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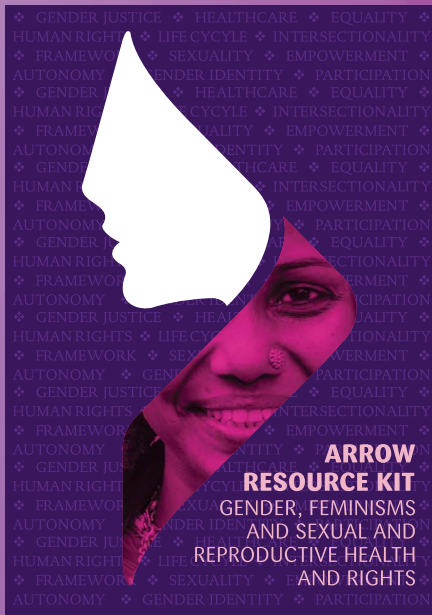
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Reflections from the
Executive Director

2024 ended on a bitter note with the onset of the Trump presidency. As feminist and women's rights movements grapple with rising right-wing governments across the globe, authoritarian actions of US leaders will be emulated by others in the world. The decimation of USAID is having severe repercussions across the Global South. Essential services that programmes such as PEPFAR provide have been abruptly ended, causing distress to marginalised and vulnerable communities. The US government gives more official aid than any other country—and in 2024, the US gave \$72 billion, of which 42% went to humanitarian funding. Despite criticism of US government aid, much of it valid, this still leaves a large hole in the development landscape. In addition to this, the US has also officially pulled out of the WHO, the UN Human Rights Council and the Paris agreement. All of this was not unexpected—but the swiftness of the blows and the magnitude certainly have been devastating. These are trying times.

When leaders fail us—to whom should we turn to? We have seen both benevolent and authoritarian leaders come and go in the past decade and we know that the days of lobbying those with decision-making power is only effective when this approach is twinned with mobilisation of constituencies of women and marginalised groups. The feminist agenda lives with the women in the community who inherently understand the need for equality.

So our first approach should be to survive, to live another day, to fight another battle. There will be legal and financial hoops and hurdles that will have to be navigated, but we also need to be generous with partners, funders, allies and advocates in the ways we share resources of time, energy, knowledge and money. To ensure the SRHR agenda, with the feminist lens, continues to survive, we will be doubling down on our work with young people in the region and across the Global South with a focus on comprehensive sexuality education and access to sexual and reproductive health services precisely because the needs are greatest here.

Our second approach will be to consolidate our work with our constituencies. Undoubtedly, in the last decade of populist discourse, the feminist and women's rights movement has suddenly become a movement of elites, out of touch with

reality. We, who have been using the rights frameworks to check the power of states, have been portrayed as imposing hegemony in society. There is a dire need to foreground grassroots activism in all of our work to be the powerful reminder that the feminist agenda is owned by all. In the past two years, we have been powerfully reminded on how grassroots activism conceives, nurtures and fulfils the safe abortion agenda and we intend to concentrate on this.

Our third approach will be to be inclusive of new allies to our agenda and work—fault lines are already emerging—in issues of climate change, digital technology, governance, trade, migration—where many stakeholders are being affected by policies put into action. New communities of interest will emerge in this process, and in that, how can we ensure we are able to work with these groups to ensure our interests are being included—as it is oft quoted “we do not live single-issue lives.” The confluence of the far right (including media), tech titans, big banks and big business—not only in the US, but transnationally—is bound to disrupt and further skew financial spending in service of their particular interests over global interests. How we work with people's movements to organise against this elite capture will be an important way in which the feminist movement will reorganise and reinvent herself.

A paradigm of fear often calls us to close ranks and huddle together. A paradigm of love calls us to reach out and embrace those yearning to breathe free and to live with our constituencies, to listen quietly, and to learn tenaciously. We are living at a time when technology is swiftly altering humanity: who we are, what role we play, what meaning we forge—values and priorities are changing rapidly. We have to continuously bring in our values, our perspectives into all situations as it is said: Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence.



Sivananthi Thanenthiran
Executive Director, ARROW

About arrow



ARROW is a regional non-profit women's organisation based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Strategic Plan 2022-2026

In 2023, our work was guided by our strategic plan for 2022-2026.

Our Vision

An equal, just and equitable world, where every woman, non-binary person, and young person, in all our diversities, enjoy our full sexual and reproductive rights.

Our Mission

To promote and defend women's, non-binary people's and young people's rights and needs, particularly in the areas of sexuality and health, and affirm their agency to claim these rights.

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**

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**

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**

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**

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

2024 ARROW Milestones



33

ARROW newsletter issues

2,400

Total number of subscribers



303,201

Organic reach on Facebook
and Instagram

218,865

Organic impressions on
X/Twitter and LinkedIn



39,641

Facebook, X/Twitter,
Instagram, and LinkedIn
followers

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
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)
Equal Measures 2030
ESCR-Net, International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Evaluation Reference Group to UNFPA Country Programme Evaluation (Member)
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 Safe Abortion Dialogue (GSAD)
iCount Coalition
Interim Steering Committee of Gender and Environment Data Alliance
International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition (ISRRCC)
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 and Gender Constituency (WGC)
Women Rights Caucus (WRC)
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)
Women Working Group for Financing for Development
Youth Advocacy Network for Abortion Advocacy (YANAA)

ARROW's *Own Networks and Alliances*

Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative: Global South Engagement (SAIGE) – 270 members in 2024
Asia Network to End FGMC – 61 members in 2024
CSE4ALL Advocacy Campaign – 38 organisations, 236 individual members in 2024
Asia Network to end GBV – 14 members in 2024



800+

Youth Advocates Engaged



185

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

BANGLADESH: Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh (BAPSA); Badabon Sangho; BRAC; Naripokkho; Oboyo; 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; 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; Breakthrough India; and Swayam. **INDONESIA:** Institut Kapal Perempuan; Yayasan 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); Yayasan SAPA; WCC Jombang; Aliansi Sumut Bersatu (ASB); PETRASU; Cangkang Queer; Indonesia Education University (UPI); and National Commission of Disabilities (KND). **LAO PDR:** The Faculty of Postgraduate Studies at the University of Health Sciences (UHS). **KENYA:** Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health (TICAH). **MALAYSIA:** Federation of Reproductive Health Associations of Malaysia (FRHAM); Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG); Justice for Sisters (JFS); Kembangan Kolektif; Malaysian Doctors For Women and Children; National Council of Women's Organizations; People Like Us Hang Out! (PLUHO); Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan (ReHAK); Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia (RRAAM); SEED Foundation Malaysia; Sisters in Islam (SIS); and Women on Web. **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; and Youth Alliance for Development (YARD). **PAKISTAN:** Forum for Dignity Initiative (FDI); Shirkat Gah; Dastak Foundation; and QZ Catalyst. **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). **VIETNAM:** Centre for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population (CCIHP).

Global Partners

Accountability International; Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID); CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality; Equal Measures 2030; Equality Now; Fos Feminista; Global Fund For Women; Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP); Inroads; International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN); IPAS; Mannion Daniels; MGCY-Asia Pacific Caucus; Musawah; Orchid Project; Riksförbundet för Sexuell Upplysning (RFSU also known as the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education); RNW Media; Rutgers International; Sahiyo US; UNESCAP; UNESCO; UNFPA; UN Women; Womankind Worldwide; Women Deliver; Women's Environment & Development Organisation (WEDO); and Zinthya Trust.

Regional Partners

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

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Meetings and Events in 2024

JANUARY

DECEMBER

AWID, QSNCC

Bangkok, Thailand

Kaleidoscope Launch

Bangkok, Thailand

WOSSO Big Ticket Research

Thailand, 5 December

WOSSO Linking and Learning (Gender Link)

Bangkok, Thailand

Independent Advisory Council (Gender Link)

Bangkok, Thailand

FEBRUARY

NOVEMBER

CFLI Capacity Building Workshop

Kelantan, Malaysia

Reprosex Conference (RFSU)

Colombo, Sri Lanka

COP29

Baku, Azerbaijan

Beijing +30

Bangkok, Thailand

HSR 2024

Nagasaki, Japan

CSW Regional Abortion and Reproductive Justice Conference

Bangkok, Thailand

APFSD

Bangkok, Thailand

Ending FGM/C: Workshop for Health Professionals

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

EU CSO Policy Dialogue

Cyberjaya, Malaysia

MARCH

OCTOBER

Research and Evidence on CSE (UNESCO)

Paris, France

WIL Week (RHRN Yuwa)

Haarlem, The Netherlands

Climate-SRHR Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (UN Women)

Bangkok, Thailand

SVRI Conference (ARROW/EM2030)

Cape Town, South Africa

Regional FORA

(RHRN and RHRN Yuwa)

Surabaya, Indonesia

FGM/C Consultation (UNFPA)

Bangkok, Thailand

New York, USA

FGM/C Engagement Session

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

APRIL**CPD57**

New York, USA

UNCSC

New York, USA

Abortion Coalition Meeting

Mumbai, India

MAY**Disability Training with Ministry of Health**

Cyberjaya, Malaysia

RHRN Global Meeting

Rabat, Morocco

JUNE**SEPTEMBER****UNGA 79 and Summit of the Future**

New York, USA

4th International Exchange for Safe Abortion Rights Advocacy (WGNRR)

Manila, Philippines

AUGUST**Disability Training #1**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Disability Training #2

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Asia Pacific Regional Convening

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Asia Network to End FGM/C: Strategic Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

JULY**Systems Thinking Collective: In-Person Gathering**

India

ARROW Publications Launched in 2024

January

NEPAL

Amplifying Voices of Indigenous Women and Girls with Disabilities on the Nexus of Climate Change and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



SCOPING STUDY
Building New Continuities for
Women's Sexual and Reproductive
Health and Rights (SRHR):
Climate Change and SRHR



PHILIPPINES

Exploring the Nexus of Indigenous Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Climate Change



SCOPING STUDY
Building New Continuities for
Women's Sexual and Reproductive
Health and Rights (SRHR):
Climate Change and SRHR



March

Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Call to Action AHEAD OF THE APFSD 2024

Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Eradicating Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises: The Effective Delivery of Sustainable, Inclusive and Innovative Solutions in Asia and the Pacific with Young People at the Forefront

WHO ARE WE?

We are an intercontinental group of youth from around 18 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the hemisphere that has the largest population in the world. We are a diverse group of young people from across the Asia-Pacific region, representing different backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures. We are a group of young people who are passionate about sustainable development and are committed to driving change in our region. We are a group of young people who are united by our shared vision of a better future for all. We are a group of young people who are ready to lead the charge in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and are committed to making a difference in our world.

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Harnessing the power within

Generation Equality Forum Accountability

Asia Pacific Report

April

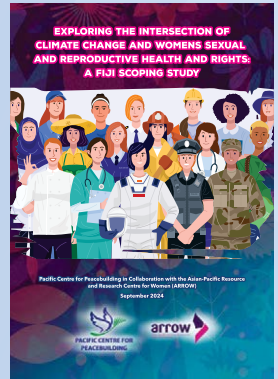
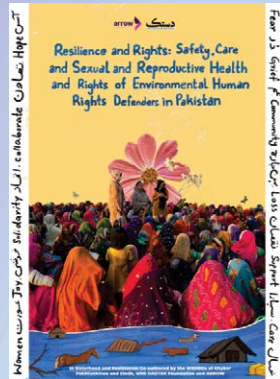
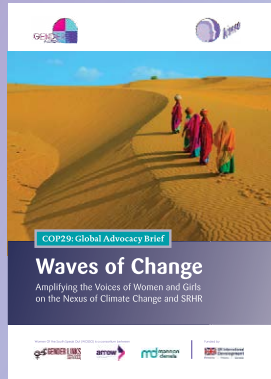
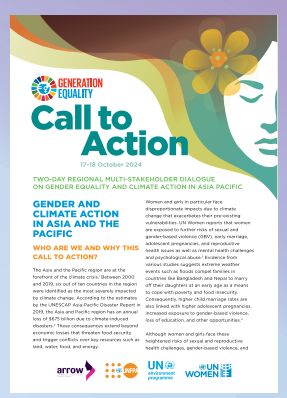
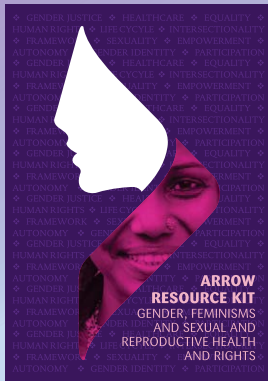
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*Generating
Evidence,*
Creating Change

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 sexual and reproductive rights of women and young people. In the run up to the 30th year of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (BPfA), 2024 marked a year of national and regional reviews of the implementation of the BPfA. In keeping with ARROW's aims to monitor international commitments and mechanisms through a collectively developed indicator framework that reflects the issues and lived experiences of women and girls in all their diversity from the Global South, we continued to work along with our partners to develop national level policy briefs to hold governments accountable to their commitments, uphold gender justice and sexual and reproductive rights and fulfil women and young people's sexual and reproductive rights outcomes.

In this process, ARROW collaborated with eight country partner organisations - Shirkat Gah, Pakistan; UHS, Lao; Centre of Creative Initiatives for Health Promotion (CCIHP) Vietnam; Youth Advocacy Network (YANSL), Sri Lanka; Likhaan, Philippines; Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC), Nepal; Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM), Fiji; Monfemnet, Mongolia and Centre for Justice, Law and Society (CJLS), India—to develop national level policy briefs and papers pertaining to SRHR issues. The policy briefs were based on ICPD +30 monitoring reports or ongoing national-level reviews pertaining to the themes of the Beijing Call for Action. They were developed through consultative processes that ARROW's partners had undertaken with their constituencies, community-based organisations and civil society organisations in their respective countries. Partners from Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines also conducted national-level consultations and dialogues with relevant stakeholders. While the partners in Sri Lanka and Lao PDR focused on the status of SRHR amongst young people, in Fiji, the focus was on the SRHR needs of older women with a specific emphasis on menopause; in Vietnam, Nepal and Philippines, the partners commented on the status of implementation of SRHR services in relation to commitments made by their governments. In Pakistan and Mongolia, the policy briefs focused on the quality of family planning services and the state of CSE amongst diverse groups in non-formal settings respectively. ARROW also enabled these eight partners to be at the Asia-Pacific



ARROW partners presenting their policy briefs at the CSO Forum, highlighting the status of the Beijing Platform for Action in their respective countries.

