

## CSAT Progress Report Year 01 Quarter 4

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#### **UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT JULY- SEPTEMBER 2008**

##### **APCOM: S. Asia Regional MSM Proposal**

CSAT AP has remained in discussion with the proposal organizers and the Regional MSM proposal for S. Asia is still in development. Face to face meetings happened in October in Bangkok and communication via email occurs regularly. CSAT AP Host received a formal request for support in a proposal from APCOM Regional Secretariat who is basically taking the lead in coordinating the S. Asia GFATM proposal. The formal role of CSAT AP is still in discussion and a formal agreement will be negotiated in the first quarter of 2009. This is also dependent on CSAT funding. There will be a mission sometime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009 to visit the CCMs within the South Asia countries involved with the proposal for a final sign-off before the 1 June 2009 submission.

##### **AP GFTAM Reference Group for CS**

This has been put on hold indefinitely. The initial organizer has only had limited contact with CSAT AP.

##### **Malaysia**

CSAT AP shared information with CS representatives regarding Malaysia's qualifying for GFTAM Round 8 in March 2008. A CS driven Work Group was formed and a process to develop a proposal was implemented. See write up in previous report. Representatives from the established GFATM Work Group and Malaysian AIDS Council were included in the CSS workshop held in October. CSAT AP recently learned but has not yet confirmed that the GFATM Work Group in Malaysia has been given the go ahead to develop the proposal to be submitted for Round 9. This proposal will include a CSS component developed in

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conjunction with the CSS Workshop held in Bangkok October 2008. This proposal is projected to be submission to GFATM for Round 9. For more information see the CSS Workshop write up submitted with this report.

### **Vietnam and Cambodia**

CSAT AP continued to cultivate relationships with CSO contacts in Vietnam and Cambodia during this time. Vietnam and Cambodia developed proposals for Community Systems Strengthening for Round 9 that are currently under consideration by their respective CCMs. CSAT AP along with their colleagues in these countries are in consultation to develop strategies to influence country proposals earlier in the development process. In November 2009, CSAT AP Regional host traveled to Cambodia to meet with the CS National HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee to discuss their plans for Round 9.

### **Indonesia**

Call for Round 9 GFATM proposals opened in September 2008, Indonesia's proposal for Round 9 will cover 21 provinces not covered in Round 8 proposal. Key Affected Populations (KAPs) in Indonesia have expressed increased interest to be involved in Global Fund AIDS component grant implementation and serve as Sub Recipients.

JOTHI as Indonesia's National PLHIV Network will apply as Sub recipient. JOTHI is working in 29 Provinces in Indonesia, having organized 6 taskforce representing 5 key affected populations (women, injection drug user, MSM and transgender, sex worker, migrant mobile population). Through its National Secretariat, JOTHI mobilizes resources for KAPs meaningful involvement in Indonesia's AIDS response. JOTHI is committed to supporting the process in facilitating KAP's organization to be able to serve as Sub Recipient.

CSAT Indonesia Team continues to work with various stakeholders to develop the Round 9 proposal. In January 2009, CSAT Indonesia and CSAT Regional host will convene a

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workshop for Key Affected Populations to develop targeted components for service delivery to said populations for the Round 9 proposal.

### Objective

- Stronger networking of KAPs leading to increased participation in Global Fund grant implementation.
- Brokering technical assistance to KAPs for Round 9 proposal development to serve as Sub or Sub Sub Recipient.

### Output

1. Develop a strong position paper for KAPs to be involved in Round 9 Global Fund grant implementation through CSS component.
2. Justified and clear programmatic KAPs service delivery area.
3. Round 9 draft proposal in which JOTHI will serve as Sub Recipient.
4. Stronger partnership between KAPs and other stakeholders.

For more information see the write up for Indonesia submitted with this report.

## **NEW FOR YEAR 01 QUARTER 4: OCTOBER \_DECEMBER 2008**

### **CCM Survey**

CSAT AP conducted a survey on CCM knowledge in the Asia Pacific Region. The survey was translated Myanmar/Burma, Thailand and Cambodia. Regionally there were nearly 50 surveys. Indonesia surveyed over 200 participants and from Myanmar/Burma we got 186. CSAT AP was not able to do a thorough analysis of the findings as of yet. A brief of the findings is projected to be ready in February 2009.

