby Catholic church. But even there, they feel unsafe.

“The roof gets destroyed by the wind and there’s rainwater leaking all over us,” reported the women of the community.

In 2023, ARROW partnered with LILAK (Purple Action for Indigenous Women’s Rights) to work on the impact of climate change on indigenous women’s SRHR in the Philippines.

The women told LILAK that food and water were scarce. There were no spaces for women to breastfeed, no toilets, and no lights.

One of the women, Juliana, is a spirited woman. She’s talkative and full of infectious energy, and she can make you laugh. In times of disaster, she would walk from house to house in their barangay screaming at the top of her lungs, “There’s a storm! There’s a storm! We need to evacuate now!” The women gathered around on the floor of a single-story house which is their organisation’s office.

“This used to be a store as well,” Juliana told us. “We had to close it down because there were no more funds.” The women told LILAK of the times when they received little to nothing from the local government after a calamity. The relief packages they got were always not enough, and the few that they did receive would be foul-smelling *bigas* (uncooked rice) and canned food. Afraid that they would get sick from consuming the food, they had no choice but to throw them away.

“Once the government gave us seeds for planting, but they weren’t right for the soil or the season,” they added. LILAK asked the women what they wanted to receive during times of calamities. “Our question to the women was, “What should relief packages include?” In a black marker pen ink were the words, “medicine, napkin, warm blanket, clean water, diaper, milk, raincoat, jacket, sweet potatoes, *bigas* and *ulam* (different kinds of dishes paired with rice).”



Juliana Bunglay from Hanunuo Mangyan community in Philippines, doing her daily chores. Photo: LILAK.

The women continued, “flashlight, megaphone, and whistle.” “Wait,” Juliana quipped. “We need to make sure that the flashlights have batteries.” And so we wrote ‘batteries’ on the paper.

We asked them what they wanted for the evacuation centres. They wanted safe spaces for women, with food and clean water, with clean toilets. The women also wanted to be warned of typhoons and be told when it’s safe to go back home. When the *Mangyan* women talked of the things they wanted, it was what they believed would be just enough for them and their families. Enough food. Enough water. The things they listed were not luxuries but basic necessities. Things they should have especially during times when they are most vulnerable.

The Filipino people are often praised for being resilient. Indeed, it takes strength to face the hardships that they do. It takes strength to maintain humour and laughter in difficult times. It takes strength to demand change, demand their rights, demand for what is enough.

We felt that strength gathered around the *Hanunuo Mangyan* women that one afternoon. We hope that this strength persists, that it multiplies, and nurtures collective action, and that it leads to a just society for all indigenous women.

ARROW's Domain 4 work focuses on building feminist movements, SRHR alliances, and other social movements to uphold women, young and gender non-binary people's sexual and reproductive rights through building and strengthening perspectives among CSOs, activists, and advocates around the issues of gender, feminism and SRR, and its intersections with other issues that impact universal access to SRR such as, but not limited to, climate change, disability, women's peace and security, and food security. This is carried out through the main strategies of building perspectives, knowledge production and knowledge sharing, capacity strengthening, and advocacy. 2023 was another active year in terms of outputs and approaches.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SRHR

Continuing the work from previous years, a major focus of this Domain remains on the intersections between climate change and SRHR. At the end of 2022, ARROW received a three-year grant as part of the Women's Funds Asia's Leading from the South initiative to carry out activities on the nexus between climate change and SRHR with partners in Bangladesh, Nepal, and the Philippines, with focus on marginalised communities including women and girls with disabilities, indigenous women and girls and women and girls from coastal areas.

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Top: ARROW's national partners, National Indigenous Disabled Women's Association of Nepal and Badabon Sangho Bangladesh speak at the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition official side event at the COP28 in Dubai. Bottom: ARROW's Senior Program Manager, Menka Goundan speaks at the side event organized by National Indigenous Disabled Women's Association of Nepal at the Indigenous People's Pavilion at the COP28 in Dubai.

In 2023, ARROW participated at the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) that took place in Dubai, UAE. Our engagement was multifold, including through the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC); Gender and Environment Data Alliance; and SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition. ARROW, in collaboration with the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA), Queen Mary University London (QMUL) and the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition, co-organised a side event called "No Climate Justice without Gender Equality and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights", where panellists, including ARROW partners (National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN) and Badabon Sangho, Bangladesh, shared research and experiences from Asia and Africa on the impact of climate change on gender equality and SRHR. Some highlights from the event included the call for financing and investment in SRHR, the inclusion

of indigenous women and girls with disabilities at all levels of decision making from planning to implementation, accessible SRH services in affected areas and collaborative work among CSOs and government.

