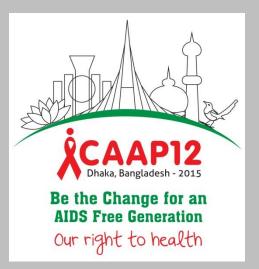
12<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AIDS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

#### ICAAP12

Dhaka, Bangladesh, 12-14 March 2016



#### Somsri Tantipaibulvut Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre





Partners in Population and Development (PPD) An Inter-Governmental Organization Promoting South-South Cooperation www.icaap2015.org www.facebook.com/icaap12

#### Background

- The International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) is the largest forum on AIDS held in the Asia and the Pacific region.
- Since the first ICAAP was held in 1990, almost 25 years ago, the ICAAP has played a critical role in raising public awareness, building political commitment, strengthening advocacy networks and disseminating knowledge and experiences on HIV issues among stakeholders in the region.





## Mission/Vision

 ICAAP12 is an opportunity to firmly entrench communities' efforts to promote the game changers with respect to AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia Pacific region that will lead to shared vision in the post 2015 agenda and end AIDS by 2030







# Goals

- To provide an international forum for communities and especially young people's voices in the agenda setting for ending AIDS post 2015
- To promote increased responsibility and accountability for governments and the international community for ending AIDS
- To provide a platform for country-by-country analysis of innovation, science and social determinants which will lead to the end of AIDS





## Theme

The theme of Dhaka congress is 'Be the Change Towards an AIDS Free Generation: Our Right to Health' which highlights the global and regional needs for achieving an AIDS free generation through science, innovation and community involvement and public private partnership.





## **Hosting Arrangements**

- The official co-hosts of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and Pacific (ICAAP) are Partners in Population and Development (PPD) and the Government of Bangladesh.
- Assisting the co-hosts with the planning for the Congress are the following Civil Society Organizations: Bandhu Social Welfare Society; STI/AIDS Network of Bangladesh; and PLHIV Network (Bangladesh).
- In addition, technical assistance to the ICAAP12 co-hosts and planner partners is provided by:
- International Centre for Diarrheal Disease, Bangladesh (icddr,b)
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)
- Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur
- The James P Grant School of Public Health
- UNICEF

Our right to health

The AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP) is the Convener for icalCAAP12 and UNAIDS is the Co-Convener.



- The conference was opened by H.E. President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Abdul Hamid, inaugurated the 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP12) at the International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka
- Highest Level of Political Support
- Cabinet Ministers of 9 Ministries, Government of Bangladesh attend the ICAAP12 support group meeting





# **Opening Ceremony**



#### Plenary 1 Creating the right environment: delivering on the promise of ending AIDS by 2030







# Plenary 2 'Fast tracking' services for the key population







# Plenary 3 Gender equality: Responding to the 3rd zero



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