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AFFILIATED NETWORK FOR SOCIAL
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Affiliated Network for Social Accountability

Our vision is to help improve governance by mainstreaming the Social Accountability (SAc) approach. A regional network established in 2008, ANSA-EAP cultivates the East Asia-Pacific way of doing SAc.

“Social Accountability” refers to initiatives taken by citizen groups to hold government to account for its decisions and actions. It is citizen groups claiming their rightful place at the table to keep an eye on how government goes about its business. This is sometimes called ‘constructive engagement’ - an agreement between government and citizen groups, although social accountability action does not always require it. A noticeable facet of constructive engagement is that it is always accompanied- and oftentimes even preceded - by intense political action and pressure by citizens.

ANSA-EAP promotes the monitoring by citizens of government performance and the protection of the rights and welfare of communities. It involves monitoring quality of public service delivery and transparency of public transactions.

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ANSA-EAP COUNTRY OPERATIONS FRAMEWORK

ANSA-EAP capitalizes on existing in-country networks of practitioners and does not introduce or build a new one. It is collectively known as Conveners Group, led by a Coordinating Organization. This networking strategy makes use of the members' shared information and communication channel as driver of the connection. It takes their need for unity and solidarity in addressing issues as the enabler of the connection. And, it marks their trust in the network, which is ensured by instituting open and collective governance structure and procedures for operation, as accelerator of the connection.

ANSA-EAP is also introducing a network assistance program to enhance the existing social accountability capacities of the Conveners Group and its member organizations. Such capacity enhancement addresses two important concerns, namely the decentralization of the regional networking work and the institutionalization of country coordination center.

The assistance shall be provided to the Conveners Group through the Network Fellow. The Network Fellow shall be integrated in the regular office operations of the Coordinating Organization and be directly accountable to the Conveners Group. S/He serves as the bridge between the in-country network and the ANSA-EAP regional office.

This decentralized arrangement is deemed optimal for the ANSA-EAP operations because country focus is achieved in accordance with the set regional framework and approach. The arrangement shall be tested in the Philippines, Cambodia and Indonesia, and Mongolia.

This approach is operationalized in the following sequence of activities:

- Mapping and identification of existing networks
- Mission to study entry strategy
- Feedback on and validation of feasibility of entry
- Formation of Conveners Group
- Assignment of coordinating group
- Hiring of Network Fellow
- Planning of country operations (scoping study, advocacy and monitoring, donors forum)
- Test implementation of plans
- Review and assessment
- Decision on feasibility of sustaining country operations

Cambodia



The Khmer Institute for National Development (KIND) and People Center for Development and Peace (PCDP) have awareness campaigns and capacity-building activities on performance monitoring and participatory planning. Through the “Demand for Good Governance” (DFGG) project of the World Bank, some of the network members received funding to help enhance citizens’ engagement in the governance process through citizen monitoring. Network members also participated in the World Bank-supported “Program to Enhance Capacity for Social Accountability” (PECSA), the precursor of the DFGG, which strived to enhance civil society capacities in designing and implementing governance programs. SILAKA, STAR KAMPUCHEA and SASA helped implement the PECSA, especially in the establishment and implementation of the Social Accountability Schools.

Network members tap media and new technologies to facilitate greater access to information and increase awareness for Social Accountability among other groups. These complement programs that aim to reach out to Cambodian youth and teach them to confront pressing social and political issues. Other non-government organizations like the Buddhism and Society Development Association also provide support through community development and health education programs targeting poor, vulnerable communities.

Cambodia’s network of social accountability practitioners receives support from international organizations, especially in the establishment of Social Accountability schools. Graduates of the Social Accountability Schools share best practices in good governance with other Cambodians.

SAN CHEY

NETWORK FELLOW – CAMBODIA



San Chey, ANSA-EAP network fellow for Cambodia, is the founder and director of the Khmer Institute of National Development (KIND). KIND carries out an anti-corruption campaign, an awareness program and fundraising. KIND's major projects are the Civic Alliance for Social Accountability (CASA) and the Motivation to Anti-Corruption (MAC) programs.

Mr. Chey has training in social accountability tools and techniques. In 2008, he received his certification as a social accountability practitioner following his completion of a course on "Social Accountability Skills in the General Concept of Governance". Topics covered in the course included communication and media use, procurement and fund tracking, participatory planning, and dialogues and consensus-building with the government. He was mentored, in procurement monitoring practice in the Philippines through a World Bank-PECSA sponsored program conducted by the Ateneo School of Governance, PRIA and SILAKA.

From 2005 to 2006, Mr. Chey obtained certifications from VBNK trainings. He was certified in Commune Council Partnership Strengthening (CCPS). In 2006, he attended the Introductory Manager's Development Program (IMDP). In the same year, he was certified in Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PPME).

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COORDINATING ORGANIZATION STAR KAMPUCHEA



Since 1997, STAR Kampuchea has carried out successful advocacy programs. It takes the lead in improving coordination among partner organizations, their advocacy networks, and the communities. By including members from commune councils in program activities, it established a constructive and supportive relationship at the local level between government and CSOs.

STAR Kampuchea uses the media to increase the public's awareness of gaps in law implementation and rights violations. It builds public knowledge through dissemination of material on matters of interest to them. It published a comprehensive study on land issues that made people aware of the legal framework governing land and tenure security. Aside from its own income-generating activities, STAR Kampuchea received international support from EED, DCA, DANIDA, NPA, Forum Syd, Oxfam / HK, World Bank – PECSA, ZFD, and ANGOC.

STAR Kampuchea mobilizes people and local NGOs and engages them in continuing dialogue on local concerns. It supported 11 Provincial Advocacy Networks in 11 provinces in resolving natural resource disputes and human right violations. Victims of illegal land grabbing or eviction were able to protect their land and livelihood through its efforts.

As part of its programs, it holds big public events like the Constitution Day Workshop and the Labor Forum, as well as local level workshops and forums, providing opportunities for citizen groups to voice injustices and law breaches to appropriate parties, resolve conflicts peacefully and at the same time enhance their understanding of the legal process. It also runs the following programs:

- “Program to Enhance Capacity on Social Accountability” (PECSA), specifically, in introducing the concept of Social Accountability to more CSOs across Cambodia;
- Advocacy Action Program (AAP) - mobilizes citizens and helps them to advocate for the creation of laws that encourage good governance and the proper implementation of these;
- Worker's Rights Program (WREP) - established in 2005, the program publishes Worker's Rights Watchdog Magazine, and produces a radio program (Worker's Voice) and the Labor Strike Monitoring Force to document rights violation from a neutral position;
- Advocacy Building Program (ACP) - organized legal trainings and other venues for mutual learning and exchange;
- Income Generation Program - based on the Volunteer Action for Cambodia Program (VAC) it aims to strengthen the capacity of CSOs by offering the services of international volunteers to local NGOs.

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BUDDHISM AND SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BSDA)



On January 5, 2005, seven Buddhist monks at Wat Nokor Bachey in Kampong Cham Province, Cambodia established the Buddhism and Society Development Association (BSDA), officially recognized by the Ministry of Interior as an independent, neutral, impartial and non-political NGO. A six-member board of directors supports the work of the organization through the overall leadership of the Venerable Vandong Thorn.

Since then, it has grown to include volunteer workers and supporters from various public stakeholders, including monks, students, intellectuals, teachers, lawyers and civil servants, who all desire a better Cambodian society. By strengthening and improving social accountability and good governance, BSDA aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of the poorest of the poor and bring about social development among the target communities.



