

# Affiliated Network for Social Accountability

*in East Asia and the Pacific*

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PORTFOLIO



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# ANSA-EAP Portfolios

The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP) mainstreams the social accountability or SAc approach in the region. It does this by being a networking facility, a capacity builder, and an information gateway. ANSA-EAP's work program can be described in terms of three portfolios: a Country Portfolio, a Thematic Portfolio, and a Service Portfolio. A separate Strategic Initiatives Portfolio describes ANSA-EAP's technical assistance and grants activities.



# THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PORTFOLIO

Although ANSA-EAP is not mainly a funding mechanism, it uses grants support to help SAc projects gain strategic importance, add value to SAc initiatives, and enhance networking efforts.

ANSA-EAP's portfolio of supported initiatives reflects its priorities in the region. Its preference is to provide seed funding to small-scale but strategic SAc initiatives that—

- promote constructive engagement between key stakeholders of governance;
- push for the monitoring of government processes, services, and performance; and/or,
- are in line with ANSA-EAP's priority themes and targeted development outcomes.

## ***How ANSA-EAP Focuses Its Assistance***

Projects assisted by ANSA-EAP complement SA-related programs in

the region or in the priority countries (Indonesia, Cambodia, Mongolia, and the Philippines). These projects also address ANSA-EAP's thematic areas (procurement monitoring, service delivery, extractive industry, youth) and are under the umbrella of ANSA-EAP's operational components: networking, learning-in-action, knowledge, and resource mobilization/utilization.

Local partners carry out all supported projects. ANSA-EAP looks for projects that are measurable, streamlined and potentially sustainable. They should contain clear linkages with specific government institutions to ensure grounding, buy-in, and ownership.

Small-grants support is open to any civil society organizations based in East Asia-Pacific and involved in development issues. CSOs should be in good standing and must have a record of achievement in the community and a record of financial probity. ANSA-EAP gives priority to organizations that have previous or ongoing work related to social

accountability, transparency, and governance.

### ***Assisted Projects***

The ceiling for small-grants is US\$ 25,000. As a general rule, ANSA-EAP encourages local partners to contribute counterpart resources for their proposed projects and to pro-actively approach other funding partners for additional support.

Since 2008, ANSA-EAP has provided small-grants assistance to about 33 SAC projects in Cambodia (10 projects), Indonesia (5), Mongolia (3), the Philippines (11 projects), and the region (4).

In February 2010, ANSA-EAP convened a grantees' workshop in Manila to evaluate the relative effectiveness of its small-grants. Thirteen grantees attended the workshop from all priority countries. The aims of the workshop were to help grantees—

- situate their respective projects within this Framework;
- share their insights and experience in identifying indicators that would best describe or demonstrate in measurable terms the achievement

of ANSA-EAP's goal and objectives; and,

- make a self-assessment of what improvements in project implementation should be pursued to strengthen the link of their projects with ANSA-EAP's results frame.

Among others, the workshop confirmed multiple links by the projects to ANSA-EAP strategic objectives: 12 projects related to information awareness, 11 to networking, 9 to capacity building and 4 to both resource mobilization and research and knowledge management.

### ***Assisted Projects in Cambodia***

1. Khmer Institute for National Development

- “Development and Implementation of Monitoring Module for Cambodian Scouts”, 2008
- “Youth’s Monitoring on Local Public Service”, 2009

2. Buddhism and Society Development Association

- “Strengthening SAC Initiatives to Improve National and

Communal Level Development”, 2008- 2009

- “Improving the Social Accountability Initiative through the Network of Affiliated Monks for Social Accountability”, 2010

3. Cambodia Centre for Independent Media

- “Empowering Journalists and Citizens to Report Social Accountability Issues Through Broadcast Radio”, 2008
- “Bringing Up Community Issues through the Broadcast Media to Urge Government to Address Such Issues”, 2009

4. Coalition for Integrity and Social Accountability

- “Improved Accountability Through Procurement Monitoring”, 2010-2011

5. STAR Kampuchea

- “Network Assistance Program to Enhance Social Accountability Capacities of Local Organizations”, 2009-2010

6. Youth Committee for Unity and Development

- “Tapping the Education Ministry’s Support for the National Youth Policy for Effective Youth Engagement in Social Accountability”, 2008-2009
- “Effective Youth Engagement in Social Accountability”, 2010-2011

### *Assisted Projects in Indonesia*

1. Yayasan Pusat Telaah dan Informasi Regional

- “Youth for Social Accountability”, 2009
- “Support to Development of the Java, Indonesia, Convenor Group”, 2010

2. Komunitas Indonesia untuk Demokrasi

- “Mainstreaming Social Accountability in the Curriculum of the *Komunitas Indonesia untuk Demokrasi* Democracy School”, 2009

3. Jaringan Untuk Hutan

- “Mainstreaming Social Accountability in

Development and Good Governance in Practice in East Indonesia”, 2009

- “Attaining of Equal and Participative Allocated Budget for Natural Resource Management and Public Services in the Regency of South Konawe – Southeast Sulawesi and East Indonesia”, 2010

