

2006 - 2016 10 YEARS OF ASIA CATALYST



Dear Friends,

In 2006, when Asia Catalyst was founded, human rights for people living with HIV and AIDS and key populations in Asia were scarcely recognized. HIV prevalence rates among these groups were either scandalously high or totally undocumented. Violations of human rights were rampant and were fueling the epidemic, particularly in groups forced to the margins of society, including men who have sex with men, sex workers, and people who use drugs. Asia Catalyst stepped in to respond to this health and human rights crisis, shining a light on discrimination while empowering directly affected communities with the information and tools to make their voices heard.

Today, human rights are considered central to an effective response to HIV, and many of Asia Catalyst's program graduates—from more than 200 organizations across the region—have emerged as leading HIV advocates in their countries. They operate with few resources, in challenging political and legal environments, while subject to extreme social stigma. One would think that, in the face of such hostility, civil-society movements would shrivel and die rather than flourish and demonstrate the irrepressible creativity that they do. Yet, that is what we witness. And that is what we exist to support.

It is this resilience that keeps us all going during difficult times. It is a commitment to deeply held human-rights principles of universality, dignity, equality, and participation that powers grassroots groups to keep working despite the harshest of consequences. We want to protect these values and demonstrate solidarity for our shared vision of a just world.

Asia Catalyst is proud to share our tenth-anniversary report with you, our wonderful supporters. It celebrates our work on the ground, partnering with grassroots communities, and in the halls of government and the United Nations, where we create space for community voices to be heard.

As we are constantly reminded, human rights work is never easy, but it is always necessary. As a Eurasian harm reduction advocate noted at the United Nations meeting on ending the AIDS epidemic, "Nothing proves commitment to human rights for our communities more than providing the opportunity to have a voice."

Thank you for helping Asia Catalyst and our partners make that critical difference!

Sincerely,



Karyn Kaplan
Executive Director



Our Achievements in 2016

Asia Catalyst builds strong civil society to advance the right to health for marginalized groups in Asia. We partner with and **train leaders of community-based organizations (CBOs)** to conduct rigorous human rights research and advocacy, meet high standards of effective and democratic governance, and establish a stable foundation for future growth. We are an independent organization that places the needs of marginalized communities at the center of national, regional, and international policy making.

After 10 years, Asia Catalyst is still going strong. In 2016, we worked closely with CBOs in Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam to strengthen rights documentation and advocacy capacity and to provide organizational management support. **We conducted seven training workshops, four advocacy workshops, 14 in-depth coaching sessions, and three transgender consultation meetings; we disbursed nearly US\$60,000 in subgrants, and produced two human rights reports.** We participated in regional advocacy networks and leveraged the power of other organizations, including the United Nations (UN), to advocate for the rights of people who use drugs, people living with HIV, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, people with disabilities, and others, as well as for women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Asia Catalyst is as committed as ever to our vision of a strong civil society empowered with the skills and resources to address systemic abuses of their rights and hold governments to account. In a world increasingly hostile to these activities and the very existence of a vibrant and empowered civil society, we are confident that our approaches act as a bulwark against these trends.

4

Advocacy Workshops



7

Trainings



14

Tailored Coachings



5

Webinars



\$60,000

Subgrants Disbursed

CHINA

6 Tailored CBO-led advocacy coachings, 8 tailored organizational management coachings in five cities (Beijing, Guangdong, Hangzhou, Hefei, and Xishuangbana)

2 National advocacy workshops to end discrimination in healthcare settings against people living with HIV in China (Liaoning and Sichuan)

China Youth LGBT Conference: LGBT Movement in Different Sectors (Chengdu)

5 One-day organizational management workshops in four provinces (Anhui, Guangdong, Jiangxi, and Sichuan)

5 Webinars with CBOs in China, including on sexuality education and transgender health and rights

Third National Conference on Life Ethics (Suzhou City)

3 Consultations with transgender women, men, and queer communities (Suzhou City)

VIET NAM

1 National advocacy workshop to end discrimination in healthcare settings against people living with HIV in Viet Nam: sharing of the findings and recommendations (Hanoi)