Ministerial and CSO Forum and present their policy briefs at parallel side events and through a workshop at the CSO Forum. Youth members from partner organisations also attended and actively engaged in the Youth Feminist Forum. The participants were also able to share their policy briefs with members of their respective country delegations.

KALEIDOSCOPE: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, RIGHTS AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Kaleidoscope is a collective of transregional feminist organisations in the Global South working to strengthen health systems for sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice (SRHR), with a particular focus on abortion. Rooted in Asia and Africa, the collective grew from the five-year initiative "Right to Safe Abortion: Strategic Partnerships in Asia" that was completed in 2023. Kaleidoscope includes ARROW; Mobilizing Activists around Medical Abortion (MAMA) Network; Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) and Global Fund for Women (GFW) along with country partners in Nepal, India, Benin, and Kenya. It is a five-year initiative to support the health system so that all people who get pregnant can access quality, safe and comprehensive abortion care within just and inclusive health systems without experiencing stigma, discrimination or violence in identified intervention geographies. The design phase of the initiative started in 2023 and was extended until

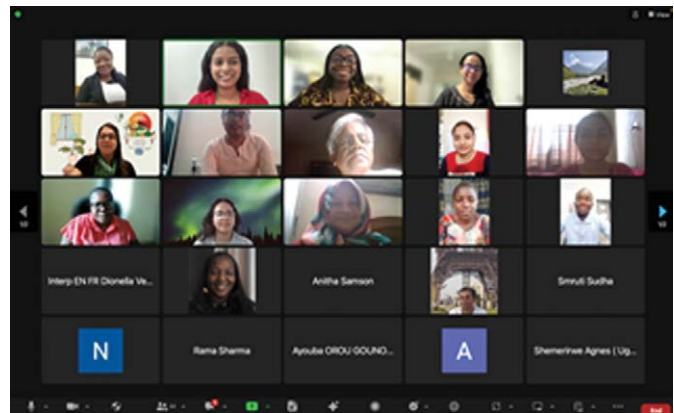
the end of 2024. This phase included intensive work amongst collective members in designing a five-module proposal which explores the current systemic issues around safe abortion, articulates a vision to make safe abortion accessible and outlines strategies and organisational changes required to achieve the vision and drive change. The initiative also plans to extensively use the SAIGE (The Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative – A Global South Engagement) network to facilitate perspective building and capacity strengthening components.

KALEIDOSCOPE LAUNCH AT AWID, 2024

The Kaleidoscope initiative was launched on December 3, on the sidelines of the AWID Forum. The launch focused on Kaleidoscope's main goal to facilitate systems change for safe abortion. It aimed to highlight Kaleidoscope's planned work on transforming health systems, supporting legislative change, connecting activists across borders, and strengthening movements for collective action. It served as a platform for participating organisations, feminist movement leaders, funders and activists to understand the initiative's overall objectives and strategies and express their thoughts and views on the health systems approach and movement strengthening, and explore ways to mobilise resources for fulfilling the larger vision of Kaleidoscope. The launch was attended by 65 participants including representatives from UN agencies, global SRHR organisations and funding agencies, philanthropies and more. The event not only showcased the full scope and plan of the initiative but also reflected on the work undertaken to bring the collective together and develop the ambitious Theory of Change aimed at making SRHR, especially safe abortion, accessible for all.

SAFE ABORTION ADVOCACY INITIATIVE – A GLOBAL SOUTH ENGAGEMENT

In 2024, SAIGE (The Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative – A Global South Engagement) continued to be a strong and resilient platform for Global South advocates and activists to connect, share, learn and collectively call for increased abortion access, upholding safe abortion as a right as well as demanding safe abortion to be mainstreamed in health systems and agendas. The network has grown into a membership of 272 consisting of both individuals and organisations from the Global South with new members from the LAC and MENA regions.



Top: Launch of the Kaleidoscope Initiative among feminist leaders at the AWID Forum 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. **Bottom:** SAIGE Virtual Linking and Learning Series on Reproductive Justice.

In a true South-South learning experience, a series of Linking and Learning sessions were conducted by SAIGE on the theme of Reproductive Justice, drawing comparative insights from Asia, Africa and Latin America on the experiences of different marginalised groups and the inter-connected systematic oppressions in accessing reproductive rights and needs including abortion. SAIGE members widened their knowledge around SRHRJ and shared experiences and innovative strategies in advocating for safe abortion rights by adopting a Reproductive Justice lens. SAIGE partnered with global, regional and local organisations including Inroads; Accountability International; Womenkind Worldwide; Argentinian Campaign for Safe, Legal, and Free Abortion; Centre for Justice, Law and Society - Jindal Global Law School; Community Healthcare Initiative - Liberia; Women and Media Collective - Sri Lanka; Young Feminists Collective - Philippines; and Alliance of Women Advocating for Rights - Uganda.

To enable participants to gain an in-depth understanding of the rise of anti-human rights and fundamentalist actors across the world, SAIGE/ARROW co-organised a high level panel discussion with IPAS at the Global Safe Abortion Dialogues (GSAD) 2024 on Countering the Opposition and the Anti-Rights Movement – Reaffirming the Need for Access to Safe Abortions. Speakers and participants highlighted the need to recognise the resulting setback for women’s right to safe abortion and SRHRJ and how these new challenges can be navigated as a movement.

Post the US elections, ARROW invited her partners and the SAIGE members for an open discussion focused on the outcome of the US Presidential elections and what it means to us, the safe abortion rights movement and the constituencies we represent. Responses and strategies were discussed in a safe space and the need for a collective way forward to uphold and protect the gain we have made thus far in advancing the status of gender equality and SRHR in the region and globally was highlighted. With Guttmacher, ARROW also hosted a breakfast roundtable at AWID, initiating a rich discussion around the future of gender equity, human rights and SRHR particularly in the context of post-US election world.

CAMPAIGNS AND ADVOCACY TOWARDS THE RIGHT TO SAFE ABORTION

A video statement was delivered on behalf of SAIGE, ARROW and Naripokkho, and was broadcasted on the Annual Discussion on the Integration of a Gender Perspective at HC57. The statement was made to commemorate the International Safe Abortion Day and reiterate the call to the HRC to empower and compel all States to decriminalise abortions; to mainstream gender and reproductive justice in all their policies and laws; to tackle stigma and opposition against abortion; and to strengthen international accountability mechanisms and measures for compliance. See the full video statement at <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1j/k1jouiodo2?kalturaStartTime=6176>.

SAIGE, along with more than 600 individuals and organisations submitted the Joint Civil Society Statement on Abortion which positioned reproductive justice and bodily autonomy as crucial to realising the right to health and by extension, the right to development. The statement called for the implementation of laws and policies that adopt a



Tasnim Azim from Naripokkho delivering a statement at the 57th session of the HRC on behalf of SAIGE, ARROW and Naripokkho

sustainable development model that prioritises equal and equitable access to all resources for all, where marginalised people are able to exercise control over their reproductive lives and fully participate in social, cultural, and political life. The Global Day on De-stigmatisation of Abortion was co-convened on March 28 by SAIGE and ARROW. During the launch, a Panel Discussion was conducted by SAIGE on the topic of Role of Abortion Stigma in Accessing Safe Abortions. A video was published on ARROW’s social media platforms on World Health Day 2024 focusing on safe abortion advocacy. SAIGE and ARROW joined the co-convenors of the May 28 Campaign International Day for Action on Women’s Health led by WGNRR to develop a Call to Action. Social Media posts based on the campaign material were published on ARROW’s social media.

SAIGE and ARROW co-convened the 2024 International Safe Abortion Day Campaign led by the The Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) to support fellow activists in campaigning around September 28. Along with the Call to Action that highlighted the collective efforts of the diverse, intergenerational, and cross-border community in advancing the right to access safe abortion and reproductive justice, a toolkit was developed and shared. The toolkit contains creative materials that can be used to take action and speak out, as well as suggested actions to be taken together by activists within their communities and around the world.

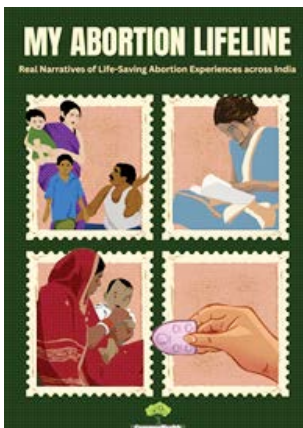
During the 16 days of activism, a post was made on ARROW social media highlighting access to Safe Abortion as an important element of preventing gender-based violence.



International Safe Abortion Day trainings by BAPSA in Bangladesh.

Celebrating the International Safe Abortion Day, the Bangladesh Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion (BAPSA) engaged women and girls of reproductive age in discussions around reproductive health justice and family planning. Women and adolescent girls were given guidance on the proper use of Menstrual Regulation and Management (MRM) kits and on the importance of planning pregnancies intentionally. At the same time, free MRM services were offered to underprivileged women at the BAPSA Model Clinics. This initiative promoted safe and accessible solutions for unwanted pregnancies, regardless of financial challenges, reinforcing that reproductive healthcare is a basic right and that every woman should have the freedom to make decisions about her own body.

CommonHealth launched the “Lifeline Campaign”, a nationwide initiative aimed at crowdsourcing positive abortion stories from across India. This campaign highlighted how access to abortion has been life-saving and beneficial, directly countering the rising anti-choice rhetoric that frames abortion as cruel and “anti-life”, reclaiming the language of life and reinforcing how access to safe and legal abortion is essential for the health and well-being of individuals and communities.



Publication based on the “Lifeline Campaign” by CommonHealth in India



Top: General assembly of the Coalition of Sexual and Reproductive Rights, coordinated by SAIGE member Vecinas Feministas, in Asunción, Paraguay.

Bottom: Meeting of Safe Abortion Allies at the Naripokkho Office under the Islam and Abortion Project.

Vecinas Feministas coordinated the Coalition of Sexual and Reproductive Rights at the OAS, and at the General Assembly in Asunción, Paraguay, where a statement was developed with the entire coalition focusing on the urgent task of guaranteeing safe and legal abortion and removing abortion from penal codes was read out. In addition, Vecinas Feministas participated in the IV Regional Conference on Population and Development in Cartagena, Colombia, where States renewed their efforts for the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus.

Naripokkho, along with ARROW, Shirkat Gah (Pakistan) and AMPF (Morocco) under the “Islam & Menstrual Regulation (MR): Linking Learning & Practice to Strengthen Safe MR Advocacy & Dialogue in Muslim Majority Countries in South Asia & Africa” aim to combat religious fundamentalism, strengthen South-to-South collaboration, learn from effective models of abortion care and advocate for global standards that ensure the right to safe abortion in Asia and Africa. In Bangladesh, Pakistan and Morocco, stakeholders conducted mapping of opposition and allies to build coalitions of like-minded allies.



Feminist Strategic Workshop on Abortion held in Tunisia.

One of the key highlights of the Movement for Access and Right to Abortion in the Mediterranean (MARA-Med), was the Feminist Strategic Workshop on Abortion held in Tunis. It brought together activists, healthcare professionals, and representatives of feminist movements from France, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey to explore the challenges and strategies related to abortion access. Participants discussed the history of abortion, technologies, feminist approaches, and contemporary challenges, similarities and differences in access and rights. National action plans were developed to strengthen local movements, enhance communication and education on abortion, and promote an intersectional and inclusive approach to reproductive rights.

EVIDENCE GENERATION

Leaving No-one Behind: Building Feminist Consensus on Reproductive Justice Indicators

ARROW undertook two complementary research projects that aimed to further the discourse on gender and data, particularly in the context of those that are often left uncounted—women and girls in all their diversities from marginalised communities. In this regard, the first project ‘Reproductive Herstories: Tracking Discriminations amongst Marginalised Communities using Intersectional Approaches towards Reproductive Justice’ documents the reproductive life stories of women and young people in all their diversities, particularly those from marginalised communities in six countries - Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Vietnam and Lao PDR. These case studies will further explore the multiple intersectionalities of marginalisations and vulnerabilities that impact women’s lives, using case stories; vulnerability mapping and an examination of the reproductive justice indicators at play in each of these cases.



Consultation on Leaving No-one Behind: Building Feminist Consensus on Reproductive Justice Indicators in December 2024.

Simultaneously, we are also engaged in another broader movement-backed research study – ‘Leaving No-one Behind: Building Feminist Consensus on SDG Indicators for the most “Marginalised”’. ARROW is undertaking this study as a part of the WOSSO (Women of the South Speak Out) coalition along with other key partners and networks including the GEDA alliance, Femnet, IWDA, EM2030, Guttmacher Institute, and Women Deliver, working on the different intersections of gender and data. The research looks at revisiting the SDG indicators and not only engages in discussions on what indicators should be prioritised, but also defines the narratives of change that we are collectively hoping for as we push the agenda of gender justice further. In this regard, as a first step, we conducted a mapping exercise to identify WRO’s and networks at the global, regional and national levels working on gender and data with the aim to push the agenda of gender equality. The key areas for some 90 organisations, were:

- Working definitions of Gender Data
- Kind of Indicators Used
- Kind of Data Sets Used
- Reach and impact of these data sets
- Best Practices and Challenges

In keeping with our aim to develop a movement-backed research agenda, the team also co-organised a Consultation on “Leaving No-one Behind: Building Feminist Consensus around Narratives of Change and Data Indicators for the Most Marginalised” along with the partners mentioned above. The Consultation focused on the mutually decided key thematic areas of Bodily Autonomy and SRHR; Economic Justice; Climate Justice and Gender and Substantive Equality. Based on the collective discussions at the consultation, the research will take off in 2025 and focus on further gathering data on these key thematic areas across the Global South.



