About Us

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Our work across the region is focused on good governance, women’s empowerment and gender equality, inclusive economic growth, environment and climate action, and regional and international relations.

WHO WE ARE

- Informed by 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 grantmaking and direct program operations through our network of offices in 18 Asia-Pacific countries.
- 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 2021, we provided $82.7 million in direct program support and distributed textbooks and other educational materials valued at $1.8 million.

WHAT WE DO

GOOD GOVERNANCE
Foster open, effective, and accountable government

WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY
Advance rights and opportunities of women and girls; promote gender equality

INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH
Contribute to more inclusive economic growth.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION
Increase resilience to threats of natural and environmental disasters, improve management of natural resources.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Strengthen cooperation to address nontraditional security challenges that move across borders.

WHERE WE WORK

Afghanistan | Bangladesh | Cambodia | China | India | Indonesia | Japan | Korea | Laos | Malaysia | Mongolia | Myanmar | Nepal | Pacific Islands | Pakistan | Philippines | Singapore | Sri Lanka | Thailand | Timor-Leste | Vietnam

86% of budget allocated to programs

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