WHO WE ARE

• Informed by 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.
• Our 800+ international development professionals on staff are experts on the countries in Asia where they live and work.
• 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 2017, we provided US$ 83.7 million in direct program support and distributed educational materials valued at US$ 8.7 million.

WHAT WE DO

- **EMPOWER WOMEN**
  - Advance rights and opportunities of women and girls; promote gender equality.

- **EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**
  - Contribute to more inclusive economic growth.

- **STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE**
  - Foster open, effective, and accountable government.

- **PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**
  - Strengthen cooperation to address non-traditional security challenges that move across borders.

- **INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE**
  - Increase resilience to threats of natural and environmental disasters, improve management of natural resources.
We created the first database of conflict and violence indicators in Myanmar’s contested areas.

We are building resilience among youth leaders in Southeast Asia to counter violent extremism in communities vulnerable to recruitment.

We launched Mongolia’s first ever Women’s Business Center and small business incubator.

We created Let’s Read! — a digital library that makes high-quality books available to readers anytime, anywhere, in languages they use at home and school.

In Nepal, after devastating earthquakes, we deployed mediators to resolve more than 7,000 disputes related to recovery.

We are training thousands of men and women and hundreds of religious leaders in Afghanistan on women’s rights under Islam.

In Pakistan, where deadly attacks against religious minorities are growing, our early warning system of human rights defenders in 10 districts prevented dozens of deaths.

In Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia we trained social activists to promote peace and dialogue online and reduce disinformation and hate speech.

In many parts of Asia, access to quality books is limited, especially in remote and turbulent areas. We are putting 10 million print and digital books in 40 local languages into the hands of young learners in Asia over the next five years.

Each year we select 12 young Asian leaders on the frontlines and prepare them with the tools, strategies, and networks they need to solve the region’s most pressing development challenges.