Furthermore at COP28, several publications were launched. NIDWAN in collaboration with ARROW, jointly conducted research entitled *Amplifying Voices of Indigenous Women with Disabilities on the Nexus of Climate Change and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: A Scoping Study Report*, and NIDWAN in collaboration with IWRAW, under the Voice and Visibility Project, conducted a study titled *Effects of Climate Change on Indigenous Women with Disabilities in Nepal*. ARROW also launched a Regional Advocacy Brief titled “Echoes of Resilience: Amplifying Voices on the Nexus Climate Change and SRHR” during week 2 of COP28. This brief was developed upon concluding three-country consultations organised with 26 individuals from civil society organisations (CSOs) in Bangladesh, Nepal, and the Philippines, in addition to reference from three scoping studies by ARROW’s national partners.

In 2023, ARROW was also invited by the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition to be one of the co-conveners of the coalition. The SRHR and CJ Coalition is a global network of more than 140 CSOs who are committed to collective action and coordinated advocacy to advance SRHR and gender equality in the context of climate change from an intersectionality and climate justice approach.

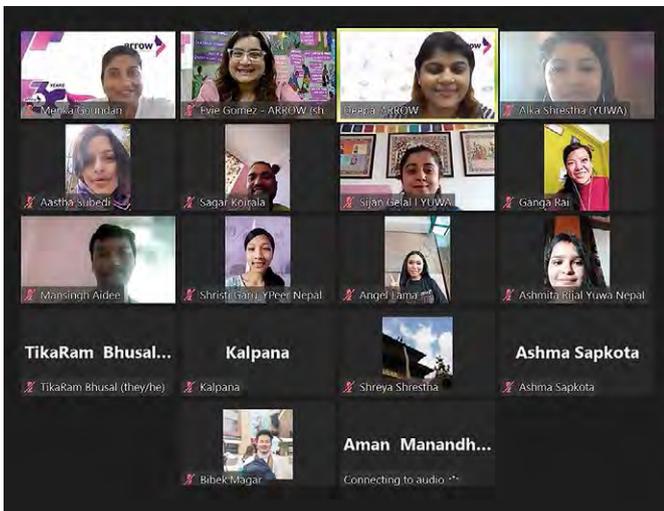
In 2023, ARROW was also invited by the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition to be one of the co-conveners of the coalition. ARROW has been a member of this coalition since its inception in 2021 and was invited to be a co-convener in recognition of our regional work on the nexus between climate change and SRHR in the Asia Pacific region. The SRHR and CJ Coalition is a global network of more than 140 CSOs to date, who are committed to collective action and coordinated advocacy to advance SRHR and gender equality in the context of climate change from an intersectionality and climate justice approach. As a co-convener, ARROW is able to ensure the voices from the region are heard and represented, in addition to ensuring the inclusion of SRHR in the climate spaces.

ARROW was also invited to be in the interim steering committee of the Gender and Environmental Data Alliance (GEDA). As part of the interim steering committee ARROW worked with other members to initiate a successful membership drive and input in setting up sound and systems and processes for the alliance.



Above: SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition members at the COP28 SRHR and climate open mic session at the Women and Gender Constituency Pavilion.

Top and Bottom Right: ARROW’s Senior Program Manager, Menka Goundan moderating the official side event organised by the Gender and Environment Data Alliance which ARROW was an interim steering committee member of at the COP in Dubai.



Top: ARROW's Senior Programme Officer Deepa Chandra with co-convenors and members of the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition at the COP28 in Dubai.
Bottom: Virtual Capacity Strengthening session with young people from Nepal on ARROW's Climate and Intersectionality Manual.

Finally, ARROW participated in Week 2 of the Bonn Climate Change Conference that took place from 5-15 June 2023 at Bonn, Germany. As part of the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC), ARROW participated at various strategy meetings, caucuses, statements, consultations and negotiations. ARROW also co-hosted and was on the panel for a side event called "Achieving SRHR and Climate Justice" together with the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA) and Queen Mary University London. We shared evidence and overview on the nexus between climate change and SRHR in the Asia Pacific and provided recommendations.