1 In-country advocacy implementation support for CBOs (Hanoi)

MYANMAR

1 National advocacy workshop to end discrimination in healthcare settings against people living with HIV (Yangon)

1 In-country advocacy implementation support for CBOs (Yangon)

1 Human rights advocacy, safety, and security workshop (Yangon)

CAMBODIA

1 National advocacy workshop to end discrimination in healthcare settings against people living with HIV (Phnom Penh)

5 Provincial advocacy workshops to end discrimination in healthcare settings against people living with HIV in Cambodia: sharing of the findings and recommendations (Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Sihanoukville Village Province, and Thbong Khmom)

1 In-country advocacy implementation support for CBOs (Phnom Penh)

THAILAND

1 Workshop on ending harmful police practices against sex workers in China (Bangkok)

1 Workshop to develop recommendations for eliminating discrimination in healthcare settings against people living with HIV in Cambodia, China, Myanmar, and Viet Nam (Bangkok)

Asia Catalyst China Partners Collaboration Workshop (Bangkok)

2016 Reports and Policy Briefs



FIRST DO NO HARM:
Discrimination in Health Care Settings against People Living with HIV in Cambodia, China, Myanmar, and Viet Nam

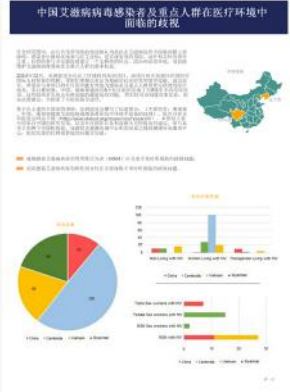


First Do No Harm: Discrimination in Healthcare Settings against People Living with HIV and Key Populations

Based on testimony gathered by eight CBOs from Cambodia, China, Myanmar, and Viet Nam who participated in the series of AC trainings over a period of one year, this report details the experiences of 202 women, men, and transgender people living with HIV in accessing healthcare services. Findings highlighted various forms of discrimination, such as the denial of healthcare. The report includes recommendations from the CBOs to government, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders on ensuring the highest standard of available healthcare services to people living with HIV and key populations. Four country-specific policy briefs were also produced. These summarize findings and specific stakeholder recommendations.

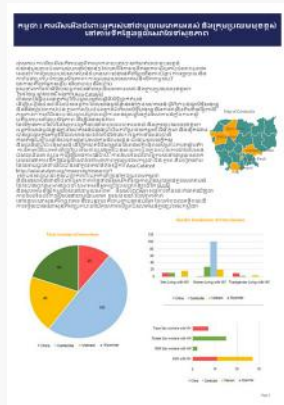
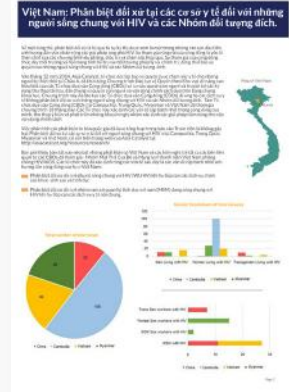
Cambodia

AUA and the Cambodian Community of Women Living with HIV highlights discrimination against women living with HIV, including societal prejudice that prevents pregnant women from openly seeking pregnancy-related counseling and services.



Myanmar

Aye Myanmar Association and the Myanmar Positive Group call attention to discrimination faced by people living with HIV, including extra fees imposed when accessing health services, the coercive sterilization of women living with HIV, and the denial of services.



China

Chengdu Tongle Health Counseling Service Centre and Consultation Centre for AIDS and Health Services highlights discriminatory practices, particularly in accessing surgery-related services for men who have sex with men and transgender people living with HIV.



Viet Nam

Kids Sun Group and Vietnam Youth Network for HIV and AIDS Prevention document experiences of women living with HIV in accessing sexual and reproductive health information and services, as well as men having sex with men living with HIV in accessing general health services.



The Condom Quandary: A Study of the Impact of Law Enforcement Practices on Effective HIV Prevention among Male, Female, and Transgender Sex Workers in China

Based on research conducted among 517 male, female, and transgender sex workers in three major Chinese cities, this report highlights the negative impact of law enforcement practices on HIV prevention efforts by hindering sex workers' ability to freely obtain and carry condoms. The study found that coming into contact with the police is a daily reality for male, female, and transgender sex workers. Condoms, a tool that can protect sex workers from sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, are categorized and targeted as a "tool of offense" in police operations against sex workers. The report recommends that the government of China review and reform its condom policies and police practices, and it calls for authorities and communities to work together to support measures that protect public order and safety, but also help marginalized populations access health services within an environment conducive to their safety and health. within an environment conducive to their safety and health.