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BSDA has the cooperation and support of local and international NGOs, as well as local authorities, government institutions and other stakeholders in Kampong Cham province. BSDA is a member of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability – East Asia & Pacific (ANSA – EAP) and KHANA. The Executive Director of BSDA is the President of Civil Society Network Against Child Labor Organization in Kampong Cham. The organization is also a member of K-NAN network in Kampong Cham.

In partnership with the government, Aid Agency, UN, International Organization Foreign Embassies and NGOs, BSDA is currently implementing programs in five areas: education; health; orphans and vulnerable children; community development and agriculture technical support; and Social Accountability. Its governance work included efforts to push for citizen engagement through participatory planning, especially for the Right to Information Act. It also worked with stakeholders to enhance the implementation of decentralization and good governance at the communal level as means to fight against corruption.

As part of its Education Program, BSDA runs the “Improving Basic Education in Cambodia Program (IBECP)” and “Mekong Kampuchea Kid’s Project” that provide livelihood trainings and life skills outreach to schools and communities. BSDA works in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS), as well as schools and local groups and communities to achieve its goals under this program. For health, BSDA focuses its efforts on reaching the truly impoverished orphans, families and street children and educating them on important issues such as HIV/AIDS; drug addiction awareness and prevention; violence prevention; social and Buddhist morality, life skills and community development.



CAMBODIAN CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA (CCIM)



The Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Established in June 2007, it is an offshoot of the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR). CCIM was organized to continue the production of Voice of Democracy (VOD) radio programs started by CCHR in January 2003, when there was very limited discussion of human rights on radio. VOD radio programs aim to educate people about issues on human rights and politics, among others. CCIM continues to use media as a tool to educate Cambodians on their rights and on the greater issue of governance.



Donors such as the Open Society Institute (OSI-Zug), European Union (EU), British Embassy Phnom Penh, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung (FNSt) and Asia Calling support its various projects.

The vision of the organization is for Cambodian media to freely, independently and responsibly inform, educate and empower the people. To achieve this, CCIM implemented a training program entitled "Reporting of Social Accountability Issues: Empowering the Journalists and Citizens to Report Social Accountability Issues through the Broadcast Radio" with support from the Affiliated Network on Social Accountability (ANSA). The objective of the project was to empower the Cambodian journalists and citizens, particularly in the rural areas, to report on pressing issues. It also aimed to raise the public's awareness of its role in monitoring and reporting the accountabilities of government officials, including private corporations and NGOs. The radio program was broadcast weekly in 2009.

It held similar training on "The Role of Media in Promoting Social Accountability." Around 20 Cambodian print and broadcast journalists, mostly coming from the nearby provinces of Kandal and Kampong Speu, joined the one-day training funded by ANSA-EAP. Cristina Dumlaog of the Philippines presided over the sessions.

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DEMAND FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE PROJECT, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (DFGG PROJECT)



The Ministry of Interior established the Demand for Good Governance Project (DFGG Project) in response to the Royal Government of Cambodia's push for reform. Funded by a US\$20-million grant from the International Development Association (IDA), the the project will run over four years, from 2009 to 2013. The DFGG project will complement "supply-side" with "demand-side" approaches for good governance in Cambodia.

The overall development objective of the DFGG Project is to enhance demand for good governance in priority reform areas by strengthening institutions, promoting partnerships, and sharing lessons. This is to be achieved by supporting selected state institutions (SIs) engaged in DFGG through promotion, mediation, response, or monitoring functions; supporting non-state actors (NSAs) to develop DFGG programs in partnership with SIs or independently; and promoting learning, awareness raising, and capacity building on demand-side governance approaches in a broader context. To achieve the goals of the project, the

Ministry implemented the following key activities:

- promoting demand by disclosing, demystifying, and disseminating information on key government programs;
- mediating demand by creating and strengthening avenues for citizen feedback and addressing citizen concerns;
- responding to demand by creating programs for service delivery; and
- promoting regular monitoring and oversight of the public sector by independent actors.

The project is seen as a "learning vehicle" that would create a ripple effect for the country and other regions.

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KHMER INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (KIND)



Five individuals and three volunteers established the Khmer Institute for National Development (KIND) and registered it with the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia on September 19, 2003 as a secular, non-profit, non-political, non-government organization. With initial funding support from the founding members and Thin Darick, a Cambodian-American, the group's vision is to develop the full potential of the Cambodian people through creative initiatives and active participation.

KIND has a management mechanism to oversee its expanding network of activities. KIND believes that Cambodians can and should take part in social development monitoring by building their knowledge and capacity on good governance, advocacy, planning management, democracy enforcement and family income generation, based on theory and actual implementation. The organization has two main programs:

- Civic Alliance for Social Accountability (CASA) is dedicated to the promotion of social accountability by mobilizing civic participation in local governance and development monitoring. It conducted the capacity building program "Youth Engagement in Local Governance (YELG)" for community-based youth groups in Phnom Penh and mobilized more than 200 participants to participate in the Commune Council (CC) Monthly Meeting, during which they were able to discuss community concerns and bring these to resolution. The youth also played an important role in mobilizing communities to participate in the CC Monthly Meeting. This program now operates in Khan Toul Kork (in five Sangkat) and Dangkou (in two Sangkats). Recently, KIND has been using SAc tools such as performance monitoring, participatory planning and procurement monitoring in its projects in the province of Takeo and in the abovementioned areas.
- Motivation to Anti-Corruption (MAC) aims to push for the adoption of the Anti-Corruption Law. With fund support from USAID through PACT-Cambodia, KIND conducted many organizational events and awareness campaigns on the Anti-Corruption for students in Phnom Penh and a public forum on civic demand for the Anti-Corruption Law at the provincial level.

In addition, it advocates for citizen engagement in government activities through performance monitoring, participatory planning and procurement monitoring. Among KIND's objectives is to institutionalize all initiatives, especially those focusing on the adoption of the Anti-Corruption Law in the local and national governance process., KIND's initial efforts have helped build Cambodians' knowledge and appreciation of the importance of social accountability.

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MEDICAM



MEDiCAM is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization for NGOs active in Cambodia's health sector. It was established in July 1989. It now has 128 members. It functions as a bridge linking civil society with the Royal Government of Cambodia.

MEDiCAM is a networking agency that seeks to link all stakeholders in the health sector by:

- coordinating and representing voices of civil society organizations;
- promoting evidence-based policy development and program designs;
- building capacity of its NGO members;
- strengthening social accountability; and
- sharing relevant health information.



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Aside from its representation and advocacy role, MEDiCAM facilitates information exchange by reaching out to the national and grassroots level and engaging them in dialogues to tackle the health concerns of the community. This was made possible through the creation of a large e-mail network, which allows for the fast dissemination of health-related and essential information from the field. Direct e-mail contact with high officials in the Ministry of Health also greatly enhances communication. To date, the network comprises over 900 targeted health professional correspondents, with some acting relaying information to other networks. To expand readership further, MEDiCAM maintains health-related databases and documentation centers to facilitate access to information on NGO health projects in Cambodia, countrywide health experts directory, publications, evaluations and findings.

MEDiCAM ensuring that all its activities are bilingual (English/Khmer). As a support organization, it also organizes courses and workshops; holds a monthly meeting of Cambodian NGOs, organizational support to regional NGO networks and facilitating overseas scholarship.

Its members and primary donors include the Department for International Development (DFID), Australian Government Aid (AusAID) and International Health Partnership (IHP).



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A former president of the Khmer Youth Association established the People Center for Development and Peace (PCDP) in November 2004 as a fully localized non-government organization advocating the rule of law and democracy in Cambodia. PCDP engages in advocacy efforts for a better anti-corruption bill and an alcohol policy. Toward these ends, it organizes workshops and campaigns throughout the country.

