

The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) has been working for the past 17 years to enhance civil society capacities to hold governments
accountable to their political commitments related to sexual and

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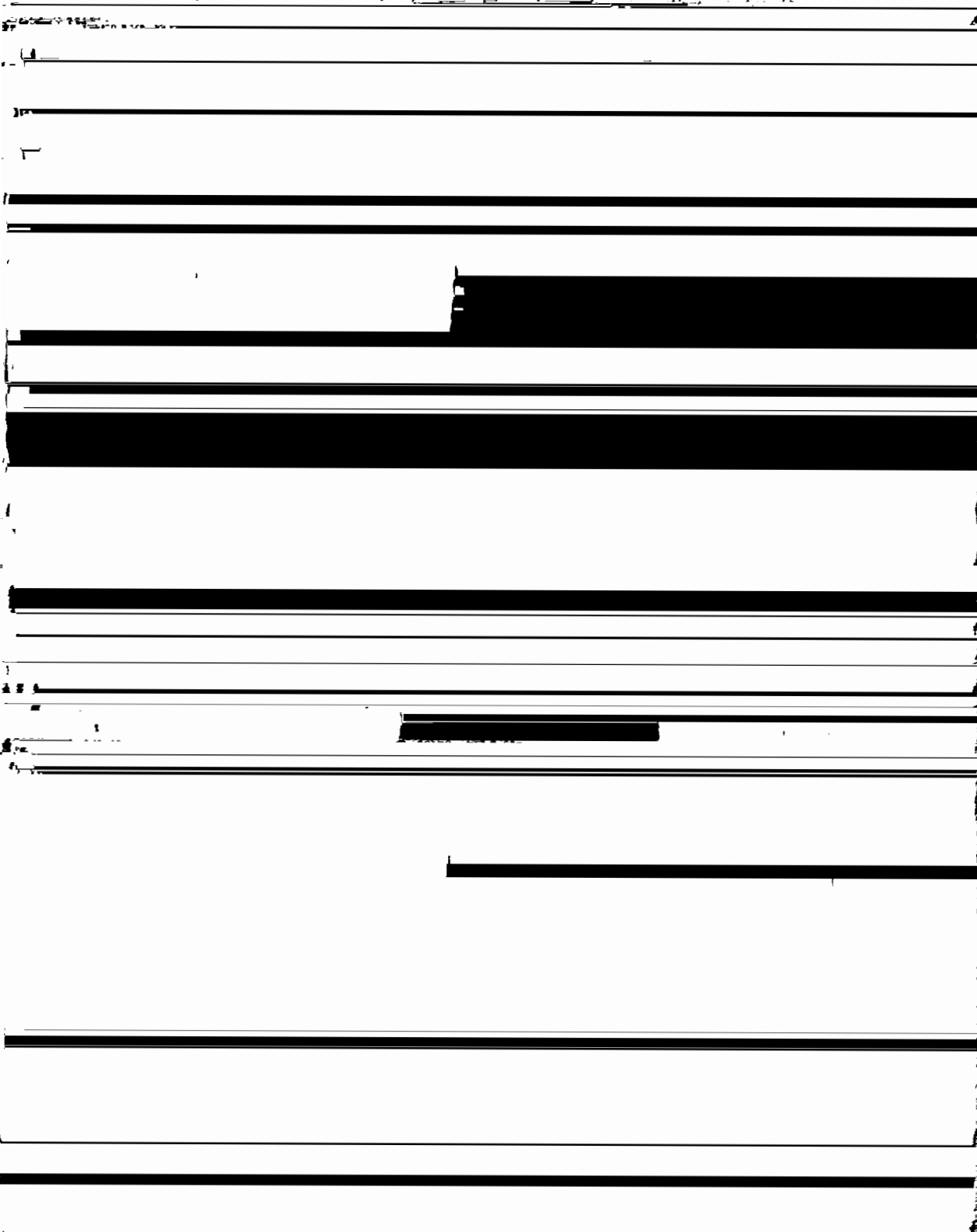
screening, treatment and care of reproductive cancers are hampered in the region.

Despite having 60% of the world's deprived people, donors seem reluctant to invest in the region – Asia receives the lowest per capita assistance of all regions - \$12 compared with \$45 for Africa – which calls for better allocation of resources.⁹

This will be a critical decision as the Asia-Pacific region faces many challenges.

One, the economic crisis is anticipated to result by 2015 in:

- as many as 892 million people in the Asian-Pacific region are projected to



- this will further exacerbate existing inequalities and inequities and negatively

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³ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). (2010). *Paths to 2015 MDGs in Asia and the Pacific*. Retrieved 28 March, 2011, from UNESCAP Web site: http://www.mdcasianapacific.org/files/MDG_RegionalReport20102011.pdf