ARV Users Association (AUA), Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Creating a Space for Constructive Dialogue to Address Discrimination in Healthcare Settings in Cambodia

Since participating in the Asia Catalyst Regional Rights Training program, AUA has developed new strategies to promote inclusive dialogue about discrimination against women living with HIV. At a recent workshop, women living with HIV and LGBT people discussed their experiences and gave feedback to healthcare providers on issues such as sterilization and informed consent. "Women seeking advice about sterilization are often unsure of what is being told to them by healthcare staff," said Keo Tha of Women's Network for Unity, a CBO representing entertainment workers. "They need to ask more questions, but they also need support in order to know what questions to ask."

Through forums like this, AUA is helping service providers and policy makers understand the barriers that prevent women from realizing their rights. One participant, Voeung Yanath, a physician at the National AIDS Authority, told AUA that, "even though we could not immediately solve everything that was raised in the workshop, we heard the voices of people living with HIV and key populations and understood what we have to do." Feedback has also influenced AUA's approach:



ARV Users Association (AUA) is a membership-based association of people living with HIV in Cambodia. Founded in 2002 by a group of friends, AUA now works alongside healthcare providers in nine locations to support HIV care, treatment and prevention.



AUA's New General Brochure

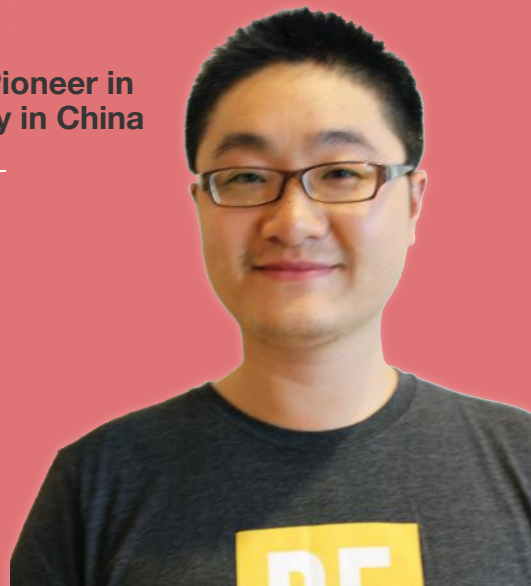
staff learned that women from Cambodia's people living with HIV, LGBT, and sex workers' communities require better training in human rights, because without knowledge about this topic, they lack confidence. AUA is incorporating human rights into its patient counseling curriculum and continues to facilitate forums that bring service providers and the community together.

Anhui Hefei Youth Health Service Center: Pioneer in Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Advocacy in China

Maomaoyu has been working with the Anhui Hefei Youth Health Service Center (Qingwei), a CBO in Anhui, China, for more than nine years. Qingwei was formed in 2005 in response to the rise in HIV among men who have sex with men in Anhui province. Qingwei launched its advocacy work after participating in Asia Catalyst's CBO Catalyst Program in 2015. "It was not until working with Asia Catalyst that I understood the concept of advocacy," said Maomaoyu, the organization's Director General. Qingwei's advocacy project received subgrant funding from Asia Catalyst to ensure access to post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for men who have sex with men.

As a result of the project, the local Center for Disease Control and Prevention agreed to provide PEP to CBO staff, and community volunteers have been engaged in the project's HIV prevention and outreach work. Qingwei also received one-on-one advocacy coaching from AC to refine and implement its community research project.

According to Maomaoyu, the most significant change as a result of working with Asia Catalyst was that "the advocacy project helped us to enrich the community's understanding of HIV prevention measures. It has also triggered us to reflect on our service work over the last decade. A lot of efforts have been invested in HIV prevention work for [men who have sex with men] in the past 10 years; however, the infection rate... still saw an unprecedented rise in China during the same period of time, which made me question whether our current strategy is effective. Prevention work should meet the community's needs, and



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— Maomaoyu

access to PEP is definitely one of them.”