Opening Minds,
**Shaping Views
and Advocating
for Change**

WOMEN OF THE SOUTH SPEAK OUT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The year 2024 saw the launch and implementation of Women of the South Speak Out (WOSSO) Fellowship Programme. WOSSO is a consortium formed by Gender Links and ARROW and Mannion Daniels. WOSSO shares feminist values and a deep concern regarding the narrowing civic space, particularly for women and girls. The consortium is dedicated to supporting and facilitating women's rights organisations and women leaders, to ensure their meaningful engagement in key advocacy meetings.

The fellowship brought together a dynamic, diverse, and passionate cohort of 70 young advocates from 19 countries across the Asia and Pacific region. These fellows developed action-oriented and strategic advocacy plans aimed at advancing gender equality and ensuring the implementation of commitments at both national and local levels.

Bringing a rich range of expertise, the fellows addressed some of the most urgent and emerging issues including sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice, climate justice, peacebuilding, disability justice, countering opposition, and strengthening feminist movements. Their advocacy efforts have included evidence generation, protection and expansion of civic space, digital activism, public mobilisation, defining service delivery standards, and monitoring national commitments.

Notably, 23 out of the 70 fellows took on active roles in key regional and global advocacy spaces. This included participation in the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Regional Review (November 19 – 21 in Bangkok), with 19 fellows, and the Conference of the Parties (COP29) (November 11 – 22 in Baku), where four fellows contributed.

Looking ahead, fellows will continue to play a critical role in upcoming advocacy spaces such as the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2025 (APFSD), and APFSD 2026, further strengthening feminist voices in regional and global platforms.



Top: The WOSSO Asia and the Pacific Fellows with Lopa Banerjee, Executive Coordinator of Generation Equality and Director of the Civil Society Division, UN Women, at the Beijing+30 Asia-Pacific CSO Forum Ahead of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review. **Bottom:** WOSSO COP29 fellow, Nidhi Tewari speaking as a panellist during the launch of COP29 Global Brief on Climate and SRHR.

The key highlight of COP29 was the launch of the COP29 Global Brief. The COP 29 Global brief was completed during this time and launched by the team and fellows who were at the COP29. The brief was also disseminated at the AWID Forum 2024 and WOSSO's Annual Linking and Learning Meeting in December. For the Beijing+30 review, in addition to the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Beijing+30 Regional Review, the fellows also participated at the Young Feminist Forum, YFF (November 16) and Beijing+30 Asia and the Pacific CSO Forum (November 17 – 18) as part of the preparatory forums ahead of the ministerial meeting. ARROW played an important role as the Co-Chair of the Asia Pacific Beijing+30 CSO Steering Committee in ensuring meaningful and inclusive engagement of young people in this key regional advocacy space.

Prior to their engagements, the ARROW team organised several briefing sessions in October and November to prepare the fellows on their advocacy actions at the identified advocacy spaces, in addition to discussing the latest status of their advocacy plan implementation and offering support where required. This year also saw the finalisation and implementation of advocacy plans of the Beijing+30, COP29, and APFSD2025 cohort of fellows.

There were five instances where fellow's inputs and interventions were incorporated into the outcome documents at different levels. There were 84 events attended and organised by fellows as a part of their advocacy plan. There were 69 interventions, such as speaking engagements and shadow reports that the fellows engaged during the regional and global advocacy spaces. ARROW organised 22 linking and learning events which included orientations, space-specific briefing sessions and one annual linking and a learning meeting.

Our approach went beyond simply sharing of and listening to information—it focused on building stronger connections, collaborating, sharing evidence-based data and information that reflect diverse voices.

On December 5, a day-long Consultation was held in Bangkok to bring together key organisations and collaborators to further discussions on what the key priorities for the Big Ticket Research Item on SDGs and Gender Data Indicators should be. Five fellows were involved in the annual priority research and the process for the big-ticket research. The four COP fellows co-authored the Global COP Brief section on sub-regional context of Climate Change and its impact on SRHR. Two of the fellows from APFSD2025 cohort attended the consultation for the Big-Ticket research. Some fellows with research background have shown interest in the SDGs Indicator research and will be engaged in upcoming quarters. In addition to this, the ARROW team along with nine fellows from the Asia-Pacific region also participated at the Annual Linking and Learning meeting held in Bangkok from December 6–7 to share about their work, engagement and experiences in the fellowship programme.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

In 2024, ARROW's Information and Communications (InfoComm) efforts, continuing the momentum of the previous years, served as a driving force for gender equality across Asia and the Pacific region. Our approach went simply beyond sharing of and listening to information—it focused on building stronger connections, collaborating, sharing evidence-based data and information that reflect diverse voices.

While 2024 presented a complex landscape for the rights of women, girls and young people in all their diversity, we continuously worked to strengthen ARROW and her partners' advocacy for just SRHR policies and programmes for everyone in Asia and the Pacific.

2024 saw us continue to build our publications repository using on-the-ground insights. Over the years, we have always been committed to deliver evidence-based tools to fuel our influencing work towards achieving gender equality. We continued doing the same—made possible due to our esteemed partners, the stakeholders we worked with, and the young people who championed the SRHR agenda.

We were able to collect the voices of women and girls in all their diversity in our publications. The scoping studies that we published with our partners from Bangladesh, Philippines, and Nepal reflect this—as we explored the impact of climate change on the SRHR of marginalised women and girls.

Through Infocomm, we aim to bring and build new perspectives, data, and knowledge on gender, feminism, sexual and reproductive rights, and their intersections. This will continue in 2025 as we are currently developing a new ARROW for Change, ARROW's flagship peer-reviewed publication. This publication serves as a collective platform to voice our social justice concerns and their intersection with gender and SRHR in Asia and the Pacific.

We cannot overstate the role of our social media to amplify these voices even further. Through our digital platforms which collectively engage 39,641 followers, we were able to reach 522,066 individuals from 185 countries organically through digital advocacy. Here too, partnerships were central, starting with the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable

Development (APFSD) Youth Forum 2024 and ending with the AWID Forum 2024. We constantly shared live updates, photos, videos, and other informative materials focusing on events, advocacy spaces, conferences, international days, and other key moments to talk about gender, SRHR, climate action, and all their intersections.

Looking ahead, we aim to further collaborate with our partners, young people, and other stakeholders, while consolidating regional insights to drive global action for digital advocacy.

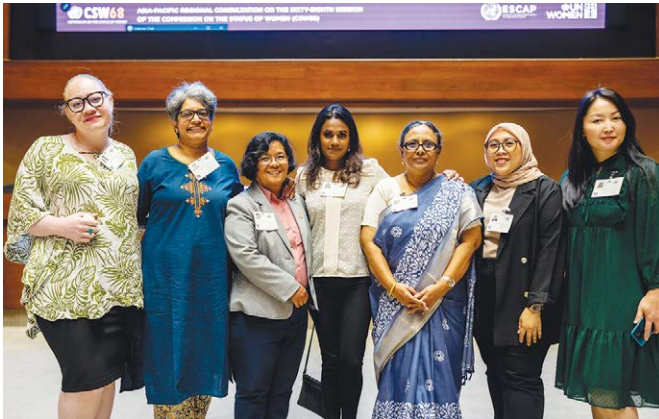
ADVOCACY



APFSD Youth Forum 2024's scholar Shilpa Lamichhane delivering the opening remarks as the Youth Representative at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2024 opening session in February 2024.

In 2024, ARROW and its partners, young feminist fellows and scholars maintained a strong presence and continued engagements in key regional and global spaces. These included the APFSD, Beijing+30 Regional Review Process, Asia-Pacific Regional Convening ahead of the Summit of the Future, Human Rights Council sessions, Universal Periodic Review, CSW68, CPD57, HLPF and COP29. ARROW also seized opportunities to expand its advocacy into new spaces and processes like the Summit of The Future. Additionally, ARROW was able to position herself as an influential regional advocacy organisation through its selection as the co-chair of the Beijing+30 Regional CSO Steering Committee.

During the APFSD Intergovernmental Fora, Youth Scholars and Fellows delivered powerful oral statements and interventions. Shilpa Lamichhane, a youth scholar from the APFSD Youth Forum presented her opening remarks during the first session. In her address, she put forward a collective call for every young person, including those from marginalised communities like youth with disabilities, persons with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities and indigenous youth, to access social protection systems, quality education and healthcare with human rights and gender equality at the centre. APFSD Youth Scholars, Bipana Shrestha and Omar Faruk were selected to deliver a collective oral statement on behalf of the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCM) under Agenda Item 3: Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through voluntary national reviews. In the statement, Omar highlighted how the inclusion and meaningful participation of the stakeholders including youth had always been an issue in the VNR process, leaving critical voices behind and resulting in failure to galvanise multi-stakeholder partnership, especially civil society meaningfully. He also called on all the member states of the regions to give priority to equity and justice in their reports and urged to move the VNRs beyond the GDP Growth narrative, prioritising systemic barriers and inequalities within and between countries. Bipana underscored the need for meaningful inclusion of marginalised groups in all phases of the VNR process, including the poor, women, workers, farmers, indigenous peoples and the LGBTIQ+ community. She stressed that inclusion must go beyond tokenism, with safe spaces for democratic engagement and zero tolerance for reprisals. APFSD Youth Forum Scholar, Sushma Shrestha was selected to deliver a statement for Agenda item 4. She made an oral intervention on behalf of the APRCEM, where she outlined how the COVID-19 pandemic had resulted in multidimensional challenges and pressures that have mostly affected people with the least resources and opportunities. ARROW Deputy Executive Director Sai Jyothirmai Racherla, delivered an oral statement on Agenda Item 2 on behalf of the SRHR Thematic Working Group along with the Asia-Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA). Sai called the bureau to reaffirm the ICPD Programme to Action and accelerate its implementation in Pact of the Future, to support human rights and just development and to address the climate crisis, peace and security, and truly eliminate all forms of gender-based violence.



ARROW and Partners at the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Sixty-Eighth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) in February 2024.

At the Asia and the Pacific Regional 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68) CSO Forum, ARROW and partners actively participated in the regional consultation process. Held from February 6 – 7, the consultation brought together ARROW and partners, including Naripokkho, Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC), CommonHealth, Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan, Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM), and Monfemnet.

The regional consultation is an interactive forum for ESCAP Member States and key stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific to examine ways to accelerate progress on key frameworks including the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The consultation provided an opportunity for both state and non-state actors to take stock of key trends, needs, gaps in policy responses, and good practices as well as to consider possible areas for joint interventions. During the regional consultation, ARROW and partners delivered two oral interventions sharing recommendations from the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum which took place from February 4 – 5. In this session, ARROW was selected to deliver a joint statement with the Asia Pacific Alliance for SRHR (APA). Delivered by ARROW Advocacy Manager, Shamala Chandrasekaran, the statement highlighted that poverty, gender, and SRHR are interconnected, and SRHR is a prerequisite for just, equitable and sustainable development. Several recommendations were made to the Member States to challenge the layers of discrimination that keep women and girls trapped in poverty. These include meaningful and sustained political participation of women

and girls throughout the policy, implementation and budget cycle, including defining the architecture of financing and gender responsive budgeting. In the same panel, ARROW partner Gizka Ayu from Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan, Indonesia, was selected to deliver an oral statement on how the multiple systemic, simultaneous and interconnected crises continue to disproportionately harm women, including those with diverse SOGIESC, and other marginalised identities. The statement recommended accessible, participatory and transparent gender-responsive budgeting processes that incorporate gender- and sex- disaggregated data, address lived realities and reflect the demands of women and other marginalised identities.

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During the Beijing+30 Regional Review Process, ARROW, as the co-chair of the Beijing+30 Regional Civil Society Steering Committee, organised four CSO consultations. As part of the preparatory forums of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Beijing+30 Regional Review, the Young Feminist Forum was convened as a dedicated space for young feminists to collectively organise, strategise, and amplify young feminist demands ahead of the ministerial conference. It was co-organised by the Beijing+30 Asia Pacific CSO Steering Committee with UN Women, UNESCAP and young feminist civil society organisations. A total of more than 135 young feminists joined the forum virtually and physically, and helped develop the Young Feminist Call to Action. The forum witnessed a meaningful engagement of 12 working group members during the planning and preparing phase, where members engaged in finalising the programme and agenda, identifying ways of working, finalising speakers and other resource persons and finally bringing the plan into action. In addition to the Young Feminist Forum, the Beijing +30 Asia and the Pacific Civil Society Organisation Forum

was organised by the Asia Pacific Beijing +30 CSO Steering Committee ahead of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review on November 17 and 18. Themed, 'Reclaim, Resist, Transform', the CSO Forum brought together more than 270 CSO participants from Asia and the Pacific region with sessions focused on the four thematic priorities of the Ministerial Conference. The CSO Forum served as an instrumental platform for strategising meaningful engagement and interventions as well as for formulation of joint recommendations and key actions from the CSO lens for the Ministerial Conference. The opening ceremony was facilitated by the Co-Chairs of the Asia Pacific Beijing +30 CSO Steering Committee including ARROW's Executive Director, Sivananthi Thanenthiran alongside Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development Programme Officer Rachel Tan. ARROW enabled the participation of 18 WOSSO fellows and eight partner organisations at this forum where they engaged in various capacities as moderators, panelists, facilitators and rapporteurs.

The Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review took place from November 19 - 21 and featured meaningful engagement from ARROW's partners and the WOSSO fellows. On November 19, Lilian, a WOSSO Asia and the Pacific Fellow from China was selected by the CSO Forum to deliver the CSO Statement in sign language alongside Shahrzad Ahmad from Afghanistan. Both speakers represented the Beijing+30 Asia and the Pacific CSO Forum. For the first time, the Conference witnessed an opening statement delivered in sign language. Aizhan, another WOSSO Asia and the Pacific Fellow was selected to deliver the Young Feminist Forum Statement. Aizhan highlighted the key demands of the young women, girls, and LGBTI+ youth, especially young persons with disabilities, living in poverty, in rural and remote areas, and affected by war, militarism, genocide, state and non-state violence. She highlighted key recommendations following the Young Feminist Forum Call to Action.

