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## UN WOMEN ASIA PACIFIC

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### COMEDY AND COMICS—CREATIVE APPROACHES BREAK NEW GROUND IN THE BATTLE AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM



Together with our partners, UN Women takes bold action in preventing violent extremism with positive messages such as through comedy and comics. Recognizing the value of public-private and media partnerships, a panel discussion themed: “Comedy and Comics - Fighting Extremism One Laugh at a Time” was held on 26 September in Bangkok, Thailand. Miwa Kato,

Regional Director led the discussion with panelists which included Aaron Haroon, the creator of the ground-breaking animation *Burka Avenger* from Pakistan; Priyank Mather, the producer of *I Want to Quit ISIS* YouTube video from India; and Yenny Wahid, Director of Wahid Institute from Indonesia, on how the media can open the discussion on fighting extremism. The event was co-hosted by UN Women, the United Nations Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, with support from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan... [Read more ►](#)

### WOMEN IN RURAL CAMBODIA CULTIVATE THEIR WAY OUT OF VULNERABILITY



#### ■ CAMBODIA

In five rural districts of Battambang and Siem Reap provinces in Cambodia, Banteay Srei, a local women-led NGO works with the poorest, most marginalized women – including those who are illiterate or single mothers, to help them improve their livelihoods. Twenty-year-old Vern Chantha is one. The fifth in a poor family of seven children with unemployed elderly parents, she decided to participate in training... [Read more ►](#)

### WAYS TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH DISABILITIES



#### ■ THE PACIFIC

In Fiji, 50 participants from eight countries in the Pacific were brought together to share their knowledge and ideas about ways to improve access to services for survivors of violence against women and girls living with different abilities at the Pacific Disability Forum's regional dialogue during 7-9 August. The dialogue was based on Toolkit on Eliminating Violence against Women and girls with Disabilities in Fiji developed in 2015... [Read more ►](#)

### “ONCE I CAME INTO THE MARKET, THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK”



#### ■ FIJI

For the past 35 years, Shobhna Verma has made her living selling produce at Suva Market in Fiji's capital. Today, Shobhna is the Legal Advisor with the Suva United Market Vendors Association in Fiji and has attended a series of trainings starting in 2005, on financial literacy, organizing, leadership, first aid, and disaster risk resilience, as part of UN Women's Markets for Change... [Read more ►](#)

## ASEAN WILL BUILD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS



A recent study by ASEAN Secretariat found that when women are given more opportunities, the ASEAN economy will grow by 7.1 per cent with 14 million new jobs..... [Read more ►](#)

## “I HAVE SEEN THE IMPACT WOMEN’S VOICES CAN HAVE”



### ■ MALAYSIA

Syar S. Alia is an advocate for gender equality from Malaysia. Her journey began with Young Women Making Change workshop for cis and transwomen... [Read more ►](#)

## “WOMEN’S NEEDS CANNOT BE AN AFTERTHOUGHT”



### ■ BANGLADESH

Even though women possess knowledge and skills to for climate action, there is little effective involvement of them in humanitarian action... [Read more ►](#)

## PNG YOUTHS ADVOCATE FOR PEACE ON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY



### ■ PAPUA NEW GUINEA

UN Women’s Sanap Wantaim Campaign hosted a roadshow “Youth Building Peace” with youth organizations in Papua New Guinea on International Youth Day... [Read more ►](#)

## HELPING MAKE JAKARTA’S PUBLIC SPACES SAFER FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



### ■ INDONESIA

Rika regularly uses commuter trains, motorcycle taxis and other public transport to meet people. However, her experience has not always been nice.... [Read more ►](#)

## MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN PAKISTAN LEAD BY EXAMPLE IN STRENGTHENING THEIR GENDER EQUALITY COMMITMENTS



### ■ PAKISTAN

PepsiCo Pakistan and Nestlé Pakistan become the first Multinational Companies in Pakistan to step up their commitment towards improving gender diversity with support from UN Women.... [Read more ►](#)

