

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE

Preventing Violence and Promoting Social Cohesion in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations



PROJECT BACKGROUND



Budget size

CAD 8.5M

USD 800,000

GBP 33,000



Donors

Department of Foreign Affairs Trade and Development, Canada

Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, Republic of Korea

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom

Project duration

January 2021 – June 2025

Focus areas



Advancing regional normative frameworks on WPS



Strengthened capacity of ASEAN on WPS



Strengthened exchange of knowledge and good practices



Strengthened implementation of WPS Agenda in Viet Nam, Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia



ASEAN is working concertedly to advance women, peace and security agenda across the three ASEAN Community Pillars as part of our commitment to promote gender equality and the roles of women in the implementation of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework.”

H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN at the launch event of the project

Key progress and update during January – October 2021 (Inception phase)

- Endorsement of project by ASEAN
- Identification of the strategic priorities for the next 5 years and development of the 2022 work plan through consultative meetings with major partners
- Established monitoring and evaluation framework and reporting system
- Development of the Communications strategy and branding book
- Initiation of a regular UN coordination mechanism for Women, Peace and Security agenda in ASEAN set up in partnership with UN DPPA-DPO

KEY RESULTS

1

ASEAN secretariat, sectoral bodies, and institutions have increased access to gender and WPS expertise to develop an RPA WPS and implement WPS related frameworks such as the ASEAN Bali Workplan 2019-2025, which was developed to operationalize the ASEAN Regional Prevention of Violent Extremism Plan of Action

Policy research conducted: Gender Analysis of Violent Extremism and the Impact of COVID-19 on Peace and Security in ASEAN (to inform the implementation of the ASEAN Bali Workplan)

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Capacity needs of stakeholders identified and prioritized through consultations

3

UN Women identified priority topics as well as modalities to promote exchange of knowledge, good practices, and evidence on WPS at the regional level

Cross-regional exchange was conducted. The hybrid international conference held in Viet Nam aimed at sharing lessons learned and best practices for the implementation of WPS agenda at a national level. The event helped the 113 participants to gain knowledge and enhance their understanding of the importance of developing NAPs on WPS, existing modalities, and processes for development worldwide.

Revised TOR of WPS Advisory Group together with USAID-funded PROSPECT project to expand scope and membership across ASEAN Community Pillars to promote good practices and evidence-base on WPS through cross-sectoral engagement and inter-pillar dialogue.

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Philippines: 17 female members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) have increased their skills and knowledge on the WPS agenda, leadership and on discrimination and the gender dimensions of their lives as critical to their leadership

Thailand: Key government agencies enhanced awareness on the importance for a new WPS policy framework

Viet Nam: 113 participants from government and CSOs enhanced knowledge on NAP on WPS through an international workshop

Indonesia: An explainer video on the second generation of the NAP-WPS was developed to be launched in a dissemination event scheduled in January.

link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iw4mePVrkp8&t>



ASEAN commitments made to advance the WPS agenda WPS agenda:



As ASEAN Chair 2021, Brunei expressed strong commitment towards supporting the advancement of the RPA WPS, Statement by the chairman of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Jan 2021.



ACW, ACWC reaffirmed commitment to implement the recommendations from the regional study on WPS.



Cambodia PM indicated "human capital development, development of an inclusive social protection system and promotion and participation of women and youth in peacebuilding" as priority for Cambodia's ASEAN Chair 2022.

KEY PARTNERSHIP

ASEAN

- ACW (ASEAN Committee on Women)
- ACWC (ASEAN Commission on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children)
- ACDM (ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management)
- TW PGI (Technical Working Group on Protection, Gender and Inclusion)
- AHA Centre (ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance)
- ASEAN-IPR (ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation)

Dialogue partner

- USAID through USAID-funded PROSPECT project for RPA WPS
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia
- Government of the United Kingdom
- The Embassy of Switzerland in Indonesia
- European Union

UN and CSOs

- United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO)
- UN Coordination mechanism for UN support to ASEAN established by UN Women and UN DPPA-DPO in advancing WPS agenda: Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and the United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT).
- Regional networks of CSOs such as Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), Southeast Asian Women Peacebuilders Network (SEAWP)
- Academics such as Monash University