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Children by choice, not chance.

A photograph of a woman with dark skin and short hair, wearing a light-colored tank top, holding two young children. The child on the left is wearing an orange tank top and looking towards the camera. The child on the right is wearing a pink shirt and smiling. They are standing in front of a wall made of dry, thatched material. The text "Children by choice, not chance." is overlaid in the top left corner in white on a blue background. In the bottom left corner, there is a small block of text.

MSI Asia Pacific wishes to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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Message from Julie Mundy

Chairperson of the Board

With the right to reproductive choice and bodily autonomy once again under attack with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States, we are more determined than ever to achieve our vision.

To reflect on our work in 2022 is to look at how MSI faced the challenges of the ongoing pandemic.

We went further than anyone else to reach people who would otherwise have no access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), both across our region, and the 37 countries we work in worldwide.

2022 saw the completion of the first full year of the RESPOND program, after planning began in 2020, funded by the Australian Government, which we deliver in partnership with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

This program aims to ensure populations affected by COVID-19 in the Asia Pacific region have access to high-quality sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and information. We estimate that the services provided under the RESPOND programme in its first year alone averted over 224,000 unintended pregnancies, over 86,000 unsafe abortions, and over 1401 maternal deaths. With an increase in sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) during the pandemic, MSI and IPPF also focussed on improving the provision of services to SGBV survivors. The program's first year saw 24,708 SGBV survivors referred to specialist services.

At the end of 2022, we farewelled Chris Turner as Executive Officer of MSI Asia Pacific. I would like to personally thank Chris for his 15 years of service to MSI, including two years as the Program Manager of our Papua New Guinea program.

As our Executive Officer and Regional Director for the past six years, Chris's impact has been significant, and he has left the organisation in a healthy and sustainable place. I wish him well in his future endeavours. I also warmly welcome our incoming Executive Director, Merewyn Foran, who started at MSI Asia Pacific in early 2023. A big thank you to our donors and supporters over the last year. We could not make the difference to women and girls that we do without your ongoing support.

Thank you.



Message from Merewyn Foran

MSI Asia Pacific
Executive Director

In February 2023, Merewyn Foran joined MSI Asia Pacific as Executive Director. Merewyn is an experienced executive leader with over two decades of experience across the not-for-profit sector including at World Vision, RSPCA, Hanover Welfare Services and most recently at Hagar Australia in the role of Executive Director. With experience in leadership, fundraising and philanthropy, governance, operational management, communications and stakeholder engagement, Merewyn is passionate about leading high-performing teams that make a difference in our world, particularly in some of the most disadvantaged communities globally.

I am absolutely delighted to join the team at MSI Asia Pacific and to lead the organisation into its next phase of development.

I first learnt of the work of MSI during my travels throughout Africa two decades ago. Local health providers delivered vital health services in remote communities in basic buildings with even more basic facilities, branded with the recognisable blue door logo.

My lasting memory was of a vital health service for women who, being in a rural and remote region, would otherwise have had no access to family planning, contraception or safe abortion and so faced higher rates of unintended pregnancies, increased risk of unsafe abortion, and higher maternal mortality rates.

The need for these health services continues to exist in most communities across our region today, and that is why my vision as I step into the role of Executive Director is to raise greater awareness of MSI's work and to engage more donors than ever before in partnering with us to achieve our bold vision – that by 2030 no abortion will be unsafe and every individual who wants access to safe contraception will have it. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the donors who enabled and empowered us to deliver our work throughout 2022, including the Australian Government. It is only through partnership with you that we are able to positively change the lives of millions of women and girls. Thank you!

I also want to acknowledge and thank those who have worked tirelessly over the past year to enable MSI Asia Pacific to achieve the impact we did in 2022, including Julie Mundy and the Board of Directors who volunteer their time, outgoing Executive Officer Chris Turner, the MSI Asia Pacific team as well as frontline MSI team members delivering services around the globe. I invite you to continue to partner with us over the coming year as we strive to grow our impact at scale, so that every woman and girl can be empowered with choice and agency over their own life.

Please do reach out if you would like to chat about the role you can play in achieving our ambitious vision.



Our purpose

We are courageous providers of choice. Our work spans 37 countries providing contraception, safe abortion and post-abortion care. We smash stigma. Break down barriers. And go further than anyone else to reach people who would otherwise have no access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights.

For some, choice means the ability to complete their education or start a career.

For others, it means being able to look after their family. For everyone, choice means the freedom to determine their own future, creating a fairer, more equal world for all.