Ha'ani from Guåhan delivered the sub-regional statement from the Pacific on the review of the progress made towards the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. She highlighted the commitments made by the Pacific member states for the Pacific Platform for Action 2018-2030, Revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration, and 15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women



Ha'ani San Nicolas, ARROW's WOSSO Asia and the Pacific Fellow from Guåhan delivering the sub-regional statement from the Pacific during the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review in November 2024.

Outcomes Document, calling the member states to localise and implement the commitments at the grassroots level. On November 20, one of the WOSSO fellows, Ayushmita Samal from India delivered a statement on the roundtable, focusing on the demands of women with disabilities. Ayushmita spoke about how accessibility is about building connections to challenge ableism and centering self autonomy and determination. She emphasised accessibility must include digital and informational access and urged for nuanced and inclusive approaches in the decision-making and development and recognition of alternative communication models. Saruul-Ukhaan Sodbaatar from Mongolia, another WOSSO fellow, made a statement at the roundtable, especially focusing on the demands of women from Central Asia and Mongolia. Saruul called for gender-responsive climate action and gender responsive climate financing to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and girls across their lifecycle in the region and integrate gender perspectives into national disaster management programmes and climate policies. Anjali from ARROW, together with Surbhi from the YP Foundation drafted a statement on SRHR. The statement highlighted the multiple challenges that lie at the intersections of access to SRHR, including violence, climate crises, care burden, digitisation, lack of political will around human rights, increasing authoritarianism, fundamentalism, and conservatism. It called on member states to commit in entirety the implementation of the Beijing Declaration by ensuring adequate resourcing, inclusive policy making and upholding human rights at all times.



ARROW and Partners at the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Sixty-Eighth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) in February 2024.

On November 20, ARROW organised a side event titled “The Promise of Comprehensive SRHR towards Achieving Beijing Platform of Action in Asia and the Pacific: A Critical Inquiry” as part of the official programme of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review. The event was held in collaboration with the Embassy of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh in Bangkok, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office, UNICEF EAPRO, Wreetu Health and Well-being Foundation, Coalition Partner, Right Here Right Now, Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA), Equality Now and FP2030 Asia Pacific Hub. Moderated by ARROW’s Board Member Dr. Yasmeen Qazi, the session aimed to identify and harness the power of accelerators that can fulfill bodily autonomy and the rights of women, girls, and gender diverse people to future proof Asia and the Pacific, such as ensuring access to SRHR information, education and services for all. It also highlighted the devastating impacts of inaction, or reproductive injustice. The opening segment of the side event featured insightful remarks by Ambassador of Bangladesh and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, His Excellency Faiyaz Murshid Kazi.

At the international level, 2024 witnessed ARROW and our partners’ active engagement at several advocacy meetings such as CSW68, CPD57, HRC55, HRC56, HRC57, HLPF, UPR Malaysia, UN Civil Society Conference, Summit of The Future (SoTF), ICPD+30 Global Dialogue, and UNGA78.



The speakers at the “Leveraging the Asia Pacific Powerhouse for Gender Justice” parallel event, organised by ARROW at the CSW68 in March 2024.

In March, at the 68th Session on Commission on Status of Women (CSW68), ARROW and partners submitted a written statement, delivered two oral statements and organised three parallel events. ARROW’s written statement welcomed the priority theme of the CSW68, “Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective”. The statement highlighted that gender inequality is a serious threat to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other commitments including the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It underscored that poverty is the catalyst and cause of the situation, often through its impact on access to SRHR. ARROW was invited to deliver an in person oral statement at the CSW68 Interactive Dialogue on March 18th. The statement was delivered by ARROW Programme Director, Menka Goundan, who emphasised the importance of addressing the economic structure not only from the economic perspective but to understand poverty from social, economic, and political perspectives. She further highlighted the importance of gender-responsive budgeting, which should become the norm worldwide as one of the key solutions to inequality. ARROW was also selected to deliver an in-person oral statement at the General Discussion of the CSW68 Session on March 19. The statement established that poverty, gender, and sexual and reproductive health and rights are interconnected. In line with the theme of CSW68, the statement also called upon the Member States to adopt a comprehensive approach that addresses poverty, strengthens institutions, ensures financing with a gender perspective,

reduces and redistributes unpaid labour and care work, and upholds sexual and reproductive health and rights, for progress towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity.

ARROW also organised three impactful parallel events at the CSW68. On March 13, ARROW and the Orchid Project, as co-convenors of the Asia Network to End FGM/C, hosted a virtual parallel event. The event highlighted the lack of evidence and data to inform FGM/C advocacy and programming, and the crucial need for resources to support this work. On March 15, ARROW organised a parallel event titled, “Leveraging the Asia Pacific Powerhouse for Gender-Justice”. The panel featured a data-driven dialogue between multiple Generation Equalify Forum (GEF) commitment makers from Asia and the Pacific at the CSW68. On March 18, ARROW organised a parallel event as part of the Kaleidoscope Consortium featuring activists and philanthropic actors working to transform systems for reproductive justice and SRHR, supporting legislative change, and partnering with social movements for collective action.

ARROW and young advocates from the region participated in the ICPD 30 Global Youth Dialogue in Benin on April 3-4. ARROW’s Deputy Executive Director, Sai Jyothirmai Racherla

and Programme Officer Riju Dhakal facilitated the selection and meaningful participation of other youth advocates from the region. These included Sijan and Aastha from YUWA, Nepal Prajwal from Y PEER and Nepal and Shelani from YANSL, Sri Lanka. The ICPD 30 Global Youth dialogue assessed progress, identified challenges, and re-imagined the ICPD PoA for a new generation. Just as its theme, the dialogue was indeed “A new generation’s vision for the future” as it produced the Global Youth Dialogue Outcome Document. Representing the Asia-Pacific region were 30 youth from different countries, including Nepal, India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Cambodia, the Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, China, Indonesia, and Samoa. The GYD perfectly paved the way for the 57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD57).

At the CPD57, ARROW and partners submitted three written statements, delivered three oral statements, and organised one high-level side-event. ARROW’s joint written statement with partners which aligned with the priority theme of the CPD57 Session on assessing the status of ICPD PoA implementation and its contribution to the 2030 Agenda was published on the CPD’s official website. The statement, supported by 13 partners with ECOSOC status, brought

The Asia-Pacific delegation at the Global Youth Dialogue in Benin.



together the recommendations from the ICPD+30 country monitoring report and the 7th APPC Multi-stakeholder Call to Action. The statement stressed that despite some progress throughout Asia and the Pacific region, women, girls, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ communities and diverse marginalised groups continue to experience significant inequalities in agency, participation and access to quality, safe, affordable, and responsive sexual and reproductive health services. On the priority theme of the CPD57 session, ARROW, RUTGERS and CHOICE submitted a written statement highlighting the findings and recommendations from the ICPD report, 'The Heart of the Matter'. The joint statement from ARROW, RUTGERS and CHOICE emphasised that young people's SRHR are the heart of the matter for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA, and called for member states to adopt a proactive, holistic and justice approach to sexual and reproductive policy formulation and implementation for young people. The third written statement from ARROW highlighted the intersectional realities of older women, young people and adolescents, people living with disabilities in terms of their access and fulfilment of their SRHR. The statement also highlighted the utmost need of realisation of climate emergencies and crises that restricts women and young girls in their diversity to access SRH information and services. The statement also called for the establishment of national and sub-national International Conference on Population and Development/ Sustainable Development Goals monitoring committees and theme-based stakeholder task forces, utilising multi-sectoral collaborations to enhance implementation and periodic monitoring.

On March 11, ARROW was selected to deliver an oral intervention at the Informal consultation on the preparations for CPD57. ARROW Programme Manager, Shamala Chandrasekaran, delivered the statement which recognised the significance of frameworks, especially Agenda 2030 and the upcoming Summit of the Future and its outcome document, the Pact for the Future. She highlighted that the intricate linkage between these frameworks and processes and the ICPD Programme of Action is largely unacknowledged, noting that as a result, our shared goals related to sustainable development, gender equality, and reproductive health and rights remain unrealised to its fullest potential. ARROW was also selected to deliver an in-person oral statement at the informal consultation with NGOs on

The joint statement from ARROW, RUTGERS and CHOICE highlighting the findings and recommendations from the ICPD report, 'The Heart of the Matter', emphasised that **young people's SRHR are the heart of the matter for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA**, and called for member states to **adopt a proactive, holistic and justice approach to sexual and reproductive policy formulation and implementation for young people.**

April 16. ARROW Programme Officer, Riju Dhakal delivered a statement on behalf of ARROW during a virtual consultation with the NGOs on the zero draft of the political declaration. The statement asked for retention of language around the linkages between Summit of the Future and ICPD including calling for a more bolder text around ensuring young people's SRHR. ARROW was selected to deliver an in-person oral statement at the General Debate of the CPD57 Session on May 2. The oral statement was delivered by ARROW Deputy Executive Director, Sai Jyothirmai Racherla, who highlighted how transformative actions can improve SRHR realities of all people. She also called on the member states for increased political will at all levels, and sufficient mobilisation of resources and sustained funding for women's rights organisations, youth-led and youth-serving organisations. The statement also highlighted the need to establish strong linkages to the Summit of the Future, with ICPD commitments integrated into the Pact of the Future and other Summit outcomes. The statement was endorsed by 37 partners.

On the final day of CDP57, ARROW along with the Permanent Missions of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Nepal and Malaysia to the United Nations, UNFPA and United Nations ESCAP organised a side event titled, 'Gaining insights and lessons from the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in the Asia-Pacific region.' This side event convened a multistakeholder panel of government representatives including the then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Population Upendra Yadav from Nepal; Minister of State in the Ministry



The speakers at the “Gaining insights and lessons from the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in the Asia-Pacific region” side event, co-organised by ARROW at the CPD57 in May 2024.

of Health and Family Welfare, Rokeya Sultana from Bangladesh and Deputy Director General of the National Population and Family Development Board Malaysia, Hairil Fadzly; Noemi Espinoza, Ambassador and Chair of the CPD57 session; Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA, Diene Keita and Chief of the Sustainable Demographic Transition Section of UNESCAP, Dr. Sabine Henning. The session also featured the national monitoring studies from the national partners from Nepal (BBC Nepal), Bangladesh (BRAC) and Laos (UHS) physically and Malaysia (ReHAK) virtually. It examined the population trends in the region, and presented recommendations as a way forward to advance the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

In May, ARROW joined the 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference (UNCSC), to promote gender equality and take the SRHR agenda forward, especially on the Pact for the Future. ARROW delivered an oral statement on making the Pact more inclusive to achieve gender equality and SRHR for all. ARROW Deputy Executive Director, Sai Jyothirmai Racherla, spoke strongly about the need to include civil society in the intergovernmental negotiation processes leading up to the adoption of the Pact for the Future. She also spoke about the need to include action points on gender equality and sexual and SRHR, explaining how such equality will not be achieved unless we fulfil the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)

Programme of Action agenda. ARROW also served as a member of both the Programme Sub-Committee and Civil Society Sessions Sub-Committee.

Also in May, ARROW attended the two-day ICPD30 Global Dialogue: Demographic Diversity and Sustainable Development event held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The event's opening set a powerful tone for the Dialogue, featuring statements from the co-hosts, the governments of Bangladesh, Bulgaria, and Japan. The Governments reflected on the progress made since the adoption of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA). It was noted that there has been progress due to the efforts of governments in implementing the PoA, although the ever-changing landscape of population development remains challenging.

During the 56th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC56), ARROW and its partners presented four video statements on the accessibility of medical abortion, Comprehensive Sexuality Education, impacts of climate change on SRHR and indigenous women with disability. Additionally, during the fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle of Malaysia at the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, a joint video statement by ARROW and ReHAK was presented. Delivered by Prof. Rashidah Shuib from ReHAK, the statement welcomed the government's

acceptance in full or in part of recommendations to ensure universal access to and provision of safe, affordable and quality health care information and services—including sexual and reproductive health—especially for vulnerable groups and to raise the minimum legal age of marriage to 18. At HRC57, four video statements on UHC and SRHR, impacts of climate change on human rights, gender inequalities and decriminalisation of abortion were broadcasted live during the respective sessions. ARROW also provided SRHR focused language inputs to the Resolution on Youth and Human Rights during the HRC57.

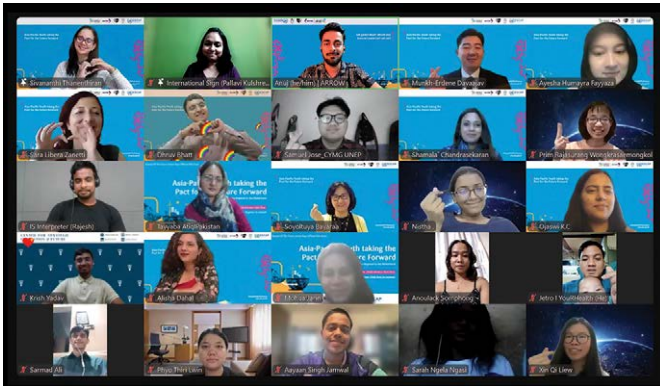
For the 2024 High Level Political Forum (HLPF), ARROW contributed to the Women's Major Group (WMG) HLPF 2024 Position Paper Executive Summary. The theme of this year's forum is "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions." ARROW's inputs focused on SRHR, Climate Change, Youth Engagement and the Sustainable Development Goals under review, which are:

- **Goal 1:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- **Goal 2:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- **Goal 13:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- **Goal 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- **Goal 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Through the WMG Voluntary National Review (VNR) Working Group, the team also connected with the CSO VNR group in Nepal, and contributed to the inclusion of RHRN2 Nepal in the CSO VNR Nepal Country Statement Group. The team also played a role in the selection of the APFSD Youth fellow, Shilpa, as the CSO representative from Nepal. In addition, the team also supported the development of Nepal's country statement for VNR presentation by providing language inputs. They emphasised the need to guarantee inclusive, equitable, and quality education and health care services including SRHR services to all individuals in Nepal.