PCDP pushes for dialogues with government authorities to gain their support for the PCDP's awareness campaign on anti-corruption. It also helps raise awareness for good governance among the youth within the educational system. Through these awareness efforts, citizens learn about the impacts of corruption on families, society, and the country. Stakeholders meet at the community level and in youth forums. More than 6,256 participants attended its youth activities.

PCDP's efforts have resulted in more than 100,000 clean hand treaties collected among local people. The organization started a signature collection campaign by Tuk-Tuk (3-wheeled motorbikes) from people in order to push the government to adopt the new law against corruption faster.

PCDP has sent nearly 300,000 signed symbolic treaties to the National Assembly and the government.

With its head office in Phnom Penh, PCDP is currently operating its programming activities in five target areas throughout the country including Svay Rieng, Siem Reap, Banteay Mean Chey, Battambang and Phnom Penh. PCDP staff includes experienced people who have been involved in advocacies for democracy and the rule of law. PCDP receives support from the World Bank, Forum Syd, IOGT-NTOMovement and Pact Cambodia.



SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY SCHOOL ALUMNI (SASA)

Established in 2009 by graduates of the Social Accountability School, the Social Accountability School Alumni (SASA)'s vision is to inculcate social accountability as a basic ingredient of good governance.

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To achieve this, SASA mobilizes the alumni of the Social Accountability School and practitioners of social accountability by sharing information and experiences and setting strategies for actions, with the bigger goal of contributing to the sustainable development of Cambodia.

Over time, the network intends to set itself as a non-government organization that will build mechanisms to promote dialogue and engagement between CSOs and the government.

To enhance further the capacities of SASA members, they are encouraged to engage in and to share their local and international experiences and best practices in good governance. Through linkages with fellow networks, the organization will be able to support, coordinate and initiate for shared needs and resources in implementing social accountability.

Aside from the contributions of the SAS graduates, the PECSA-World Bank supports SASA.

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SILAKA



The Ministry of Interior incorporated SILAKA as a non-political, non-sectarian, local non-government organization in Cambodia in January 1997.

SILAKA began as a training and capacity-building organization. SILAKA is part of various networks and organizations. It is a member of Social Watch Asia and Social Watch International, which are advocacy organizations on social development issues.

SILAKA offers high quality trainings and consultancies on the effective management of projects, especially those focusing on gender equity and accountability. The organization also works to localize the social accountability curriculum and materials to help raise greater awareness of the values of transparency and accountability among Cambodian stakeholders.



The World Bank in Cambodia, through its Program to Enhance Social Accountability (PECSA), has tapped SILAKA to provide assistance in establishing the first Social Accountability School in Cambodia. PECSA, endorsed by the Ministry of Interior, responds to the Rectangular Strategy of the Royal Government of Cambodia, which recognizes the central role of good governance in the country's development strategies. PECSA is a precursor of the Demand for Good Governance (DFGG) project, and was implemented to fulfill two main objectives: to enhance civil society capacities in designing and implementing social accountability and good governance; and to build on and scale up the existing efforts of civil society to help the government be more effective. SILAKA is operating under the training and capacity-building component of PECSA. In November 2008, SILAKA conducted a Social Accountability School for 64 participants and in March 2009, organized the First Assembly of Social Accountability School Alumni (SASA) for 109 participants. SILAKA authored the country report on the state of Cambodia published in Social Watch International's Annual Report for the past two years. Among its various publications are books that share concepts, tools and guide on advocacy skills and strategies for citizens living in a transitional society such as Cambodia. SILAKA is also a member organization of Star Kampuchea that actively participated in the advocacy team in 2006 to develop advocacy agenda and implement monitoring activities with other network members.

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YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT (YCUD)



The Youth Committee for Unity and Development (YCUD) works to strengthen and expand youth participation in social affairs. Established on March 8, 2008, it is guided by the vision of a prosperous Cambodian society where the youth can contribute solutions to social issues and participate in the development of their country.

YUCD is a coalition of prominent youth organizations: Khmer Youth Association (KYA), Youth for Peace (YFP), Youth Council of Cambodia (YCC), Youth Resources Development Program (YRDP), Khmer Youth for Social Development (KYSD), Khmer Institute for National Development (KIND), and People Center for Development and Peace (PDP-Center).



Social accountability initiatives Through its network, YUCD eventually seeks to push for the institutionalization of a National Youth Center through its advocacy for a National Youth Policy that makes use of the framework of social accountability. The youth is encouraged to be part of the decentralization processes and to promote more sustainable cooperation. The organization also seeks to engage policy-makers and government and have them acknowledge the contributions of the youth to societal development.

Over time, YUCD intends to explore networking and cooperation opportunities among fellow youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels. It is supported by the ANSA – EAP.

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Southeast Sulawesi is the sub-country network in Indonesia of the ANSA-EAP. There is a diverse range of initiatives among the network members but the common advocacy is social transformation. This convener's group combines natural resource management with social accountability initiatives through education. Good governance translates to community-based management.

Social accountability initiatives are interpreted within the goal of developing communities by improving management of natural resources and developing communities through capacity-building. The province of Sulawesi is characterized by the abundance of raw materials in their lands and forests and efforts for a community-based forest and environment management, instead of private handling, were undertaken to protect these areas. Farmers' village groups and fair trading systems were developed.

Included in the Sulawesi Convener's Group's work for social transformation is press activism. Journalists and reporters had to struggle against the repression of the right to information and press freedom. Such efforts were not in vain because the press was recognized for its roles in furthering the welfare and dignity of the people by giving them access to crucial issues that affect their lives. The lack of information among the poor hinders their capacity to be empowered stakeholders in their communities. The media, similarly, is seen as a channel to strengthen pro-nature attitudes and to increase awareness of good governance.

Local citizens and communities became the principal beneficiaries of the program of the network members while cooperating with like-minded local and international organizations. Communities became socially responsive on how their natural resources are to be tapped and educational activities were given to enrich the knowledge and skills in their practice. Social consciousness is raised by alternative education programs that integrate gender-responsive behavior and social accountability approaches. Activities that monitor procurement of goods and services specifically in the health sector are also done in some of the regencies of Sulawesi.

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His sensitivity to the issues that threaten both the local and global environment is borne out of his long education and training in environmental journalism since 1997. He attended local journalist trainings in Jakarta that provided him with an in-depth view on gender perspectives on journalism and intermediate television journalism in broadcast communications. In 2007, he went to Radio Netherlands Training Center at the Netherlands to do the short course on Advance Television Journalism.



COORDINATING ORGANIZATION

JARINGAN UNTUK HUTAN (JAUH)



Jaringan Untuk Hutan (JAUH) is a network of NGOs and local media in Southeast Sulawesi that has an established record of accomplishment in community capacity-building and environmental conservation advocacies. Its organizational work is mainly focused in the province of southeast Sulawesi and 12 regencies and cities. The fundamental idea for establishing JAUH is the awareness and the belief among its founders that multiple-party engagement and cooperation can help resolve problems and bring better natural resources management. JAUH is expected to be the facilitator or mediator among the parties and between the communities. JAUH makes the local citizens as the principal actors in its community-based forest management while encouraging the supremacy of law in community development, forest preservation and natural resources management.

