

CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION TEAM AP REPORT FOR APR-JUN 2009

INTRODUCTION

(Background Information, Regional Context)

The GFTAM plays an especially important role in the developing countries of the (AP) Asia Pacific's responses to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria. Both GFTAM and UNAIDS promote Civil Society (CS) involvement in their activities yet how that translates into action in-country is dependent on a select few and the results often leave representatives of CS especially those from Key Affected Populations (KAPS) less than satisfied. This is complicated by the AP's diversity and the fact that many CS representatives especially those from KAPS are not clear what exactly their role in the AIDS response is and the possibilities that the GFATM has to offer CS.

CSAT AP sees its role within the framework of international, regional and national responses as promoting and facilitating partnership at every level of the AIDS response. The first Quarter of CSAT Year 02 saw CSAT AP lose some momentum from Year 01 due to the delayed funding and signing of the MOU with International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO). As a result, the proposed focus on AP's KAPS was delayed but CSAT AP was able to sustain work begun in Year 01 and expand coverage to Fiji. China (RCC), Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, and Fiji submitted proposals with CSS components to GFATM for consideration. In addition, Indonesia negotiated, signed agreements for and received the first trench of funding for their R8 submission in record time.

CSAT AP continued to nurture and develop ties to UNAIDS Geneva and the GFATM's Asia, CS and Private Sector Partnerships and CCM offices. CSAT AP co-hosted a global meeting on CSS with UNAIDS Geneva and the GFATM's CS/PS Partnerships in Bangkok that was attended by over 40 people.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

- Diversify Funding
- Expand coverage of AP Region
- Focus on CSS for R9-10
- Focus on KAPS (PUD,MSM, SW,PLHIV)
- Strengthen KAPS Networks

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Continued work in Indonesia,
- Promoted CS involvement in GFATM activities through advocacy efforts with GFATM, UNAIDS and others
- Negotiated financial support for Indonesia's selection of SRs and SSRs for their signed Round 8 Proposal along with Malaysia's newly established CCM,
- Facilitated workshop training and brokered technical assistance to Fiji CCM
- Advocated with Civil G8 for G8 funding of GFATM shortfall R8-10

- Influenced GFATM proposals for Round 9 by brokering technical assistance that developed accepted Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) components for R9 proposals for Indonesia, India, China (RCC), Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia. And Fiji.
- Facilitated support for CS and KAPS in Myanmar/Burma
- Planning activities for KAPS, GFATM and UNAIDS on CSS at ICAAP

PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS BY ACTIVITIES

INDONESIA

Goal and objectives

- To disseminate broader information on Global Fund AIDS funding in Indonesia.
- To facilitate PLHIV network to be able to involve in Global Fund Round 9 serve as Sub Recipient.
- To improve CCM function in GIPA implementation.

Key activities

- Build framework to facilitate possibility JOTHI's as PLHIV Network as well as GWL – Ina (MSM and Transgender network) and OPSI (Indonesia Sex Worker Organization) and IPPI (Indonesian Positive Women Association) position to have voices in CCM decision.
- Round 9 country peer review process.
- Need assessment for CSO's PR round 8 grant implementation.
- CCM CSO consultation meeting on PR nomination.
- JOTHI and UNAIDS secretariat Indonesia meeting to provide technical support through TSF.
- Documentation plan for CSAT in Indonesia.

Upcoming

- CSAT Showcase at ICAAP 9.

Progress towards results by activities

1. Networking and needs assessment

Outputs:

Four (4) National networks having a discussion on CCM decision in PR nomination and calculating possible impact on AIDS response in near future for Round 9 engagement in Indonesia. Round 8 going to be implemented and PLHIV networks and key affected population networks invite to join the process actively. KPAN expand the information on round 8 through 'road show' inviting 4 National networks.

Outcomes: Many CBO and CSO starting to aware and have discussion on Global Fund including plan to have an independent monitoring mechanism. PLHIV and key affected population National network agreed to recall 4 of their representative in CCM to have better representation in influencing CCM decision. UNDP and CCM advisor establish a formal meeting inviting head of CCM Indonesia to facilitate discussion to enhance key affected population participation in making decision as well as increase capacity building activities for these key groups.

Box 1: Progress achieved against identified targets and output indicators for Output 1

| Targets for output 1 | Status | Achievement |
|---|--|--|
| Global in Bahasa upload to JOTHI's website | April 2009 | FULLY ACHIEVED |
| PLHIV and key communities partnership increase | Lobby and negotiation developing alliances between key stakeholder | FULLY ACHIEVED |
| PLHIV and key communities role and profiles improve in CCM | A Strategic Review of PLHIV and key communities representation in CCM done in April - May 2009 | FULLY ACHIEVED |
| TWG framework for key communities in Global Fund grant implementation | UNDP and CCM advisor facilitate a meeting on PLHIV and key communities issues | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED need to be finished |
| PLHIV and key communities recall their representative in CCM | 1st National consultation designed and approved in June 2009 | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED need to be finished |

2. Brokering technical support to civil society organizations

Outputs:

1. JOTHI's meeting with UNAIDS secretariat established in May 2009.
2. KPAN and JOTHI, GWL-INA and OPSI established a meeting and agreed to have more partnership in Round 9 implementation.
3. JOTHI's person serving Technical Working Group (TWG) for round 9 proposal development.