In the lead up to the Summit of The Future, ARROW submitted two written inputs—one on the Declaration on Future Generations and another on the Zero Draft of the Pact of the Future. ARROW also delivered oral statements during the stakeholder consultations on both the Declaration on Future Generations and the virtual consultation on the Pact of the Future. In May, the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future (SoTF), the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Namibia to the United Nations, invited Member States and stakeholders to provide written inputs on the first revision of the Pact for the Future. ARROW participated in the first revision by advocating the retention of references to comprehensive SRHR, and by strengthening the language around meaningful engagement of CSOs via WMG and MGCY. In June, ARROW's Programme Officer, Riju Dhakal delivered an oral intervention during the Declaration on Future Generations Virtual Consultation. She welcomed the inclusion of universal health coverage, intergenerational approach, gender equality, and elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, including sexual and gender-based violence in the current revision. She also further urged that these commitments be strengthened by addressing the urgent need to realise access to SRHR, information and education especially among adolescents and young people.

On July 31, ARROW was selected to deliver an oral statement at the Summit of the Future Virtual Consultation. ARROW has been actively and consistently engaging at every step of the preparatory process for the Pact for the Future and the Summit itself, doing our part for a Pact that speaks the language of equality, intersectionality, human rights and gender responsiveness to accelerate progress towards the SDGs. The oral statement, delivered by ARROW Programme Manager, Shamala Chandrasekaran, welcomed the commitment to universal access to SRHR under Action 8 in Revision 2 of the Pact and asked for retention of language on SRHR. The statement also reiterated the need to ensure meaningful involvement of civil society in the intergovernmental negotiation processes leading up to the adoption of the Pact for the Future. It further emphasised the importance of recognising that young people in all their diversity are equal partners in achieving a sustainable future. ARROW also called for strengthening the language on gender equality and ensuring action-oriented gender equality and



The attendees of the ARROW co-organised a side event “The Asia-Pacific Youth taking the Pact for the Future Forward” as part of the official side events of the Summit of the Future in September 2024.

sexual and reproductive health and rights commitments, political leadership and investments in the Pact.

In addition to advocating for action-oriented commitments on gender equality and SRHR, political leadership, and investments in the Pact for the Future, ARROW also aimed to amplify the Asia-Pacific Regional Convening: Young People at the Forefront Call to Action ahead of the Summit of the Future. ARROW’s side event application was selected as one of the official side events of the SoTF. The side event, titled, “The Asia-Pacific Youth taking the Pact for the Future Forward” was co-organised with UNFPA, UNESCAP, UNMGCY, and Right Here Right Now (RHRN). Moderated by ARROW Executive Director, Sivananthi Thanenthiran, the virtual event saw the active engagement of over 100 participants.

In September, ARROW’s Executive Director Sivananthi Thanenthiran also spoke at the UNGA79 event titled Revitalising Gender Equality Advocacy at the UN: The Launch of the Birdsong Collective. She highlighted the need to link national, regional and global advocacy to keep governments accountable to deliver on the ICPD and Beijing agendas.

One of the major highlights and outcome of advocacy in 2024 was the successful retention of language on universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights on the final Pact for the Future outcome document after the Summit of the Future.

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Most Popular Publications for 2024





Aizhan Dzhanava, ARROW's WOSSO Asia and the Pacific Fellow from Kyrgyzstan delivering the Young Feminist Forum Statement during the Opening Address of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review in November 2024.

Pushing for Gender-Responsive Climate Strategies and SRHR in Kyrgyzstan

Aizhan Dzhanava, WOSSO Fellow 2024

Growing up in Kyrgyzstan, I saw how climate change deepens existing inequalities, with rural women bearing the brunt of its impact. It's not just an environmental crisis, it's a direct threat to their health, livelihoods, and rights. Despite facing the worst of climate disasters, resource scarcity, and economic instability, their needs remain largely ignored in national adaptation strategies, leaving them without the protection and support they urgently need.

As a WOSSO Asia and the Pacific Fellow under ARROW's initiative, my work has centered on ensuring that gender-responsive strategies in climate adaptation and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are prioritised in both national and international policy spaces.

My advocacy is rooted in direct engagement with communities. Through consultations with rural women and local civil society organisations, I have gathered insights on how climate shocks disrupt access to essential services, from maternal healthcare to economic opportunities. These discussions made it clear that without dedicated funding, policy integration, and stronger local adaptation initiatives, rural women will continue to face limited access to SRHR

services, increased risks of gender-based violence, and worsening economic precarity.

This work has shaped my national advocacy efforts, where I have engaged with government institutions and UN agencies to push for policies that address the intersections of gender, climate change, and health.

At the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review held in November 2024 in Bangkok, I made a statement on behalf of young feminists from across Asia and the Pacific region during the opening session. The statement was based on the outcome documents from the Young Feminist Forum and CSO Forum that I had engaged in prior to the Ministerial Conference. I called for urgent action to address the structural barriers that continue to oppress young women and girls, particularly those living in poverty, rural areas, and conflict zones. My statement emphasised the need for policies that end harmful practices such as child, early, and forced marriage and ensure universal access to SRHR services, including safe and legal abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, and social protections for women in vulnerable situations. Climate change intensifies these risks, making it even more urgent to integrate SRHR and gender justice into climate adaptation strategies.

Beyond high-level advocacy, I have actively worked to ensure that women's voices are not just heard but translated into action. Partnering with local women's organisations and climate justice advocates, I have pushed for increased support for community-led adaptation projects that prioritise women's economic resilience, healthcare access, and leadership in climate governance. My work has also focused on ensuring that early warning systems and disaster response mechanisms are designed with a gender perspective, so that rural women are not left behind when climate disasters strike.

This journey has reinforced a key lesson: policy change happens when national and global advocacy efforts are grounded in the realities of affected communities. The WOSSO Fellowship has given me the tools, networks, and opportunities to elevate these conversations, ensuring that climate adaptation strategies in Kyrgyzstan do not overlook the fundamental rights and needs of women. Moving forward, I remain committed to pushing for policies that recognise women's leadership in climate action, ensuring that their health, safety, and resilience are at the centre of climate justice efforts.

Redefining Voice: A Moment of Feminist Inclusion at Beijing+30

Linqian (Lillian) Peng, head of Chongqing Liangjiang New District Know Deaf Social Work Service Centre

My name is Linqian (Lillian) Peng and I am from China. I am a deaf woman and the head of Chongqing Liangjiang New District Know Deaf Social Work Service Centre, a non-profit organisation I started three years ago. As an influential Deaf leader and an advocate for the rights of women with disabilities, I have developed programmes covering education, employment, SRHR and GBV. Since founding my organisation, I have realised that the barriers I face have limited resources and opportunities for my work. For example, I have rarely been able to engage in accessible leadership learning or advocate for competency-based learning, among others. Despite these challenges, I have been able to work with a number of organisations beyond China, including the United States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. I do not believe that these challenges are due to my disability, but rather due to the lack of appropriate learning support measures. I was lucky enough to sign up for WOSSO in 2024 and I was able to have the opportunity to enter a supportive and empowering community and work with these wonderful women to complete the advocacy programme and improve my own competencies.

Since joining the WOSSO Fellowship Programme, I have seen a huge impact on my community. According to WOSSO's official information, I am the only Chinese person selected this time, and the only Deaf woman selected in East Asia. This recognition means a lot to the Deaf community in China, and allows our reflections, suggestions, and advocacy to be seen on the international stage.

Since participating in the Fellowship Programme, I feel that the greatest thing I have gained is that my advocacy work on Deaf women's rights has improved significantly. One of the most valuable aspects of this has been the opportunity I have had to engage with inspirational female leaders in Asia and the Pacific region. Their insights deepened my understanding of advocacy on a global scale and reinforced the importance of global collaboration. I was mentored by many at WOSSO, especially Riju, who helped me refine the Beijing+30 advocacy programme to make it more persuasive and strategic. This refinement has helped me to better communicate the needs of deaf and hard of hearing women in China at Beijing+30, especially when engaging in dialogue with government departments.

A major milestone in my journey was attending the Beijing+30 Ministerial Conference, where I not only participated in critical discussions but also had the rare honor of standing on the floor of the United Nations to give the opening address and share my message in sign language. This moment amplified the voices of Deaf women on the international stage and demonstrated the importance of accessibility in global policy discussions. During Beijing+30, I was interviewed twice by UN

Women, and my advocacy video was featured on UN Women's Twitter account, significantly increasing my visibility and international impact. The recognition I received from women with disabilities across the Asia-Pacific region and the Chinese Deaf community was incredibly meaningful, as they saw themselves represented in these high-level conversations for the first time.



Linqian (Lillian) Peng, ARROW's WOSSO Fellow from China delivering the Civil Society Statement during the Opening Address of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review in November 2024.

After returning to Chongqing, China from the Beijing+30 conference in Bangkok, I built on what I had learnt and the connections I had made with SRHR advocates for women with disabilities. I organised two advocacy events in November and December. One was an invitation to UNFPA China to come to Chongqing to talk to decision makers in the government's advocacy department, which was a valuable networking opportunity. The other was a virtual and face-to-face advocacy meeting for 100 women with disabilities, through which they learnt about SRHR and GBV and how to secure their basic human rights through government support and legal support.

After successfully campaigning, I noticed that I had developed a deeper connection with the community of women with disabilities. They now see me as someone they can trust and openly share their SRHR and GBV insights and challenges with me—an opportunity for dialogue that I don't take lightly. In January 2025, Chongqing officials presented me with an award in recognition of my contributions to disability support, opening the door to more in-depth policy discussions. I hope that this recognition will help change the local dialogue around SRHR and GBV issues for women with disabilities, making these issues more visible to policymakers. While advocacy in China often requires influence at the highest levels, I have witnessed real change at the local level. In my city, in my community, and in the organisations I work with, I have seen a growing willingness to engage in dialogue on the SRHR of women with disabilities and on GBV. These shifts take time, patience and perseverance, but I am committed to continuing this work to drive lasting systemic change.



Strengthening Community Participation, Empowering People



Young people from the Asia Pacific holding the Call to Action developed during the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) Youth Forum 2024.

ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (APFSD) 2024 YOUTH FORUM

ARROW along with the regional co-convenors, Youth LEAD and YPEER Asia-Pacific, Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) and Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP, organised the APFSD Youth Forum on February 15-17, 2024 in a hybrid modality. The Youth Forum provided access to 450 young people from across 36 countries in Asia and the Pacific (120 young people attended the Youth Forum in person and over 200 engaged virtually through Zoom). As an outcome document, one Regional Youth Call to Action and 25 country specific youth call to actions were developed. Key recommendations were generated focusing on Goal 1, Goal 13, Goal 16, Goal 17 along with Goal 3 and Goal 5. The APFSD Youth Call to Action fed into the APFSD, the ECOSOC Youth Forum, and informed the advocacy at the High-Level Political Forum 2024 and Summit of the Future which took place in September. An innovation exhibition showcasing the initiatives of 17 youth changemakers was one of the main highlights of APFSD 2024. The initiatives were mainly focused on climate action, gender equality, health including SRHR and CSE, and human rights.

Before APFSD 2024, young people from Nepal, PNG, Mongolia, and Bhutan conducted National Youth Dialogues in their respective countries where they gathered young people

from across countries to discuss the progress made and gaps in the SDG implementation. As an outcome document they also developed the National Youth Call to Actions.

ASIA REGIONAL FORA 2024

The Asia Right Here Right Now Regional Fora 2024 took place in Surabaya, Indonesia from October 22-25. The four-day fora brought together Right Here Right Now (RHRN) partners from implementing countries namely Bangladesh, Indonesia and Nepal. A collaborative effort to amplify Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of young people in all their diversity, this year's regional fora jointly led by ARROW along with Rutgers, RNW Media, Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia (YGSi) achieved significant outputs in dealing with opposition and sustainability of RHRN partnership. The regional fora had a total of 50 participants.

The first day of the fora focused on dealing with opposition, navigating opposition in the context of the Asia and Pacific region, and claiming back the narrative on SRHR. The second day of the fora focused on sharing of experiences through crisis case studies from the RHRN countries (Bangladesh, Uganda, Nepal and Netherlands). The second day also delved into dealing with online hate and dis-information online, and holistic safety and security. On the third day, participants joined the field visit to one of three sites: the Youth Inclusive



ARROW and RHRN partners posing for a group photo during Asia Regional Fora, 2024 in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Alliance in Jombang district, to learn about alliance formed out of RHRN Indonesia coalition; the State Junior High School in Jombang district to learn on the CSE digitalisation and the Queer Camp by Yayasan Humanis Inovasi Sosial in Mojokerto District. The fourth and final day focused on topics on intersectionality and power and sustainability of RHRN beyond 2025, reflections and way forward.

ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL CONVENING AHEAD OF THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

In the lead-up to the Summit of the Future (SoF), which aimed at bringing together world leaders to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 2030 and deliver a new international consensus, the “Pact for the Future,” for present and future generations, ARROW and co-conveners organised the Asia-Pacific Regional Convening (APRC) Ahead of the Summit of the Future-Young People at the Forefront from August 22-24 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Recognising the importance of defining the pathways for current and future generations, including accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, ARROW and co-conveners Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center, YouthLEAD, and Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), in partnership with Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP (CYMG UNEP) organised the regional convening prior to the SoF which was scheduled for September 22 - 23.

82 young people from 21 countries across Asia and the Pacific region gathered together and engaged in a series of plenary, panel discussions and dialogue sessions on the themes of



Discussion between participants during the Asia Pacific Regional Convening Ahead of Summit of the Future, 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Sustainable Development and Financing for Development; International Peace and Security; Science, Technology, Innovation and Digital Cooperation; Transforming Global Governance; Climate Change; and Human Rights and Gender Equality in alignment with the chapters of the Pact for the Future and its annexes that would be negotiated and endorsed at the Summit of the Future in September 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The outcome of the convening was the Asia-Pacific Regional Convening ahead of the Summit of the Future: Young People at the Forefront Call to Action that puts forward the recommendations and outlines the demands of young people on the mentioned themes. The Call to Action was a key document to inform advocacy at SoF, and will be used to lobby at the Second World Summit For Social Development and Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4).

