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EVENTS

Upcoming Virtual Event – [Don't Mess with Me: Combating Gender-based Violence in South Asia Through Art and Engagement](#)

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 - Co-hosted in partnership with the Asian Art Museum, this event will feature a conversation with Indian artist Jas Charanjiva followed by a panel discussion of sexual violence against women and how artists and organizations like The Asia Foundation - including our office in India - are working to combat gender-based violence. Learn more about the Asia Foundation's Women's Empowerment Program [here](#). Click [here](#) for information on our India office.

[Register Here](#)

Recent Virtual Event – [Insights from North Korean Refugee Entrepreneurs](#)

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 - In partnership with the [Korea Economic Institute](#), this event featured a presentation of The Asia Foundation's recent report [North Korean Refugee Entrepreneurs in South Korea: Unveiling Korea's Hidden Potential](#). A panel of experts will explore insights from North Korean refugee entrepreneurs and offered a set of strategic recommendations to bolster social inclusion and support refugee entrepreneurs in Korea. [Watch the event recording](#) and click [here](#) for more information on our Korea country program.

Recent Virtual Event – [Problems and Urgent Issues in U.S. - Southeast Asia Relations for 2021](#)

FEBRUARY 2, 2021 - The Asia Foundation's [International Relations Program](#) assembled an independent Task Force to examine the state of U.S. - Southeast Asia Relations. The Asia Foundation hosted a launch of the resulting report, [Problems and Urgent Issues in U.S. - Southeast Asia Relations for 2021](#).

Recent Virtual Event – [Enduring the Pandemic: Survey on the Impact of Covid-19 in Cambodia](#)

JANUARY 27, 2020 - The Asia Foundation hosted a discussion of its recent report [Enduring the Pandemic: Rapid Survey on the Impact of Covid-19 on MSMEs in the Tourism Sector and Households in Cambodia](#) which provides data on how Covid-19 is disrupting the micro and small enterprises, vulnerable workers, and the informal economy. Learn more about The Asia Foundation's [Cambodia office](#) and watch the event recording [here](#).



VOICES FROM THE FIELD

[Asia Foundation Expert Predictions for 2021, Following a Year That Defied Prediction](#)

After a year of events that changed development trajectories throughout Asia, Asia Foundation country representatives take stock of the coming year and offer perspectives on a still-young 2021.

[Bangladesh: Let's Read Expands its Digital Library on Cultural Heritage in Partnership with UNESCO Dhaka](#)

The Asia Foundation Bangladesh office in partnership with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Dhaka Office will produce original, engaging, and relatable children's books under the theme "Let's Read about Heritage." This partnership aims to leverage local resources to enhance reading among children and youth in [Bangladesh](#).

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[LeadEx: Changemakers Development Fund: Small Bets for Change](#)

The Changemakers Development Fund provides [Asia Foundation Development Fellows](#) alumni with small, flexible awards to enhance their work and impact. Recent awards will help fund the launch and pilot of a social enterprise to empower Nepali youth living with disabilities to lead lives of independence, confidence, and dignity; and a webinar series that strengthens capacity of front-line health workers in Myanmar.

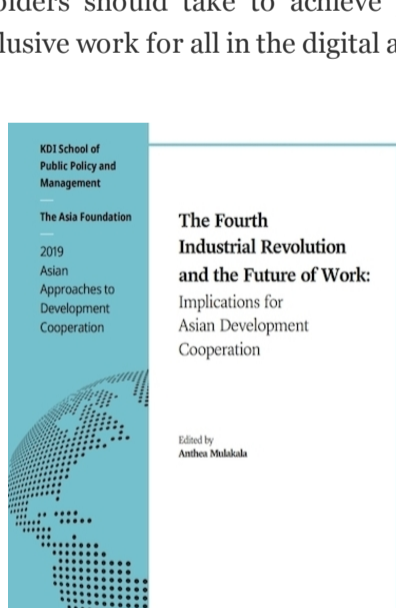
[Coalitions for Change Stories: Gender, Inclusion, & Safeguards](#)

This publication features success stories of women who advocated for their rights, challenged stereotypes, and entirely took advantage of opportunities to make significant changes in society. Learn more about [Coalitions for Change](#) and our work in the [Philippines](#).



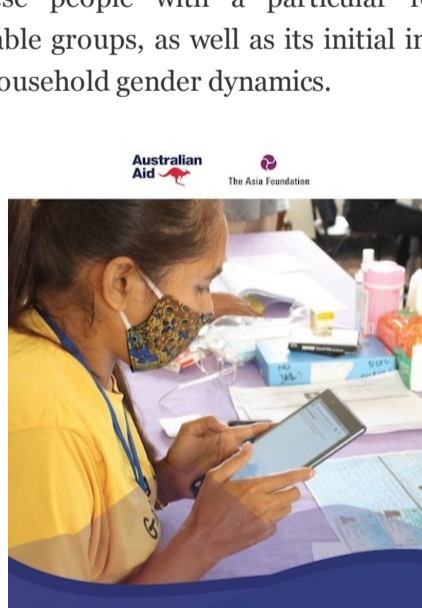
[The Fourth Industrial Revolution and the Future of Work: Implications for Asian Development Cooperation](#)

While hundreds of millions have been lifted out of poverty due to the advanced technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, many are being left behind. Experts explore approaches Asia's stakeholders should take to achieve productive and inclusive work for all in the digital age.



[Timor-Leste: Covid-19 Household Cash Transfer](#)

This research measures the impact of the recent Timorese government initiative that provided a cash transfer of US\$200 to 300,000 low-income households. The study focuses both on the socio-economic effects of the cash transfer on the Timorese people with a particular focus on vulnerable groups, as well as its initial impact on intra-household gender dynamics.

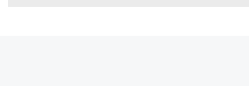


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The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Informed by six decades of experience and deep local expertise, our work across the region addresses five overarching goals—strengthen governance, empower women, expand economic opportunity, increase environmental resilience, and promote regional cooperation.

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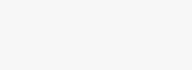
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