

About Us



The Asia Foundation

Improving Lives, Expanding Opportunities



The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Working through our offices in 18 countries and informed by deep local expertise and six decades of experience, we address the critical issues affecting Asia in the 21st century.

WHO WE ARE

- Informed by **more than six decades of experience and deep local expertise**, we are addressing Asia's most critical issues—rapid urbanization, rising inequality, pervasive subnational conflicts, violence against women, and a closing space for civil society.
- We are **nonpartisan** and bring together **diverse perspectives** to tackle multi-dimensional challenges that move across borders.
- We create global impact through cost-effective grant-making and direct program operations through our **network of offices in 18 Asian countries**.
- With a long view of Asia's development needs, we emphasize a **political economy approach**, putting local communities at the center.
- We partner with a diverse group of donors including bilateral and multilateral development agencies, foundations, corporations, and individuals. In 2020, we **provided \$78.6 million in direct program support** and distributed textbooks and other educational materials valued at \$5 million.

800+ international development professionals on staff are experts on the countries in Asia where they live and work

85% of our worldwide personnel are local staff from Asia, based in Asia

WHAT WE DO



STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE

Foster open, effective, and accountable government.



EMPOWER WOMEN

Advance rights and opportunities of women and girls; promote gender equality.



EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Contribute to more inclusive economic growth.



INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

Increase resilience to threats of natural and environmental disasters, improve management of natural resources.



PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Strengthen cooperation to address nontraditional security challenges that move across borders.

WHERE WE WORK

AFGHANISTAN • BANGLADESH • CAMBODIA • CHINA • INDIA • INDONESIA • JAPAN • KOREA • LAOS • MALAYSIA • MONGOLIA • MYANMAR • NEPAL • LAOS • PACIFIC ISLANDS • PAKISTAN • PHILIPPINES • SINGAPORE • SRI LANKA • THAILAND • TIMOR-LESTE • VIETNAM

#ChangeStartsHere