## EVENTS



## UN WOMEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LAKSHMI PURI URGES INVESTMENT IN WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT THE SHE MEANS BUSINESS FORUM IN APEC MEETING IN VIET NAM

In her keynote at the Public-Private Dialogue on Women and the Economy, UN Women Deputy Executive Director Lakshmi Puri drew attention to the importance of deepening political and financial investment in women's economic empowerment. She also called for concrete actions to be included in the 2017 APEC Ministerial Declaration to ensure women's right to decent work and full and productive employment... [Read more ►](#)



## LAUNCH OF "STEPPING UP SOLUTIONS TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC" IN VIET NAM

UN Women and partners came together in Da Nang, Viet Nam to celebrate the start of the new regional programme entitled, "Stepping Up Solutions to Eliminate Violence against Women and Girls in Asia and the Pacific (2017-2020)"... [Read more ►](#)



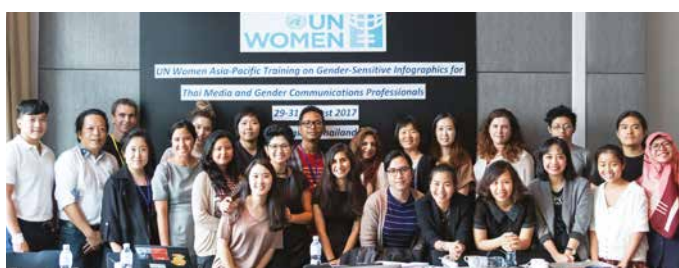
## COMEDY AND COMICS: FIGHTING TERRORISM ONE LAUGH AT A TIME

In September 2017, UN Women and the United Nations Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate co-hosted two regional workshops for South Asia and South-East Asia to share experiences and good practices in identifying terrorist narratives and countering incitement and violent extremism, with an emphasis on community-based approaches and strategies in both on-line and off-line spaces... [Read more ►](#)



## ASEAN HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE ON WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS IN THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC)

UN Women, ASEAN Secretariat, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia hosted a Policy Dialogue focused on how the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) affects women migrant workers. The dialogue was based on the key findings of the study on Women Migrant Workers in the AEC by UN Women, ASEAN Secretariat, FES and the Ministry which finds that when women are able to participate as equal beneficiaries of sustainable development, ASEAN society and economy will grow stronger.... [Read more ►](#)



## UN WOMEN PIONEERING FOR GENDER-SENSITIVE INFOGRAPHICS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

UN Women organized a three-day workshop for 35 participants, including members of the press from Thailand and communications professionals from United Nations agencies and partner organizations in the region to design advocacy materials and messages using gender-sensitive infographics in Bangkok, Thailand during 29-31 August... [Read more ►](#)

## VIDEOS



### MAKING CITIES SAFER FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN INDONESIA

1 in 3 women suffer from violence, a report of the National Commission on Violence against Women recorded that in 2016, there were 259,150 cases of violence against women reported- with 3,092 of them occurring in public spaces. Women and girls in Indonesia face and fear of various type of violence in public spaces... [More ►](#)



### COMEDY AND COMICS: FIGHTING TERRORISM ONE LAUGH AT A TIME

Humor is a powerful force to change society tackling narratives used by violent extremists. UN Women is fighting terrorism one laugh at a time.... [More ►](#)

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<p><b>\$40</b> </p> <p>can print and distribute 10 manuals for teachers to prevent violence against women and girls in Armenia.</p>	<p><b>\$100</b> </p> <p>can train 17 women's rights activists to engage men and boys as change agents in the Middle East.</p>	<p><b>\$1000</b> </p> <p>can train 70 police officers to offer better support to women survivors of violence in India.</p>
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Globally, a staggering 1 in every 3 women has experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Yet violence is not inevitable. It can be prevented. However, resources for initiatives to prevent and end violence against women and girls are severely lacking. We are trying to change this. With your help, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women and UN Women can build a culture of non-violence and support women survivors of violence worldwide. Every little bit helps!

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