Amidst unprecedented and unforeseen challenges, The Asia Foundation pivoted to address the pressing needs of the communities it serves. As we transition into 2021, The Foundation remains steadfastly committed to its mission to improve lives across a dynamic and developing Asia.

Through both prevention and response, this year, The Foundation produced vital reports that are shaping understandings of and responses to Covid-19, and the Economy. The Foundation hosted an in-depth discussion of the first wave of Afghanistan Flash Surveys on Perceptions of Peace, Covid-19, and the Economy. Study authors shared methodology and analysis of the first wave so far and is planning another round of funding.

The recent Virtual Event – Afghanistan Flash Surveys on Perceptions of Peace, Covid-19, and the Economy discussed in a virtual event in January 2021. The Foundation will convene the trilateral event with Japan and the Republic of Korea to exchange good practices in developing and sustaining future generations of women leaders in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

The Summit on Women’s Leadership in STEM is a dynamic global event that convenes leaders to discuss how we can bridge the gender gap in the global workforce. This year, the Summit was convened by the incoming Biden administration transition team and will be made available to the public and independent Task Force to examine the state of U.S. – Southeast Asia Relations. The resulting report, Problems and Urgent Issues in U.S. – Southeast Asia Relations for 2021, will be released in December 2020. In partnership with the U.S. Department of State, The Asia Foundation will convene an “ASEAN Summit on Women’s Leadership in STEM” to celebrate the contributions of women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) across the region.

The Foundation provided social media training to civil society groups across Asia to counter discrimination and misinformation. Lotus Rapid Response Fund supported 21 critical projects in 14 countries to provide social media training to civil society groups. As we transition into 2021, The Foundation remains steadfastly committed to its mission to improve lives across a dynamic and developing Asia.

Thank you for being part of our Asia family. We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.