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Acronym Guide
CSO  Civil Society Organization
CBO  Community Based Organization
NGO  Non-Government Organization
PNSP  Pakistan NGO Support Program
SAHDFS  South Asian Human Development Forum
SAP  South Asia Partnership
SARPPP  South Asian Regional People and Policy Program
SASANet  Small Arms in South Asia Network
SLCDF  Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation
Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

Sunniya Durrani-Jamal

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of South Asia Partnership Canada.

This has been an exciting year for the organization. Like other sister organizations, SAP Canada is now in the process of becoming more dynamic and has stepped up to the challenge of sharpening its focus and finding resources to support its important work.

A number of steps were taken by the Board and the staff to attain these objectives. We have been successful in attaining charitable status, we have a fundraising strategy in place, and we are working on refining our medium to long-term program strategies.

Three themes have now been identified for SAP Canada’s work: Governance and Democracy, Security and Human Rights, and Sustainable Livelihoods. As recent events in the world have shown these themes encompass key elements of just societies that provide opportunities for all citizens to contribute to their personal, community and ultimately national growth. SAP Canada provides a vital forum for Canadian and South Asian organizations to table ideas, form friendships and alliances, and share experiences. We look forward to reaching out to our existing membership to understand how to serve their needs better and to attracting new members to join in our endeavors.

All this continues to be made possible by what are our most valuable assets; a dedicated team of professionals and a Board that is representative of experiences both within Canada and South Asia.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Executive Director Richard Harmston and the staff for their commitment to the work, and receptivity to the Board’s suggestions. I would also like to express my personal thanks to the Board for contributing their valuable time to SAP Canada. Keep up the good work, folks!
Executive Director’s Note
Richard Harmston

In the past year South Asia witnessed some constructive moves for peace. In Sri Lanka and Nepal, fighting in the civil wars stopped in favour of early rounds of peace talks. As I write, we also see the tension between India and Pakistan easing. These welcome developments contrast, however, with the many instances of intrastate, communal and political violence that sadly continue in the region.

Issues of peace and security have, in recent times, come more to the fore for SAP Canada, its SAP partners in South Asia and many other civil society organizations. Our partners are making a convincing case that these problems not only are impediments to tackling poverty, but by addressing them directly, people can accelerate progress for human development.

Activities on these issues were among the program highlights for our organization in the past year. As you will read in the following pages, we convened a forum on gender and security to put a Canadian spotlight squarely on how women in South Asia, so often victims of insecurity, are providing leadership to change this major problem. We also participated in the launch of a regional network to confront the menace of small arms and light weapons in South Asia, which our partners see as a community development issue.

We continued to work closely with our partners on other fronts: local governance through SAP International and national SAP organizations; the regional Human Development Forum anchored by SAP Nepal; and an enthusiastic salute to SLCDF as it concluded 15 years as a project and transformed into an autonomous organization, the Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation, to carry on its capacity building mission.

In Canada, in addition to a number of seminars as a matter of course (including keeping attention on issues around Afghanistan), we improved our communications and ICT capability to gather and disseminate information on South Asian development issues to a widening constituency. In particular the website is being upgraded - we welcome your feedback! Organizationally we concentrated on two related changes: changing our By-laws to allow for two new categories of membership and obtaining status as a registered charity. As we continue to evolve, we recognize the importance of more outreach to other sectors of our own society and to broadening our financial support base.

No end of challenges remain – as an organization in Canada to keep South Asian human development on the public’s agenda, and as a partner in solidarity with South Asian colleagues who champion a universal set of human values while working in countless communities of that vast region. We strive together to build a peaceful, sustainable and common future.
South Asia Partnership Canada’s Vision and Mission

Purpose, Origins

**SAP Canada’s mission** is to “serve as a forum of Canadian organizations that, together and with South Asian partners, works for sustainable human development in the region.” Begun in 1981 as a field-oriented coalition that managed small projects and funds focused on community-based organizations (CBOs) in the region. As it grew the work included coordinating support for longer-term community-based programming, capacity building and initiatives to address public awareness as well as policy advocacy in Canada. SAP Canada has evolved together with SAP organizations in five South Asian countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The six have formed South Asia Partnership International, a southern-based and southern-led international organization that facilitates regional cooperation and attention to policy issues.