UNPACKING INTERSECTIONALITY

In 2023, ARROW completed three virtual capacity strengthening workshops for CSOs from Bangladesh, Nepal, and the Philippines. The workshops aimed to increase the understanding of the interlinkages between gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and climate change, including exploring options of advocating for gender mainstreaming in policies and programmes of different stakeholders at all levels and the differential vulnerabilities of climate change related disasters, as well as examining the global policy landscape in climate change and gender. The three-day workshops, across three weeks, looked at the interlinkages of gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), climate change resilience and disaster risk reduction, with focus on advocacy for gender mainstreaming in climate related decisions in policies, programmes, projects and legislation at all levels. Throughout the three days, participants gradually explored the gendered impacts of climate change, identified the gaps in existing climate change-related policies and plans in their respective countries, specifically looking at gender-specific solutions and identified local and regional priorities that called for the inclusion of gender and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in climate action.

REGIONALISATION OF THE GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM (GEF)

As one of the leaders of the Generation Equality Forum Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AC BA SRHR), ARROW hosted the core group members of the Generation Equality Forum Regional Network at a three-day meeting that took place in Kuala Lumpur in February 2023. The meeting to finalise the formation of the network, was coordinated by ARROW, with funding that was applied and secured from UN Women by ARROW. ARROW, together with Breakthrough India and Swayam have led the process of forming this regional network as part of our commitment to regionalise the GEF actions.

Furthermore, ARROW attended the GEF Feminist Accountability Framework workshop in Kigali, Rwanda in July, during which national partners from the Asia region shared their preliminary findings on the scoping briefs. ARROW is an



ARROW's Programme Director Biplabi Shrestha presenting to the core members of the Generation Equality Forum Asia regionalisation group during the regionalisation meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

and was launched during UNGA in September. ARROW is in the steering committee for this and works with Digital Grassroots, Equal Measures 2030, Fòs Feminista, Fridays for Future, MAPA and Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO). Post the Kigali meeting, ARROW has continued to work with national partners in finalising key indicators from the GEF process to be profiled as a regional brief in CSW in 2024.

As part of this work ARROW has commissioned an Asia Pacific Report using the Feminist Accountability Framework. The Asia Pacific members of the co-design group are working with ARROW to provide inputs in the research process.

ASIA NETWORK TO END GBV

ARROW, Breakthrough, Swayam, FISD, and YUWA met in person in November in Colombo, Sri Lanka to finalise various aspects for the formation of the Asia Network to End GBV, and plan for the REFRAME Conference 2025. During this week, 12 representatives from the five organisations were able to assess multiple venue spaces to host the conference, in addition to shortlisting event management companies and potential accommodation spaces for participants. By the

end of the meeting, the team was also able to confirm the themes, subthemes, working groups and action plan moving forward to organise the Conference in 2025. To date, the respective teams have initiated their responsibilities and will continue to do so in 2024 and 2025.

WOMEN DELIVER CONFERENCE 2023

ARROW's engagements at the Women Deliver Conference (WD2023) were multi-pronged. ARROW and Breakthrough India co-hosted the first meeting of the Women Deliver 2023 Asia Region Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is made up of 23 members from 11 countries representing various groups and constituencies such as young people, people with disabilities, the Dalit community, advocates working on issues like FGM/C, access to safe abortion, gender-based violence and climate change. Led by YUWA, the committee played an active role in shaping the Women Deliver 2023 global conference by taking forward regional inputs on SRHR and GBV and the inter linkages with SDG 2030. In the lead-up to Women Deliver in July, the Steering Committee facilitated regional conversations and co-created spaces bringing together learnings and sustainable solutions from inter-sectoral and inter-sectional perspectives.

ARROW was also a prediction round moderator for the session on ‘Gazing into the Future: What do the next 5 years look like for gender equality?’ held at the WD2023. During this session, ARROW moderated the prediction round on strong and diverse feminist movements. ARROW also spoke at the Gender and Climate Justice plenary at the Women Deliver 2023. This gave us the opportunity to profile ARROW as an upcoming leader in this thematic area of work and a strong advocate for the Asia and Pacific region. Furthermore, the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition hosted a pre-conference session on gender and climate justice at the Women Deliver Conference and ARROW’s

partner from Nepal spoke in a panel during this session with ARROW later sharing experiences in the ignite sessions. Finally, ARROW co-organised a side event with Breakthrough and the WD2023 Asia Region Steering Committee titled, “Advancing the 2030 agenda: Exploring Synergies and Actions in Asia”. The side event focused on the progress made in the region on the SDG Goal 3 and 5 with respect to addressing the crisis on SRHR and GBV, where the speakers shared their recommendations for ensuring gender equality specifically for Asia with a focus on SRHR and GBV.

