About Us





Asia continues to face critical issues that threaten the aspirations of billions. Communities remain impacted by the lack of access to justice, by rising inequality, pervasive subnational conflicts, challenges of urbanization, violence against women, and a closing space for civil society.

The mission and work of The Asia Foundation, an institution that has played a crucial role in Asia's development over the past six decades, remains as urgent and relevant as when we were established in 1954.

OUR VISION

A peaceful, just, and thriving Asia

OUR MISSION

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization working to improve lives, expand opportunities, and help societies flourish across a dynamic and developing Asia. Working through our offices in 18 countries, we partner with innovative leaders and communities to build effective institutions and advance pathbreaking reforms.

OUR VALUES

In an increasingly complex and changing world, we believe that a peaceful and engaged Asia is of critical global importance. These core values continue to define our work in the 21st century.

- Deep respect for local context
- Inclusion of differing views
- Innovative, agile thinking
- Trust, accountability, and partnership
- Longstanding presence and commitment

TAF2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

Bringing together a diverse range of voices and insights, including 18 country offices and partners in Asia, our TAF2020 plan strengthens our ability to address the critical issues facing Asia today. By sharpening our program priorities, measuring results, and streamlining our operations, together we will continue to create positive and transformative impact for individuals, communities, and the region.

WHAT WE DO

Address complex development challenges.

Strengthen Governance

Foster open, effective, and accountable systems of government.

Empower Women

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

Increase

natural disasters and climate change,

improve management of natural resources,

and reduce environmental threats.



Expand Economic Opportunity

Contribute to more inclusive economic growth and development across Asia at the local, national, and regional level.

Promote International Cooperation

Promote understanding, cooperation, peace, and shared prosperity across the Asia-Pacific and the U.S.

OUR APPROACH

Catalyze change through local knowledge and networks.



• Nurture Leadership • Inform Public Policy • Expand Access to Information Support Regional Collaboration
Forge Strategic Partnerships Advance Gender Equality
Leverage New Technologies
Build Institutions

Internationally recognized for our commitment to the region's development, we bring together local individuals, communities, and governments who are shaping Asia's future. Our approach is nuanced and multi-dimensional. A particular strength is our ability to navigate Asia's political context for reform and development. Engaging our longstanding and ever-expanding networks, nurturing new talent and rising young leaders, and drawing on our deep regional knowledge, we play a catalytic role in advancing Asia's development and social progress.

OUR PARTNERS

We work closely with a diverse range of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, emerging Asian donors, philanthropic organizations, and the private sector to make an impact across a dynamic and developing Asia.

WHERE WE WORK

ASIA | Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pacific Island Nations, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam UNITED STATES | San Francisco, Washington DC, New York City



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