



APAC HPV Coalition

Introduction & Key Initiatives | 2025

A large number of unmet needs exist in the management of HPV in Asia Pacific (APAC) related to awareness, vaccination, screening coverage and training on treatment guidelines

Unmet needs in APAC HPV management

Awareness



Low awareness that HPV links to diseases beyond cervical cancer



Stigma of HPV as a sexually transmitted infection



Misconception that HPV only affects women



Low awareness on the importance of screening

Prevention



Uneven HPV vaccination coverage across APAC, with only 5% in markets with nascent vaccination programs vs. 65%+ coverage in markets with mature vaccination programs*



Low vaccination adoption particularly among men; only ANZ includes boys in vaccination programs

Screening



Low screening rates for HPV-related diseases across APAC; only 8% coverage for cervical cancer screening in the SEA region**



Low access to and adoption of self-collection screening kits in APAC; only Australia, Myanmar and Malaysia offer self-sampling tests in national programs or guidelines

Treatment



Insufficient training on best practices on vaccination, screening and treatment for HCPs^

Note: * Examples of markets with mature vaccination programs are Australia, Brunei, New Zealand and Singapore, while examples of markets with nascent vaccination programs are Indonesia and the Philippines; ** 2019 estimates of cervical cancer screening coverage in women aged 30–49 years who have completed at least one screening in their lifetime; ^ Healthcare professionals (HCPs) include pediatricians, general practitioners, as well as community health workers

Source: HPV Information Centre; ScienceDirect; The Lancet Global Health; WHO

APAC HPV Coalition was created in to tackle issues pertaining to awareness, prevention, screening and treatment of HPV-related diseases for all, regardless of gender

VISION: An APAC region where HPV-related diseases are eliminated



Mission

In alignment with the WHO's call for action, APAC HPV coalition strives to reduce the disease burden of HPV-related diseases within APAC for all genders through a **focus on public education, advocacy and public policy**, that will draw on the expertise of diverse stakeholders and adopt a holistic health system approach



Awareness

Raise public awareness of the importance of tackling HPV-related diseases for all genders through vaccinations and screening



Prevention

Improve public access and tackle barriers to the adoption of HPV vaccination



Screening

Increase access and adoption of screening through education and national screening programs



Treatment

Establish treatment guidelines and improve access via policy advocacy of cost-effective treatments

Our devoted co-chairs bring decades of experiences in HPV management in APAC

Leadership profiles of APAC HPV Coalition



Dr. Suzanne Garland
Co-chair

- Professor of Reproductive & Neonatal Infectious Diseases, Department of Ob & Gyn, Royal Women’s Hospital, University of Melbourne
- Director, Centre for Women’s Infectious Diseases Research, Royal Women’s Hospital, University of Melbourne
- Honorary Research Fellow, Infection & Immunity, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute
- Past and Inaugural President, AOGIN (Asia Oceania Research Organization on Genital Infections and Neoplasia)
- Immediate Past-President, International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS)
- Chair, Policy Committee, IPVS
- Led 700+ studies, in collaboration with multiple research institutes