COUNTRY APFSD YOUTH ALLIANCES

Engagement with Nepal APFSD Youth Alliance (NAYA)

In 2024, alongside the Nepal APFSD Youth Alliance (NAYA) and the Bangladesh APFSD Youth Alliance (BAYA), three additional country-level APFSD Youth Alliances were formed in Bhutan, Mongolia, and PNG.

In Nepal, ahead of the APFSD, NAYA organised a national youth consultation via Zoom, attended by more than 100 youths in their diversities from around the country. The consultation aimed to generate recommendations on SDGs under review. A key achievement was the integration of the

discussions and recommendations generated through the breakout session during the national youth consultation into the Youth Call to Action for APFSD 2024. This Youth Call to Action was further used to feed in the information in Nepal's Call to Action 2024 prepared during the APFSD Youth Forum 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. NAYA members were able to present a strong opening remark regarding the need for youth participation and prioritisation at the opening session of the intergovernmental forum at APFSD 2024.

In Bangladesh, BAYA organised the global SDG youth summit 2024 with the objective of bringing young people in all their diversities together and empowering them to meaningfully contribute to sustainable development in their communities and beyond. The two-day conference was attended by government representatives along with policy makers, government employees and university teachers, over 300 youth from different backgrounds, civil society leaders, entrepreneurs, developing organisations and the private sector.

The summit was crucial to fostering discourse and making a joint effort to advance and achieve the goals of agenda 2030. It also followed up on the outcomes of the UN "Summit of the Future" held in September, where world leaders committed to a renewed partnership through the "Pact for the Future". The discussion was carried out through six key

themes namely, "Climate Action, BioDiversity Conservation & Renewable Energy", "Education, Curriculum & Socio-Economic Development in Bangladesh", "Health Wellness & Gender Equality", "Media Literacy, Empowerment & Civic Engagement", "Youth Engagement in Climate Resilience & Climate Induced Migration" and "Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Employment". The summit concluded with the youth participants formulating a 36-point Dhaka Declaration categorised under the six themes.

Additionally, the consultation of the youth alliances in Bhutan and Mongolia were conducted in these countries in 2024.

#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. In 2024, ARROW conducted the CSE4All campaign messaging at strategic global and regional advocacy spaces. The CSE4ALL campaign was mobilised during the HRC56 session, and Beijing+30 regional review.

Young people from the Asia Pacific holding the Call to Action developed during the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) Youth Forum 2024.



Aliansi Inklusi Jombang (AIJ): Indonesia's Youth-Led Advocacy Movement for SRHR and SGBV Prevention in Jombang Regency, East Java



Meeting of Alliance Inklusi Jombang to discuss the AIJ coordination mechanism and develop the AIJ movement's sustainable strategy.

Before 2021, discussions around Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Indonesia, specifically in the Jombang area in East Java, were heavily influenced by deep-rooted cultural and religious norms. As a predominantly santri (Islamic boarding school) community, Jombang's society upheld traditional values, often associating SRHR education with moral degradation and considering conversations about sexuality, reproductive health, and gender equality as taboo. As a result, comprehensive SRHR education was largely absent, leaving young people with limited knowledge and access to essential services. At the same time, cases of sexual violence, particularly within educational and religious institutions, were often silenced due to family pressure, community stigma, and a lack of survivor-centred legal mechanisms.

Local governments acknowledged the prevalence of SGBV but lacked strong policies and integrated services to address the issue comprehensively. While there were legal frameworks at the national level, enforcement at the district level was weak, and survivors faced barriers in accessing justice, medical care, and psychosocial support. Youth participation in

advocacy was also minimal, as young people had limited platforms to voice their concerns. However, resistance to change was not absolute—civil society groups, women's organisations, and progressive religious scholars began advocating for policy reforms and public awareness campaigns, paving the way for stronger multi-stakeholder collaboration.

To respond to the situation in Jombang, WCC (Women Crisis Center) Jombang, supported by the Right Here, Right Now2 (RHRN2) programme, played a pivotal role in initiating and establishing Aliansi Inklusi Jombang (AIJ) in June 2022 as a collective effort to address SRHR and SGBV. AIJ now serves as a dynamic advocacy platform that brings together 18 civil society organisations and youth communities in Jombang Regency.

As a part of the RHRN2 programme, AIJ plays a crucial role in advancing SRHR, with WCC Jombang as an initiator and key member, supported by Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia (YGSI). Since November 2023, AIJ has collaborated with the local government of Jombang to ensure that young people from diverse backgrounds can fully exercise their SRHR

in a gender-equitable society. This collaboration enabled AIJ to expand its impact, engage more stakeholders, and push for stronger policy reforms that ensure SRHR fulfillment and protection for survivors of sexual violence in Jombang.

Since its inception, AIJ has systematically built its advocacy efforts through a structured roadmap spanning 2022 - 2024. The journey began with strengthening SRHR knowledge and counselling skills, followed by expanding access to SRHR services and advocating for policy changes. In 2023, AIJ intensified youth involvement in SRHR advocacy, conducted a social audit on service accessibility, and successfully pushed for Jombang Regent Regulation No. 103/2023 on reproductive health, a landmark policy ensuring SRHR rights are recognised and protected at the district level.

By 2024, AIJ continued its momentum by engaging in policy dialogues, stakeholder meetings, and the drafting of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Protection of Women and Children Survivors of Sexual Violence. This initiative was a major step in institutionalising survivor-centred services, ensuring that survivors of GBV receive comprehensive protection and support. AIJ's efforts culminated in the establishment of a Reproductive Health Forum through Regent's Decree No. 100.3-3.2/76/415.10.1.3/2025, spearheaded by the Jombang District Health Office. The forum serves as a multi-stakeholder platform to enhance collaboration between the government, civil society, and communities in ensuring reproductive health services are inclusive and non-discriminatory.

work is deeply rooted in its collaborative and youth-driven approach. "AIJ has shown that when young people take the lead in advocacy, real change happens," said one of AIJ members from the Jombang Youth Forum, who spearheaded the establishment of Ruang Aman Anak Muda Setara (Ruma Dara) in February 2025—an initiative that provides a safe space for young people to discuss SRHR and gender equality.

Through its unwavering commitment, AIJ has proven that youth-led advocacy can drive meaningful change. Looking ahead to 2025, AIJ remains dedicated to pushing for a Regional Regulation on the Protection of Women and Children Survivors of Violence, further solidifying its role as a key actor in SRHR and SGBV prevention in Jombang.

Moving forward, AIJ aims to strengthen its sustainability through strategic planning, deeper community engagement, and continued policy advocacy towards a more inclusive and gender-equitable society.

AIJ members include Insan Genre, Jombang Children's Forum, Jombang Disabled Volunteer Class, Independent Disabled Voices, the Islamic Students Association (HMI), Sanggar Hijau Indonesia (SHI), IPNU/IPPNU (Nahdlatul Ulama Student Association), Muhammadiyah Youth Association, Media (Educational Magazine), Community-Based Service Forum, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Jombang, Indonesian Family Planning Association (PKBI) Jombang, JCC KDS Plus, Cukir Youth Health Services, Gusdurian Jombang, WCC Jombang (Women's Crisis Center), Lingkar Indonesia for Justice, and the Srikandi Pesantren Foundation.

AIJ's member organisations speaking during the meeting.





Bipana Shrestha, Programme Coordinator, YUWA Nepal, making an intervention at APFSD Intergovernmental Fora, 2024.

Bipana Shrestha, ***YUWA Youth Advocate***

Bipana Shrestha, a youth advocate from YUWA Nepal shares her advocacy journey in SRHR. Bipana's advocacy began with a desire to be able to have open conversations about SRHR and ensure that young people, especially girls and marginalised youth, could make informed decisions about their bodies. This desire turned into action when she joined the Right Here Right Now (RHRN) platform at YUWA. What started as a learning opportunity quickly transformed into a lifelong commitment to SRHR and youth-led advocacy.

As part of RHRN, Bipana was introduced to powerful conversations around bodily autonomy, comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), and access to safe abortion. She shares, "These weren't just abstract topics to me, they were lived realities for many young people in my community. Through youth-led campaigns, local dialogues, and community outreach, I found my voice, and more importantly, I helped others find theirs too."

Bipana began by participating in youth training and campaigns that aimed to break the silence around taboo topics such as menstruation, safe abortion, and sexuality education. She facilitated community sessions in schools

and public spaces, where she and her team created safe environments for young people to ask questions and share stories. She also participated in advocacy meetings for prioritising SRHR, integrating CSE into the national curriculum and establishing platforms where young people could express their SRHR needs freely.

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The other highlight of her experience was representing RHRN and YUWA at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2024 in Bangkok. She participated in three significant events: the APFSD Youth Forum (February 15 - 17), the APFSD People's Forum (February 17 - 18), and the Intergovernmental Forum (February 20 - 23) at the United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand.

In these forums, she engaged at a high level in dialogue on SDGs 1 (No Poverty), 2 (Zero Hunger), 13 (Climate Action), 16 (Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions), and 17 (Partnerships). She engaged in national-level dialogue and helped shape the National Call to Action, which subsequently had an impact on the Regional Call to Action.

At the People's Forum, Bipana presented the Regional Call to Action on behalf of the Youth Constituency. She said it was a powerful experience to represent the collective recommendations of young people across the Asia-Pacific and to stress the importance of inclusive, rights-based responses to the SDGs. Bipana worked collaboratively with Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism members (APRCM) and co-generated joint statements through multiple constituencies; women, youth, Indigenous People, aging, and civil society organisations.

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Through the Intergovernmental Forum, Bipana shared collective reports and recommendations including those for meaningful youth participation in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process and the Summit of the Future, which were presented to government officials and UN representatives.

“Perhaps the most significant moment for me was meeting with the Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs and having him greet our recommendations with enthusiasm and agree on the significance of formal mechanisms within the UN system to voice youth concerns. This experience reinforced the connection between grassroots activism and global policy. It reminded me that youth are not just stakeholders, they are changemakers, leaders, and essential partners in co-creating inclusive futures. From grassroots CSE sessions in Nepal to advocating for voices on global stages, my work has been one of development, unity, and deep commitment.”

Bipana shares, “The RHRN platform didn’t just introduce me to advocacy, it gave me the tools, networks, and confidence to lead. As I continue this work, I remain committed to ensuring that every young person regardless of gender, identity, or geography has access to accurate SRHR information, quality services, and spaces where their voices matter.”

Our Impact *in 2024*

Countries reached directly from RHRN in terms of project implementation

6

50

Participants from RHRN countries reached through Global Linking and Learning Events

Young people reached through NAYA

211

300

Young people reached through Bangladesh SDG Summit

Members from different RHRN countries strengthened through CoP on CSE

15+

450

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

Regional advocacy dialogues completed on young people's SRHR

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Forging New **Alliances**

ARROW IN 2024: GENDER EQUALITY AND ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Asia Network to End Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C), led by ARROW and Orchid Project, is a collaborative group of civil society actors working across Asia to end all forms of FGM/C. The Network engages in evidence-generation, capacity strengthening, awareness raising and advocacy on FGM/C in Asia, with the aim of lifting the silence around the practice in the region. We work collaboratively across civil society to raise awareness and develop effective strategies for ending FGM/C in Asia.

With the goal of building evidence on FGM/C in Asia to support and inform effective strategies to end FGM/C, ARROW collaborated with partners to conduct two key research studies. Firstly, in partnership with Orchid Project, ARROW developed and published a comprehensive country profile on FGM/C in Malaysia, which includes an analysis of the current socio-political situation, legal frameworks and programmes to make recommendations on how to move toward eradicating the practice in the country. The report was launched at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in March, where ARROW and Orchid Project jointly hosted a virtual parallel event convening activists and key stakeholders from Asia for an in-depth discussion on the reality of FGM/C in this region. Secondly, ARROW partnered with Sisters in Islam and the Malaysian Doctors for Women and Children, to develop a Malay-language toolkit on FGM/C. The final toolkit includes an overview of FGM/C in Malaysia, focusing on the perceptions of religion and culture as the main drivers of the practice and the rising trend of medicalised FGM/C. The toolkit also outlines national and international human rights instruments that condemn FGM/C.

Throughout the year, ARROW organised various capacity-building activities and workshops, including a workshop on FGM/C for medical practitioners in Kuala Lumpur on February 28. A total of 15 participants, comprising seven medical practitioners, one medical student, and seven civil society representatives joined in-person and virtually. The workshop included presentations by doctor-advocates from Malaysia and partners from the Asia Network to End FGM/C. Prof. Dr. Dayang Anita Abdul Aziz, a pediatric surgeon and Chair of the Health Committee of the National Council of Women's

Organisations (NCWO), shared key findings from a 2021 pilot study on the health impacts of FGM/C, which identified medical complications and psychological trauma associated with female circumcision in Malaysia. Dr. Hannah Nazri of the Malaysian Doctors for Women & Children and academic Prof Dr. Abdul Rashid Khan delivered virtual presentations on the medicalisation of FGM/C, including excerpts from the recent publication 'Unveiling the Harms of Female Circumcision in Malaysia: A Professional Leaflet'.

The Asia Network to End Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) is a group of civil society actors working collectively across Asia, engaging in evidence-generation, capacity strengthening, awareness raising and advocacy on FGM/C, with the aim of lifting the silence around the practice in the region, and developing effective strategies for ending FGM/C in Asia.

In order to promote knowledge exchange, we invited youth activist Saza Faradilla of End FGC Singapore and veteran Indonesian activist Atashendartini Habsjah to deliver virtual interventions on the rising trend of medicalised FGM/C in their respective countries. Meanwhile, Muhammad Afiq Mohamad Noor, Head of Legal and International Treaties at the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) facilitated a session on the legal and theological arguments related to FGM/C.

Through the various discussions and insights gleaned, workshop participants affirmed that there is a need for ongoing research, advocacy, and community engagement through multi-sectoral collaboration involving not just health professionals, but also policymakers, community/religious leaders, and civil society.