ARROW’s Senior Programme Manager, Menka Goundan speaks at the high level plenary on Gender and Climate at the Women Deliver Conference 2023.



Themes We Focused on *in 2023*



Intersectionality



Climate Change



**Conflict and
Peace Building**



Food (In)Security

Natural Calamity, Bad Luck, Fate, or Climate Change?

Nisha Roy, 75, has lived in the coastal belt area near the largest mangrove forest in the Katakhal village of Chila Union, Bagerhat District, in Bangladesh ever since she was born. The fourth child out of five siblings used to help her parents with fishing and household chores. Her mother died when she was only three years old. She only went to school for one year. Her father fished and would sometimes do agricultural jobs. Due to poverty, all of her sisters were married off at a very early age.

She was married off at 13 to a much older person, Bakur Roy. Her husband used to cultivate agricultural land owned by others on lease, and sold the produce to support his family. She gave birth to two sons. At the time, the family was living well, but her life soon changed due to climate change.

Nisha believes it was due to natural calamity, bad luck, or fate, but in actual fact, the salinity of the soil due to the change in the sea level and excess or lack of rain contributed to the loss of crops. At one point Nisha's husband gave up farming as it was not profitable and chose river fishing as his sole source of livelihood. She and both her sons would help her husband to fish to supplement the family's income.

There are group leaders who advocate for other women. Members received training in areas like leadership and were even given know-how in saline tolerant cropping, fertilisers and seeds. Members regularly sit with women and young girls in courtyard meetings to talk about SRH issues, child marriage, and other issues.

After some time, she began to suffer from uterine prolapse, urine infections, vaginal infection, and skin disease. Her husband had severe health issues like high blood pressure and skin diseases. They never went to the doctor due to financial constraints, but as she became older her physical condition worsened.

A volunteer from Badabon Sangho took her to the local hospital, but her physical condition had deteriorated to the point where there would be risks of undergoing surgery at her age. She now consumes oral medicine and applies medication.

Badabon Sangho is a women's rights and women-led organisation working in the areas of women's rights to land, work, water-bodies, climate justice, natural resources and sexual and reproductive health in Bangladesh. It works in the community and mobilises the women, forming groups of 35 women. There are group leaders who advocate for other women. Members received training in areas like leadership and were even given know-how in saline tolerant cropping, fertilisers and seeds. The organisation also provided water tanks at the community and individual levels for rainwater harvesting. Members regularly sit with women and young girls in courtyard meetings to talk about SRH issues, child marriage, and other issues.

As demand increases, the organisation is supporting the community with treatment by taking them to the local city hospital and providing them with medicine, like in Nisha's case. Badabon Sangho is also trying to support the community with alternative forms of income, such as handicrafts or quilt making.



Governance and Financial Management

In 2023, the operations, HR, and finance team continued its work on the non-programmatic aspects of ARROW to enhance our organisational development through the reviewing of practices on programme planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, accountable and transparent decision-making, and governance mechanisms.

PLANNING AND REVIEW MEETINGS

We held three planning meetings in 2023. The first was held in ARROW's office in January to agree on and finalise the annual work plan for the year. The second mid-year planning meeting was held in July. The third meeting was held in November in two parts: the first two days were spent evaluating the outputs of the year and preparing for 2024 activities. This was then followed by a retreat for all ARROW staff in Kundasang, Sabah which included team building activities.

STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE AND HR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

ARROW's updated partnership assessment tool was finalised in January and put to use immediately. ARROW's finance partner monitoring framework was developed in early July, to assess the partners' policies and its implementation.

STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAININGS

At the beginning of the year, in January, the management team attended a training on "How to set up KPIs" in January to facilitate the process of KPI setting for all staff in 2023. Furthermore, in the first week of July all ARROW staff, including those that work remotely, gathered in ARROW's office for one-week training and team building with an external consultant. All staff participated in the Belbin Team Role activities. Staff were divided by Domains and the results from Belbin were shared amongst the teams. There are nine team roles in Belbin and the roles are categorised into three groups – Action Oriented, People Oriented and Thought Oriented. Behavioural and interpersonal strengths and characteristics weaknesses were discussed. The training and team building wrapped up with a finance training/ re-orientation and staff benefits by the finance team and Operations Director.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD) AND PROGRAMME ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

In 2023, the PAC meeting took place on 29-30 May where PAC members reviewed and provided feedback on the programme deliverables of 2022 and 2023. This was followed by the Board Annual General Meeting 2023 which was held on 31 May - 1 June in which the Board was updated on the programme implementation and highlights of the new initiatives for 2024. The Board approved the plans and overall operational budgets for 2024 as well, the audit report for 2023, and the revised financial and administrative policies, as well as the recommendations from RFSU's system-based review.