SAP Canada is a facilitator for development learning and cooperation. SAP Canada is a membership organization composed of other Canadian non-government organizations (NGOs) committed to working in South Asia and on South Asian issues.

Main Objectives

SAP Canada’s objectives as amended in 2002:

1. to educate and increase the public’s understanding of development issues in South Asia by carrying out educational programs and events and by developing and producing relevant educational materials;
2. to act as a resource centre of knowledge and current information on South Asia for the benefit of the interested public and to be available as a resource for the Canadian government concerning development issues in South Asia;
3. to improve the capacity and efficiency of Canadian charities involved in development programming in South Asia by encouraging and mobilizing Canadian and international support for and participation in development programs in South Asia; and
4. to relieve poverty in South Asia by providing and encouraging education, training, and other similar activities and by providing assistance to local communities in order to develop and strengthen their capacity to become self-sustaining.
Program Highlights 2002-2003

Policy Dialogue
Over the year, SAP Canada hosted two forums and 15 lunch hour discussions, seminars, workshops. These events tackled many of the pressing questions of South Asia and identified new trends and concerns. The discussions often provoked a lively debate which keeps people coming back for more.

The November 2002 Forum **Women and Leadership: Voices for Security and Development** concluded that a lasting peace will not be possible if women are excluded from the peace process. The event highlighted this and other insights into the complicated nature of gender and conflict and the strategies used by South Asian women to change the situation. The forum brought together an impressive array of South Asian speakers on the subject from across South Asia.

Over the past year, SAP Canada followed up its landmark Afghanistan of Tomorrow conference in 2001 with events that drew the attention non-government organizations and government policy makers to the needs of repatriating refugees and rural Afghans, especially women. One of these events included how Canadians could follow-up the **Afghan Women’s Summit for Democracy** in Belgium. Bringing together people from a broad range of backgrounds, from parliamentarians Senator Mobina Jaffer and Hon. Flora Macdonald to academic Annette Ittiq to feminist refugee activist Marzia Ali and NGO activist Adeena Niazi to film maker and actress Nelofer Pazira, SAP Canada has continued to challenge Canadians with the needs and aspirations of the Afghan people who once again face the possibility of being ignored by the international community.

SAP Canada, in collaboration with SAP International and the other national SAP organizations continue to raise awareness and engage government officials on the dangers of the spread of small arms through the region and the threat it poses to human development. With the support of Canada and the United Kingdom, a new initiative is underway to recruit a South Asian government to host the regional meeting. On the civil society side, SAP International hosted a regional meeting of the South Asian civil society organizations in Colombo, Sri Lanka, **launching the Small Arms in South Asia network (SASAnet)**. An email list-server is being started on the South Asia Human Development Forum web site in order to facilitate information exchange and best practices. SAP Canada is also on the steering committee of the Small Arms Working Group for the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordination Committee based in Ottawa, Canada.
Capacity Building

SAP Canada helps build the capacity of other organizations through information and dialogue on important development issues. Forums and lunch hour discussions provide the platform for this work in Canada. In South Asia, SAP Canada supports its partners through several programs.

The South Asian Regional People and Policy Program’s goal is to develop networks of South Asian civil society organizations that will advocate, and influence policy, on key development issues, at the South Asian regional and international levels. SAP International is the implementing organization for this program with the support of SAP Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Since its inception in September 2001, this program has focused on two main issues - women and local government and human rights. It is working to create a body of regional knowledge about the representation of South Asian women in local government and factors enabling and hindering their participation. It is also providing training to South Asian NGOs and women on this issue. This program is also playing a facilitation role in articulating the concerns of South Asian NGOs in the context of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). One organizing and advocacy mechanism has been holding People’s Summits of South Asian NGOs in parallel with a SAARC meeting or allied to a proposed meeting.