Lobbying the local hospitals to expand access to PEP is ongoing. Meanwhile, Qingwei provides referral services to the community, helping people to acquire PEP from other cities. “Before, when community members turned to us for help after being exposed to HIV, we felt very helpless and guilty to not be able to help them. The advocacy we are doing now, thanks to Asia Catalyst’s subgrant and trainings, changed the situation. It is of great significance to us.”

Reflections from Our Founder

In 2006, when I first filed the articles of incorporation with New York State, Asia Catalyst was a web page, an email address, and a group of graduate interns who met on Sunday afternoons in an unheated room of New York's LGBT Center. Today, we have three offices (in New York, Beijing, and Bangkok), nine staff, four dedicated volunteers, and a few hundred graduates of our programs in East and Southeast Asia.

We began with great role models—people living with HIV, sex workers, gay men, transgender people, people who inject drugs—who risked everything they had every day to go into their own offices and switch on the lights. In some of the toughest contexts you can imagine, they methodically, persistently, and unshakably kept on demanding their communities' human rights. How could you not want to support people like that?

Through our partnership with these community activists, our openness to listening to them, to sharing what we've learned about strategic planning and organizational management, and our readiness to elbow up to larger tables in Bangkok and Geneva and demand seats for them so they could make their voices heard, Asia Catalyst has developed tailored, localized, and long-term coaching programs that have helped to grow numerous community-based groups.

Asia Catalyst's approach has always been simple: how you manage your own organization is your public message. You can't abuse a team of five or 10 people, and then effectively go out and advise a large government agency about what they should do to respect human rights. Human rights begins with respectful, inclusive, and accountable management at home.

Happy birthday, AC :-)
生日快乐!

Meg Davis



2006–2016

Milestones

Asia Catalyst (AC) is founded in New York City by Meg Davis, a China human rights researcher.

2006

2007

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2011

Partnering with the China Orchid AIDS Project, AC establishes and provides incubation support to the Korekata AIDS Law Center, the first legal aid center for people living with or affected by HIV and AIDS in China.

AC publishes *AIDS Blood Scandals: What China Can Learn from the World's Mistakes* and provides policy recommendations to the Chinese government for its handling of a massive HIV outbreak among blood transfusion recipients.

AC launches Asia Report, a Chinese-language website reporting on news and activism on economic, social, and cultural rights in Asia.

AC supports the attendance of the first delegation of Chinese AIDS activists at the International Conference on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific. AC provides translation support and advocacy mentorship to the activists to fully participate and express themselves at the conference.

AC launches the online AIDS Law Database to facilitate access to HIV- and AIDS-related laws in Asia.

Between 2010 and 2013, AC, the Thai AIDS Treatment Action Group (Thailand), and the Dongjen Center for Human Rights Education and Action (China) develop, pilot, and publish their keystone publication: *Know It, Prove It, Change It: A Rights Curriculum for Grassroots Groups*. Modules are published in Burmese, Chinese, English, and Thai.

AC establishes its Tailored Coaching Project to strengthen organizational management and advocacy skills of grassroots groups in China. As of December 2016, AC has provided intensive tailored coaching to 26 organizations.

AC opens its Beijing office.

Andrea Worden joins AC as interim executive director.

AC launches the Non-Profit Leadership Cohort (“CBO Catalyst”), a one-year group-training series convening CBO leaders for capacity-building workshops that merge organizational management skills with rights-based advocacy. As of December 2016, AC has trained 39 leaders.

AC opens its Bangkok office.

AC launches Action Assembly, an annual meeting for coalition building for CBO Catalyst alumni.

AC hosts its second Regional Rights Training for community leaders from Cambodia, China, Myanmar, and Viet Nam. Activists collaborate on a regional documentation report, *First Do No Harm: Discrimination in Healthcare Settings Against People Living with HIV*, and publish local-language policy briefs based on findings and recommendations.

Karyn Kaplan joins AC as executive director.

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

Charmain Mohamed joins AC as executive director.

AC establishes its Certified Trainer Project for alumni of CBO Catalyst. Certified trainers become expert trainers and share their knowledge with burgeoning Chinese CBOs, using AC’s participatory methodology, the *Nonprofit Survival Guide*, and *Know It, Prove It, Change It: A Rights Curriculum for Grassroots Groups*. AC has taught eight certified trainers, who have trained dozens of CBO leaders in workshop series funded by AC seed grants and elsewhere.