### ***TSF SEAP GFATM Workshop for Consultants***

The CSAT AP Regional Host and future CSS Specialist attended this workshop in Kula Lumpur in October. This workshop focused on training consultants on the latest GFATM information related to CSS and developing a GFATM proposal for Round 9. For more information see report submitted with this.

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### ***CSS: Towards a more effective HIV/AIDS Response in Asia:***

For Round 9, which begins 1 October, CSAT Asia Pacific will coordinate advocacy efforts work in partnership with APN+. Health Development Networks' (HDN) Civil Society Country Platform Partnerships, the Independent Commission on AIDS In Asia CS implementation team and TSF SEAP. HDN was instrumental in the development and implementation of the civil society survey which brought over 600 community voices and perspectives into the ICAA report launched in March 2008. with the Independent Commission on AIDS In Asia (ICAA) to influence CCMs in 6 countries to include a Civil Society Systems Strengthening component in their proposals. Those countries chosen were India, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand. Indonesia was also chosen but was unable to attend at the last minute due to negotiations for their Round 8 award but are developing a CSS component to be submitted in Round 9 to cover those provinces not included in round 8.

CSAT AP and partners conducted a workshop on CSS with the 6 countries on 28-30 October 2008 to not only identify issues and assess needs but to develop a strategy for these CS representatives we will call "champions" to return to their respective CCMs and advocate for inclusion of a Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) component into their Round 9 proposals which are now due on 1 June 2009. A proposal was submitted to TSF SEAP to identify and pay for 6 local consultants and one regional consultant to coordinate efforts and maintain consistency across the 6 countries. This proposal was approved. Since then we have identified 5 out of 6 local consultants who are working with CCM Focal points with additional support from a regional consultant to develop CSS components and influence said country's GFATM proposals. For more info see the Workshop Report submitted with this report.

### **Updates from the Workshop**

**China** has been successful in integrating the CSS component in their RCC proposals. Besides

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integrating the proposals, our focal points in the China CCM) also made a rapid survey on what do people expect from CCM representative and what gaps should be filled. See update from China Consultant:

## **1. Work done or progress thus far.**

- Phone-based consultation with various local NGOs on CSS. Consensus to flag for the inclusion of CSS in the RCC proposal reached, especially between the Positive Working Committee and the Non-Government Org Working Committee in the China CCM, and their constituency organisations.
- A survey among over 20 grassroots NGOs for comments and ideas on CSS for the ongoing development of RCC proposal.
- Based on above information, a CSS paper submitted to RCC proposal China writing team, through regional consultant Odilon Couzin.
- Support the Regional Consultant to develop a PPT introduction to CSS for his advocacy in Beijing.

## **2. Current situation in country / regional (with CCM, country partners, proposal development etc)**

- The China RCC proposal has been developed and submitted to CCM then to GFATM
- The final decision will be made towards end Feb.

## **3. Next steps – both for your country and specifically for you as consultant for CSS component (including your suggestions if any).**

- The RCC draft proposal is currently being analysed, with particular focus its CSS components, for the purpose of consultancy report writing.

## **4. Any other issues / matters (i.e. problems you are facing in country, issues you'd like to raise for APN+ / 7S / TSF attention or anything at all)**

- Due to limited travel budget, the National Consultant focused on the 'more technical' part of work and mainly coordinated among local NGOs. The Regional Consultant, Odilon, contributed greatly at the central level in Beijing, using his another role being an advisor to the writing team.
- Is there a provisional report template that all consultants should follow, to write up the final report?
- How can we learn from and share with consultants from other countries?

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**India** is in the process of developing CSS concept paper for 3 thematic proposal for round 9 (later they will integrate it into one country grant proposals). These proposals are to fund activities focusing on: MSM, IDUs and Workplace issues. Our local consultant has been approved by the NACO (National AIDS Coordination Organization) and the National Network of People Living with HIV (INP+). . A meeting was held in December to clarify the consultant's workplan. The workplan for the local consultant is already clear, and really knows what's going on in India in terms of Global Fund and also knows how to work around the system. See update from India's Consultant.

