

## **CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION TEAM (CSAT) Report for Jul-Sep 2009**

### **1) INTRODUCTION (background information, context)**

#### **CSAT Asia Pacific's Activities for Jul-Sep 2009**

This period has been busy but challenging. CSAT Indonesia staff expected to be laid off on 1 July 2009 and on 25 June we found out that CSAT AP would receive USD10,000 for the period Jul-Sep. The funds allocated for this period just covered salaries and given that Asia Pacific's ICAAP was to be held in Indonesia in August a great deal of effort was spent trying to mobilize resources for that. CSAT Indonesia has prepared a Quarterly Report that covers most of the activities from this period. CSAT AP is submitting that report as a companion to this report.

### **2) SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

In the reporting period covered by this report (Jul-Sep 2009), CSAT Asia Pacific worked in the following areas:

#### **Networking and needs assessment:**

- Co-Hosted global Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) Consultation in Bangkok, Thailand July 2009
- Continue to develop working relationship with GFATM Asia Office and also Civil Society and Private Sector Partnerships Offices
- Work with UNAIDS Regional Support Team (RST) to operationalize UNAIDS/GFATM MOU in Asia

#### **Brokering technical support to civil society organizations:**

- Support CSS in Myanmar/Burma
- CSAT Indo Advocacy and work with KAPS (PLHIV, MSM and Sex Workers) continues
- Broker technical assistance for Malaysia R9 proposal writing team to develop CCM Governance Manual
- Signed MOU with UNAIDS Technical Support Facility (TSF)

#### **Advocacy:**

- CSAT AP and Indonesia attended (ICAAP) International Congress on HIV/AIDS in the Asia Pacific in Bali August 6-13, 2009 to present work done in GFATM R8 and R9. CSAT AP worked with GFATM Secretariat to present GFATM sessions on CSS, Meeting the Executive Director and CCM. These sessions are to be satellites and Community Dialogues that took place in the Asia Pacific Village.
- CSAT AP helped to organize GFATM Consultations with representatives of Civil Society and also with networks from the following KAPS People Who Use Drugs (PUD), Sex Workers, People Living With HIV and KAPS from Indonesia.
- Documentation of Indonesia R8& R9 process (delayed from 2nd quarter)

### 3) PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS BY ACTIVITY

#### 3.1) Networking and needs assessment

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<p><u>Outputs:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Information about CSS from GFATM's R8-9 shared.</li> <li>ii. Strategies and Recommendations developed to meet TS/TA needs especially Key Affected Populations (KAPS)</li> <li>iii. Co-hosting /Organizing of several consultations with GFATM secretariat</li> <li>iv. CSAT AP's lack of resources and ability to plan means that role in operationalizing MOU needs to be negotiated and agreed on</li> </ol>	<p><u>Outcomes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Technical Report available Oct 2009</li> <li>ii. Roll out of Regional CSS Meetings</li> <li>iii. CSAT AP develops and disseminates Concept Paper for AP CSS Regional Consult which is accepted for 29-30 Sept dates.</li> <li>iv. CSAT AP's success is acknowledged by UNAIDS Geneva and GFATM secretariat</li> <li>v. CSAT AP consults and works directly with UNAIDS and GFATM secretariat's in Geneva.</li> </ol>

#### 3.2) Brokering technical support to civil society organizations

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<p><u>Outputs:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Brokered support to facilitate a workshop in Myanmar/Burma for National PLHIV Network (document available)</li> <li>ii. CSAT Indo/JOTHI work with KAPS to strengthen networks, develop advocacy strategies on common issues, and influence CCM composition</li> <li>iii. Negotiate technical assistance for Malaysia's R9 proposal writing group.</li> <li>iv. Negotiate and develop concept for MOU with TSF</li> </ol>	<p><u>Outcomes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. KAPS HIV needs in Myanmar/Burma identified</li> <li>ii. Requests Myanmar/Burma KAPS for follow-up</li> <li>iii. CSAT AP organizes consultation of Indo KAPS with GFATM secretariat</li> <li>iv. Malaysia R9 proposal writing group develop CCM governance Manual</li> <li>v. TSF MOU signed July 2009</li> <li>vi. 7S/CSAT AP listed as a partner in current TSF host IPPF rebid proposal. IPPF is currently shortlisted</li> <li>vii. CSAT AP and TSF joint Work Plan to be developed</li> </ol>