Since it was founded, JAUH has conducted the following community development programs and forest resources management programs through the Social Forestry Program in Konawe Selatan (South Konawe) and other parts of Indonesia:

- "Fair Deal for Forest Dependent Civil Society: Innovation in the Commercial Forestry Sector," which ran from 2006 to 2009 in collaboration with Tropical Forest Trust (TFT), WARSI of Jambi and SUPHEL from Central Java. It aimed to facilitate social responsiveness for forest management among citizens and forest concession holders;
- certification of 25 villages as eco-friendly communities, a collaborative program undertaken with JAUH Sultra, Tropical Forest Trust (TFT) and Forest Steward Council (FSC) that ran from 2003 until 2010. These are managed by the cooperatives, Koperasi Hutan Jaya Lestari (KHJL) and Lembaga Komunikasi Antar Kelompok (LKAK) in South Konawe;
- Community Logging Development , in cooperation with TELAPAK, FFI Aceh, Forestry Faculty of Institute of Agriculture, Bogor, Forest Watch Indonesia, Bogor and ASMINDO (Indonesian Furniture's Association). JAUH runs this as part of the forestry redesigning process and in response to deforestation and livelihood concerns in Aceh.

The organization works in close partnership with relevant government agencies like the Forest Department of Indonesia and Forestry Service of Southeast Sulawesi. Partner local and international organizations include Forest Watch Indonesia (FWI), Non Timber Forest Product (NTFP), YASCITA and SWAMI among others. They are given funding by JICA – Forest Department, mfp-DFID Forest Department, mfp-DFID British and Samdhana Institute.

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ALIANSI JURNALIS INDEPENDEN (AJI)



Aliansi Jurnalis Independen (AJI) or the Alliance of Independent Journalist started as a movement to fight the authoritarian regime that closed down Detik, Editor and Tempo magazine on June 21, 1994 for their critical views of the government. The key founders of AJI in Kendari City were Syahrir Lantoni, Mappajarungi, Andi Sangkarya, and Sultan Eka Putra, all press practitioners; and Baso Sumange Rellung and Arbab Paproeka, both lawyers. Because of their efforts, around 100 journalists gathered in Sirnagalih, Bogor on August 7, 1994 and signed a Sirnagalih Declaration that demanded for the public's right to information and sought to fight against press restraint.

Even during the reformation era, AJI continued to fight for press freedom while also working toward the improvement of journalists' welfare, capacity and professionalism. The alliance also worked toward the creation of legal tools to protect the press. In response to AJI's calls, Yunus Yosfiah, then with the Ministry of Information, laid the groundwork for greater press freedom, as the processing of legal permits for media was made easier. These policies opened more opportunities for press activists in Kendari to actualize the dream of press freedom. They established a tabloid named ProDemokrasi, the first publication in Southeast Sulawesi since the reformation era.

The alliance continues to push for the right to information and the right to be associated and united as professional journalists. Alongside this, the alliance strives to uphold democratic press management by working for the dignity, value and welfare of press workers.

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KPI Sultra is a non-government organization that focuses on issues of gender, politics, domestic violence, human trafficking and natural resources management.

The organization encourages equal gender participation in Musrenbang, Kendari city, and the regencies of Konawe, Kolaka and South Konawe. It is also involved in advocating for the allocation of funds for basic services from the Southeast Sulawesi Budget. In 2008 – 2009, it encouraged the formation of centers and the allocation of provincial funds from Southeast Sulawesi to strengthen the service and protection of children and women.



KOMNASDESA -SULTRA



Komnasdesa-Sultra is a non-government organization in Wawonii Island of the Konawe Regency whose programs aim to organize farmer groups and encourage seagrass cultivation.

Komnas Desa Sultra also works to develop the capacities of these groups for local governance through the enforcement of institutional villages, gender participation, development of fisherfolk groups, and the facilitation of a participatory formulation of villages' regulations.

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PERKUMPULAN MEDIKRA

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Perkumpulan Medikra's roots can be traced back to the efforts of activists who worked for social transformation by organizing communities and undertaking social works in Kendari city of Southeast Sulawesi. They recognized that the biggest stumbling blocks to achieving reform was weak education and lack of critical thinking among the citizens; poor services; and lack of access to public information, among others. These concerns were addressed informally. What started as an informal and unorganized merging of minds eventually developed into an organization that serves as the alternative media for citizens' democratic struggles – the Alliance of Medikra.

The group's area of focus is the province of Southeast Sulawesi and 10 regencies and 2 cities. Perkumpulan Medikra envisions more organized, politically aware groups that will work to achieve justice and democracy within their communities by mainstreaming the fundamental values of pluralism, non-discrimination, human rights, democracy, social accountability, friendship and equality, equality of gender, sustainability of natural resources and environment and local wisdom.

The group studies and critically analyzes policies to ensure that these are fair and just. Medikra also builds capacities and encourages civil society participation to achieve social transformation. The social reform agenda is included in its community-based education programs. Lastly, the organization develops and strengthens the networks of multi-communities and engages the multiple-party system to bring in social accountability in local development planning.

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Telapak sustains its programs and activities through cooperatives and community enterprises in printing, mass media, organic agriculture and sustainable fisheries and forestry.

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PERKUMPULAN YASCITA

Perkumpulan Yascita

Perkumpulan Yascita was established as a non-government organization that focuses on natural and environmental conservation issues. It aspires for a sustainable, equitable and community based natural resources management system. To fulfill this vision, Perkumpulan Yascita actively works on democratization, fair trading systems, and citizens' participation in economic and governance issues. All its efforts are carried out in the sub national region, provinces, regencies, cities and villages.

Yascita established Radio Swara Alam in 2000 and Kendari TV in 2003 to help its campaign efforts and to encourage the establishment of media in other cities of Indonesia. The organization sees media as a bridge in communicating with its stakeholders for the eventual attainment of its sustainable, fair and pro-nature development goals.

From 2008 to 2009, Perkumpulan Yascita organized programs related to democratization, transparency and good governance issues. The activities aimed to improve the standard of public service in education and health in Kendari City as well as to establish a local participative governance system in the Regency of North Konawe and Wakatobi.

Yascita affiliates with Telapak, AMAN (National Alliance for Indigenous People), JAUH Sultra, East Indonesian Forum (FKTI), NGO's and CSO's at the local, national and international level, and other government institutions.

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YAYASAN PENGEMBANGAN STUDY HUKUM & KEBIJAKAN (YPSHK)



FOUNDATION OF DEVELOPMENT STUDY FOR LAW AND POLICIES

Yayasan Pengembangan Study Hukum & Kebijakan (YPSHK)-Foundation of Development Study for Law and Policies was founded on July 21, 2001 and incorporated on October 18, 2002. The organization cooperates with CSOs toward community development, with emphasis on respect for human rights, law and pluralism.

YPSHK has numerous experiences in implementing good governance and social accountability programs, among them:

- the Joint TIFA Indonesia, under which YPSHK ensures transparency and accountability on the procurement of goods and services in the health service of Kendari. This aims to improve the role of the public sector in monitoring the procurement of goods and services in the municipal health department;
- launch of the YPSHK LEAD (Access to Justice Project), which was implemented in 15 villages of the Konawe Regency in cooperation with UNDP. This project had the following components:
 - o helping 3782 individuals to obtain the card JAMKESMAS as well as the placement of village midwives in 6 villages in the remote island of Wawonii;
 - o monitoring the rehabilitation of houses for the poor; facilitation for basic education for residents;
 - o the provision of information centers;
 - o monitoring of the public policymaking process; prepared technical units of various government offices to conduct public services. One of the agencies involved in the project was the Office of Health Education in the district of Konawe.

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The sub-country network of Java, Indonesia, promotes a democratic and just Indonesian society through the development of institutions that encourage transparency and accountability in an environment where corruption is pervasive.

Budget transparency constitutes the bulk of the social accountability initiatives of the Java network members of ANSA-EAP. The budget affects the country's basic needs—health, education, employment and government services in the country—and any manipulation will direly affect society.

Network members such as the Bandung Institute of Governance Studies, PATTIRO and FITRA, conduct budget monitoring and analysis to safeguard the integrity of the budget process from the national to the local levels.