To maintain momentum and further the message of the need to end FGM/C, ARROW and the Asia Network participated in global, regional and national level advocacy efforts. At the global level on March 13, ARROW and Orchid Project, as co-convenors of the Asia Network to End FGM/C, organised a virtual parallel event titled 'FGM/C in Asia: Evidence and

Funding'. The event highlighted the lack of evidence and data to inform FGM/C advocacy and programming, and the crucial need for resources to support this work. The panelists included Anne-Marie Morin of Orchid Project, Dr. Hannah Nazri, Dr. Nur Rofiah of Kongres Ulama Perempuan Indonesia (Indonesian Women Ulama Congress) and Susan Gibbs of Wallace Global Fund.

At the regional level, ARROW supported the participation of an Asia Network to End FGM/C member and youth activist from Myanmar, Phyu Nwe Win (Phyulay), to attend APFSD Youth Forum 2024 from February 15-17 in Bangkok, Thailand. On Day 1 of the Youth Forum, Phyulay was one of the youth speakers for the session on Progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, justice, and strong institutions), Goal 17 (Partnership for the Goals) and Goal 5 (Gender equality and SRHR) in Asia and the Pacific with Young People at the Forefront of Sustainable Development. In her presentation, she spoke about the issues faced by young people in war-torn areas like Myanmar and highlighted SRHR and GBV, including FGMC.

ARROW also represented the Asia Network as a panelist at the 'Regional Partners Roundtable to End Female Genital Mutilations/Cutting (FGM/C) In Southeast Asia' in Bangkok on October 10-11 which was co-organised by UNFPA and UNICEF. The session delved into the importance of breaking the silence on FGM in Southeast Asia, global and regional trends on FGM/C and the role of internationally agreed frameworks in relation to FGM/C. A regional accountability framework was introduced to monitor regional data and progress on FGM/C.



ARROW and the Asia Network as a panelist at the 'Regional Partners Roundtable to End Female Genital Mutilations/Cutting (FGM/C) In Southeast Asia' in Bangkok, organised by UNFPA-Unicef.

Additionally, ARROW and the Asia Network participated in the 15th Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) International Conference, where we were able to leverage the attendance of several network member organisations to ensure visibility and dissemination of important Network publications on FGM/C in Asia. We sponsored an exhibition booth to enable the promotion of the Network's research and other publications as well as using it as a point to disseminate information about the Network and seek new members and partnerships as part of the Network's objective of movement building and fostering partnerships for collective advocacy. Additionally, we supported the participation of 10 members in the virtual sessions of the Conference.

Asia Network at the 15th AWID International Conference, Bangkok, Thailand.



The climate action work of ARROW in 2024 is a combined effort among its partners and allies across the Asia-Pacific region. From local to regional to global levels, **ARROW walks together with women leaders across all intersectionalities and identities, building movements to raise voices and power in climate spaces.**

On a national level, ARROW supported Network members from four partner countries to carry out national level advocacy, including India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore. Activities included data collection on FGM/C in the Bohra Community in India and engagement sessions with religious leaders and community members in the Philippines, which culminated in the development of Friday religious sermons that spoke against the practice of FGM/C.

Singapore's advocacy efforts were bolstered by the translation of information booklets into local languages and by facilitating the participation of activists at the AWID forum in Bangkok, Thailand. Indonesian network members developed a national advocacy roadmap in order to strengthen advocacy works to end FGM/C in Indonesia, in addition to a collaborating on the Joint Campaign 'UNiTE' with UNFPA Indonesia to commemorate 16 days of activism.

ARROW IN 2024: RAISING WOMEN'S VOICES AND POWER IN CLIMATE SPACES

The climate action work of ARROW in 2024 is a combined effort among its partners and allies across the Asia-Pacific region. From local to regional to global levels, ARROW walks together with women leaders across all intersectionalities and identities, building movements to raise voices and power in climate spaces.

Key highlights from 2024 include the Two-Day Regional Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Gender Equality and Climate Action in Asia-Pacific on Oct 17-18 in Bangkok, Thailand.



Participants launching the Regional Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Gender Equality and Climate Action Call to Action 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand.

The dialogue brought together over 80 participants for discussions related to climate and gender in the region. Through this in-person regional dialogue, ARROW, UNFPA, UNEP, and UN Women aimed to bridge existing silos by bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders.

These included national decision-makers and policymakers, gender and climate experts from the region, civil society organisations (CSOs) working on the nexus between gender equality and climate change, national-level implementers, relevant UN agencies, experts on gender, GBV, and SRHR issues, as well as community leaders, including Indigenous People and women and girls with disabilities, at both grassroots and national levels. A call to action was formulated over the two days, which was presented in a UNFPA Azerbaijan-organised panel discussion at COP29.

From regional to global spaces at COP29, ARROW actively engaged as a co-convener of the SRHR Climate Justice Coalition, a member of the Gender and Environment Data Alliance (GEDA), and a part of the Women and Gender Constituency. The ARROW delegation included partners and young people who contributed to various sessions and panels. ARROW also collaborated with the Indian Youth Climate Network to host an exhibition booth at COP29. The booth served as a vibrant networking hub, attracting government officials, civil society representatives, negotiators, and young people throughout the event.

Highlights of ARROW's engagement at COP29 include the COP29 Brief launch event, together with the Gender HUB Azerbaijan and COP29 NGO Coalition. The global brief,



co-written by the ARROW team and four young people from the Asia-Pacific, addressed climate change and its impact on SRHR and young people in the region.

High-level guests and speakers included Mariam A. Khan, Resident Representative for Turkey and Country Director for Azerbaijan and Georgia, UNFPA, who set the tone and context for climate change and its impact on SRHR.

Another side event was co-organised by ARROW along with the SRHR Climate Justice Coalition, the Danish Family Planning Association, the Women's Environment and Development Organization, Women Deliver, and Out for Sustainability. It outlined various intersections of gender, climate, and health issues from across the world, including recorded interventions from two UN Special Rapporteurs.

The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, Professor Surya Deva, and the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change, Professor Elisa Morgera, gave remarks to start the panel, which included an analysis of negotiations on the Lima Work Programme and the Global Adaptation Goals.



Top: Participants at the Regional Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Gender Equality and Climate Action in Asia-Pacific 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand. **Bottom:** ARROW and Partners at the launch of the Global Brief on Climate and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

In 2024, ARROW continued to facilitate movements and integrate its analysis on the link between SRHR and climate. Looking ahead to 2025, ARROW marches forward with the aim of elevating the discourse and advocacy from climate spaces to frontline communities.



Saza Faradilla, National Coordinator, Singapore for the Asia Network to End FGM/C

2024 marked a historic milestone for End FGC Singapore (EFS) as we took our fight to the international stage. For the first time, we engaged in global lobbying by submitting a shadow report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Our report exposed the hidden reality of FGC in Singapore and presented urgent recommendations: data collection, awareness campaigns, and concrete legal and policy reforms to eradicate FGC.

This effort forced a groundbreaking shift—Singapore’s government publicly acknowledged the existence of FGC in the country for the first time, along with the policy steps they were taking in response. The Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) also revised its stance, moving from declaring FGC compulsory in Islam to acknowledging a diversity of religious jurisprudence. Crucially, MUIS now emphasises that parents must not harm their children. While this falls short of outright discouraging FGC, it is a significant shift. MUIS has begun sensitising senior religious scholars to this stance, with plans to extend this to junior scholars and eventually the public. While change is incremental, we remain optimistic.

End FGC Singapore

Saza Faradilla, National Coordinator, Singapore for the Asia Network to End FGM/C



End FGM/C Singapore Meeting

On the ground, EFS intensified its awareness-raising efforts. With ARROW’s support, we distributed over 500 booklets in English and Malay at Ramadan Bazaars, directly engaging Muslim parents and grandparents to challenge cultural norms around FGC. We also hosted a powerful panel discussion featuring a survivor, a parent, and a religious scholar, sparking critical conversations about the socio-cultural and religious dimensions of FGC.

Beyond Singapore, we amplified our message globally. At key international platforms—including the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID) Forum 2024, the 69th Commission on the Status of Women, ASEAN Queer Leadership Week, Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and the Asia Network to End FGM/C Strategic Meeting—we shed light on the scale of FGC in Asia. Through panels and exhibition booths, we championed the need for survivor-led, context-sensitive advocacy strategies.

None of this would have been possible without ARROW’s unwavering support. As a fledgling grassroots organisation taking on the mammoth task of ending FGC, we deeply appreciate the funding, guidance, and solidarity that ARROW has provided. We look forward to continuing this vital partnership as we push for lasting change.

Malaysian Doctors for Women & Children (MDWC)

ARROW has been instrumental in supporting a range of initiatives aimed at addressing Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

The year 2024 began with a significant milestone – the launch of a leaflet on the harms of FGM/C for healthcare professionals on January 1, an initiative supported by ARROW. In March, Dr Hannah Nazri participated as a panellist for the Asia Network to End FGM/C Parallel Event at the United Nations #CSW68. This was followed by a training session on April 10, where Dr Diyanah Rafiq represented the Malaysian Doctors for Women & Children (MDWC) and spoke alongside Sean Callaghan of Orchid Project and Dr Victoria Kinkaid of FGM Education, equipping frontline workers with essential knowledge on FGM/C, facilitated by Orchid Project and Practice Index.

On August 17, MDWC organised a webinar to explore the intersections between FGM/C and female genital cosmetic surgery, continuing efforts to expand the dialogue on this critical issue. In October, ARROW supported the participation of MDWC at the 2024 UNFPA-UNICEF Regional Partners Roundtable to End FGM/C in Southeast Asia in Bangkok, where Dr Nazri presented the organisation's advocacy efforts in Malaysia, and MDWC member, Dr Ashvinderjit Kaur, attended the meeting in person.

On November 15, a Focus Group Discussion on Female Circumcision was organised in collaboration with Monsters Among Us. This initiative aimed to develop an effective and culturally sensitive patient information leaflet, with ARROW supporting the project through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, while Architect of Diversity provided the venue. Shortly thereafter, on November 19-20, Dr Nazri attended the inaugural annual meeting of the IPPF Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of FGM/C Experts Committee in Nouakchott, Mauritania. The year concluded with a panel discussion on December 19, where Dr Nazri and Dr Rafiq addressed "FGM/C in India," an event organised by the Society of Indian Medical Students of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Equality Now.



Malaysian Doctors for Women & Children at the FGM/C meeting with Dr Hannah Nazri, Director of Malaysian Doctors for Women & Children

The momentum continued into 2025, with the launch of a patient information leaflet on FGM/C on January 14 as a result of the Focus Group Discussion in November 2024. On February 6, Dr Nazri was invited to speak at the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation event, hosted by the Home Office in London and organised by Barnardo's National FGM Centre. She also attended the ACERS project event on the same day, a project by Imperial College London focusing on research advocacy in reconstruction surgery and psychosexual therapy. Later in February, she served as a guest lecturer at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, for an MSc module on FGM/C advocacy and research. In March, Dr Nazri delivered a lecture at Warwick Medical School's Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society.

Several upcoming engagements further highlight the commitment to addressing FGM/C. On March 29, Dr Nazri conducted a workshop on FGM/C for Students for Global Health at the University of Warwick conference. This will be followed by a webinar on medicalisation of FGM/C organised by the Asia Network to End FGM/C, ARROW, Equality Now and the Orchid Project on April 4 and a guest lecture for Médecins Sans Frontières' Global Health and Humanitarian Medicine Course on April 5. In May, Dr Nazri will moderate the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society Malaysia Webinar Series in Kuala Lumpur, discussing the medicalisation of FGM/C from UK, Egyptian, and Malaysian perspectives. On June 23, she will serve as a panellist for the Global Health stream discussion at

the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (RCOG) World Congress in London, advocating for stronger alliances to end FGM/C. Alongside these events, an ongoing project seeks to update national FGM/C guidance for midwives and healthcare professionals, in collaboration with the Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association, an IPPF member association.

Dr Nazri is deeply involved in FGM/C advocacy and policy change. She is a member of the RCOG Global Health Trainees' Committee, where she has been pivotal in developing FGM/C training and a trainer's course for doctors. Additionally, she serves on the IPPF Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of FGM/C Experts Committee, reinforcing her commitment to global advocacy and policy change.

As the Director of MDWC, she leads the organisation in championing FGM/C awareness and advocacy efforts in Malaysia. The organisation plays a key role in influencing policy and education on FGM/C, working collaboratively with ARROW and other stakeholders to address this pressing issue.

Through these activities, ARROW has provided vital support in raising awareness, shaping policy, and fostering collaborations that contribute to the global effort to eliminate FGM/C.

Badabon Sangho, Bangladesh



District level meeting on Climate Change and SRHR by Badabon Sangho, Bangladesh.

ARROW's climate and SRHR work in Bangladesh is being carried out through its partnership with Badabon Sangho, a women's rights and women-led group working for lower-caste, Dalit, single mothers, separated women, widows, divorcees, religious minorities, and girls. It is a non-profit and non-political organisation governed by group members and a federation. Capacity strengthening and policy advocacy are at the core of the partnership. However, due to the unstable political situation in Bangladesh in 2024, the capacity workshop was held online. The online session on climate change and SRHR issues was co-designed with Badabon Sangho and ARROW, and

ARROW team members facilitated the sharing of effective communication materials. A total of 12 team members participated in the online workshops and engaged in rich learning experiences.

Meanwhile, several policy advocacy activities were implemented during the year, such as:

- District-Level Dialogue on Advocacy: A district-level dialogue took place following the 16 Days of Activism and International Human Rights Day on December 10, with 45 participants. The district officers of different departments listened and made promises to reduce GBV and improve the services of the health clinics for women and girls affected by climate change.
- Meeting with the Fisheries Department: The dialogue which started as an advocacy for climate change and its effect on women and girls is continuing. We recently had a meeting with the Honorable Advisor of the Fisheries Department of the Bangladesh government to discuss the challenges faced by fisherfolk women who are affected most by climate change.