The Pakistan NGO Support Program (PNSP), managed by SAP Canada with the support of CIDA and implemented by SAP Pakistan, continues to provide support for civil society organizations in Pakistan. In the last 10 years the PNSP and SAP Pakistan reached more 102 districts in the four provinces of Pakistan through partners and projects reaching more than 2 million people in 1500 villages. This year, SAP Pakistan has been elected as the central secretariat for the newly established Pakistan Social Forum (national chapter of the World Social Forum), thanks in part to its leadership role for years in mobilizing social forces and, through the PNSP, strengthening and supporting civil society rights-based movements. This year the program added a new dimension to its focus: political education and electoral support for women’s representation in local governments. This new focus was decided upon following the local elections process of 2001-2002 and the October 10th, 2002 National Elections. More than 40 training graduates of SAP-PK ran for the elections, resulting in the election of 28 women to local governments. At the national level, two women – trainees and partners of SAP-PK – contested elections and one won. Throughout the year, 350 councilors received training for effective lobbying and communication. While the October 2002 elections had the lowest voter turnout in the history of democratic Pakistan, Pakistani civil society was able to claim some significant victories such as the election of more than 60 women in the National Assembly and about 180 women in the four provincial assemblies. This will create a new era of opportunities for women voice to be heard. In order to share this information with Canadian NGOs, SAP Canada held a pre- and post-election discussion of the 2002 elections as well as a consultation of Canadian NGOs working in Pakistan.
A group of South Asian policy advocates founded the South Asia Human Development Forum (SAHDF) in 2000. The Regional Secretariat of the SAHDF Forum, based with SAP Nepal, coordinates five National Focal Points in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and India as well as four zones in India. The on-line segment of the SAHDF Forum, HDFNet is hosted at http://www.hdfnet.org/ and is available to all members and non-members. Members can use the user-friendly web site to research information and post and link their own news for the use of others. This web site features current news and analysis on Democracy, Governance, Citizenship, Peace and Justice, and Conflict in South Asia. It also provides key policy documents, research papers, an on-line newsletter, listings for upcoming events, information on national and international funding sources, and links to affiliated human development organizations. On March 20-23, 2003, SAHDF organized in collaboration with OneWorld South Asia, a four-day training session in Kathmandu, Nepal on "Information Communication Technologies for Development". The training was designed for communication personnel of non-government organizations. SAP Canada with the support of CIDA in collaboration with Bellanet are supporting this Forum.

SAP Canada is witnessing the fruit of a 15-year partnership with the Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund as it transforms into the independent Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (SLCDF). This project began in 1987 and concluded on January 31, 2003. SLCDF's mission continues to be the empowerment of communities and institutions to undertake their own sustainable social and economic development. By building the capacity of non-government (NGO) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Sri Lanka, these organizations have formed NGO District Consortia. This work has resulted in a vibrant network of 3,300 CBOs and 270 NGOs organized into 16 District Consortia, and a national apex body, the NGO National Action Front (NNAF), responsible for policy and advocacy issues.

**Linkages**

**On-line communications** is becoming a major focus for SAP Canada. The SAP Canada web site www.sapcanada.org will serve as a platform for information on development in South Asia and a tool to build links among Canadians and South Asians. This year SAP Canada has doubled its on-line content, announcing current events, making reports, digital audio, photographs, Members’ events and employment opportunities available on its web site. In response, the number of web site visitors has doubled to about 3,000 visitors per month and rising. This on-line strategy is being complemented with the SAP (e)Link list-server, which posts key SAP information and event notices and Youth Asia, which provides a forum for discussion, information sharing and employment information for young South Asians and Canadians alike. In
March 2003, SAP Canada sent its first email newsletter to over 4,000 supporters. Distribution will be once every two months.