Through the years, these organizations have strengthened cooperation with various stakeholders and non-government organizations. Tools on social accountability and innovations on performance monitoring are utilized to foster greater civic engagement. Another member, B_Trust, creates venues for public dialogue and consultation so that government leaders can know the issues that affect people at the grassroots level, an approach that will help develop greater trust in the government. Supplementing the efforts on budget monitoring are innovative and information-sharing activities and programs of fellow network members using new media technology.

The governance practices in the Java Indonesia sub-country network have been recognized internationally. The sub-country network's focus on the integrity of the budget process and policy-making has led to major improvements in various sectors of society.

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Mr. Siradjudin started as a reporter for the Tabloid Simponi in 1998 and since then, he built his career in media-related advocacies and projects. He became the Media Relations coordinator of the Commission of Voter's Education for Democracy (Committed) that ran the voter's education program of the general election of 1999. In 2001-2002, he joined the Alliance on Independent Journalists (AJI) where he maintained the database of AJI's member from all over Indonesia. He was a member of the AJI's research team for journalist cases who disseminated their research output as annual reports in Indonesia.

In 2002-2005, Mr. Siradjudin decided to work for the non-government organization Pusat Telaah dan Informasi (PATTIRO) and Center for Regional Information and Studies. As coordinator of its Advocacy Division, he formulated the tools, reports and evaluation and monitoring methods for PATTIRO's programs. He served as field coordinator for the international projects on the Gender Budget Advocacy Program, funded by the Asia Foundation and the Empowering Women Voter Program on the 2004 general election by the UNDP. He was PATTIRO's Program Manager for the AusAid-funded project on the Complaint Mechanism Study on Public Service where he developed the research design. Mr. Siradjudin is currently the Training Division Manager of the Indonesian Parliamentary Center (IPC) where he does the training and module development. IPC is a member of the Freedom Information Network where they helped formulate the draft of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) and organized the public information demand at the grassroots level of 10 provinces in Indonesia.

Mr. Siradjudin is involved in communications research on informal education and media content analysis. Some of his experiences in facilitation include the Youth Parliament Training for West Java and East Java Region (2009), the Youth Parliament Training for Political Parties Cadre (2010) and the Public Bodies Training for Implementation of the Law No. 14 on Public Information Disclosure (2010).

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Ms. Mentari has many year of experience in advocacy work, budget and capacity-building projects. From 2004 to 2006, she was PATTIRO's fundraising and networking coordinator. From 2000 to 2005, she was the capacity building coordinator for Local Institution Strengthening in Public Policy, a project supported by the Ford Foundation, which developed a capacity building design for teams and CSOs. It provided technical assistance to teams in nine cities (Serang, Tangerang, Bandung, Gresik, Malang, Surabaya, Solo, Pekalongan dan Semarang) on local policy matters, budget, and advocating for more participatory local regulations. Within this project, she also served as the research coordinator of the Ecosoc Implementation on Local Regulation, supported by the European Union. It provided research designs and instruments for research projects relating to local public service accountability, local public expenditure management, reporting activities and research results.

Ms. Mentari also served as program manager of The Asia Foundation project on Gender Budget, Gender and Politics from 2002 to 2003. She did the planning and implementation, gender budget training and the building of a preliminary advocacy strategy for a gender budget in nine cities in Indonesia. She also conducted a community-needs assessment relating to local budget for education and health and participatory budgeting for women groups.

She has participated in many local and international trainings, seminars and workshops, among them: "Training and Building Communication among Stakeholders" by the ADB-WB in the Philippines; the "Constructive Engagement for People-Centered Government" and the "ASEAN People Forum" in Thailand; and the "Urban Management in Transition Cities" program in Hungary. In 2007, she was a speaker at a forum entitled "Transparency in Extractive Industries Sectors" sponsored by the Samdhana Institute/ Revenue Watch Institute. She also spoke during the Indonesia Oil and Gas Revenue Transparency Training for DPRD Gresik at Sorong, Papua.

Ms. Mentari serves as the national consultant for Capacity Assessment partner of ACCES AUSAID, holds consultancies, and conducts research for various projects. She has a university degree in Chemistry and a master's of science degree in Communication Studies.



INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTARY CEN- TER (IPC)



The Indonesian Parliamentary Center (IPC) is a non-government organization established on July 8, 2005 to promote democratic governance.

The center was established by individuals with experience in monitoring the performance of the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (Indonesian Parliament) since the fall of Suharto and the strengthening of the Indonesia National Parliament in the renewed constitutional framework. It aims to examine the structural changes needed to strengthen the performance of the National Parliament in developing and passing legislation, oversight and passage. Its work is supported by European Union and Tifa Foundation.



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SUB-COUNTRY PARTNERS

BANDUNG TRUST ADVISORY GROUP (B_Trust)



BANDUNG TRUST ADVISORY GROUP

Bandung Trust Advisory Group (B_Trust) was established in 2001 to serve as an advisory non-government organization that provides experts, ideas, information, research and advocacy to assist civil society organizations, local governments and political parties in Indonesia in developing and enhancing programs and policies that will strengthen equality and justice.

B_Trust seeks to create trust between and among diverse groups of community as a prerequisite to achieving genuine reform. B_Trust seeks to achieve this by promoting responsive and innovative leaders that will work toward addressing poverty-related issues and preventing corruption. To inculcate trust, the organization conducts training for Community Association to develop their advocacy agenda and policy dialogue. It also conducts organized public consultations in arranging the work plan and the budget process of local governments.

B_Trust analyzes the current situation, conducts campaigns for change, strengthens leadership and takes practical actions toward trust-based democratic governance at the local level. B_Trust provides competent facilitators and organizers to conduct participatory forums and provide methodological and technical choices to foster effective participation in the provision of public services.

Through CIDA, Ford Foundation and the Asia Foundation, it conducts several monitoring and evaluation programs on governance, public services and civil society strengthening. One example is the strengthening of the Islamic Civil Society in order to increase its involvement in the planning and budgeting process in Kabupaten Sumedang. B Trust also regularly conducts and encourages Regulatory Impact Assessment.

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BANDUNG INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE STUDIES (BIGS)



Bandung Institute of Governance Studies (BIGS) was founded in 1999 and switched into a non-profit and non-government association in 2006. BIGS promotes a level playing field in Indonesia through civil society strengthening, democratization, and the development of transparent, participatory and accountable government institutions. BIGS has focused on budget-related work since 2001. BIGS selectively works on issues involving education, health, economy, and the environment. BIGS' main activities involve research and advocacy on the following issues: budget transparency, public service accountability, political process, and local and institutional development. BIGS draws heavily on the support of national and international donors. It involves volunteers with knowledge and skills relevant to its organizational needs to support its work. It gets support from local and international partner organizations such as the following: International Budget Partnership (IBP), European Union, The Brookings Institution, Result for Development (R4D), the Minister of Women Empowerment of Republic Indonesia, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Local Governance Support Program (LGSP-USAID), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Partnership for Economic Growth (PEG) USAID, Ford Foundation, Civil Society Support and Strengthening Program (CSSP) USAID and the World Bank (WB). BIGS' projects include the following:

- "Monitoring on Ecosoc Rights Fulfillment both in Obligation of Conducts and Obligation of Results in Education, Health and Economic Sectors by Civil Society Engagement in Implementation of National Action Plan of Human Rights (RANHAM)," a program that will run from 2010-2014;
- "Gender-Responsive Decentralized Governance in Kabupaten Bandung Barat";
- "Research and Advocacy of Public Expenditure Tracking Survey in Schools (Case studies in Kota Bandung and Kabupaten Bandung Barat) in Indonesia"; and
- "Advocacy in Promoting Budget Transparency and Accountability: The Initiative to Promote Citizen Budget in Indonesia"

BIGS' work involves creating equal access to information pertaining to the budget and the budget process. Since 2002, BIGS has published BUJET (Sundanese language for "budget") magazine, with a circulation of 100, monthly. It includes articles on the impact of the budget on the various aspects of life of citizens.