The women from the coastal belt area themselves participated in the meeting, expressed their feelings, and shared experiences with recommendations. The ministry has taken the issues seriously and asked for a follow-up meeting to receive the updates.

ASIAN-PACIFIC RESOURCE AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP



Governance and Financial Management

ORGANISATIONAL REFLECTION AND PLANNING

ARROW began the year with its Annual Planning Meeting in January 2024, where the team came together to develop the organisation's work plan for the year. This session set the work plan for programmatic priorities, strategic alignment, and collaboration across teams for 2024.

Midway through the year, a Mid-Year Planning Meeting was held from June 20 - 21 at the ARROW office, with full participation from both in-office and remote staff. The session served as a key moment to reflect on progress and recalibrate plans for the second half of the year.

Using the PMEL (Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning) framework, the team assessed achievements made between January and May. This reflective exercise helped identify areas of success, as well as opportunities for deeper inter-domain collaboration and improved alignment across programmes and operations.

The team then updated and presented the work plan for June to December, outlining support needs and priority areas. A key highlight of the session was an open mic discussion, which created space for staff to voice insights, concerns, and suggestions on both programmatic and organisational matters.

The inclusive and participatory format of the session served as a meaningful onboarding experience for new team members, giving them a broad understanding of ARROW's work and strengthening cohesion across the organisation.

To close the year, an end-of-year evaluation was conducted to assess overall achievements and outcomes for 2024. Guided again by the PMEL framework, this final review provided important insights into ARROW's progress, impact, and strategic alignment with its goals.

STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE AND HR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Employer of Record (EOR) Implementation

In 2024, ARROW initiated the Employer of Record (EOR) model as part of its commitment to strengthening operational compliance and support systems for remote staff based outside Malaysia. The EOR arrangement enables ARROW to manage payroll, taxes, benefits, and local statutory compliance through third-party providers in countries where ARROW does not have legal registration.

A comprehensive process was undertaken throughout the year, including consultations with EOR providers and remote staff in Nepal, India, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. This approach ensured that the selected providers aligned with both organisational values and staff needs.

The first phase of implementation was successfully completed in Q3 2024, with EOR services activated for staff in Nepal through Sanchaya Services. Since August, payroll and statutory obligations for the Nepali team have been managed through this platform.

Building on this progress, ARROW advanced into Phase 2 in Q4 2024, engaging Skuad as the EOR provider for remote staff in India, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Onboarding of staff in these countries began in the final quarter, with full implementation expected to be completed in early 2025.

This phased EOR rollout marks an important step in ARROW's efforts to enhance compliance, streamline HR operations, and ensure equitable support structures for all team members, regardless of location.

STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

In 2024, the organisation strategically prioritised capacity building to respond to evolving statutory requirements introduced by the government—particularly in the areas of employer tax obligations and the national e-invoicing rollout. These changes marked significant shifts in compliance expectations, prompting the need for targeted upskilling and administrative readiness.

To support this, several focused training initiatives were implemented:

- Employer's Tax Obligations: Adapting Your Administrative Practices for Compliance**
 This course strengthened our understanding of employer responsibilities in relation to tax reporting and statutory deductions, equipping the team with practical strategies for full compliance and minimising risk.
- E-invoicing Made Easy: Your Roadmap to a Smooth Transition**
 In preparation for the government's phased implementation of mandatory e-invoicing, this hands-on training offered critical guidance for adapting internal financial systems and ensuring alignment with Malaysian government requirements.

Through these targeted initiatives, the team is now better equipped to navigate regulatory changes, reinforce internal controls, and contribute to a culture of sound governance and accountability.

ARROW staff also participated in development programmes to enhance broader functional and leadership capabilities:

- INSEAD Financial Analysis for Non-Financial Managers**
 This globally recognised course enhanced financial acumen among non-finance staff, enabling more informed cross-functional decision-making and fostering a deeper understanding of organisational sustainability.
- Certified Human Resource Training**
 Focused on strengthening HR capacity, this training sharpened skills in people management, regulatory compliance, and best practices aligned with Malaysia's evolving HR landscape.
- PHSEA Training**
 Part of our continued commitment to ethical conduct and safeguarding, this training deepened staff capacity in protection principles, safety standards, and accountability in both field and office-based operations.

These learning efforts reflect our organisation's commitment to continuous improvement, regulatory preparedness, and professional excellence.



Board of Directors' Meeting.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2024, ARROW continued to benefit from the experienced leadership and strategic insight of its Board of Directors. In line with the decision made at the Board of Directors' Meeting in November 2023, the Board renewed the terms of two of its members:

- Indira Ganesh, based in the UK, will serve a second term from August 2023 to 2026.
- Tham Hui Ying, based in Malaysia, begins her second term from March 2024 to 2027.

Throughout the year, the Board remained actively engaged in guiding the organisation's strategic direction. Two Board meetings were held in 2024, and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was successfully conducted, providing a space for strategic reflection, accountability, and alignment with ARROW's long-term goals.

Their continued presence ensures continuity, stability, and shared values in governance as ARROW deepens its commitment to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the region.

PROGRAMME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 2024, ARROW welcomed three new members to its Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) for the 2024 - 2027 term. These individuals bring deep expertise, regional diversity, and a strong commitment to advancing gender justice, SRHR, and human rights.

TELESIA OFA' KOBITI, Fiji. Telesia currently serves as a Programme Officer at the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF), where she leads initiatives focused on accessibility, while also contributing to work on social protection and support services. With over five years at PDF and prior experience as a Research Officer, she brings a grounded understanding of intersectional disability rights. Her academic qualifications include a Master of Arts and Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy and International Affairs, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Social Work from the University of the South Pacific. She also studied social and cultural anthropology at the University of Göttingen, Germany. Telesia is an active advocate for disability rights in the Pacific and is deeply committed to shifting the narrative around persons with disabilities across the region.

IVY JOSIAH, Malaysia. A prominent women's rights advocate and gender consultant, Ivy brings decades of experience in women's human rights, policy reform, and movement-building. She currently serves as a Non-Executive Director of the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA), Australia, and sits on the Programme & Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development (APWLD), Thailand. In 2024, she was appointed Co-Chair of the Urgent Action Fund, Asia and Pacific. Ivy is also an active member of Five Arts Centre, where she has contributed as a Producer to several cultural and advocacy projects. As the former Executive Director of Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), Malaysia, she spent over 20 years shaping the country's shelter services and advocacy strategy, playing a pivotal role in advancing protections for survivors of domestic violence.

SHIREEN JEJEBHOY, India. A leading demographer and social scientist, Shireen is currently Visiting Distinguished Faculty at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, and Founder-Director of the Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing. She also serves as President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, based in Paris. Shireen's distinguished career has included senior roles at the Population Council (India) and the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva. Her research spans adolescent and youth development, SRHR, gender-based violence, and the empowerment of women and girls. She notably led India's first sub-national survey on youth and has made sustained contributions to the field of population and reproductive health.

OPERATIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

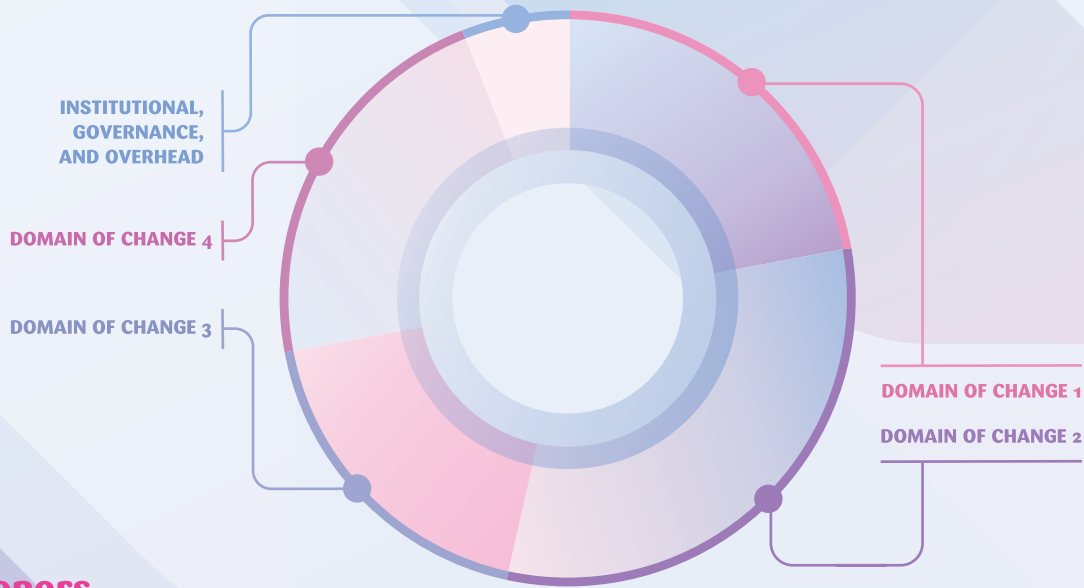
In 2024, ARROW received grants from various donors amounting to USD3,198,253. The total operational fund is made up of USD 2,757,840 received during the year; USD 106,671 which was brought forward from 2023, and USD 333,742 receivable in 2024. 2024's operational fund was about 0.2% lower than in 2023 (USD2,726,783) due to the end of the physical programme implementation.

The exchange rates used for this report were as follows:

Year 2023 – USD 1 = MYR 4.50

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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 | 630,647.34 | 22% | 38,401.89 | 592,245.45 |
| Domain of Change 2: Civic Space and Advocacy | 895,227.65 | 31% | 742,576.19 | 152,651.45 |
| Domain of Change 3: Community Mobilisation | 530,349.90 | 19% | 95,743.16 | 434,600.74 |
| Domain of Change 4: Movements and Alliances | 623,203.44 | 22% | 197,009.53 | 426,193.91 |
| Institutional, Governance, and Overhead | 171,637.68 | 6% | 82,915.97 | 88,721.71 |
| TOTAL OPERATIONAL COST | 2,851,060.01 | 100% | 1,156,646.74 | 1,694,413.26 |
| @RM4.47 : USD1.00 | | | 41% | 59% |

Source: ARROW Audit 2024

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Acronyms

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------|--|
| AAI | ARROW Advocacy Institute | | |
| AC BA SRHR | Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights | | |
| AFC | ARROW For Change | | |
| APCRSHR | Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights | | |
| APFSD | Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development | | |
| APPC | Asia and Pacific Population Conference | | |
| APRC | Asia Pacific Regional Convening | | |
| APFSD | Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development | | |
| APRCEM | Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism | | |
| APWAPS | Asia Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security | | |
| APWW | Asia Pacific Women Watch | | |
| ARROW | Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre For Women | | |
| ARWC | Asian Rural Women's Coalition | | |
| ASB | Aliansi Sumut Bersatu | | |
| AWID | Association for Women's Rights in Development | | |
| BAPSA | Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh | | |
| BBC | Beyond Beijing Committee | | |
| BoD | Board of Directors | | |
| BYAN | Blind Youth Association Nepal | | |
| 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 | | |
| ECOSOC | Economic and Social Council of the United Nations | | |
| EM2030 | Equal Measures 2030 | | |
| FfD4 | Fourth Financing for Development Conference | | |
| FGM/C | Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting | | |
| FJSI | Foundation for a Just Society International | | |
| FPV | Feminists For A People's Vaccine | | |
| FWRM | Fiji Women's Rights Movement | | |
| FRHAM | Federation of Reproductive Health Associations of Malaysia | | |
| GBV | Gender-Based Violence | | |
| GEDA | Gender and Environment Data Alliance | | |
| GEF | Gender Equality Forum | | |
| GEI | Gender Equality Initiative | | |
| GNRtFN | Global Network on the Right to Food and Nutrition | | |
| GNWP | Global Network of Women Peacebuilders | | |
| GSAD | Global Safe Abortion Dialogue | | |
| 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 | | |
| ISRRRC | International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition | | |
| JAG | Joint Action Group for Gender Equality | | |
| JFS | Justice For Sisters | | |
| KND | National Commission of Disabilities | | |
| 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 | | |
| NYCA | Nepalese Youth for Climate Action | | |
| PAC | Programme Advisory Committee | | |
| PCP | Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding | | |
| PEPFAR | U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. | | |
| ReHAK | Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan | | |
| RFSU | The Swedish Association for Sexuality Education | | |
| RHAC | Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia | | |
| RHSTEP | Reproductive Health Services, Training and Education Program | | |
| RHRN | Right Here Right Now | | |
| RRAAAM | Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia | | |
| RUWSEC | Rural Women's Social Education Centre | | |
| SAIGE | Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative- A Global South Engagement | | |
| SAHAJ | Society for Health Alternatives | | |
| SDG | Sustainable Development Goal | | |
| | | SoTF | Summit of The Future |
| | | SRHR | Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights |
| | | TICAH | Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health |
| | | TYPF | The Youth Partnership Foundation |
| | | UHC | Universal Health Coverage |
| | | US | United States |
| | | UN | United Nations |
| | | UNCSC | United Nations Civil Society Conference |
| | | UNESCAP | United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific |
| | | UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| | | UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| | | UNGA | United Nations General Assembly |
| | | UPR | Universal Periodic Review |
| | | UPI | Indonesia Education University |
| | | VAW | Violence Against Women |
| | | VNR | Voluntary National Review |
| | | WD | Women Deliver |
| | | WDDF | Women with Disabilities Development Foundation |
| | | WEDO | Women's Environment and Development Organization |
| | | WEP | Women Environmental Programme |
| | | WGC | Women and Gender Constituency |
| | | WGNRR | Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights |
| | | WGWD | Women And Girls With Disabilities |
| | | WHO | World Health Organization |
| | | WMG | Women's Major Group |
| | | WOREC | Women's Rehabilitation Centre |
| | | WOSSO | Women of the South Speak Out |
| | | YANAA | Young Activist Network for Abortion Advocacy |
| | | YANSL | Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka |
| | | YARD | Youth Alliance for Development |
| | | YGSI | Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia |
| | | YIFOS | Indonesian is Youth Interfaith Forum on Sexuality |
| | | YKP | Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan |





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