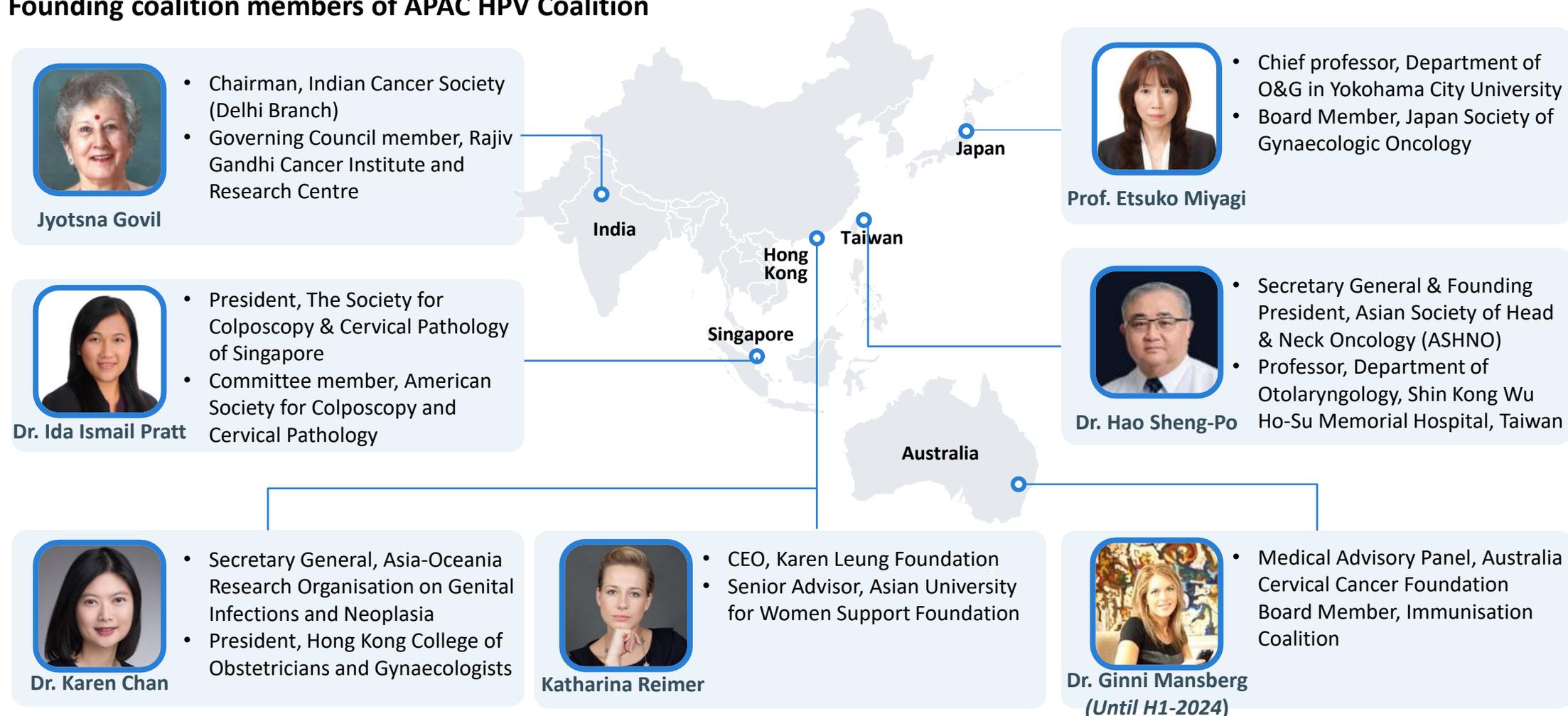
Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy
Co-chair

- Vice President, Asian Society of Gynaecological Oncology
- Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist/ Gynaecological Oncologist at Gleneagles Penang, Malaysia
- Served in leadership roles in multiple HPV-related professional organizations, *e.g., Chairman at OGSM, Chairman at MMA (Penang branch), council member at ASGO, member at AOFOG and editorial board member at the Medical Journal of Malaysia*
- Active in professional education in APAC, *e.g., Adjunct Clinical Professor at Penang Medical College, talks at annual international conferences hosted by IPVS and OGSM*
- Excellent Service Award by Malaysia Ministry of Health, and multiple other fellowships, scholarships and awards

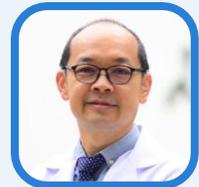
Note: IPVS - International Papillomavirus Society, AOGIN – Asia-Oceania Research Organisation on Genital Infections and Neoplasia, WHO – World Health Organisation, SAGE – Strategic Advisory Group of Experts, OGSM – Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia, MMA – Malaysian Medical Association, ASGO – Asian Society of Gynaecologic Oncology, AOFOG – Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Other founding members are thought leaders with deep expertise and track records in public health policy, advocacy, and evidence-based research in HPV-related issues

Founding coalition members of APAC HPV Coalition

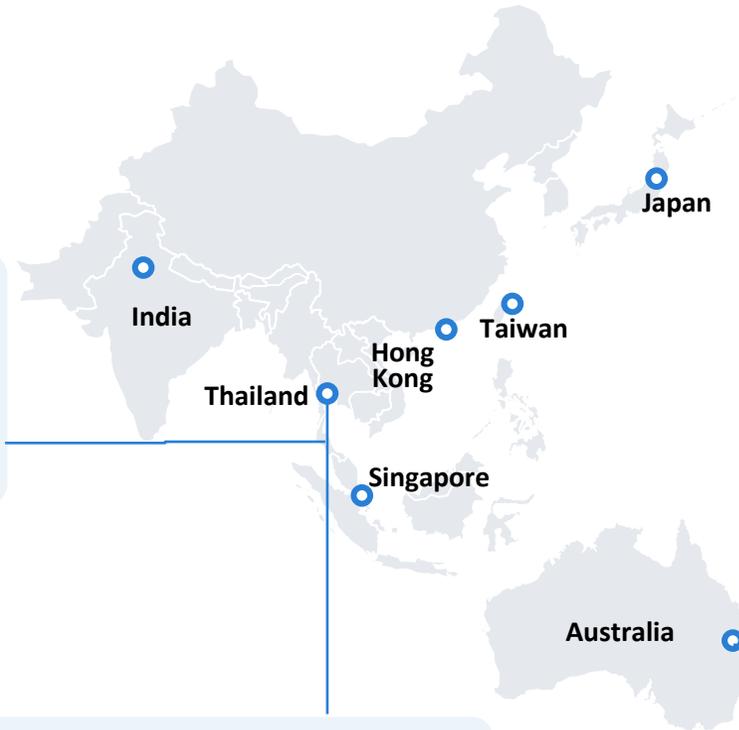


Our additional members are equally thought leaders with deep expertise and track records in public health policy, advocacy, and evidence-based research in HPV-related issues