MSI Reproductive Choices has provided life-changing sexual and reproductive healthcare to millions of people worldwide for over 45 years.



As part of the MSI Reproductive Choices partnership, in 2022 MSI Asia Pacific provided sexual and reproductive health services in Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and the wider Asia Pacific region. Thus supporting women and their families to make informed decisions about their reproductive health, including if and when they choose to have children.

When women have control over their bodies and future, lives are transformed - for individuals, their families, and communities.

Worldwide, 257 million women in low- and middle-income countries have an unmet need for modern contraception, meaning they don't want to get pregnant, but are not currently using safe, modern contraception, and of them, 172 million are using no method at all. Without contraception, women have no reliable way of preventing an unintended pregnancy that could lead to economic insecurity, push their dreams beyond their reach, or even threaten their health and life.

In 2022, MSI Reproductive Choices supported 21.1 million clients to access sexual and reproductive healthcare across 37 countries, partnering with government, civil society and implementing partners to do so.

Worldwide, 82,000 people were supported with reproductive choice every single day.

MSI's services prevented approximately 14.6 million unintended pregnancies and 7.2 million unsafe abortions, saving the lives of 42,600 women and girls.

We know women and girls continue to be the most affected by economic and social upheaval during crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate emergency. Access to essential sexual and reproductive health and rights is at risk of going backwards during times of crisis, so we have worked hard in the past few years to advocate for increased investment and focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights for all.

With the support of the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, we are continually striving to address the urgent need for life-changing sexual and reproductive healthcare, while strengthening, and sustaining service delivery, and testing and scaling up innovative approaches.



How we deliver services



Centres

MSI clinics, also known as centres, are a safe and welcoming environment where women and their families can access reproductive health services from experienced clinical service providers. In 2022, MSI Cambodia launched its eighth clinic. The goal was to fill the gap in family planning (FP) services for people living along the Cambodian-Thai border. The clinic is in Poipet, a casino town that attracts internal and cross-border migrants, many of them young women.

The clinic will provide family planning, STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) screening and treatment and safe abortion services to entertainment workers, casino workers and sex workers, as well as internal and cross-border migrants. Due to its border location, clients will be able to pay for services in Thai baht, Cambodian riel or US dollars.

Outreach

Our outreach service providers travel long distances, often through difficult terrain, to reach underserved communities. In 2022, this included providing free sexual and reproductive health services to over 200 women with disabilities and those exposed to Agent Orange as part of a clinic arranged by the Volunteer Doctors Association in Ha Noi, Vietnam.

The effects of the war are still felt in Vietnam, with the children of soldiers exposed to Agent Orange also affected by the chemical. Many women who attended this outreach service in Vietnam, were having their first sexual and reproductive health counselling sessions and exams in many years, some for the very first time.

Dinh Thi Quyen, who is 35, had her first ever gynaecological examination at the event. Her father was exposed to Agent Orange in the Vietnam War, and Quyen is affected too. She has difficulty speaking. She left school after 8th grade as she was affected by high fevers, poor health and seizures. "I am a woman, but this is the first time I have ever had a gynaecological exam," she said.

MSI Ladies

The MSI Ladies model meets the reproductive health needs of women and girls in areas underserved by traditional health care systems.

MSI Ladies are entrepreneurial women working to provide high-quality family planning services for their own community through door-to-door services in homes or in nearby public health facilities.



Public sector strengthening

Our approach to public sector strengthening involves working through local health systems and providing technical assistance, training, and mentoring. MSI has team members embedded in local health departments and clinics, providing specialist family planning services. In both Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste, our teams worked closely with government partners to build their capacity in the provision of sexual and reproductive health services.

Contact centres

Our Cambodian, Papua New Guinean and Timor-Leste programs each have a contact centre, where trained team members answer client questions and provide referrals for family planning, sexual and reproductive healthcare, and other services.

Our global impact in 2022

In 2022, MSI was proud to work with partners to support more people with their reproductive choices than ever before.

With reproductive choice, women and girls are more likely to remain in education, achieve financial independence and drive positive change in their communities.

So, as awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights continues to grow globally, it's no surprise that we have seen unprecedented demand for MSI's services.



82,000

People received reproductive choice every single day.

over the year,
that meant

14.6 million

Unintended pregnancies averted

7.2 million

Unsafe abortions averted

42,600

Women and girls lives saved



Why I give to MSI Asia Pacific



Sally

Donor, New South Wales

My own experience having a termination in Australia led me to become a financial supporter of MSI Asia Pacific.

