

**Asia and Pacific CSO Consultation on RMNCH and the Global Financing Facility
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The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) in collaboration with International Planned Parenthood Federation, East & South East Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF-ESEAOR) conducted a consultation session on the Global Financing Facility with a small group of stakeholders during the Beijing+20 Review CSO forum.

Toomas Palu, Global Practice Manager for Health, Nutrition & Population at the World Bank, South East Asia and Pacific Region in his opening remarks presented the goals, principles, objectives and process of the GFF at the dinner consultation as he welcomed the participants from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Tonga.

The participants were interested in how non-governmental organisations can be engaged in the process of planning, implementation and monitoring. Many indicated that they felt that the funding should be crafted to better serve marginalized women and address comprehensive sexual education.

At the end of a very interactive and engaging consultation, the following recommendations were made:

- involvement of CSOs in designing, implementing and monitoring;
- Core principle – groups with less voices, marginalized and disadvantaged groups should be included;
- make sure programs on RMNCAH reflected CSOs voices at a country level

These recommendations were then shared with the Asia and Pacific Parliamentarians' Consultation on RMNCH and the Global Financing Facility where members of parliament also recommended including CSOs into accountability mechanisms at the country level.



Toomas Palu, Global Practice Manager for Health, Nutrition & Population at the World Bank, South East Asia and Pacific Region explaining about the GFF



Concerns were raised around the involvement of CSOs