Dr. Patravoot Vatanasapt

- Associate Professor, Dept of Otorhinolaryngology, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University, Thailand
- President, Asian Society of Head & Neck Oncology (ASHNO)



Prof. Deborah Bateson AM

- Professor of Practice, Faculty of Medicine & Health, Sydney Medical School, Moore College, The University of Sydney, Australia



Dr. Wichai Termrungruenglert

- Associate Professor, Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- Chairman of the Gynecologic Oncology Committee of The Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RTCOC)

The APAC HPV Coalition has already made progress on its agenda in research, public awareness and professional education domains

Note: IPVS - International Papillomavirus Society, OGSM – Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia

Key achievements by APAC HPV Coalition as of 2024

Academic research



International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

Human Papillomavirus Self-Sampling for Primary Cervical Cancer Screening in Under-Screened Women in Hong Kong during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The aim of this study was to assess the effectiveness of HPV self-sampling for cervical cancer screening and the best means of service delivery, with a specific focus on under-screened women, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Study 1: Ngu, S.-F.; Lau, L.S.K.; Li, J.; Wong, G.C.Y.; Cheung, A.N.Y.; Ngan, H.Y.S.; Chan, K.K.L.](#)

[Study 2: Lee J, Ismail-Pratt I, Machalek DA, Kumarasamy S, Garland SM \(2024\)](#)

[Study 3: Lee J, Ismail-Pratt I, Machalek DA, Kumarsamy S, Garland SM \(2023\)](#)

Public awareness



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HPV
子宮頸がん
の原因

さらに詳しく知りたい方は、以下のHPをご覧ください。

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[Japan HPV vaccination educational video \(2022\)](#)
[Joint media conference: IPVS & JSOG \(2023\)](#)
[Indian Cancer Society: Raise Against Cancer Mobile App](#)
[RCT-validated social media reels \(Japan\)](#)

Professional education



Free webinar from IPVS & APAC HPV Coalition

Date: 15 May 2021
Time: 08:00-09:00 CET (Geneva)/
14:00-15:00 GMT +8 (Singapore)

Moderators: Dr. Ida Ismail-Pratt (Singapore), Dr. Ginni Marsberg (Australia), Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy (Malaysia)

Speaker: Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy (Malaysia)

Panel: Prof. Suzanne Garland (Australia), Dr. Tsetsegsaikhan Batmunkh (Mongolia), Prof. Fiona Russell (Australia on behalf of Fiji), Prof. Woo Yin Ling (Malaysia)

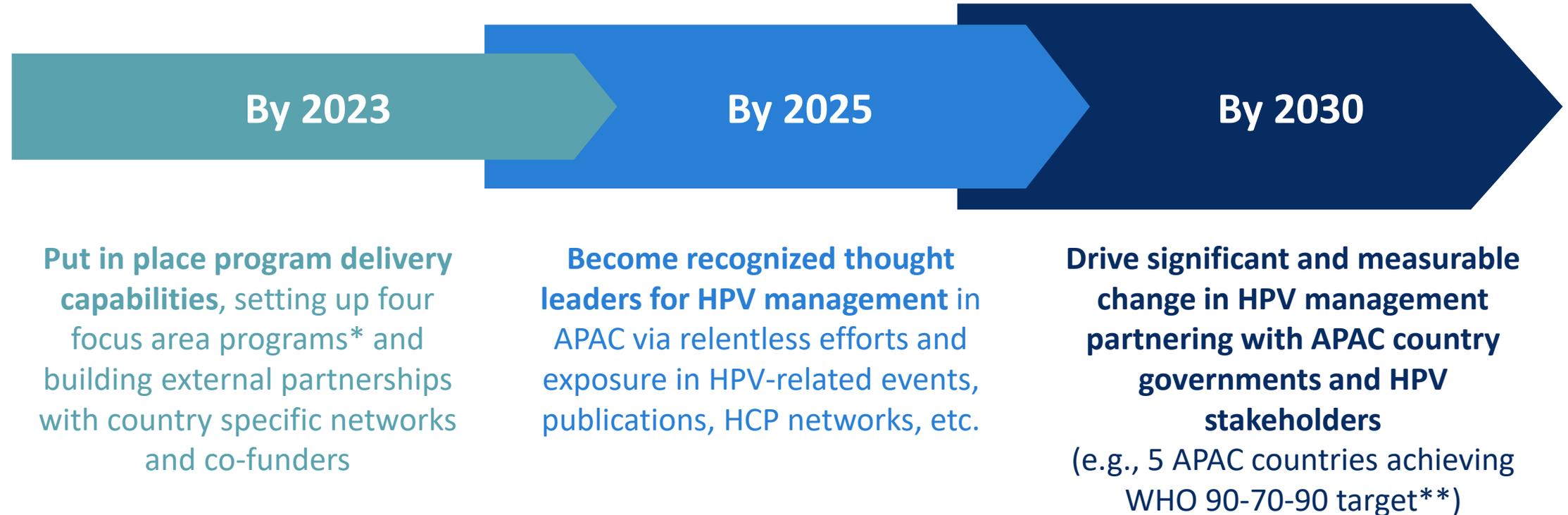
LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION!