I can distinctly remember sitting in the clinic before the procedure feeling so fortunate that I was able to access this life saving healthcare. I was just lucky to be able to afford the procedure and have it available as a choice for me. The decision to have a termination is complex and heavy enough on its own without worrying about the many barriers that women all over the world face accessing this service. Despite it being a challenging day emotionally, I felt enormous relief after the procedure and a deep knowing that I had made the right decision for me. But when I think back on that day, I really just remember feeling so incredibly grateful to access the care I needed and that feeling has stayed with me over the years.

I had always been fiercely pro-choice, but my personal experience accessing an abortion gave me a renewed appreciation for the importance of the work that MSI Asia Pacific does.

It broke my heart to realise that so many women and girls throughout the world for a variety of reasons have limited access to the same sexual and reproductive healthcare that I did. And it's even more awful to see in 2023 in some countries, that these rights are being wound back.

This is why I will continue to donate what I can to support MSI Asia Pacific throughout my life. I really admire the work they do to improve lives, often under difficult circumstances. I believe that donating to such a worthy cause is something tangible I can do to assist the journey for those women and girls whose access to this life-changing care is challenging through no fault of their own.

I also view my donations as a way of paying forward the excellent care and compassion that I received when I needed it most. I really encourage you to consider supporting this incredibly important cause.



Project feature **EMPOWER**

The Mekong Women's Empowerment Project (EMPOWER) ran from 2018 to 2022 in Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam. It was funded by the Australian Government through the Gender Equality Fund. The project aimed to advance women's economic empowerment by increasing the clinical capacity, business skills, and financial independence of entrepreneurial health providers, called MSI Ladies. MSI Ladies are qualified midwives, nurses and doctors who were empowered with skills to develop their businesses and enhance their ability to deliver sexual and reproductive health and family planning services within their communities.

The program supported 451 female entrepreneurs to build their private businesses to deliver high quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services in their communities. MSI Ladies reported that EMPOWER gave them increased confidence and an improved standing in their communities.

EMPOWER reached over:

1.4 million

community members in Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam with improved knowledge of sexual and reproductive health choices and understanding of modern methods of contraception.



One MSI Lady from Cambodia told us, “My business revenue increased by 20 per cent because I improved my skills in attracting new customers and adding new services into my business.”



Project feature

The Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP)

MSI Asia Pacific has three projects in Nepal, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea under the ANCP banner. The ANCP is DFAT's key partnership with Australia's NGOs.

Each year, ANCP NGOs deliver around 400 projects in 50 countries. MSI's ANCP projects for 2022-23 are:

Developing sustainable sexual and reproductive health centres in Papua New Guinea.

The project aim is to have financially sustainable MSI clinics in Port Moresby and Lae by offering complementary services and providing technical expertise and training to partner organisations.

Establishing public-private partnerships to sustainably advance the sexual and reproductive well-being of remote Nepalese communities.

The project aim is to address barriers in accessing sexual and reproductive health in Nepal by training and mobilising 'MSI Ladies', including embedding four MSI Ladies in local government areas and improving the ability of MSI Nepal's contact centre to provide referral information to clients.

Transitioning to a sustainable program of sexual and reproductive health centres in Cambodia.

The project aim is to support MSI Cambodia to be a financially self-sustaining organisation.



For almost 50 years, ANCP has provided funding to NGOs to implement projects consistent with the goals of Australia's development program.





Project feature

SUPPORT for Timor-Leste

Transitioning SRH services, currently implemented by MSI Timor-Leste, to government ownership.

The goal of the *Transition to Sustain Access: Supporting Government- Ownership of Quality, Equitable Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Timor-Leste* SUPPORT program, is that by 2026 the Government of Timor-Leste will provide high-quality, equitable and people-centred sexual and reproductive health and family planning services across Timor-Leste. By 2026, the government will be equipped to ensure a service provided at a Ministry of Health provider at a Primary Health Care clinic will be of the same high quality and delivered with the same principles of equity and inclusion, as those formerly provided by MSI Timor-Leste.



SUPPORT is a five-year program that began in 2021. By 2026, we plan to have started the transition to government services in 12 municipalities. To transition, the SUPPORT program has two key outcomes: to strengthen the enabling environment so the government can provide quality, equitable and people-centred sexual and reproductive health services; and that government midwives have the skills and support to deliver quality, equitable and people-centred sexual and reproductive health services. MSI Timor-Leste is working towards these outcomes in many ways, through advocacy; technical support; delivering training, coaching and assessment for midwives; and training frontline and support staff.

