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Upcoming Virtual Event – [Enduring the Pandemic: Surveys of the Impact of COVID-19 on the Livelihoods of Thai People](#)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 - A new Asia Foundation report “Enduring the Pandemic: Surveys of the Impact of Covid-19 on Thai Small Businesses” reveals significant contractions of monthly incomes and high risk of small businesses closing permanently. What measures can be taken to help [Thai businesses](#) and workers to weather this storm? [Register here](#) for the event.

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Enduring the Pandemic:
Surveys of the Impact of COVID-19 on the Livelihoods of Thai People



Upcoming Virtual Event - [Leaders on the Frontlines: Investing in the Future](#)

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 - This annual event features the [Asia Foundation Development Fellows](#) and will showcase the Chang-Lin Tien Distinguished Leadership Award, the Visionary Leader Award, and the Lotus Leadership Award. Click to [view](#) and [read](#) about past Virtual Lotus Leadership Awards. The event will honor Eleni Kounalakis, the first female lieutenant governor of California; Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group and Chairman of the Tata Trusts; and Radhika Coomaraswamy, former UN Under Secretary General for their immense contributions as philanthropists, changemakers, and leaders advancing Asia’s progress.



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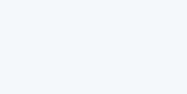
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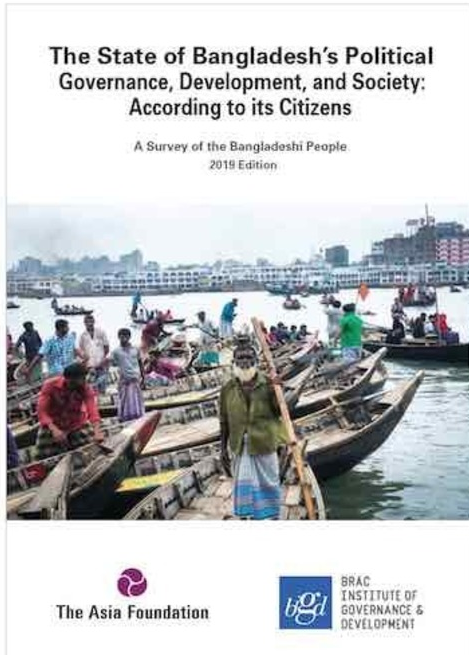
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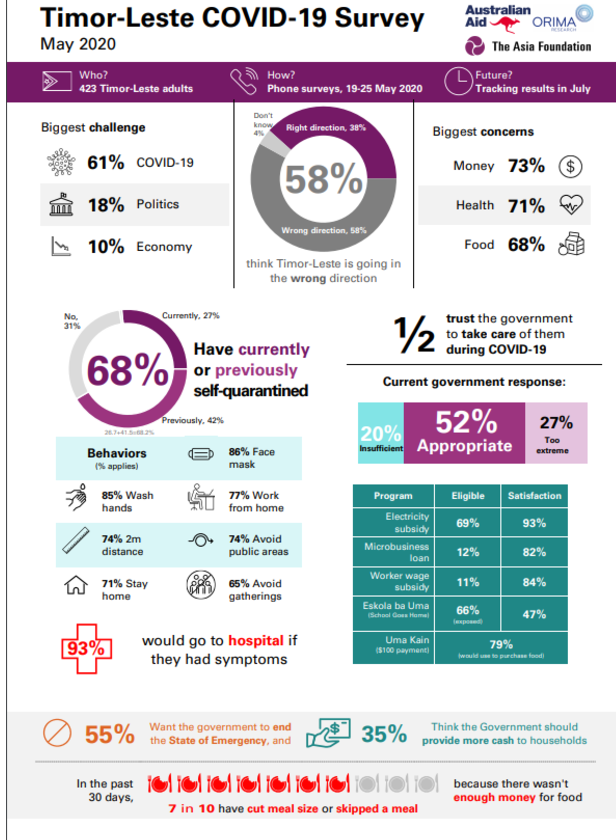
Bangladesh: [The State of Bangladesh's Political Governance, Development, and Society: According to its Citizens](#)

This annual national-level survey explores citizens' perception of multiple topics related to governance, development, and society in [Bangladesh](#).



Timor-Leste: [COVID-19 Survey](#)

The Asia Foundation [Timor-Leste](#) office launched a survey of over 400 adults on experiences of the [pandemic](#).



Myanmar: [How Have Myanmar's Conflicts Been Affected by Covid 19 and What Should be Done About it](#)

The pandemic response has highlighted deep fragmentation across [Myanmar](#) society. While some useful cooperation between state and non-state institutions could point to the potential for reconciliation, international support is critical not only to mitigate the effects of the [pandemic](#), but to ensure that vital resources are not diverted away from peacebuilding work.

#LetsReadHerStories Launches in Bangladesh

[Let's Read](#) in [Bangladesh](#) has [partnered with HerStory Foundation](#) to create a series of 12 children's stories about the lives of influential Bangladeshi [women](#). In August, Let's Read Bangladesh and HerStory co-hosted a month-long #LetsReadHerStories celebration on [Facebook](#).



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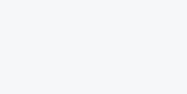
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