AC launches its first Regional Rights Training Project using *Know It, Prove It, Change It: A Rights Curriculum for Grassroots Groups* to build documentation and advocacy skills among 19 HIV activists in eight countries in Asia and the Pacific.

AC publishes *Custody & Education: Arbitrary Detention for Female Sex Workers in China*, the first report to reveal detainee experiences in the custody and education system. Widespread global media coverage included a front-page article in the *New York Times*.

The United Nations Development Programme in China organizes the country’s first national consultation on transgender people and HIV as a result of AC’s research and advocacy on transgender female sex workers and HIV.

Our Approach: An Evolving Model of Capacity Building

Since 2006, Asia Catalyst has evolved from mentoring a handful of organizations to reaching more than 200 groups in 11 countries with organizational management and human rights research, documentation, and advocacy trainings and mentoring activities. We also:



Develop tools and resources in response to community needs and promote the direct engagement of marginalized groups to advance the health of their communities.



Conduct original research with partners on the ground to address rights abuses, including police harassment and interference with public health initiatives and discrimination in healthcare settings.



Create spaces for coalition-building and peer-to-peer support across communities, sectors, and countries.

The design and delivery of Asia Catalyst's programs are founded on four key principles:

Participation

Asia Catalyst employs a participatory learning approach that aims at minimizing the power differential between staff, volunteers, and participants. We encourage mutual learning between advocates and use a range of community-led methodologies for problem solving. These include: constructive individual reflection, self-assessment, small group work, scenario-based learning, and case studies.

By encouraging active participation as a democratic value within our "classrooms," we find that our partners are more likely to adopt this practice upon returning home to their organizations.

Empathy

Asia Catalyst believes that learning should be a process of sustained curiosity and nonjudgmental engagement with other CBOs. We use reflective and peer-orientated facilitation strategies to build trust. Workshop participants can adopt these skills to provide mentorship and build solidarity among activists working on intersecting issues.

Groundedness

Asia Catalyst's key resources were developed in close collaboration with local organizations, based on their experiences and needs. Our projects evolve from the expressed priorities of our grassroots partners, and regular consultation with CBO leaders inform our advocacy strategies.

Diversity

Asia Catalyst promotes diversity in our training workshops. We work to deepen the connection between historically excluded groups in order to enrich the learning experience for everyone involved.

Training Resources and Advocacy Reports



Know It, Prove It, Change It: A Rights Curriculum for Grassroots Groups

Know It: The Rights Framework
Prove It: Documenting Rights Abuses/Prove It: Trainer's Supplement
Change It: Ending Rights Abuses

A three-volume curriculum designed to help communities affected by HIV/AIDS to understand their human rights, document human rights abuses, and design and implement rights-based advocacy campaigns. Each book includes a *Trainer's Manual* and a *Trainer's Supplement*, which provides lesson plans, sample exercises, and templates to use in a training workshop.

Practical Field Guide for Community-Based Human Rights Documentation

A companion guide to *Know It, Prove It, Change It: A Rights Curriculum for Grassroots Groups*. This shorter handbook details the essentials CBOs need to run a documentation project in the field.

Nonprofit Survival Guide

Provides CBOs with essential information and basic tools to facilitate effective strategic planning, volunteer and staff management, financial management, and more.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

- The Condom Quandary: A Survey of the Impact of Law Enforcement Practices on Effective HIV Prevention among Male, Female, and Transgender Sex Workers in China, July 2016
- First Do No Harm: Discrimination in Health Care Settings against People Living with HIV in Cambodia, China, Myanmar, and Viet Nam, March 2016
- "My Life Is Too Dark to See the Light": A Survey of the Living Conditions of Transgender Female Sex Workers in Beijing and Shanghai, January 2015
- Custody & Education (C&E): Arbitrary Detention for Female Sex Workers in China, December 2013
- China's Blood Disaster: The Way Forward, 2012
- Employment Discrimination Against People Living with HIV/AIDS and Injection Drug Users, 2012
- HIV Real-Name Testing: Is China Ready?, 2012
- Managing Strengths and Weakness: A Survey of Chinese Health Rights Groups, 2012
- Medical Discrimination Against People Living with HIV/AIDS, November 2010
- I Will Fight to My Last Breath: Barriers to AIDS Treatment for Children in China, 2009
- Restrictions on AIDS NGOs in Asia, 2009
- Submission to the Special Rapporteur on Restrictions in Advance of the Beijing Olympics, 2008
- AIDS Blood Scandals: What China Can Learn from the World's Mistakes, 2007