In 2022, MSI Timor-Leste played a key role in transitioning their knowledge to government providers to strengthen the health system so quality sexual and reproductive health services can be provided by government staff.

63

Public health facilities were assessed on compliance with national standards.

19

Government sites were supported by MSI Timor-Leste.

37

Public health providers were supported by MSI Timor-Leste.

3,263

Clients were served.

To ensure that government health services are delivered with principles of equity and inclusion, MSI Timor-Leste designed and delivered a non-clinical training package that included safeguarding, client-centred care, gender equality, disability and social inclusion, data quality and validation and data privacy. Forty-three participants were trained in the second half of 2022.

To transition to government-provided services by 2026, in the program's final years, MSI Timor-Leste will scale down its direct service provision as government sites are equipped to provide services directly.



Some learning from mid-way through the program includes the need to emphasise and increase understanding about the important role family planning plays in preventative health care and how family planning can help reduce maternal mortality. Also, family health promoters could be used more to promote family planning at the community level.



Reaching new clients in Timor-Leste

MSI Timor-Leste is committed to leaving no one behind, and reaching clients who would otherwise have no way of accessing sexual and reproductive healthcare services.

Mana Maria Mesquita is a young mother from Laclubar, Timor-Leste, who lives with her husband and two children. She and her husband sought family planning after the birth of their second child, so that they can have space between their children and allow her to help work on their farm.

"I would like to use contraception because it gives me the freedom to work on the farm, I can travel for cultural purposes, and I can have some space between my pregnancies. But it is my choice to use contraception. It should be everyone's choice to have family planning services, it is up to them."



She is delighted with the presence of MSI TL in her community. Many people have never heard about MSI TL or about the sexual and reproductive healthcare services they offer.

"This is the first time we have learned about MSI TL or family planning. I am happy with all the information that I received from the team. I will go home and tell my friends about the services and information that I have received. We should share this information with others."

Fast facts

In 2022, approximately one-third of contraception users in Timor-Leste received their contraception service from MSI TL.

During 2022, MSI TL prevented an estimated:

28,105 Unintended pregnancies

6,795 Unsafe abortions



Providing access to teleabortion in Cambodia during the pandemic

Following months of strict lockdowns in Cambodia in 2021, with travel restrictions and requirements to stay home, MSI Cambodia saw a significant decline in the number of women accessing safe abortion services at their centres (which stayed open throughout the pandemic) and an increase in women seeking care to manage complications after an unsafe abortion.

In November 2021, MSI Cambodia launched a pilot to provide telehealth services, delivering home-based medical abortion and post abortion family planning services to eligible clients.

The successful pilot was conducted in Kandal and Phnom Penh provinces, with 52 clients receiving telemedicine services. The number of telemedicine consultations increased during times of high COVID-19 cases, demonstrating that clients were accessing the service at times when travel was restricted.



Medical abortion pills are a safe and private way to terminate an early pregnancy in a client's home. Clients can call the MSI Cambodia Contact Centre and receive comprehensive information from a trained professional on how to self-administer a medical abortion.

Once they receive the correct medical advice, a quality-assured product is delivered to their home.

Based on the results of the pilot, telehealth abortion service was expanded nationwide in August 2022.

In February 2023, MSIC will offer short term contraception (such as the Pill) and emergency contraception via telehealth. 68% of telehealth clients are adolescents, which shows the importance of options such as this to provide access to young people who might otherwise remain unreachable.

Our team has also supported the Government of Cambodia to provide telehealth services by delivering a Training of Trainers to the National Maternal and Child Health Centre.

Fast facts

During 2022

61,543

People in Cambodia were using a modern method of contraception supplied by MSI Cambodia

18,522

Unintended pregnancies prevented

7,472

Unsafe abortions prevented



Supporting the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Papua New Guinea

COVID-19 vaccinations are not something anyone at MSI Asia Pacific ever imagined we would be providing, but when the PNG health department requested that we use our clinically trained MSI service providers to assist the Government of PNG's rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, we jumped at the opportunity to support the broader health system and improve the health and wellbeing of Papua New Guineans.

In 2022 some of our staff were certified to provide COVID-19 vaccinations, and we were able to provide this service in our Lae and Port Moresby centres.



PNG has one of the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rates worldwide. Stigma and misinformation about vaccination - and about the COVID-19 vaccinations in particular - had led to only 3.4% of the population receiving two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by the end of 2022.

