



The Asia Foundation



Welcome to The Asia Foundation's Washington, D.C. October newsletter. This issue features the event recordings from **a recent event on coalition building across Asia** and a **virtual report launch on critical minerals and global supply chains**, an InAsia podcast episode about **the Foundation's programming in Indonesia**, InAsia blog posts about **care imperatives for APEC economies** and **digital rights in Asia and the Pacific**, as well as a recent publication on the **Rohingya refugee response in Bangladesh** and **the Foundation's annual survey of the Timorese people**.

Events

Recent Event - [Tactical Alliances: Supporting Local Coalitions for Development in Asia](#)



October 5 – Coalitions—groups of individuals and organizations that work together to pursue a common policy goal or reform—are crucial to the achievement of development outcomes. In 2023, the Foundation sought to elevate interest and debate on this experience through its publication [On the Right Tack: Reflections on Coalition-Building Initiatives Across The Asia Foundation](#), which shed light on the coalition-building modality, sharing insights on how coalitions emerge and function and how the approach can be adapted for other contexts. In this panel discussion, Nicola Nixon, Senior Director, Governance, The Asia Foundation; Toix Cerna, Civil Society Leader, Philippines; Melisha Ghimire, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Shequal Foundation, Nepal; and Thomas Parks, Thailand Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, reflected on experiences with development coalitions, the approaches taken by coalition leaders, the role of external actors in supporting coalition building, and questions and considerations going forward. Watch the event recording [here](#).

Recent Event - [What a Clean Energy Future Demands: A Massive Shift in Global Supply Chains and Critical Minerals](#)

September 28 – The Asia Foundation recently hosted a virtual report launch of [What a Clean Energy Future Demands: A Massive Shift in Critical Minerals and Global Supply Chains](#). The report comes after the Foundation and the Perth USAsia Centre brought together specialists from the Republic of Korea, Australia, and the United States, representing industry, academia, and think tank communities, to discuss trilateral

opportunities to secure future energy resources, collaborative efforts to support the development and supply of critical minerals, and the challenges and risks of supply chain disruptions. Click [here](#) to read the report. The event recording will be available soon on the [event page](#).

Voices from the Field



[Looking Forward in Indonesia](#)

Hana Satriyo, The Asia Foundation’s Country Representative in Indonesia, has been with the Foundation since 1998, first serving as a Program Officer, then as the Director of Indonesia’s Gender and Women’s Participation and Environmental Governance programs before becoming the Country Representative. In this episode of the [InAsia podcast](#), Hana discusses diversity, democracy, and development on the vast Indonesian archipelago. Learn more about the Foundation’s work in [Indonesia](#).



[Care Imperatives for APEC Economies](#)

The Asia Foundation featured prominently in two discussions at the recent 2023 APEC Women and the Economy Forum, where a key emerging theme was that high-quality, accessible care that provides decent jobs for care workers is necessary to achieve APEC’s commitment to foster the full and equal participation of women in the economy. This [InAsia blogpost](#) provides an overview of the discussion points raised at the Foundation and USAID’s panel discussion, “Innovations in Care to Unlock Opportunity for Women in the Economy,” and a panel on unpaid care and working conditions for paid care workers organized by the U.S. Department of Labor, EMD Serono, and CMI Consulting. Learn more about the Foundation’s work on the [care economy](#).



[The Promises and the Pitfalls of Tech in the Asia-Pacific](#)

A wave of digital technologies has revolutionized the Asia-Pacific region, transforming societies, economies, and the fabric of life. At the center of this technological revolution is a conversation between digital technologies and digital rights—fundamental human rights, extended into the digital sphere—including the

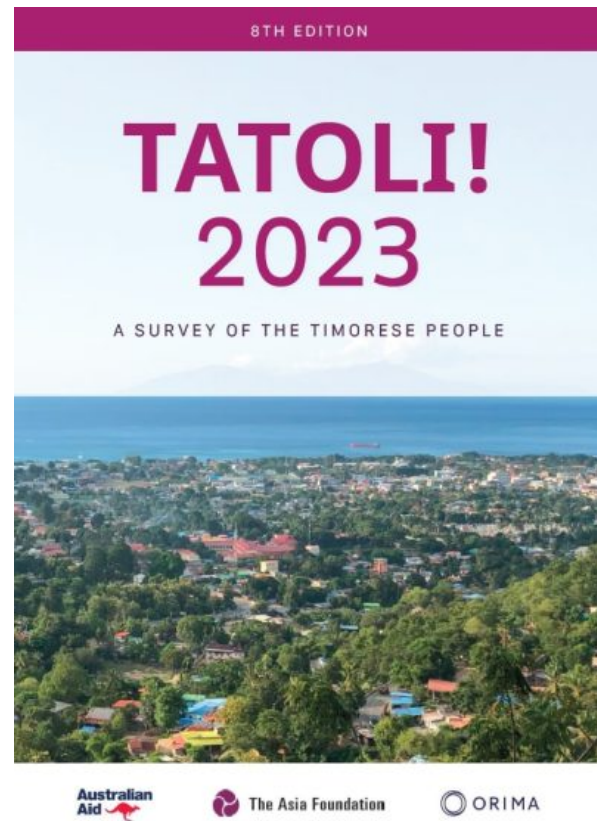
core principles of privacy and data protection, freedom of expression, access to information, and the freedom to assemble and associate online. The Asia Foundation recently participated in the [Digital Rights Asia-Pacific 2023 Assembly \(DRAPAC23\)](#), which brought together a broad array of experts for an exchange of views that showcased both optimistic “tech-solutionist” and pessimistic “tech-problematizing” perspectives. Read this [InAsia blogpost](#) for an overview of the assembly. Learn more about the Foundation’s [technology and development](#) programming.

Recent Publications



[Governing at the Margins: A Patchwork of Policies and Practices in the Rohingya Refugee Response in Bangladesh](#)

Following the mass forced displacement of the Rohingya people from Myanmar to Bangladesh beginning in August 2017, a vast humanitarian response was mobilized to provide shelter and



[Tatoli! A Survey of the Timorese People – 2023 Results](#)

Since 2013, The Asia Foundation has gathered the views and opinions of Timor-Leste’s population through *Tatoli! A Survey of the Timorese People*. This report presents the

aid to refugees in the southeast region of Cox's Bazar. The Bangladesh government, with support from international organizations, has since overseen the governance of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. In 2022, the Centre for Peace and Justice at BRAC University, in partnership with The Asia Foundation, undertook an analysis of governance and decision-making surrounding the refugee response, with a particular focus on the sporadic and often opaque ways that refugee camp policies are developed and communicated to camp residents. Learn more about the Foundation's work in [Bangladesh](#).

findings of The Asia Foundation's eighth *Tatoli* survey, conducted between January and February 2023. Through its partner organization, the Timor-Leste Research and Advocacy Network, The Asia Foundation interviewed a nationally representative sample of 3,754 adults. Learn more about the Foundation's work in [Timor-Leste](#).



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The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives and expanding opportunities across Asia and the Pacific. Informed by decades of experience and deep local expertise, 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.