Case Study: Myanmar Positive Group

Highlighting Discrimination against People Living with HIV in Myanmar on the International Stage: International AIDS Conference, Durban, 2016

By Than Htoon,
Program Officer,
Myanmar Positive Group

The International AIDS Conference (IAC) is one of the largest convenings of leading HIV/AIDS activists, scientists, and researchers. It is a melting pot of ideas, with lots of sharing and learning about recent developments and research in the field. This year, for the first time, I had the opportunity to attend the IAC in Durban.

My group, Myanmar Positive Group (MPG), was selected together with Aye Myanmar's Association, Sex Workers Association, to participate in Asia Catalyst's 18-month Regional Rights Training Program. We jointly documented discrimination faced by people living with HIV and key populations when accessing health services. We conducted 40 interviews with men and women living with HIV, including female, male, and transgender sex workers in five provinces. Our joint documentation highlighted discrimination including: being forced to pay extra charges, denial of services, and inadequate healthcare related to pregnancy.

MPG decided to submit an abstract to present the findings, and we were thrilled to learn that our abstract had been accepted. Asia Catalyst provided critical editorial support and helped me draft and design the poster. Presenting the work we did together with our communities in Myanmar on such a high-profile international stage was not only about highlighting persistent discrimination against our communities to a larger audience, but also sharing what we as a community can together achieve. Hundreds of people visited my poster and were interested to hear about issues of coerced sterilization and other forms of discrimination and our work to end such violations.

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— Than Htoon

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I was proud to be the one delegate representing a community-based network from Myanmar. I am proud that I could give a well-prepared synopsis of the discrimination that our community faces in Myanmar. I was also able to distribute MPG's materials and participate in the Positive Leadership Summit. I networked with other people living with HIV activists and learned many new things that I can apply in developing program and project activities in my organization back home.

Case Study: Qingdao Qingtong

Ripple Effect of Asia Catalyst's Programs: A Young CBO Is Thriving

Asia Catalyst has been working to pass on knowledge and skills to a broader community. One such effort is to support certified trainers to run their own workshops on organizational management and advocacy capacity building using Asia Catalyst's curriculum and training methods. Huzi, the director of Qingdao Qingtong HIV/AIDS Volunteer Service Center ("Qingdao Qingtong"), is a graduate of Asia Catalyst's 2014 certified trainer--led cohort. Founded in 2013, Qingdao Qingtong provides services for people living with HIV and AIDS, and provides sex education and LGBT community building among students. It embarked on an advocacy effort to obtain nonprofit registration for its organization and other local groups using a small grant from Asia Catalyst.

"I have learned from the workshops how to talk to people effectively and facilitate meetings. I became better at guiding people through a constructive discussion," says Huzi. He successfully applied communication tactics learned from AC trainings in interactions with advocacy targets such as the Bureau of Civil Affairs: his organization managed to obtain the official registration from them at both the city and district level. This double registration is rarely seen but widely aspired to by CBOs in China.

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— Huzi **”**

Since then, Qingdao Qingtong has been actively involved in assisting other CBOs with registration; three have been successful so far. Asia Catalyst helped Huzi share that experience with a wider community through its bimonthly call platform, attended by more than 40 CBO representatives across China. On the call, Huzi said that, "in the past, the registration policy was published but not strictly followed by the Bureau. The advocacy program we did with AC's subgrant is extremely worthwhile, because after we got registered by convincing the bureau leaders that it is to our mutual benefit to follow the policy, more and more organizations can now get their registrations."



Case Study: The Women's Network Against AIDS - China

Collaboration with Stakeholders for Effective Advocacy

Photo: WNAC CEDAW Meeting

Established in 2009, the Women's Network Against AIDS - China (WNAC) is the only HIV/AIDS network for women in China, comprising 27 women's civil-society organizations in 12 provinces. WNAC aims to improve the capacity for women's leadership and advocacy, as well as the provision of services and gender-sensitive HIV and AIDS policies. With AC's support, WNAC has emerged as one of China's most active HIV/AIDS networks, promoting the rights of women living with HIV.