Against this backdrop, the project raised awareness, promoted positive attitudes and increased access to vaccination in the country's biggest cities.

This was achieved by recruiting additional staff, refurbishing more space at MSI PNG's two existing health centres in Lae and Port Moresby, attending government-led vaccination training and providing vaccines to members of the public at no cost to the client.

MSI PNG also distributed accurate, accessible information about the COVID-19 vaccination via social media, supporting the National Department of Health (NDOH) campaign.

Despite some initial challenges, the project provided approximately:

25,000

People with accurate COVID-19 messaging across all media.

681

Vaccine doses in 2022.

Fast facts

In 2022

162,721

People in Papua New Guinea were using a modern method of contraception supplied by MSI in PNG

During 2022, MSI in PNG prevented an estimated:

93

Maternal deaths

74,516

Unintended pregnancies

8,248

Unsafe abortions





Project feature

RESPOND

2022 saw MSI Asia Pacific partner with the International Planned Parenthood Foundation (IPPF) to deliver the first year of the two-year RESPOND program, funded by the Australian Government. The \$34.4 million program is being delivered in 22 countries in the Asia Pacific region. MSI supports the RESPOND program in Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Nepal, Myanmar, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The program's goal is to ensure that populations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Asia Pacific region have enhanced sexual and reproductive health and rights through the delivery of high-quality, equitable sexual and reproductive health services and receive trusted and reliable sexual and reproductive health and rights, and COVID-19 information.

The first year of the program saw impact on a large scale, with over:

**1.8
million**

Clients served across the 22 countries.

**7.1
million**

Essential SRH services provided across 22 countries.

**13
million**

People accessing SRH information through digital platforms.

41% of clients served were considered vulnerable and underserved, which far exceeded the target of 23.5%.



Fast facts

We estimate that the services provided under the RESPOND program in its first year alone will have averted over

**224,000
unintended
pregnancies**

**86,000
unsafe abortions**

**140
maternal deaths**

The three aims of the program are to:

Provide high quality and equitable sexual and reproductive health services through established delivery channels.

For women, men and young people to have access to digital health services (telemedicine) and alternative service delivery models (home-based care, self-care, etc).

For women, men and young people to receive quality, trusted and accessible information on sexual and reproductive health and COVID-19.

Achievements

To achieve the aims of the program MSI and IPPF worked with partners to deliver non-judgmental sexual and reproductive health training to health care professionals and civil society organisations. In the first year of the program, 7,366 people were trained, 253% against the first-year target.

With an increase in sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) during the pandemic, MSI and IPPF also focussed on improving the provision of services to SGBV survivors.

The first year of the program saw 24,708 SGBV survivors referred to specialist services.

Challenges

Significant challenges in the program roll-out included the secondary impacts of COVID-19 affecting staff movements, and delivery of outreach and home-based services during the pandemic.

Contextually, challenges to implementing the program have been presented by the military regime in Myanmar, the political and economic crisis in Sri Lanka and flooding in Pakistan.

Learnings

MSI and IPPF have learnt the importance of tailored strategies to reach marginalised populations with sexual and reproductive health services and information.

In-person awareness raising is still crucial, especially in reaching communities with limited access to digital platforms.



Supporting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in Bangladesh

Adel is a family planning nurse in Bangladesh, working in a government role. She has dedicated her life to supporting women and their families. Since 1992, she has provided thousands of clients with counselling on family planning, has provided antenatal and postnatal care, delivered babies, and provided neonatal care.

Over the years, she has approached each client with empathy and care. When providing counselling, she always listens carefully to her client's story, and has often come across cases of gender-based violence during a physical examination or through listening to a client. Until recently, she was unsure what to do in this situation, as the Government of Bangladesh had not provided training on identifying and supporting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

This changed recently with the support of the Australian Government's RESPOND program.

For the first time, MSI Bangladesh trained 103 government family planning service providers on how to identify and support survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.



Adel received the training in March 2022 and, since then, has been able to counsel survivors and refer several to support services. Now, if a client discloses that they have experienced violence, Adel confidently responds in a survivor-centred and empathetic way. On top of providing medical care such as emergency contraception and HIV testing, Adel can offer referrals for further support and give the clients choices and moral support to carve their pathway to healing.