BIGS was featured in a World Bank special report entitled "Making Services Work for the Poor in Indonesia: Improving Budget Transparency in Bandung City, West Java" in July 2005. A film entitled "Best Practice of Innovative Work in 2007" was aired on the TVRI station and a private station. BIGS's works in the budget sector have been subjects of case studies and serve as models for study.

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INDONESIA CORRUPTION WATCH



Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) is a non-profit organization that consists of a group of people who are committed to combating corruption by empowering people to engage and participate actively in the fight against corruption. ICW was born in Jakarta on June 21, 1998 in the midst of reform movements that require post-Suharto government that is democratic, clean and free of corruption.

ICW's vision is to strengthen the position of the people to control the country and participate in the decision to create a democratic governance free from corruption, economic justice, social, and gender.

ICW's mission is to empower people by giving them knowledge on the political system, law, economics and bureaucracy from corruption and based on social justice and gender. They also aim to strengthen the participation of the people in decision and control public policy.

In performing these missions, ICW take on roles such as: (1) facilitating of awareness and organizing the people in the field of the rights of citizens and public services; (2) facilitate the strengthening of the capacity of the people in the process of making and supervision of public policy; (3) encourage people's initiative to dismantle the corruption cases that occur and report the perpetrator to law enforcement officers and to the wider community to stand trial and get a social sanction; (4) facilitate capacity building and supervision of people under investigation for corruption; (5) promote public campaign to push for legal reform, politics and bureaucracy that is conducive to the eradication of corruption, and (6) facilitate the strengthening of good governance in civil society and the enforcement of ethical standards among the professions.

ICW maintains its position for the poor society. It values social justice, gender equality, democracy, and honesty.

Among the ICW principles are towards integrity, accountability, independence, objectivity and confidentiality, and anti-discrimination

Among the ICW programs are: (a) public service monitoring program; (b) law and enforcement programs; (c) dissemination of information to the public; and (d) funding and sponsorship for its programs.

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LAKPESDAM NU JATIM

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LAKPESDAM NU JATIM (Institute for Study and Human Resource Development of NU East Java) is a non-profit organization that focuses on study, research, education, training and public service. It was established in 1984 and legally registered in 1998. It has 25 branches around East Java and all its programs are carried out at the local level. The organization is given support by United Nations Development Program (UNDP), The Asia Foundation (TAF), and International Republican Institute (USAID-IRI). Lakpesdam NU Jatim consists of five divisions namely: Human Resource Development, Research and Community Development, Networking and Cooperation, Advocacy and Human Right, and Social and Religious Study. Its social accountability initiatives include the following:

- Programs dealing with social engagement in controlling government policies in 2009 including research dealing with Indonesian Democracy Index (IDI), cooperating with JPPR, Bappenas, and UNDP. The operational activities included a media review, focus group discussions, and in-depth interview from January to May 2008;
- Monitoring the 2009 Local Election in East Java, working with JPPR and in cooperation with The Asia Foundation;
- A Political Party and Constituent Outreach Program with funding from the USAID IRI. This involved conducting an assessment of political party programs at the local level and dealing with political issues preceding the 2009 General Election;
- Advocating Pro-Poor Budgeting and Sensitive Gender through Social Religious Organizations, carried out in cooperation with The Asia Foundation. Programs that have been carried out are Halaqoh and Bahtsul Masail on Poverty and Budgeting, Public Hearing, Budgeting course and Research on Local Budget Index;
- Initiation of Local Regulation on Accountability and Public Transparency;
- Advocacies for the monitoring of local budgeting, especially those dealing with education, health, and poverty projects;
- A writing skills course for teachers throughout the Bondowoso district in cooperation with the Provincial Government, Badan Pemberdayaan Masyarakat Provinsi Jawa Timur. It is proposing an entrepreneurship program for young santri (students of Islamic boarding schools) to provide them with the skills in building the future of the nation, This program will be in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Indonesia.

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PATTIRO works with NGOs, donor organizations, government institutions, and the private sector by providing services on research, training, assistance and model development. The underlying principles behind its strategies are those of social transformation, accountability, transparency, democratization and equality.

Since 1999, PATTIRO has implemented programs in nine provinces (Banten, DKI, West Java, Central Java, DIY, East Java, South Sulawesi, South Sumatera, and NTB) and 19 districts (Serang, Tangerang, Lebak, Bandung, Garut, Semarang, Pekalongan, Magelang, Solo, Kendal, Blora, Bojonegoro, Jogja, Surabaya, Malang, Gresik, Jenepono, Pare-Pare, Bone, and Palembang) in Indonesia. These programs carry various themes, such as improvement of access to public services (education and health) for the poor; gender budgeting; community participation strengthening; information transparency; voter education; mid-term development planning; and transparency mechanism of oil revenues.

Applying these principles and values, PATTIRO undertakes the following:

- develops a public complaint management model based on research results on public service. The model has been accommodated by the local government into an applicable complaint mechanism;
- develop an oil and gas revenue transparency model with local government;
- publishes materials and create campaigns for knowledge dissemination and citizen education on specific themes; and
- develops innovations and tools for evaluating institutional performance and monitoring project implementation such as the Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) Citizen Report Card, User Based Survey and Budget Analysis Tools.

The network has worked with various local and international agencies and organizations such as the Ford Foundation, Transparency and Accountability Project, UNFPA, European Commission, Brooking Institute, and Partnership for Local Governance, among others. The network also expanded to various places in Indonesia and established PATTIRO RAYA, a network of PATTIRO's local organizations. It includes PATTIRO's local organizations in Serang, Bandung, Pekalongan, Banten, Tangerang, Solo, Semarang, Jenepono, Magelang, Gresik, Kendal, and West Java. PATTIRO also develops networks with local partners, as in Blora, Bojonegoro, Pare-pare, Bone, and Garut. Address: Jl. Tebet Utara IF No 6, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia



SAINS ESTETIKA DAN TEKNOLOGI (SET)



Yayasan SET

Established in 1987, Sains Estetika dan Teknologi (SET) was initially a group of audiovisual creators who aimed to develop freedom of expression by creating films and documentaries that reflected the culture of democracy and portrayed Indonesia's cultural challenges and values using innovative filmmaking approaches.

SET became a recognized foundation in 1999. It took on the role of executive producer in time for the 1999 general elections.

Recognizing the power of media to reach out to numerous audiences, SET uses media to raise public awareness on important issues such as the Openness Public Information Act or the UU Keterbukaan Informasi Publik. These campaigns called for the promotion of press freedom and transparency and development of broadcasting democracy. SET also advocated for a multicultural audiovisual education taking in different perspectives of religion, ethnicities, customs, race and culture.

Activities and programs of SET are supported by USAID, Hivos and Tifa Foundation.

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SEKNAS FITRA

(INDONESIA TRANSPARENCY BUDGET FORUM)



SEKNAS FITRA (Indonesia Transparency Budget Forum) focuses on budget as an essential tool to safeguard and guarantee the public good. It was formed in September 1999 as an autonomous, non-profit organization, to promote good governance and to support the right of the public to be involved in budget processing from budget arrangement to its evaluation. It seeks to become the foundation for discourse and budget transparency activities in Indonesia.