**3.3) Advocacy for civil society involvement in Global Fund grant implementation and for access to technical support**

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<p><u>Outputs:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CSAT AP/Indonesia co-organized and or made Presentations at Youth Forum, CSS Satellite, Meet the Executive Director, and CSS Community Dialogue in AP Village (Presentation Available)</li> <li>ii. First draft of CSAT Indo/JOTHI documentation produced</li> </ol>	<p><u>Outcomes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Regional strategy to involve Asia Pacific KAPS being developed with GFATM Asia Office with CSAT AP/7S/ APN+ leading in AP region</li> <li>ii. Asia Pacific regional networks of KAPS have established direct links to GFATM secretariat.</li> <li>iii. Malaysia and Vietnam acknowledge CSAT AP's support for their R9 proposal</li> <li>iv. Recommendations to involve KAPS in GFATM activities developed</li> <li>v. Funds to complete documentation identified, still need resources to print</li> </ol>

**3.4) New Partnerships**

<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSAT AP by co-hosting the Global CSSS Consultation established contact with those working in CSS across the globe</li> <li>• CSAT AP has begun working extensively with GFATM secretariat's Asia Office, Civil Society and Private Sector Partnerships Office, CCM Office and Sexual Orientation &amp; Gender Identities unit.</li> <li>• CSAT AP is also working more closely with UNAIDS Geneva secretariat's Technical Support Unit</li> <li>• Open Society Institute (OSI)</li> <li>• HIVOS interested in supporting CSS work in Asia Pacific</li> <li>• Signed MOU with UNAIDS TSF SEAP</li> <li>• Asia Network of People Using Drugs (ANPUD)</li> <li>• Strategic Partners Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM, MSM &amp; TG network) and International Community of Women Living With HIV (ICW)</li> </ul>

**4) ASSESSMENT (successes and challenges)**

**A) SUCCESSES:**

**4.1) Improvement regarding participation in national and international coordination processes (CCMs, NACs, etc.)**

**ASIA PACIFIC**

- CSAT Indonesia continues to advocate for change in that country's CCM. At the 9th ICAAP CSAT AP facilitated a meeting between KAPS from Indonesia and the GFATM's Asia and CCM Offices. It is still early to determine the success of their advocacy action
- Key recommendation that emerged from the 9<sup>th</sup> ICAAP's eight breakout Community Forums was that not only was KAPS involvement necessary in these processes but also that processes must also be implemented to elect this representation.

**4.2) Improvement of financing processes (more funding to civil society organizations to work with key affected populations)**

**4.3) Application of gender-specific approaches**

**ASIA PACIFIC**

- CSAT AP/7 Sisters has identified APCOM and ICW as Strategic Partners to work on these issues and advocate that they are addressed in GFATM proposals, national and international strategies and National AIDS Plans.

**4.4) Development of new tools**

**ASIA PACIFIC**

- Documentation of CSAT Indonesia's work in GFATM R8-9 was begun in July. A follow-up workshop is currently being planned as funds have only been recently identified for completion.

**B) CHALLENGES**

**Asia Pacific**

- The erratic funding experienced by CSAT in 2009 and delayed signing of MOUs for the period Jan-Jun 2009 and again Jul-Sep 2009 has made planning almost impossible and virtually crippled CSAT AP. The success of CSAT AP in Indonesia in R8 and subsequent work in R9 has led to a number of requests and opportunities for CSAT AP which we are unable to commit to. At least twice, the Bangkok secretariat that hosts CSAT AP was not able to make payroll for the Indonesia staff and three times in the last 9 months the Indonesia staff has been informed of possible layoffs. Attendance at the Asia Pacific's ICAAP was possible only because the GFATM Secretariat supported travel and accommodations. The inconsistency has caused many to question CSAT's viability.
- Both the CSAT Indonesia staff have been experiencing health problems and have been hospitalized several times in recent weeks.
- The consultant hired to do the documentation of JOTHI/CSAT R8-9 became ill and was unable to complete the documentation in time for ICAAP.
- Until just recently, TS/TA for CS in the Asia Pacific has been available mostly through UNAIDS and their Technical Support Facility. The process to access this TS/TA is not clear which means that most KAPS networks and or organizations that serve them are most likely not even going to try. This is a trend that CSAT AP hopes to change.