ARROW also welcomed the addition of two new members to our Programme Advisory Committee in 2023 – Tetet Lauron (Philippines) and Suneeta Dhar (India).

OPERATIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

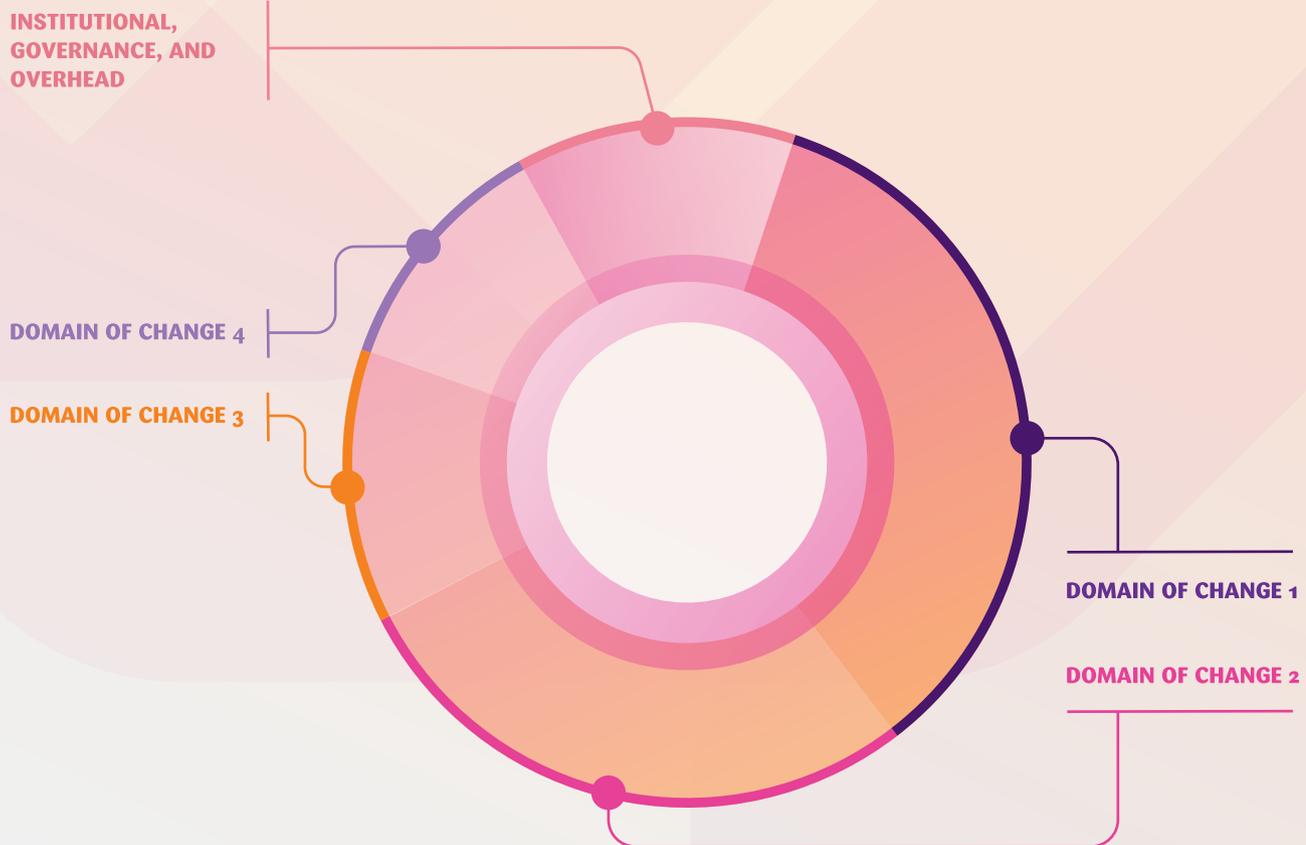
In 2023, ARROW received grants from various donors amounting to USD 3,033,750. The total operational fund is made up of USD 2,776,509 received during the year; USD 166,557.24 which was brought forward from 2022 and USD 90,684 receivable in 2023. 2023's operational fund was about 41% higher than 2022 (USD 1,125,150) due to physical programme implementation.