### ***Assisted Projects in Mongolia***

#### 1. Democracy Education Center

- “Support to Development of the Mongolian Convenor Group”, 2009
- “Mainstreaming Social Accountability in Mongolia by the Scoring the Performance of Government Agencies and Building the capacity of PfSAN Members”, 2010-2011

#### 2. Independent Research Institute of Mongolia

- “Mapping Study of SAc in Mongolia”, 2010

### ***Assisted Projects in the Philippines***

#### 1. Action for Economic Reforms

- “Resisting Impunity, Asserting Freedom of Information, and Fostering Good Governance”, 2009-2010

#### 2. Association of Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines

- “Mainstreaming Social Accountability in Public Administration Education towards Stronger Good Governance”, 2009-2010

#### 3. Bantay Eskwela-Sulong Mindanao, Inc.

- “Procurement Monitoring and Capacity Building: Strengthening Social Accountability by Increasing Citizens’ Engagement with Government”, 2010-2011

#### 4. Center for Popular Empowerment

- “SAc Artshop—An Artist Journey on Social Accountability”, 2009

#### 5. Center for Youth Advocacy and Networking

- “First Time Voters Network Youth Leaders Assemblies for Social Accountability”, 2009

6. International Center for Innovation, Transformation and Excellence in Governance

- *“Bagong Administrasyon: Ano ang Dapat Malaman at Ano ang Maaring Gawin? (In a New Administration: What Should We know and What Can We Do?)”*, 2010

7. Marinduque Council for Environmental Concerns

- *“SAC in Extractive Industries Experts Group Meeting and Learning Session”*, 2009-2010

8. Northern Luzon Coalition for Good Governance

- *“Active and Concerned Citizens Engaged in Social Accountability Initiatives in Northern Luzon—Phase 1”*, 2010

9. Sustainable Integrated Area Development—Initiatives in Mindanao Convergence for Asset Reform and Regional Development

- *“Young Muslim Conference on Social Accountability”*, 2009

10. Transparency and Accountability Network

- *“Assessing and Improving Service Delivery and Governance of Local Government Through the Use of Citizens Report Cards and Setting the Citizen’s Agenda”*, 2008-2009
- *“Strengthening the Capacity of Bantay Lansangan (Road Watch) Monitors in Constructive Engagement for Social Accountability”*, 2010

### *Assisted Region-wide Projects*

1. Maximo T. Kalaw Institute for Sustainable Development

- *“The Access Initiative Coalition in Asia—Regional Workshop on Social Accountability Advocacy Tools”*, 2008-2009

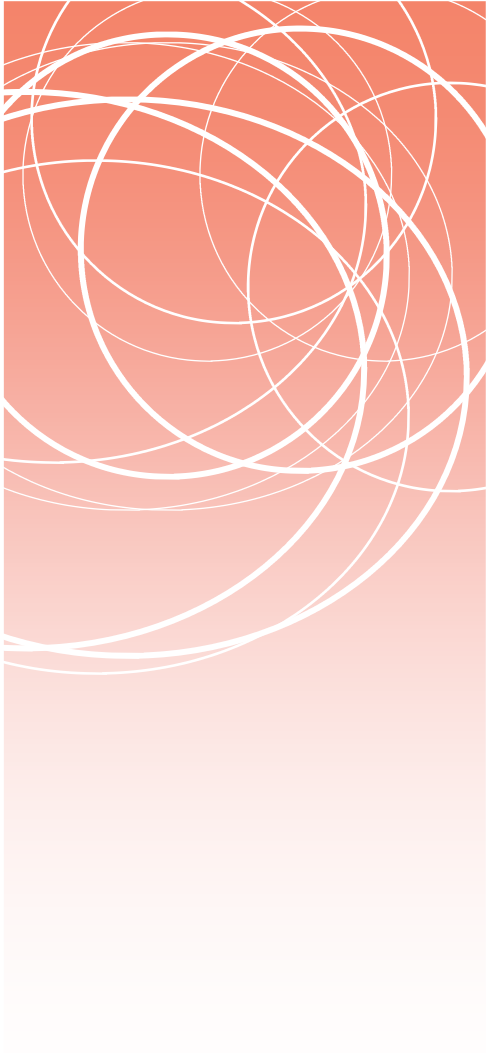
2. Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia

- *“Strengthening Social Accountability Mechanisms for Food Security and Agricultural Development”*, 2008-2010

3. Procurement Watch, Inc.



- “Procurement Monitoring: A Social Accountability Tool Advancing Citizens’ Engagement with Government”, 2009-2010
4. Ten Outstanding Boy Scouts of the Philippines Association and the Boy Scouts of the Philippines
- “Pilot-Testing of the Scouting-Based Orienteering Module on Social Accountability (Scouts’ Quest for Social Accountability—Module 5 of the 26<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Jamboree)”, 2009-2010









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