

# 2021 snapshot

## from the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

We welcomed new Executive Director Monica Khant, who is passionate about systems change and strengthening communities, and has a background in direct services, immigration, trafficking, and legal services.

Our AAPI community listening sessions validated the work being done and gave us inspiration for growth and new strategy.

Our Board of Directors welcomed 4 new members, for a total of 9 members representing diverse backgrounds and experiences.

The first project of its kind, the Victim-Survivor Fatality Needs Assessment gained insight into the challenges and barriers faced by NHPI victims of DV homicide

2021 was a year of grounding and growing, paving the way for a momentous and memorable 2022!

We celebrated one year of Bridges AANHPI connect calls, which bring together partners and allies in thoughtful dialogue around pressing issues

We hosted the inaugural episode of The Village Podcast, which highlighted the incredible strength and resiliency of NHPI communities who rallied together through the National Pacific Islander COVID Response Team

We provided input to the Biden-Harris administration transition teams on priorities for survivors and marginalized communities.

16 AAPI direct services advocates completed our 4-part small group workshop on responding to Deaf/Hard of Hearing AAPI survivors, and what it means to be a Hearing ally.

We completed our first 40-hour "Healing Across Language" series, which trained 16 bi-lingual advocates on culturally-sensitive, trauma informed community interpreting

With national partners, we developed recommendations on economic justice, sexual assault, trafficking, language access, and immigration for policymakers and funders

Our listening session convened AAPI community experts to provide input to reps from the White House Gender Policy Council and other offices on the White House National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence

Culturally-Specific Services Program expanded, supporting 5 additional programs across the country who are deeply rooted in their communities

In partnership with the State Department and refugee agencies, we scrambled to respond to Afghan refugees and their receiving communities. DV/SA glossaries in Dari & Pashto and advocate trainings are being developed.

"As the new Executive Director, I have found that the work of API-GBV is more critical now than ever. I am proud to work with the dynamic and passionate team at API-GBV who have made our mission their life's work.

- Monica Khant  
Executive Director

"2021 was a hard year, but our communities are resilient and always rising in the face of adversity, from increased Anti-Asian sentiments, to the Afghan refugee crisis. Our community keeps moving. Here's hoping for a metamorphosis in 2022."

- Sarah Khan  
Director of Programs

"Reconnecting with and forming new friendships with advocates and allies in our Native Hawaiian, Chuukese, and Samoan communities was a highlight for me this past year."

- Cannon Han  
Senior Program Manager, ITARC

"It's incredible to be part of the amazing culturally specific services program community. With the the collective pain we had earlier this year in Atlanta, deepening the connection with fierce advocates who are making an impact in the frontline through listening, reflecting, and developing support along with the most talented team at API-GBV team is truly rewarding."

- Youngju Ji  
Program Manager, CSSP

"I'm grateful for the opportunities this year gave us to connect more deeply with our communities, whether through listening sessions, peer calls, or impromptu Zoom chats! These are the relationships that strengthen us."

- Shirley Luo  
Resource Center Coordinator

"I'm 77 years old and I am still healing. I believe that you got to start with yourself. So I have almost the same story as everyone else. But, how I learned to approach it was that I did my genealogy around women's issues and domestic violence."

- Community listening session participant