

## Abortion Rate Skyrockets in Asia

## Ultrasound Technology Spurs Gender Selection.

As ultrasound technology becomes more affordable in developing countries, prenatal sex selection has risen. Laws and customs in China, Vietnam and India have compelled families to prefer boys over girls, giving rise to female fetus abortions, a practice now termed as gendercide. This practice is taking a heavy toll on the wellbeing of women; abortion physicians have also reported an increase in depression amongst their own ranks. The imbalance of men and women has led to increased crime and abuse of women.

## Why do Some Cultures Resort to Gendercide?

Male children have always been preferred by families living in developing nations simply because they are viewed as being more useful for the families survival.

China's draconian one child law puts pressure on families to ensure that their child is male. In India, it is a common practice to require an expensive dowry be paid by the brides family to the grooms family; this presents an immediate financial burden to the family with a female child. Vietnam's two child policy has also influenced the increase in sex selection.

Learn more by watching the movie trailer: "It's A Girl"

## What is PSA Doing to Reduce Gendercide?

- We tell women and families about God's love for life.
- We encourage adoption and find placement for unwanted baby girls.
- Some of our partners rescue several baby girls and raise them in their own families.
- We offer skills training and employment to women who believe they cannot afford to keep their baby girls.
- We offer hope, encouragement and alternatives for struggling families.



In scripture, God indicates in several places that He knew us and had plans for us before we were conceived. We believe that every life is precious to God and that every life we save has a place in completing His design. Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."

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