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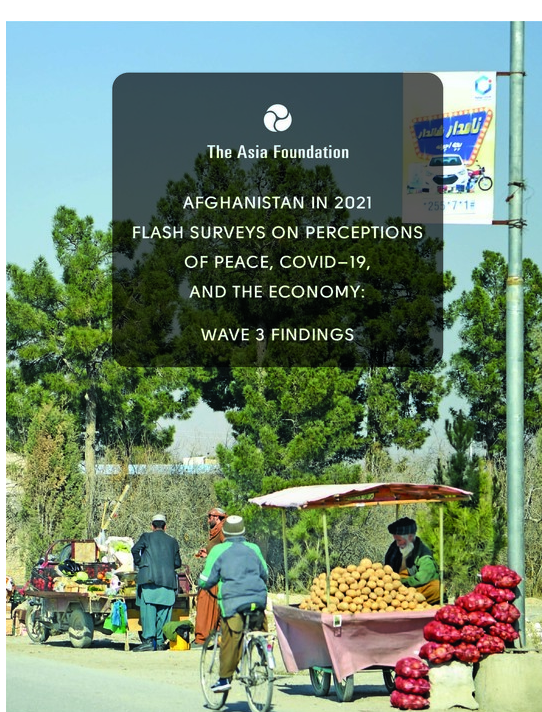
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Recent Virtual Event - [2021 Survey Findings: Afghan Perceptions of Peace, Covid-19, & the Economy](#)

APRIL 29, 2021 - The Asia Foundation launched the [Afghanistan Flash Survey Series Wave 3 results](#) and hosted an in-depth discussion with report authors and Afghanistan experts on the final wave of data. Speakers provided a comparative analysis of the panel data, examining how perceptions of critical issues have evolved over the past year. Read findings from [Wave 1](#) and [Wave 2](#). Click [here](#) for more information on our Afghanistan country program.



Recent Virtual Event – [Lotus Leadership Awards](#)

APRIL 28, 2021 - The Foundation's annual Lotus Leadership Awards celebrate outstanding individuals and organizations that have made major contributions to women's and girls' empowerment and gender equality in Asia. The 2021 awards honored Eileen Fisher and Women in Need from Sri Lanka. Proceeds from the virtual Awards Gala benefit the Foundation's [Lotus Circle Fund](#), which provides vital support to address women's rights and security, including the increase in gender-based violence during the Covid-19 pandemic in Asia and the Pacific. Learn more about the Foundation's [Women's Empowerment Program](#).



VOICES FROM THE FIELD

[A Post-Pandemic Green Recovery for Asia](#)

As countries begin to adopt massive stimulus packages to get post-Covid economies moving again, they have a unique opportunity to address the enduring threat of climate change. Asia is responsible for roughly half of the world's greenhouse gases, with its largest economies at the forefront. How these leading Asian countries pursue their post-Covid economic recoveries will make a critical difference in global efforts to meet climate targets, as well as establish a model for other countries in Asia. Investing in green economies can build resilience amid economic recovery; green stimulus measures have been proven to provide short-term economic gains and build greater national wealth in the long term compared to business as usual. Learn more about the Foundation's work to build [environmental resilience](#).

[Timor-Leste: Devastating Floods Hit Timor-Leste](#)

In the early hours of April 4, torrential rain overwhelmed the city of Dili, causing severe flash flooding, landslides, and destruction. Forty-two people lost their lives in the floods, and roughly 14,000 have been displaced. [The Asia Foundation Timor-Leste office](#) flooded, damaging electronics and other resources. Several staff lost vehicles and were among the displaced. In the wake of this loss, The Foundation and its incredible staff sprang into action to meet pressing needs. These efforts include support to service providers to ensure vulnerable populations, including those affected by domestic violence, receive the services they need through the [Nabilan](#) program; psychological first aid to evacuees; [Let's Read](#) educational activity packs for displaced children; and vital emergency supply distribution. Support victims of the recent floods [here](#).