The exchange rates used for the purpose of this report were as follows:

Year 2022 – USD 1 = MYR 4.35

Year 2023 – USD 1 = MYR 4.50

ARROW receives core funding support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. ARROW's other donors for 2023 include Fondation Chanel, The Canada Fund for Local Initiative (CFLI), Women's Fund Asia (WFA), UN Trust Fund, Wallace Global Fund, EM2030, Rutgers World Population Foundation, Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU), European Union (EU CSO), Foundation for A Just Society for Women Deliver (FJSI WD), Amplify Change, Women's Environment & Development Organisations (WEDO), Co-Impact Philanthropic Funds, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO-WOSSO), United Nation Women, Wallace Global Fund for Women Deliver, among others.



Operational Costs

PROGRAMME COSTS	ACTUAL COST (IN USD)	% TO TOTAL COST	ALLOCATION	
			ARROW	PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS
Domain of Change 1: Evidence-based Actions for Progressive SRHR Implementation	1,010,459.56	34%	320,578.54	689,881.01
Domain of Change 2: Civic Space and Advocacy	810,666.22	28%	523,199.84	287,466.38
Domain of Change 3: Community Mobilisation	387,865.11	13%	105,185.50	282,679.61
Domain of Change 4: Movements and Alliances	339,750.22	12%	155,942.21	183,808.01
Institutional, Governance, and Overhead	387,707.33	13%	238,502.97	149,204.36
TOTAL OPERATIONAL COST	1,850,870.42	100%	1,343,409.06	1,593,039.38
@RM4.5 : USD1.00			46%	54%

Source: ARROW Audit 2023

The **ARROW** Community

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Melissa Mohd Akhir

Partner/Founder Kemban Kolektif, Malaysia

Tetet Lauron

Consultant, Rosa Luxemburg, Philippines (from Mar 2023)

Suneeta Dhar

Co-founder, South Asia Women's Foundation, India
(from Mar 2023)

FULL-TIME STAFF

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Project Manager

Anuj Bhandari

Programme Officer (from August 2023)

Azmilia Binti Mohd Kamil

Senior Finance Officer

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Programme Director

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Programme Manager (from June 2023)

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Senior Programme Officer

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Operations Director

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Programme Manager (till September 2023)

Hasini Rupasinghe

SAIGE Coordinator (from September 2023)

Indah Yusari

Programme Officer (till September 2023)

Intan Safinaz

Operations and HR Manager (till December 2023)

Lee Yan Ping

Finance Officer

Menka Kalisha Goundan

Senior Programme Manager (from March 2023)

Momota Hena

Programme Officer

Nur Hazwani Binti Azman

Administration Officer

Nur Hazwani Husin

Programme Officer

Noor Faeizah Amat Nan

Operations and HR Manager (till March 2023)

Riju Dhakal

Programme Officer (from March 2023)

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Executive Officer

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Programme Officer

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Executive Director

Smruti Sudha Behera

Senior Programme Officer (from March 2023)

Wong Chooi Fong

Finance Manager

VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS

Al-Zam Sdn. Bhd.

Company secretary

Ark Builder Enterprise

Renovation contractor

A-Sashi Technology

Technology and hardware Services

All Premium Gifts Sdn Bhd.

Corporate gift supplier

Allianz General Insurance Company (Malaysia) Berhad

Travel Insurance

Agile Solution Sdn Bhd.

Security services

A&V (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

Phone systems services

Brothers Base Center

Toner supplier

Bon Holidays Pvt. Ltd.

Travel agent

Charity Yang Yung Yee

Copy editor

CK Cleaning Sdn Bhd.

Cleaning services

Canva Pty Ltd.

Editing application

Carin Consulting, Interim Management and Training

Consulting services

Coway (M) Sdn Bhd.

Drinking water and air purifier

Deloitte Malaysia

Tax consultant

DHL

Mailing services

Darvish Travels and Tours

Travel agent

Dhillon Trading

IT technical support

Enovec Sdn. Bhd.

Video conferencing system

Enesty Travel and Tours Sdn Bhd.