### **Background:**

For GFATM Round-9, India CCM has decided to revise and resubmit the proposal submitted for GFATM Round-8. For Round-9, the proposed civil society principal recipients (PRs) include - India HIV/AIDS Alliance (IHAA) that leads a consortium of agencies (primarily CBOs) working with MSM and transgender people; and Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) that leads a consortium of agencies (including Indian Harm Reduction Network - IHRN) working with IDUs. India CCM identifies the 'country proposal writing team' – two or three consultants - to work on the CCM proposal. This 'country proposal writing team' is yet to be finalized. Being vice-chair of India CCM, Mr. K.K.Abraham has forwarded a request to India CCM (read 'National AIDS Control Organization - NACO') regarding me working with the country proposal writing team to strengthen CSS component of Round-9.

### **Progress and Issues / Solutions:**

1. There is no official response from NACO regarding whether I can work with the country proposal writing team. Hence my current decision is to mainly work with the civil society PRs – IHAA and EHA – to strengthen CSS component in their proposals. I have already met and spoken to Mr. Alexander (Director) and Ms. Sonal Mehta of IHAA, and Dr. Langkam (Director), EHA. Both IHAA and EHA have agreed that I can work with their consultants to strengthen CSS component of their proposals.
2. IHAA and EHA were also wondering whether I could spend more time on the proposal beyond just strengthening CSS component though I had already clarified that my time is mainly for strengthening CSS component. After the community consultations (by IHAA and EHA - see below) and my discussions with the consultants of IHAA and EHA, I can give a better estimate of the workload for me and can get clarity on in what areas IHAA and EHA want me to work on - in addition to strengthening CSS component.

### **Current situation:**

- IHAA is going to organize a community consultation with MSM groups, which is tentatively scheduled next month (February). I am also invited.
- EHA is expected to organize a community consultation but dates are not finalized yet. I will be attending that meeting as well.

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### My Plan:

1. Review of Round-8 proposal and TRP comments (Summary should be available before the community consultations)
  2. To attend the consultations organized by IHAA and EHA (February – March)
  3. To work with consultants of IHAA and EHA in strengthening CSS component in their respective project proposals (those are part of India CCM proposal).
  4. Discussions with CBOs working with MSM/TG and IDUs – whenever opportunity arises (to discuss about strengthening CBOs and civil society). (Ongoing)
- **Cambodia** decided that the most proper local consultant was one of the workshop participants who was named the local consultant for the project. For Cambodia, the CSS concept papers has been developed – just right after the regional workshop held in Bangkok. The priority is for the local consultant to advocate that the CCM and the proposal writing team include that CSS Concept paper in the country grant proposals, develop the SDAs and translate that into budget allocations.
  - **Malaysia** is causing some concern, since we're having some trouble reaching the local consultant. We are making every effort to get an update.

### CSAT AP IN MYANMAR/BURMA

In December, CSAT AP started outreach in Myanmar/Burma. Our representative who is now based in Bangkok but is originally from Burma traveled there to meet with MSM groups. With some financial support from CSAT AP he was able to meet with other Key Affected Populations (People Who Use Drugs/IDU, PLHIV) to talk about GFATM, translate and distribute the CCM survey and hold Focus Group Discussions (FDG) to educate and raise awareness. He was able to meet with leaders and other opinion makers, conduct FGDs and gather 186 CCM surveys from 4 cities Yangon, Mandalay, Lashio and Monywa. These meetings were very successful and CSAT AP was able to make numerous contacts and there was expressed interest to maintain contact and have access to GFATM information. This however would require translation. In addition to this through the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW) CSAT AP will have some connection to Sex Workers who are also living with HIV in Myanmar/Burma.

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### **GFATM PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

The CSAT AP Regional Host traveled to Dakar, Senegal for the GFATM partnership meeting. Focused on the strategy for Sexual Minorities. Facilitated Southern NGO caucus and represented views/issues at morning plenary in “talk show format.” CSAT AP is now Regional Communications Focal Point (RCFP) for Asia Pacific and member of Communities Delegation.

### **CSAT AT UNAIDS PCB**

The thematic session for the 23<sup>rd</sup> PCB was UNAIDS and GFATM. CSAT AP Regional Host brought feedback from other CSAT Regional Hubs and Global for the recommendations that were adapted and or integrated to the final recommendations. In capacity as NGO Delegate chaired Observer’s meeting pre-PCB and brought these inputs there as well. In addition, in capacity as CSAT Regional Host named to provide back-up to GIST.