Since 2000, FITRA has performed activities that concern state budget analysis and citizens' participation in Jakarta as well as Banten, Depok, Solo, Maluku, Papua, Kupang and other regions in Indonesia. With guidance from a National Board and Secretary, the FITRA networks were created to coordinate and oversee these regional concerns. Because the national budget is supposed to cater to the needs of the people, FITRA engages citizens to promote accountability and transparency in the use of the state budget. Supported by Kemitraan, they called for greater budget allocation to health and education while the DRSP-USAID gives them support in their transparency and accountability budget programs and advocacies. Other recent projects include the following:

- the nationwide Development Program on Budget Transparency, made possible with funding support in 2000 - 2007 from the Ford Foundation;
- the Gender Budget Program, which aimed to make budget processing and implementation more gender-responsive in the areas of Polmas Sulawesi Barat regent, Palu (Sulawesi Tengah) and Timur Tengah Selatan (Nusa Tenggara Timur), was supported by The Asia Foundation (TAF); and
- Pro Poor Budgeting in NTB (Lombok Barat, Lombok Tengah and Lombok Timur regent), an advocacy to eradicate poverty, also funded by the TAF; and
- publication of "Invasion for Region Budget Democratization" and "Module of Budget Advocacy Based on Islam Organization" as well as quarterly newsletters and yearend budget reports. These aim to strengthen further social monitoring of national budget through greater social consciousness.

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TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL INDONESIA



Corruption causes negative impacts on society due to the price becomes more expensive, causing disturbed priorities, and allocating resources that are not appropriate. Corruption also damages the economic and social development. Corruption is the opposite of honesty and justice, which is the core values that support a society.

Indonesia is one of the most corrupt country in the world. To revitalize its economy and eliminating poverty, Indonesia needs a national strategy to eliminate corruption. To develop a national strategy, all elements of society must get involved. Then, the political elites should have the political will to implement them. Only in this way Indonesia can get out of this economic crisis and provide prosperity to all citizens.

Transparency International (TI) is a community organization that focuses on fighting corruption to include the entire society into a strong international coalition in order to eradicate the ill effects of corruption that affected the men, women and children around the world. The primary mission of TI is to create an environment that is clean from corruption.

Transparency International based in Berlin, Germany and has branches in 99 countries.

TI-Indonesia is based in Jakarta and has regional offices throughout Indonesia. It has affiliation with Transparency International, based in Berlin, Germany, but have autonomous status. It follows code of ethics based on Transparency International's Code of Conduct.

TI-Indonesia, as part of global efforts to eliminate corruption, has the objective to encourage transparency and accountability in governance and business activities in Indonesia.

It is on renewal of the system, not on the disclosure of

corruption cases individually.

TI-Indonesia is a club-shaped association was established in accordance with applicable law in Indonesia. It remains as an independent non-governmental organizations, nonprofit, has a non-violent values and non-partisan

Among the strategic priorities and activities of TI are: (1) Promoting transparency and accountability (accountability), the management of public funds are quoted from the community such as taxes, social security funds, such as security, religious funds such as the ONH and charity, and state revenues from the management and exploitation of resources nature, (2) promote the integrity of (the dignity) of a democratic political system, implemented through various activities such as financial activities of political party system, and the pattern of decision making in the Parliament, (3) promote integrity in the various government agencies especially in the experience goods and services, (4) increase public awareness about the negative consequences of corruption through a campaign conducted in ways that popular and active communication at the grass-roots layer, and (5) promoting good corporate governance.

Among the programs of TI are: (a) Accounting Standards Studies Special Political Parties in Indonesia, (2) Monitoring the Integrity Institute of parliament, (3) Transparency and Accountability Management of Land and Building Tax, (4) Integrity Pact in the Procurement of Goods and Services, (5) Issuance of Various Kinds of Anti-Corruption Books, and (6) Corruption Perception Index 2008

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Mongolia



Mongolia can be described as a country in reformation. Through its anti-corruption initiatives, particularly the enactment of the Anti-Corruption Law, transparency and accountability became essential ingredients in any public policy. The practice of power abuse, questionable public – private transactions and conflicts of interests ceased to become an expected practice and investigations have been conducted to bring them to light. In 2006, the Anti-Corruption Law of Mongolia included the creation of the Anti-Corruption Agency that instituted asset disclosures for public officials and sanctions them for misrepresentations. Going further from the improvements in its Anti-Corruption Law, the Government of Mongolia continues its anti-corruption efforts and measures by joining international anti-corruption regimes and protocols like the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and the Anti-Corruption Plan of the Asian Development Bank.

The Mongolia Convener's Group shares in the same vision of the government of eradicating corruption and building the trust of the people. The group is comprised mostly of non-government organizations that do academic and policy research, budget reviews, government monitoring and capacity-building projects. They engage in dialogues with civil society to have them participate in policy-making. Women and vulnerable groups are also empowered by gender equality awareness and public health programs. The Mongolia Convener's Group does not separate itself from the government even if it takes on the objective role of evaluating the performance of the public sector; rather, it helps in the effective implementation of the Anti-Corruption Law. These organizations also worked to actively establish and strengthen network ties so that there are mutual sharing of knowledge and insights on how to efficiently promote social accountability.

The relevant law has been passed and anti-corruption institutions have been created. If a thread of corrupt practice is discovered in the Mongolian Government, it is not so much a proof of the weakness of the law but a sign that the discovery is proof of the demand for transparency and accountability where no misrepresentation and deceit can be kept hidden. It can be said that the anti-corruption initiatives and measures in Mongolia are going in the right direction and with the regional ties and international support from like-minded organizations, Mongolia is paving the way to finally combat corruption.

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Ms. Gombodorj is a member of the working group drafting the Non-Profit Law. She serves as chair of the Network of Mongolian Volunteer Organizations, as well as the National Coordinator for the Civil Society Council in Mongolia.

Ms. Gombodorj has done research on the NGO sector in Mongolia. She is the chief editor of the "Center for Pluralism," an informational bulletin for NGOs; and "NGO Cafe", an electronic monthly newsletter. She edited manuals for effective writing proposals for NGOs and a manual on student's self-governance.

Her other publications include: Manuals for Trainers on "Basic and Advanced NGO Management Training"; "Student's Council at Schools"; "Parent's Council at Schools"; and "Breaking the Circle of Violence Down"; "Practical Guidebook for NGOs and Taxation Handbook"; "Handbook for School for Young Political Leaders"; and the "Guidebook on the Right to Know – Right to Direct Participation".

Ms. Gombodorj is involved in the publication of the Mongolian versions of the textbooks, "Democracy for All" and "We the People...Project Citizen", which serve as guidebooks for teachers and students.

Ms. Gombodorj holds a master's degree in economics from the Institute of Economics at Prague, Czech Republic.



COORDINATION ORGANIZATION

DEMOCRACY EDUCATION CENTER (DEMO)

DEMO

Democracy Education Center (DEMO) is a Mongolian non-governmental, non-partisan, non-profit organization that was established in 2002. It envisions a democratic civil society with informed, responsible and active citizens. DEMO's mission is to strengthen civil society through education, promotion of democracy and support of active citizenship. Guided by the underlying values founded on equality, cooperation, commitment, tolerance, solidarity, and permanent education for all, DEMO's strategy for societal development is through the building of a stronger, more effective, and potentially more sustainable NGO community.

DEMO implements programs focusing on NGOs' capacity building; education for democracy; and social accountability. The NGO's Capacity Building program aims to contribute to the strengthening and development of a sustainable NGO sector in Mongolia by providing support services such as training; consultation and advisory services; publication of newsletters, training manuals and others; , and conducting a comprehensive needs assessment of NGOs in Mongolia.

DEMO is a recognized lead group in building a closer partnership with the Mongolian Government. DEMO was also involved in establishing Mongolia's Civil Society Council in 2008. The Council represents the common goals of over 100 NGOs, trade unions, civic and human rights movements and aims to liaise between the Mongolian government and CSOs, while at the same time coordinate CSO activities.