Travel agent

Every Tees Sdn Bhd.

Custom t-shirt services

Full Image Sdn Bhd.

Alarm security services

FedEx

Mailing services

Fisol Solutions

Fire protection equipment supplier

Full Image Sdn. Bhd.

Alarm security services

Grand Lotus Travel Agencies

Travel services

Great Eastern Life Assurance (Malaysia) Berhad

Medical insurance

Grant Thornton Malaysia

Auditor and tax consultant

Grant Thornton Taxation Sdn Bhd

Tax consultant

Great Learning Education Pte Ltd.

Training services

Hia Niaga

Disinfection services

Howspace Oy

Video communication provider

ICompuCare Global Service Sdn. Bhd.

IT technical support

Imavox Africa Ltd.

Printing services

K.A Fazal Enterprises Sdn Bhd.

Stationery supplier

Kumbang CX Inspirations Sdn Bhd.

Website designer

Malayan Banking Berhad

Banking services

Micom Sdn. Bhd.

Printing services

MSIG Insurance (Malaysia) Berhad

General insurance

M.M. Ally's Sdn. Bhd.

Money changer

MS Star Travel Agency

Travel agent

Mailchimp

Email platform

Mr. Wong Kum Fatt, Ng Ah Meng Sdn Bhd.

Landlord

NajOnBiz Enterprise

Catering services

Neosys Documail Sdn Bhd.

Mailing services

Nicolette de Lange Mallari

Publications and information design

Pacific ComNet (M) Sdn Bhd

Communication services

Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd.

Utilities Services

Perniagaan Zuffeez Jaya

Office maintenance contractor

Pos Malaysia Berhad

Courier services

Power Style Ventures

Tenancy agent

President Travels & Tours (P) Ltd.

Travel agent

Protech Security Automation Services

CCTV installation and service

RapidKill

Pest control

Redsun IT Solutions (M) Sdn. Bhd.

Technology and computer hardware provider

Ricoh Sdn Bhd.

Imaging services

SM Unique Mailing Services Sdn Bhd.

Mailing services

SCG Global Solution Sdn Bhd.

Software provider

STV Enterprise

Stationery supplier

Shutterstock

Domain on information

Sino Unicom Co Limited

Corporate gift supplier

Sunway Travel Sdn Bhd.

Travel agent

Swann Travels

Travel agent

Synic Consulting Sdn Bhd.

Accounting software provider

Telekom Malaysia Berhad

Telecommunication services

Tenaga Nasional Berhad

Utilities services

Training.Com Asia Sdn Bhd.

Training services

U Mobile Sdn Bhd.

Telecommunication services

VXS Chakra Suria Sdn. Bhd.

Website design, maintenance, and hosting

Vstecs Astar Sdn Bhd.

IT software provider

Wise Organisation (M) Sdn. Bhd.

Printing services

Well Gift Sdn Bhd.

Corporate gift supplier

Zoom, Inc.

Video communications platform

Acronyms

AC BA SRHR	Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
AFC	ARROW For Change
APFSD	Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
APPC	Asia and Pacific Population Conference
APRCM	Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
ARROW	Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre For Women
BAPSA	Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh
BBC	Beyond Beijing Committee
BoD	Board of Directors
CHES	Community Health Education Session
CJLS	Center for Justice, Law and Society
COP	Conference of Parties
CPD	Commission on Population and Development
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DFPA	Danish Family Planning and Associations
EM2030	Equal Measures 2030
FGM/C	Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
FWRM	Fiji Women's Rights Movement
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GEF	Gender Equality Forum
GEI	Gender Equality Initiative
HLPF	High Level Political Forum
HRC	Human Rights Council
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
InfoCom	Information and Communications
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
JFS	Justice For Sisters
LGBTIQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer
MRM	Menstrual Regulation with Medication
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHEICC	National Health Education and Communication Center
NIDWAN	National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal
PAC	Programme Advisory Committee
ReHAK	Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan
RFSU	The Swedish Association for Sexuality Education
RHAC	Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia
RHRN	Right Here Right Now
SAIGE	Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative – A Global South Engagement
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UN	United Nations
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UPR	Universal Periodic Review
VNR	Voluntary National Review
WDDF	Women with Disabilities Development Foundation
WEDO	Women's Environment and Development Organization
WGC	Women and Gender Constituency
WGWD	Women And Girls With Disabilities
WMG	Women's Major Group
WOSSO	Women of the South Speak Out



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