Outcomes: UNAIDS Country Coordinator promises JOTHI that they will meet TSF new director to discuss on JOTHI and other National network needs on technical support in Global Fund round 8 grant implementation. NAC (KPAN) will provide technical support for key affected population involvement for Round 9 grant implementation. JOTHI, GWL-INA and OPSI agreed to have stronger and effective partnership for Global Fund engagement in Indonesia.

Box 2: Progress achieved against identified targets and output indicators for Output 2

| Targets for output 1 | Status | Achievement |
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| Brokering technical support from TSF in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | TSF agreed to support technical assistance in Indonesia related to Global Fund but UNAIDS Country Coordinator need to approve it at country level | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED need more coordination and follow up |
| JOTHI and UNAIDS meeting for Technical support | Lobby and negotiation develop plan for Technical Support | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED need more coordination and follow up |
| Key communities meeting with government (KPAN) | JOTHI, GWL-INA, OPSI and KPAN agreed to enhance key communities participation for Global Fund grant implementation | FULLY ACHIEVED |
| CSAT Indo advocated for Increased JOTHI's role in providing Technical Assistance for TWG | JOTHI provide resource for GFATM round 9 AIDS component proposal development | FULLY ACHIEVED |

3. Advocacy for CSO's involvement in GF grant implementation and for access to technical support

Outputs:

Partnership increase between JOTHI, GWL – Ina and OPSI to study and learn more on Global Fund grant implementation and CCM decision making of PR's. These initiatives push CCM to have a civil society consultation on Monday 25 May 2009 where PLHIV and 2 key affected population National networks raise their concern in CCM decision on one of their PR nominated. Where participants find that most CSO representative in current CCM structure is disfunction. JOTHI's proposal submitted to serve as SR in Round 9 in 21 Provinces in Indonesia to the CCM. JOTHI's entity at Provincial level invited as sub sub recipient in 12 provinces Round 8 grant implementation.

Outcomes:

Partnership between JOTHI, GWL – Ina and OPSI as civil society organization with PLHIV and key affected population based members increase and acknowledge by CCM and KPAN.

Box 3: Progress achieved against identified targets and output indicators for Output 3

| Targets for output 1 | Status | Achievement |
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| Meeting with CSO PR | JOTHI and PKBI in April 2009 | FULLY ACHIEVED |

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| JOTHI's proposal serve as SR | May 2009 | FULLY ACHIEVED |
| CCM CSO consultation meeting in PR nomination | Advocacy meeting create clear position of PLHIV representative in CCM in May 2009 | FULLY ACHIEVED |
| JOTHI serving as SSR in 12 Provinces | June 2009 | PARTIALLY ACHIEVED need close and intensive assistance |

New Partnerships Assessment (success of the intervention, analysis)

- Improvement regarding participation in National and International coordination processes (TSF, UNDP, UNAIDS, CCM, NAC, GWL-INA, OPSI and IPPJ).
- Improvement of financing processes (more funding to key communities to work with their peers).
- New tools of GIPA implementation for CCM GFATM Indonesia produced in Bahasa and will be further discussed to ensure its engagement.
- CSAT documentation workshop.
- CSAT showcase at ICAAP 9.

FIIJ: COMMUNITY SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING (CSS)

Activities/Tasks and Schedule

Networking and Needs Assessment Apr – May 2009

- Consultation on CSS; as this was not done in Round 8 to identify capacity needs

Brokering Technical support for CS Organizations

- Developed CSS activities for Fiji's Round 9 Proposal Development Process
- Presentation on CSAT and other regional bodies that can provide support on CSS.
- Formulization of the CSS working group in the CCM to develop a CSS strategy and the Prevention component; facilitated development of TOR and provide input on the CCM composition.
- CSAT CSS Specialist worked with National and International Consultants to assist in the development of Fiji's R9 submission

Outputs:

- Needs Assessment conducted
- Development of a PR, SR and SSR criteria to allow for CS organizations to have a chance at being PR; even with limited capacity- intention is to build capacity

Outcomes:

- Process to identify PRs, SRs, and SSRs established
- Building long term capacity for PRs, SRs and SSRs
- CCM Working Group on CSS established
- Managed to get the CCM to allocate a large percentage of activities towards CSS.
- Strategy for CSS; once the SRs have been selected.
- Fiji R9 submission to GFATM received

