Accelerating Asian Development

Technology & Innovation

INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS

Asia's emerging creative class is changing the world. How do we access their talents to address Asia's lingering development challenges?

When it comes to change, surfacing a new idea or a proposed solution is often the easiest part of the process. The hard part is taking an idea from an abstract concept to a viable, real world product or service. That's why promoting innovation is so difficult. It's not the idea that's challenging, it's the roadblocks along the way. This is especially so when attempting to develop new solutions in the civic and governance space.

At The Asia Foundation, we believe that innovation is and always will be a collective undertaking. Many stakeholders are involved, and even an independent entrepreneur with a brilliant new solution to a longstanding problem is unlikely to convert that idea into something real on their own. In Asia and around the world, innovators invariably rely on others for technical skills, access to networks, financing, legal advice, and the ability to navigate the complex political and social geography of the context in which they are working. Addressing development challenges is no different, and so, at The Asia Foundation, we work to bring stakeholders together - in creative ways and in a fashion few organizations can manage - to remove some of the biggest roadblocks to innovation in the sector.

By tapping into the thriving and dynamic innovation ecosystems now emerging in Asia, we are encouraging entrepreneurs, problem solvers, and innovators to tackle some of the region's most vexing development challenges in partnership with civil society, citizens, and local leaders.

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In.CoDe: Innovation and Collaboration for Development

In.CoDe is an open innovation challenge across Indonesia that aims to catalyze the creation of new products and services to address development challenges.

What sets In.CoDe apart from other innovation mechanisms is the importance the process places on opening pathways to viable, sustainable solutions not typically accessible to Indonesian civic tech entrepreneurs.

goal is the creation of organizationally, politically, and economically viable innovations ranging from web and mobile services to the Internet of Things.

In.CoDe innovation challenge sectors include public services delivery, environmental governance, parliamentary accountability, and community empowerment.

Through award challenges, In.CoDe draws civic innovators from across Indonesia together to work directly with successful local leaders in the private sector, civil society, academic institutions, and the government in entirely new ways, and over an extended period of consultation and collaboration. The

Ultimately, the In.CoDe process will match winning prototypes and teams with cross-sectoral partnerships of committed donors, technologists, civil society, academia, and government to promote sustainable long-term initiatives with greater potential to take viable solutions to scale.

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Work with Us

We welcome collaboration at every stage of the process - from research and design to pilot to scale. Join us as we support local innovators and social entrepreneurs who have a stake in the communities they aim to serve.

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