Today, an estimated one million Indian women hold political office at the local level. In order to learn about the impact of this increase in women’s political activity, SAP Canada’s India Linkages program promoted exchanges between Indian and Canadian women who are elected officials, academics and activists. This program also supports the land-rights campaigns of the popular movement Ekta Parishad and hosted a screening of The Little Republic (Swaraj). In August 2002, SAP Canada launched “Khoj India: A Directory of Canadian Organizations Working on Indian Development Issues”. Many people in Canada, India and elsewhere have visited the web page to learn more or download the directory.

The Canadian and Pakistani Partnership and Linkage Program (CPPLP) was developed in 1996. Going beyond project funding, the program aims at promoting partnership and linkage activities between Pakistan and Canadian NGOs. The plan of action includes a series of activities such as: organizing issue-based workshops involving Canadian NGOs, peace, human rights and farmer organizations; coordinating a bi-annual Pakistan NGO Support Program Consultation with Canadian partners; and to facilitate institutional linkages between Canadian and Pakistani organizations. The themes of the program are: local governance, peace, human rights (specifically minorities, women and child rights), small farmers and fundamentalism. The program implements two to three initiatives each year providing an excellent opportunity to better exchange information, learn and undertake collective action.

SAP Canada is an active participant in the following civil society networks:
- Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)
- Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee (CPCC)
- Participatory Development Forum (PDForum)
- South Asia Working Group (SOAWG)
- International Action network for Small Arms (IANSA)
- South Asia Small Arms Network (SASA Net)
- South Asia Human Development Forum (SAHDF)

SAP Canada is also a partner in three bilateral projects supported by the Canadian International Development Agency: PLAGE I with CoWater International Inc. and Graybridge International Consulting Inc.; CESSD with CoWater International Inc. and the Child Rights Project with the Foundation for International Training.
List of Events April 2002-March 2003


The Little Republic Film Screening. September 4, 2002. Ottawa, Canada.


Sustainability of SAP Canada

SAP Canada is evolving from a project facilitator and coordinator toward an organization that promotes public engagement through policy dialogue, capacity building and linkages. The continuing success of its members in Canada and of the SAP system in South Asia in developing and promoting thousands of organizations across the region provides new challenges and new opportunities for SAP – in Canada and in South Asia.

By emphasizing public engagement, SAP Canada’s programming reflects the need to promote greater commitment by Canadians to South Asia and to recruit more Canadian organizations to support the valuable work our partners are doing in the region. Sustainability – institutional and financial - will depend on making this organizational transition. SAP Canada has begun the transition with changes to By-laws and structure that support increased participation by Canadians in our work. Approval of registered charitable status on April 1, 2003, provides SAP Canada with the platform it needs to access private sector funds.

Increasing membership makes for a bigger and more diverse SAP Canada. This diversity and wide range of experience will be central to our success. Expanding our network with membership drives to NGOs and institutions working on human development and social justice in South Asia will benefit SAP Canada with greater core funding, expanded public engagement and capacity building activities, and access to new supporters. Success in Canada brings greater support for our South Asian partners.
**SOUTH ASIA PARTNERSHIP CANADA STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

*Year ended March 31, 2003*

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| SAP Canada Board                                                      | 19,501        | 16,352        |
| Canadian Operations                                                   | 675,362       | 552,733       |
| Recoveries from Projects                                              | (617,681)     | (510,043)     |
| **Excess of Revenue over Expenses**                                   | **2,201,557** | **2,720,797** |

| ($**25,263**) | ($**15,734**) |
Members of SAP Canada
SAP Canada is a national organization with 20 members in five provinces. Many of our present members helped found SAP Canada in 1983. SAP Canada has taken steps to expand its membership by creating two new categories of membership: Associate Member and Individual Member. These non-voting memberships allow small organizations and interested individuals to play a part and support the SAP system in Canada and South Asia. The first individual members to join are Board members Yvonne McKinnon and Shawna O’Hearn. SAP Canada welcomes new members. To join, contact Melissa Coleman, Fundraising Coordinator, mcoleman@sapcanada.org.

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