UPDATE ON CSS WORKSHOP HELD OCT 2008

The Coalition of Asia Pacific Regional Networks on HIV/AIDS (7 Sisters) (regional host of CSAT in Asia Pacific), CSAT AP, Asia Pacific Network of PLHIV (APN+) and the team for Community Follow-up to the Commission on AIDS in Asia's (CCAA) report - will focus on developing CSS components for Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, China, and India. A Consultation of CS representatives on the CCMs of the selected countries was convened in October 2008 to not only identify issues and assess needs but to develop a strategy for these CS representatives to return to their respective CCMs and advocate for inclusion of a CSS component into their Round 9 proposals which will be due on 1 June 2009. CSAT will coordinate efforts with CCAA, APN+ and Health Development Networks' (HDN) to support the CS representatives from the consultation influence their CCMs to include a CSS component in their proposals for R9 or R10. CCAA developed and submitted a proposal o TSF SEAP for 1 Regional Consultant and 6 local Consultants to work In-Country with the CS representative to develop these CSS components which has been accepted, funded and the regional consultant identified and secured.

Overall: Support, coordinate, maintain communication and periodic review overall project with CSAT AP and partners brokering and or providing technical support for local consultants in China (RCC), Malaysia, India, Vietnam and Cambodia:

The project's main purpose was to endorse CSS component inclusion in the country's GF R9 proposals & to provide the technical assistance in doing it. The idea of doing that is by having a regional workshop inviting the CS representatives in the CCM which was followed-up by identifying and supporting local consultants to provide technical assistance in developing CSS components in consultation with the key affected populations. The local consultants were overseen by one regional consultant with coordination and support from the CSAT AP workshop partners.

Most of the consultants follow this kind of workflow:

- Local consultant contact the CS representative in the CCM, which then will introduce the consultant to the CCM and to the proposal building team
- Local consultant negotiates and coordinates with the proposal building team on timeline, roles and responsibility.
- Local consultant contacts the KAPS organization and or network for introductions and to coordinate
- Local consultant, with the support of regional consultant, review existing documents on NGOs needs and or conducts a small assessment or workshop to identify NGOs needs
- Local consultant developed concept papers based on the result of the consultations/assessments – Regional consultant provide technical assistance, inputs to the CSS concept papers
- Local consultants coordinate with proposal building team for integration with the country proposal

Challenges:

- Time limitation – the project started in October, where most of the technical work on proposal building has already been started
- CSS is still not well understood by either CS organizations/representatives, government, or development partners – which made it hard to define what constitutes CSS and to translate that into the proposals.

Recommendations:

- Practical guidelines on Community System Strengthening component should be available
- CSS should be one of the consideration for the Technical Review Panel and should be included in their comment to gain more weight at the country level

Outcome:

- CSS components for 5 AP countries developed
- All CSS components have been accepted for RCC or R9 submission
- GFATM received CSS submissions from China (RCC) and in R9 proposals from Malaysia, India, Vietnam and Cambodia developed in conjunction with the CSAT AP workshop held in Oct 2008

OTHER CSAT AP ACTIVITIES

- Disseminated AP Region and Myanmar/Burma reports on CCM survey
- CSAT AP visited GFATM secretariat in April, May and June to talk about work in Asia Pacific Region, CSS and network with GFATM Asia Pacific Office and CS & PS Partnership staff
- Brought GFATM recommendations from Association of South East Asian Nations' (ASEAN) High Level Meeting on Migration to June 2009 UNAIDS PCB thematic People on the Move
- Attended session and provided input on providing Technical Support to CS at UNAIDS 2nd Independent Evaluation Stakeholders Meeting in June 2009
- Networking continued with UNAIDS Gender Work Group to include Gender in GFATM proposals and NSPs
- CSAT AP continued to meet with GFATM Director of Asia Office to develop strategy for Asia and the Pacific
- CSAT AP attended GFATM consultation on CCMs
- CSAT AP attended UNAIDS CS Partnership Officers meeting in Tunisia
- CSAT AP brokered financial support for Malaysia's R9 submission and CCM secretariat
- Supported WHO's Peer review in Asia and provided comments on proposed GFATM R9 submissions
- CSAT AP developed and co-hosted a global meeting on CSS with UNAIDS Geneva and the GFATM's Civil Society/Private Sector Partnerships in Bangkok that was attended by over 40 people.
- CSAT AP to develop and co-host GFATM sessions at ICAAP in August 2009 with UNAIDS Geneva CS Partnerships and the GFATM's Civil Society/Private Sector Partnerships offices
- CSAT AP plan and begin documentation of CSAT Indo's R8 & R9 activities