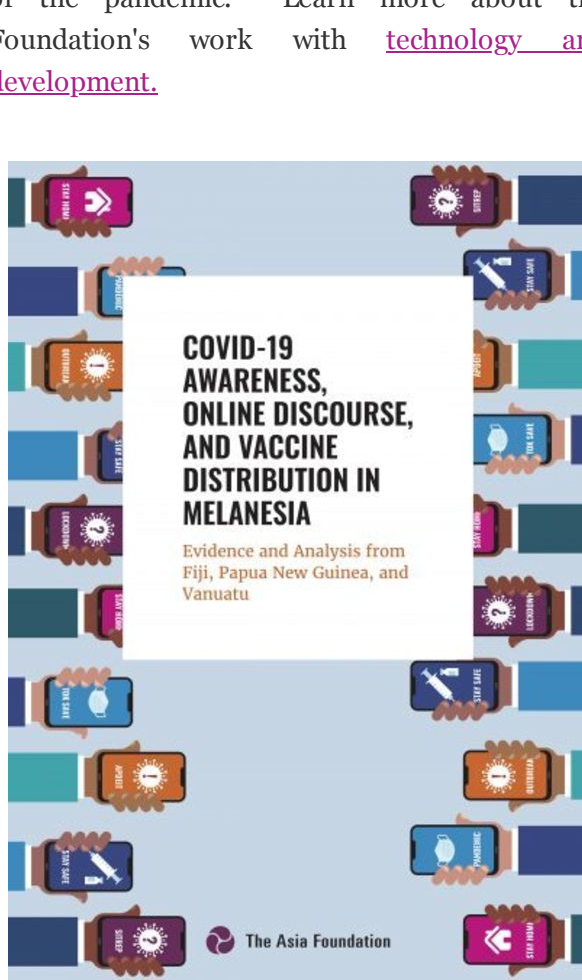
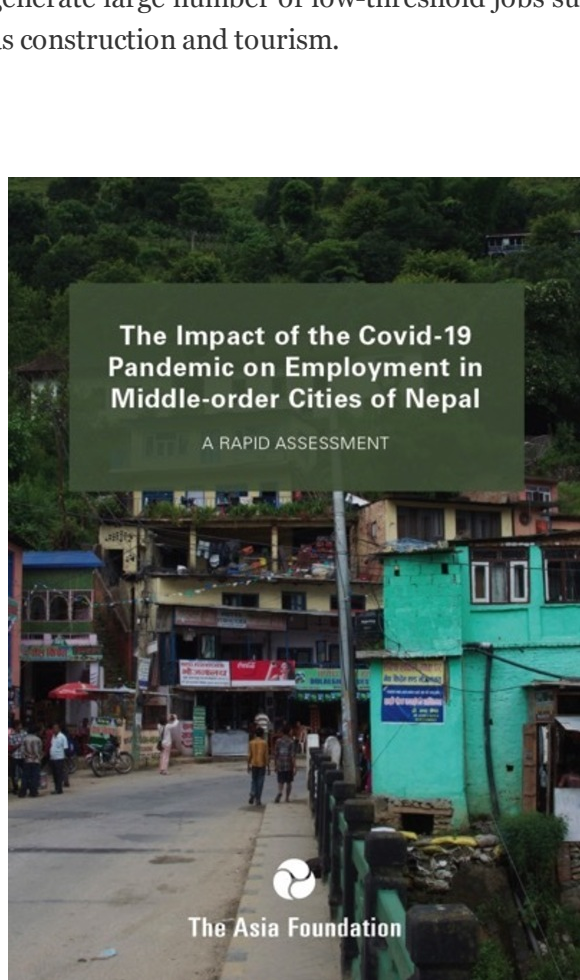
[Shifting Parameters of Civic Space in Southeast Asia](#)

Through interviews and focus groups with over 450 people in [Cambodia](#), [Indonesia](#), [Myanmar](#), [Malaysia](#), the [Philippines](#), [Thailand](#), and [Timor-Leste](#), the Foundation led an inquiry into the changing nature of civic spaces to understand the trends, trajectories, and issues affecting civic spaces throughout the region. The Foundation identified four main challenges, as well as three key recommendations for donors to support more resilient local civic spaces.

[Nepal: Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Employment in Middle-Order Cities of Nepal](#)

This paper presents a rapid assessment of the scale and depth of pandemic-related job losses in middle-order cities of Nepal. This research disaggregates the impact of the pandemic in urban areas and identifies early dynamics of the recovery process. Findings indicate that problems are deep and structural, undergirded by an overall demand slump, and slow recovery of sectors that generate large number of low-threshold jobs such as construction and tourism.

This report presents overall findings and analysis of perception survey data on Covid-19 awareness and information consumption in three countries within the subregion of Melanesia: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu. This research illustrates deepening relationships between online discourse in these countries' growing digital ecosystems and the broader public's perceptions of the pandemic. Learn more about the Foundation's work with [technology and development](#).

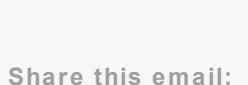


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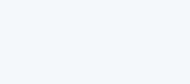


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