www.ipvsoc.org

[Annual webinars with IPVS \(2021, 2022, 2023, 2024\)](#)
[Annual symposium with OGSM \(2021, 2022\)](#)
[35th & 36th annual IPVS conference \(2023 & 2024\)](#)
[More info here](#)

The Coalition has set itself ambitious objectives for the on 1 year, 3 year and long-term horizons

Objectives of the APAC HPV Coalition



Note: *Four committees for professional education, academic research, policy advocacy and public awareness; **The WHO has set targets to put all nations on the path to cervical cancer elimination by 2030 – these targets aim to have 90% of girls fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by the age of 15, 70% of women screened using a high-performance test by the age of 35 and again by the age of 45, and 90% of women identified with cervical disease are treated.

There are already initiatives under each of the Coalition’s four pillars, and ambition to grow the program as resources permit

Key initiatives in the Coalition pipeline

<p>1 Professional education</p> 	<p>2 Academic research</p> 	<p>3 Policy advocacy</p> 	<p>4 Public awareness</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.1 Continue collaborating with APAC region partners (e.g., IPVS, OGSM) on professional education 1.2 Build a APAC network of HCP community via partnering with country specific networks of medical experts / societies 1.3 Provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) for HCPs through the coalition’s country partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Project ACCESS – Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy with Self-sampling – an implementation study for LMICs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.2 Conduct semi-structural interviews to investigate stakeholders' perspectives of cervical screening programs following COVID-19 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.3 Assess effectiveness of social media campaign in changing public attitude towards HPV vaccination in Japan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.4 Study on self-sampling HPV tests in Hong Kong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Advocate for improving HPV vaccination and screening across key APAC countries 3.2 Partner with other HPV-related organizations globally and endorse their advocacies in APAC 3.3 Commence discussions with public players by leveraging studies illustrating clinical outcomes and health economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Communicate importance of tackling HPV-related diseases beyond female and beyond cervical cancer 4.2 Create awareness about HPV in the general public through social media, workshops, and public engagement activities 4.3 Help expand the reach and participation of medical experts and societies in local HPV awareness programs

Note: HCPs – Healthcare Professionals, IPVS - International Papillomavirus Society, LMICs – Lower and Middle Income Countries

APAC HPV Coalition is uniquely positioned to achieve HPV elimination in APAC, working with multinational, national, and sub-national partners

Unique value proposition of APAC HPV Coalition



Highly credible, independent coalition of experts and thought leaders in HPV with proven track records



Deep understanding of heterogeneous healthcare context across APAC, and strong networks with local experts / societies to disseminate best practices and protocols to accelerate HPV elimination



Unique regional position, able to represent the voice of APAC stakeholders in regional and global forums and platforms



Single-minded focus on HPV-related issues and seeking a range of solutions appropriate for different resource-settings and healthcare capabilities in the region



Building track record of initial progress and success as an organization



High compliance standards and governed in line with the global best practice

How to support the APAC HPV Coalition:

	Founding Partner	Program Partner	Project Partner
Funding type	Unrestricted funding or relevant in-kind support	Substantial restricted funding, tied to specify program area (e.g., policy advocacy, awareness)	One-time cash or in-kind sponsorship for a specific initiative (e.g., professional education event, community outreach, etc.)
Potential benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on key initiatives across all pillars • Right of first refusal to participate in <i>any</i> coalition initiative • Acknowledgement in all collaterals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on program design and objectives • Acknowledgement in related collaterals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement in related collaterals



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