Supporting women and their families in Pakistan

Durnaz is 29 years old and lives in Pakistan. Her family could not afford to educate her, and life was expensive. He worked as a tuk-tuk driver, but didn't own his own motorbike, and after paying the rent on the motorbike there was barely enough money left to feed their family. Without knowledge of long-term contraception methods, Durnaz gave birth to four children in quick succession, two of whom have special needs. As the family grew, their financial situation got worse.

To ease the burden on her family, Durnaz married at an early age. Unfortunately, her new husband was even more financially constrained.

With the backing of the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the RESPOND program, MSS (Marie Stopes Society) Pakistan was supported to reach out to women like Dinaz.



A healthcare worker from MSS Pakistan visited Dinaz and her husband at home. She talked the couple through their options, and they chose a long-term method of contraception. Dinaz and her husband now have more control over their family size and are grateful for the visit and information.



How MSI Asia Pacific works towards gender equality, disability and social inclusion.

Ensuring that everyone can access safe, high-quality sexual and reproductive health and rights is at the core of our mission. Making sure that our services are accessible to all clients is a key part of this. In 2021, MSI Asia Pacific developed Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) strategies in partnership with our country programs and in 2022 we worked to start implementing these plans across our country programs.

Activities towards the inclusion of all clients have included training, awareness raising and network strengthening. The aim is to increase access to and awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights for diverse groups by promoting gender equality, disability and social inclusion through MSI's programs and services.



Gender Equality

MSI Asia Pacific is committed to working towards gender equality, and works to address gender inequality and improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes for all through training, awareness-raising campaigns and partnering with specialist organisations. Key outcomes for 2022 included:

- In May, a Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) analysis was conducted for the RESPOND program, which is providing services across eight countries in the Asia Pacific. The analysis found gender norms and stereotypes, policy frameworks, stigma and judgment towards sexual and reproductive health services, and accessibility of services were all barriers to accessing services. An implementation plan has been developed to inform the remainder of the RESPOND program.
- In Pakistan, many women and girls are not able to access education, let alone employment. With the support of the RESPOND project, MSI Pakistan hired local women as Field Health Educators to serve their local communities and receive an income. This creates employment opportunities, increases women's financial independence, and supports the local community to access condoms and emergency contraception.
- MSI Cambodia trained 24 staff in Diversity Equality Inclusion over two days in September, leading to a 30% increase in understanding of the key areas of gender equality and equity.

- In Nepal, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) training was conducted, with two transgender people presenting at the training. With the transgender community particularly stigmatised in Nepal, it was valuable for MSI Nepal staff to engage and learn from the lived experience of people from LGBTQIA+ communities.
- MSI trained 38 MSI Ladies in Myanmar with a gender awareness sharing session and disability inclusion refresher course. The course underlined the importance of positive attitudes towards persons with disabilities.
- In December, MSI Cambodia participated in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, participating in community events including a fair run by UNFPA that reached over 5000 people.



Disability Inclusion

Disability Inclusion has been integrated into project activity plans across all MSI Asia Pacific's country programs, including marketing techniques, innovative delivery and awareness raising through social media to highlight the importance of recognising the needs of people with a disability.

- MSI Cambodia has published social media posts to promote the rights of people with disabilities and highlight the services offered by MSI.
- MSI Myanmar produced Braille-translated pamphlets that were distributed alongside our services and offered sign language interpretation where needed.
- MSI Vietnam has partnered with the Association of People with Disabilities to reach clients and has provided 34 women with Agent Orange-related disabilities with free sexual and reproductive health services via a mobile clinic.
- Working with the Volunteer Doctors Association, MSI Vietnam has also provided vouchers to organisations for people with disabilities so clients can access sexual and reproductive health services free of charge.



Sexual and Gender- Based Violence

The COVID-19 pandemic led to an increase in sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and MSI responded by improving the provision of services for survivors. Crucial to this work is understanding the barriers survivors face with reporting, empowering providers to have the confidence to manage SGBV cases, and the cultural taboos and stigmas around SGBV. As part of the RESPOND program, frontline staff from MSI and IPPF received training in providing support to SGBV survivors, creating safe spaces for clients to disclose SGBV cases, and building referral pathways.

Training and awareness-raising activities in the first half of 2022 led to an increase in SGBV referrals in the second half of 2022. However, challenges persist because of cultural stigma in reporting SGBV incidents and the cost of training and establishing referral pathways, which will undoubtedly present as a barrier to the longer-term sustainability of such services.

In the second half of 2022 there was an increase in SGBV referrals, which is attributed to an increase in the confidence and skills of service providers in supporting SGBV survivors.



