

# REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

June - December 2008

The core activities for the second half of the year was the implementation of the “Capacity Building for Ethnic Minority Women and Indigenous Women to Hold Governments Accountable Using CEDAW under the UNIFEM-CEDAW SEAP” which involves the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Cambodia. Data gathering on local situations and cases of violence against indigenous women were done for the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia through the BAI, IWAT and AMAN-Women’s Directorate, respectively. Results of the data gathering process are expected to be used to input into the ongoing national CEDAW monitoring processes or as basis of independent reports by indigenous women. Moreover, these may be used by each partner organization for further women organizing and consolidation work in communities as well as in different forms and levels of advocacy—as they have been used for discussions during the Regional Consultation with the UNSR VAW and UNSRIP in New Delhi last October.

In the Philippines, a Basic Orientation on Gender and Indigenous Women’s Rights was given to the some 63 women of Barangays/Villages Biyoy & Runruno, Nueva Vizcaya in 14-18 July 2008. These women were mobilized under the Health Programme of Dapon.

Other capacity building and advocacy activities where the participation of members of the AIWN were facilitated include, but is not limited to, the following:

Event	AIWN Participation	Results
Orientation on the CEDAW Monitoring and Documentation Project (done back to back with the National IP Day celebration)	14 BAI Members; (Tumandok, Aeta, Manobo, B’laan, Isneg, Tagbanwa, Kankaney, Subanon)  in coordination with: Innabuyog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unities on focus of monitoring</li> <li>• Levelling off on documentation guidelines</li> <li>• Initial work programme</li> </ul>
National Study Sessions on CEDAW Monitoring and Documentation		
28 August – 1 September 2008  Mollo, West Timor, Indonesia	68 participants (38 women and 23 men) (Dayak, Toraja, Lindu, Pulau Haruku, Bantik, Toro, Kuntu, Lindu, Serui, and Mollo)  implementing partner/s:  Women’s Directorate, AMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation on the UNDRIP and CEDAW</li> <li>• Unities on focus and method of documentation</li> <li>• Documentary film on Mama Aleta Baun of Mollo</li> <li>• Linkage with UNIFEM-Indonesia and CEDAW Working Group Initiative</li> </ul>
28 September – 2 October 2008  Chiangmai, Thailand	19 participants (Lahu, Lisu, Hmong, Karen, Mien, Lua, Akha)  implementing partner: IWAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation on CEDAW Monitoring and Documentation</li> <li>• Unities on focus and documentation guidelines</li> <li>• Strengthening linkages with UNIFEM-Thailand and Foundation for Women</li> </ul>
Data Gathering	BAI, IWAT and Women’s Directorate-AMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies of experiences of violence against indigenous women</li> </ul>
Country Follow-Ups (review documentation process and experiences and asses data gathered)		
Philippines 23-25 November Baguio City	12 BAI Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of data gathered</li> <li>• Identification of data gaps and Recommendations for improvement</li> <li>• Revised work programme</li> <li>• BAI and AIWN Statement on IDEVAW</li> <li>• Press conference</li> </ul>
Indonesia 18 – 22 December 2008 Bogor City	6 documentation leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of data gathered</li> <li>• Identification of data gaps and recommendations for improvement</li> <li>• Revised work programme</li> </ul>

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<p>National Celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day</p> <p>Tebtebba 7-9 August 2008 Manila, Philippines</p>	<p>14 BAI members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inputs on indigenous women situations, issues and concerns in Workshop on Women and in panel/ plenary discussions</li> <li>• Orientation and data gathering guidelines for the UNIFEM Project</li> <li>• One member represented the BAI in the press conference</li> </ul>
<p>2nd Regional Consultation on ASEAN and Human Rights</p> <p>Task Force on the ASEAN Human Rights Body 4-7 July 2008 Jakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input on indigenous women concerns in Women's and socio-economic pillar workshops</li> <li>• With other IP participants (AIPP, AMAN, DINTEG), input on UNDRIP in the discussions and into the Jakarta Submission language</li> </ul>
<p>Regional Consultation on the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children and the ASEAN Human Rights Body</p> <p>Task Force on the ASEAN Human Rights Body 15-17 September 2008 Bangkok, Thailand</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributed to the Bangkok Submission re: indigenous women and UNDRIP</li> </ul>
<p>Study Workshop on Violence Against Indigenous Women in Asia and Pacific</p> <p>APWLD, 14 October 2008 New Delhi, India</p>	<p>Secretariat Country representatives (2 IWAT; 1 Women's Directorate-AMAN; 3 BAI )</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel presentations on the AIWN work (secretariat) and neo-liberal globalization, militarization and armed conflict (BAI)</li> </ul>
<p>Asia Regional Consultation with the UNSRVAW and UNSRIP</p> <p>APWLD, 15-16 October 2008 New Delhi, India</p>	<p>Convenor Secretariat Country representative (as above)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All participated as panel discussants in the differential impacts of neoliberal economic globalization and development aggression on indigenous women</li> <li>• Indigenous Women Speak Out to End Violence Against Women—a joint statement issued in celebration of the IDEVAW</li> </ul>
<p>SEA Meeting on the Application of CEDAW Framework to Address Impunity in the Context of VAW</p> <p>IWRAW-AP, 15-19 October Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared experiences of migration among indigenous women due to development aggression</li> <li>• Input on the UNDRIP as a milestone for indigenous women's rights</li> </ul>