Prior to working with AC, WNAC faced a plethora of challenges, primarily a lack of funding. In 2011, WNAC found itself at the edge of collapse. WNAC also lacked experience as a network and in advocacy. This hobbled its ability to effectively represent the voices of women living with HIV and to change public policy. It lacked communications resources, which limited its ability to work effectively with other organizations, including the government.

In 2012, AC supported the attendance of several Chinese HIV CBOs at the International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C. AC helped Yuan Wenli, the secretary-general of WNAC, to submit an abstract and apply for a scholarship, both of which were successful. In Washington, AC supported Yuan's participation by providing translation, arranging meetings and events, and securing opportunities for Yuan to speak. WNAC met with the Levi Strauss Foundation, which became WNAC's strong supporter.

With mentorship and coaching support by AC, WNAC identified discrimination against people living with HIV in healthcare settings as the foremost barrier to accessing services and developed a comprehensive plan to address it. WNAC trained its members on their right to treatment under Chinese law, used AC's publication *Know It, Prove It, Change It: A Rights Curriculum for Grassroots Groups* to teach their members how to collect testimony from women living with HIV who experienced obstacles in obtaining health services, and used the evidence to publish the first

report documenting the experiences of women living with HIV when accessing healthcare in China.

In 2013, a WNAC staff person participated in AC's Non-Profit Leadership Cohort, which helped strengthen the organization's management and advocacy capacity. The Network also built a relationship with a wider network through the support of AC, including with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the Chinese Association of STD and AIDS Prevention and Control (CASAPC). These connections have helped WNAC to diversify its funding sources and open up space for its advocacy work.

In 2013, WNAC worked with CASAPC, the China Alliance of People Living with HIV/AIDS, Ditan Hospital, ILO, and UNAIDS to organize a conference on occupational safety and HIV discrimination in healthcare settings. The meeting addressed two factors contributing to the denial of treatment for people living with HIV: the lack of protection for healthcare workers and the severe lack of communication between healthcare workers and patients. More than 100 people—40 from public hospitals and 50 from civil-society organizations—participated. The meeting was a first attempt to build a bridge between healthcare workers and people living with HIV; in 2014, a follow-up conference was held.

In 2015, as a result of WNAC and its partners' effective advocacy, the government issued guidance on procedures for handling occupational exposure to HIV, to protect the safety of healthcare workers and provide a better medical environment for people living with HIV.

WNAC has now become a leading force in China in combatting HIV-related discrimination in the healthcare setting. As WNAC's secretary-general stated, "In China, Asia Catalyst's approach of supporting CBOs is very unique and effective. Our network benefited enormously from the partnership with Asia Catalyst: our strategic directions, advocacy work, and organizational capacity have greatly improved."

Asia Catalyst in 2017 and Beyond

EXCITING PLANS INCLUDE:



Supporting **6 community trainers** to deliver their own capacity-building workshop series for more than **32 community leaders** who are working to support marginalized groups.



Launching China's first transgender **leadership program** to build skills for **6 transgender individuals** and supporting them to launch their own community initiatives.



Expanding training support for groups doing documentation and advocacy in **Myanmar**.



Providing **in-depth advocacy coaching** to activists working on civil and political rights, natural-resources rights, and sexual-orientation and gender-identity rights in **Thailand**.



Increasing advocacy and management capacity of **6 additional CBOs** through long-term tailored coaching.



Conducting **2 Action Assemblies** for **30 CBO leaders in Bangkok**. Action Assemblies inject new energy into advocacy work and serve as a master class to promote additional peer support and guidance from Asia Catalyst.



Focusing advocacy attention in Asia on **arbitrary detention of sex workers** and harmful police practices.



Building **online and offline resources** for CBOs and other stakeholders.

Asia Catalyst Looks Forward



“It is a privilege to be working on the Transgender Rights and Advocacy Leadership Program. Asia Catalyst has worked with people living with HIV and key populations since it began in 2006. There has been a growing recognition of the importance of transgender voices. It is great to be supporting that work and this movement.”