Partnerships

Across all the country programs MSI Asia Pacific works with, partnering with organisations with a focus on gender equality has been key to increasing awareness among MSI staff and ensuring inclusive service provision. For example, MSI Timor-Leste has provided orientation to staff of organisations with a focus on gender equality, sexual and gender-based violence, and disability, who will then refer their clients on to MSI Timor-Leste's services.

Accreditation

As a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), MSI Asia Pacific is committed to upholding the standards of the ACFID Code of Conduct (The Code). MSI Asia Pacific adheres to the best-practice principles of The Code and the rigorous governance, financial reporting, management, and ethical practices required of it as an international development agency.

MSI Asia Pacific is accredited by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing Australia's development program. To maintain accreditation, our systems, policies and processes are rigorously reviewed by the Australian Government. MSI Asia Pacific receives support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Should you have any questions or feedback, please contact feedback@msiasiapacific.org.au



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Fast finance

MSI Asia Pacific is part of the global MSI Reproductive Choices partnership.

The partnership generates
\$517 million AUD
in revenue globally

This income is primarily composed of grants from institutional donors and private foundations together with revenue generated from the partnership's commercial operations.

In 2022, MSIAP secured total revenue of

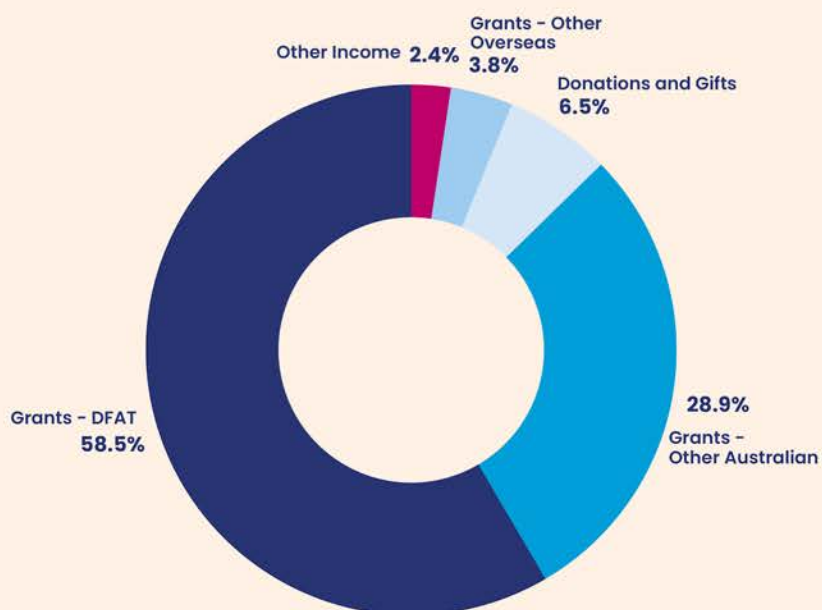
\$17.8m

An increase of **31%** from **\$13.6m** in 2021. Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) grant income increased by **\$4.2m** in 2022, due to the first full year of project implementation of the RESPOND program across eight countries. Donation income increased to **\$1.2m** from **\$900k** in 2021. MSIAP will be investing in growing public donation income and renewing key institutional funding contracts in 2023.

MSIAP recorded total expenditure of **\$26.2m**, an increase of **73%** from \$15.2m in 2021. International Programs expenditure accounted for **86.9% (\$22.8m)** of total expenditure. International programs expenditure increased by **\$8.9m**, in line with the increase in DFAT grant income as well as the utilisation of restricted reserves in 2022. MSIAP continues to maintain low support office costs with Administration costs accounting for **6.9%** of total expenditure and fundraising costs accounting for **2.6%** of total expenditure.

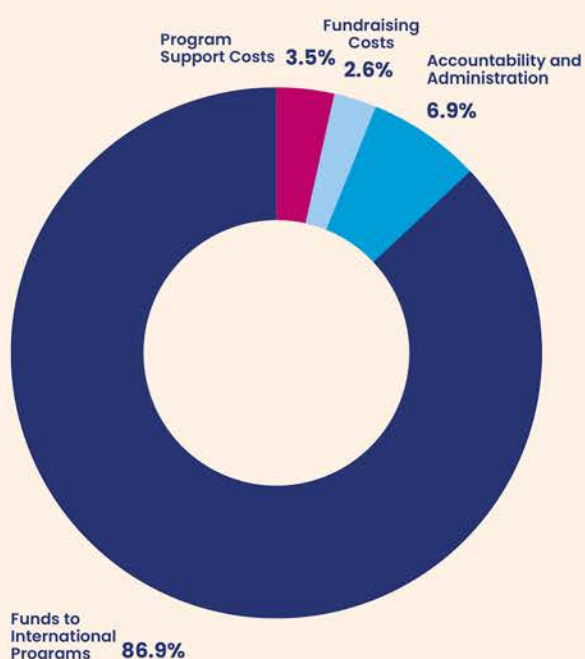
The Board and management at MSIAP will continue to monitor the organisation's financial situation, ensuring both a healthy level of equity while maximising our contribution to the global mission.

Revenue in 2022



REVENUE		2022
Donations and Gifts	6.5%	\$1,155,845
Grants - DFAT	58.5%	\$10,398,757
Grants - Other Australian	28.9%	\$5,137,175
Other Income	2.4%	\$425,531
Grants - Other Overseas	3.8%	\$662,524
Total Revenue		\$17,779,832

Expenditure in 2022



EXPENDITURE		2022
Program Support Costs	3.5%	\$924,464
Fundraising Costs	2.6%	\$686,899
Accountability and Administration	6.9%	\$1,833,089
Funds to International Programs	86.9%	\$22,798,266
Total Expenditure		\$26,242,718

The above revenue and expenditure graphs represent our various components of income and expenditure as a proportion of the totals. Each category is adapted from the summary financial statements on the following page and is based on the definitions described in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.



Financial statements

Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022

REVENUE	2022 \$	2021 \$
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	1,155,846	898,536
Grants		
DFAT	10,398,757	6,238,605
Other Australian	5,137,175	5,266,282
Other overseas	662,523	732,245
Investment income	223,606	24,475
Other income	201,925	430,924
Total Revenue	17,779,832	13,591,067
EXPENDITURE	2022 \$	2021 \$
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
Funds to international programs	22,798,266	13,884,851
Program support costs	924,464	118,567
Fundraising costs		
Public	427,800	236,750
Government, multilateral and private	259,099	137,299
Accountability and administration	1,833,089	829,180
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	26,242,718	15,206,647
Exchange rate (gain)/ loss	(56,981)	(98,484)
Total Expenditure	26,185,737	15,108,163
Excess / (shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	8,405,905	(1,517,096)
Other comprehensive (loss) / Income	104,971	(35,233)
Total Excess / (shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	(8,300,934)	(1,552,329)

These figures have been extracted from the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. For a copy of this report, please call us on 1300 478 486 or email info@msichoices.org.au. These financial statements comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct. Please Refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct for more information. Further financial information is available at the Australian Charities and Nonprofits Commission (ACNC).

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2022

ASSETS	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,356,691	17,241,503
Trade and other receivables	255,396	117,904
Inventories	67,817	92,435
Other financial assets	12,500,000	19,000,000
Total Current Assets	17,179,904	36,451,842
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	174,806	114,357
Rights of use assets	535,983	49,366
Total Non-Current Assets	710,789	163,723
Total Assets	17,890,693	36,615,565
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	3,456,762	4,540,565
Unearned grants	8,048,874	18,195,005
Provisions	468,564	146,377
Lease liability	230,792	49,366
Total Current Liabilities	12,204,992	22,931,313
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	75,916	78,724
Lease liability	305,191	
Total Non-Current Liabilities	381,107	78,724
Total Liabilities	12,586,099	23,010,037
Net Assets	5,304,594	13,605,528
EQUITY		
General Reserves	(40,552)	(145,523)
Restricted Reserves	177,785	7,558,188
Retained Earnings	5,167,361	6,192,863
Total Equity	5,304,594	13,605,528

Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Retained Earnings \$	Foreign Currency Translation Reserves \$	Designated Funds Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 31 December 2021	6,192,863	(145,523)	7,558,188	13,605,528
Items of other comprehensive income				
Excess of revenue over expenses	(8,405,905)			(8,405,905)
Other amounts transferred (to) from reserves	7,380,403	104,971	(7,380,403)	104,971
Balance at 31 December 2022	5,167,361	(40,552)	177,785	5,304,594



Independent Auditor's Report

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Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements to the members of MSI Asia Pacific

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at 31 December 2022 and the summary income statement and the summary statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of MSI Asia Pacific for the year ended 31 December 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report in accordance with the basis described in the summary financial statements.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain a summary statement of cash flows or all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 24 March 2023.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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Anneke Du Toit
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Melbourne, 8 May 2023

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