Zheng Xianglei, Capacity Building Program Officer



“The continued investment in our partners in Myanmar and their work is important. We have laid a strong foundation, and I see 2017 as the year where our ongoing support will yield significant change.”

Jebli Shrestha, Documentation and Advocacy Program Manager

“I’m excited about getting more tools into the hands of grassroots organizations. Ones that celebrate their advocacy successes, empower those that are new to advocacy, and help share knowledge.”

Gareth Durrant, Director of Programs and Partnerships



OUR TEAM

Asia Catalyst has a team of eight committed staff members and runs programming in Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam from offices in Bangkok, Beijing, and New York.

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FINANCIALS

Financial statements are for the fiscal year July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016, and are presented in US dollars. Asia Catalyst’s operating budget for the year was \$819,104. This year we used general support funding to launch a new Southeast Asia regional program and open a regional office in Bangkok, Thailand.

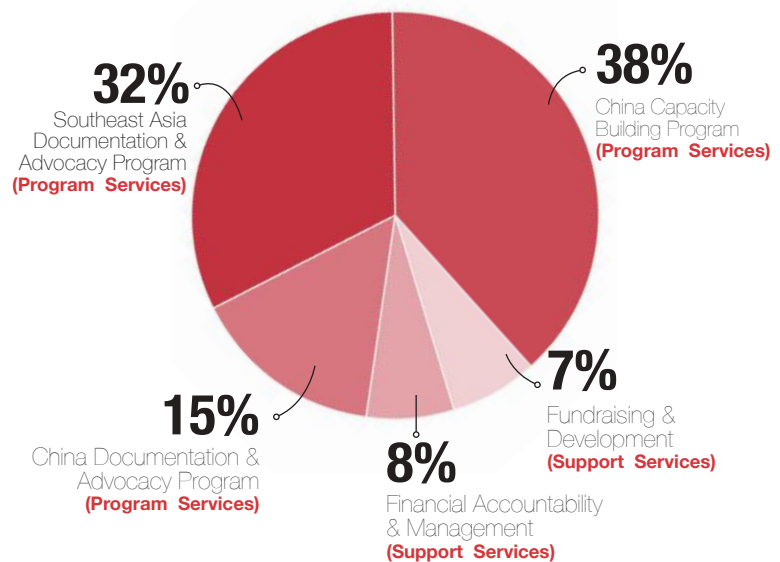
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	2016			2015		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015
REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Grants and contributions	\$ 228,731	\$ 377,187	\$ 605,918	\$ 222,937	\$ 623,697	\$ 846,634
Contract revenue	31,825	-	31,825	-	-	-
Donated services	14,500	-	14,500	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income	5,286	-	5,286	3,244	-	3,244
Net assets released from restrictions	552,742	(552,742)	-	514,973	(514,973)	-
Total revenue and support	833,084	175,555	657,529	741,154	108,724	849,878
EXPENSES						
Program services	698,057	-	698,057	639,917	-	639,917
Supporting services						
Management and general	61,527	-	61,527	84,571	-	84,571
Fundraising	59,520	-	59,520	72,862	-	72,862
Total expenses	819,104	-	819,104	797,350	-	797,350
Change in net assets	13,980	(175,555)	(161,575)	(59,196)	(108,724)	52,528
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	161,597	256,031	419,628	217,793	149,307	367,100
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 175,577	\$ 82,476	\$ 258,053	\$ 161,597	\$ 258,031	\$ 419,628

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Asia Catalyst has three main programs: **Capacity Building and Community Initiatives in China, Documentation and Advocacy in China, and Documentation and Advocacy in Southeast Asia.**

In addition, Asia Catalyst spent funds on development, financial accountability, and other administration.



STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 170,211	\$ 223,445
Contracts receivable	15,825	-
Grants and contributions receivables	70,940	181,200
Other receivables	1,622	1,715
Prepaid subgrant expenses	65	28,668
Prepaid expenses	3,722	12,022
Property and equipment, net	3,678	6,025
Security deposits	15,922	15,019
Total assets	\$ 281,985	\$ 468,094
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 23,932	\$ 48,466
Total liabilities	23,932	48,466
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR		
Unrestricted	175,577	161,597
Temporarily restricted	82,476	258,031
Total net assets	258,053	419,628
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 281,985	\$ 468,094

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