The Council signed the first-ever Cooperation Agreement with the government of Mongolia on March 26, 2008. The agreement officially recognizes the Civil Society Council's role as the liaison unit between the government and CSOs. It also defines several priority areas for cooperation between the government and the council. These include provision of government contracts for services delivered by NGOs; improvement of the legal and financial frameworks for NGOs; monitoring of the state budget by the council; and inclusion of council members in government decision-making bodies. DEMO is the National Coordinator for the Civil Society Council.

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CENTER FOR CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE (CCA)



Center for Citizen's Alliance (CCA), formerly known as CEDAW Watch, is a non-government organization focusing on women's rights. Its goal is to promote women empowerment as a tool to achieve a holistic understanding of Mongolia's democratic development and human rights protection. Its strategies include extensive public engagement through dialogues and consultations with the end-goal of amending existing laws or improving government policies on women. There are also awareness campaigns and education programs on gender equality.

One of CCA's missions is to monitor the performance and to promote the effective implementation by Mongolian government agencies (legislative, executive and judicial) of their obligations under the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women CEDAW. Through linkages with other NGOs, CCA advocates the use of social accountability tools to support democratic and social development in Mongolia.

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Chingeltei District Health Unit (CDHU) was established in 1994 to coordinate public health and primary care in the Chingeltei District, one of nine districts in the capital city of Mongolia. The district has a population of 140,631 or 31,648 households. CDHU is supported by the local government.

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CENTER FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)



CENTER FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Center for Social Responsibility (CSR) is a non-government organization formed in 2009 by a group of university faculty members who are experts in the field of Social Research, Evaluation and Monitoring.

The organization provides trainings on social research methodology; consultations for corporate groups; and capacity-building activities on social responsibility and social accountability.

Among its social accountability initiatives are its research works entitled "Monitoring of Expenditure of the Additional Finance Resource of the Governor in the Songinokhairkhan district, Ulaanbaatar"; "Defining Public Awareness OT project and Opinion on the Investment Agreement"; and the policy research on "Citizen's Participation in the Decision-Making Process in Capital City Parliament". Support for CSR projects comes from Open Society Forum, EDN LLC and UNICEF.

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INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MONGOLIA (IRIM)



Independent Research Institute of Mongolia (IRIM) was founded in 1999 under the name of "Academy of Sociology." It started professional research work on human rights issues and eventually started training of policy researchers, and formulating new policies. In March 2008, with the aim of organizing awareness campaigns, and exchanging best practices in overcoming difficulties of transitional societies with other countries, the Academy was reorganized under the new name of "Independent Research Institute of Mongolia (IRIM)".

At present, IRIM is a non-government organization that holds activities on policy analysis and research; monitoring and evaluation; training and consultancy; and advocacies and campaigns. It advocates for budget transparency in the conduct of state budget processing.

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INFRATEST

Infratest Research and Training Center was formed in 2003 by a group of professionals in the fields of social research and evaluation; community-based capacity-building; environmental impact assessment; financial sector reforms; government budgeting and accounts; gender analysis and poverty analysis; public health; community participation; child rights and protection; impact assessment on the mining sector ;and education. The organization offers professional consultancy services and takes on professional management assignments and multi-disciplinary projects.

Infratest advocates budget transparency and good governance. As part of this, it conducts budget reviews and analysis, expenditure tracking and performance monitoring of various government projects. It has also completed a number of tasks assigned by the Government of Mongolia, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, USAID, UNDP, UNICEF, Open Society Forum, CDRI, IDRC, IPPE, and others.



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MERCY CORPS MONGOLIA (MCM)



Mercy Corps Mongolia (MCM) is a member of Mercy Corps International, an international humanitarian and development NGO. Mercy Corps Mongolia supports rural communities in Mongolia to help them mobilize resources to help meet their economic and social needs. Its primary mission is to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities. It also connects isolated herding families to economic and educational opportunities, as well as to each other.

The organization intends to achieve sustainable change in three key areas: economic development, civil society and natural resource management.

Under economic development, Mercy Corps takes a community-led and market-driven approach to facilitate lasting systemic change, supporting the establishment and growth of sustainable mechanisms for improving access to information, training, financial services, business services and markets.

Mercy Corps also works with local civil society organizations to foster social innovations that: a) establish and/or energize local civil society; b) assist civil society organizations build their capacity for delivering relevant, accountable services; and c) strengthen relationships between government, civil society and businesses through information exchange, public discussion and competitive outsourcing of government contracts to promote local economic growth underpinned by greater transparency, accountability and understanding between stakeholders.

Lastly, by improving access to, and use of, information and new technologies, Mercy Corps works to reverse the effects of pastureland degradation and desertification that have intensified in recent years, in the process increasing incentives for adopting environmentally responsible practices and improving systems for managing shared resources.

The majority of activities implemented by Mercy Corps Mongolia targets rural areas. Some activities have a national scope, but the focus of operations is in the 12 aimags where Mercy Corps has permanent field offices. These are Arkhangai, Bayankhongor, Dundgovi, Dornogovi, Govi-Altai, Govi-Sumber, Khovd, Sukhbaatar, Umnugovi, Uvs, Uvurkhangai and Zavkhan.

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RESPONSIBLE MINING INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (RMI)



Responsible Mining Initiative for Sustainable Development (RMI) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded by representatives of government, civil society, industry, and academia, with the goal of advancing and developing a responsible mining sector in Mongolia. RMI was born out of the first Multi-Stakeholder Forum that discussed responsible mining in 2006, bringing together representatives from government, civil society, industry, and academia. These working groups developed a definition of responsible mining and eight guiding principles, which led to the development of a Declaration on Responsible Mining.

This served as the basis for the establishment of the Responsible Mining Initiative. More than 60 organizations have signified their support of the Declaration on Responsible Mining, reinforcing the transformation of the RMI into an officially registered NGO in 2007. RMI has been implementing activities since April 2008.

To achieve its mission, the RMI works toward building a common framework of responsible mining in Mongolia among the public, government, industry, and investors; providing open and transparent information; and securing the equal participation of stakeholders in these activities.

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TRANSPARENCY FOUNDATION



Transparency Foundation was established in 2007 as a non-government organization working in the field of budget-related monitoring and evaluation, especially for the mining industry, infrastructure and public-funded organizations. As part of its social accountability initiative, it conducted a Transparency Rating of companies in the extractives industry in 2007 and 2008.

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Northern Luzon



Diverse organizations from the religious, academic, indigenous and non-sectarian sectors of society comprise the Northern Luzon Convener's Group (NLCG), which mobilizes CSO networks in the northern Philippines. Its operations are centered in the Province of Abra, Ifugao and the Mountain Province, home of many of its network organizations. The ANSA-EAP coordinating organization for the NLCG, Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government (CCAGG), started as an election-monitoring group during the 1986 election while the Community Volunteers Missionaries started as a volunteer organization for local development. Six of the NLCG's network members are connected to religious institutions and dioceses, reflective of how closely intertwined spirituality and socio-civic concerns are for many Filipinos. For example, the Divine Word College of Bangued incorporates social accountability in its curriculum while church-based organizations like the Social Action and Development Center Monitoring Team Vicariate of Bontoc-Lagawe work in conjunction with their local ministries to improve governance in their community, usually through participatory monitoring.

Majority of the organizations in the NLCG belong to indigenous communities who live in ancestral domains that were abused and misused for economic use. As a result, indigenous peoples' rights rank high in the NLCG's list of priorities. It creates livelihood projects that sustain lives while helping preserve the environment.

The NLCG's vigilance and capability-building trainings throughout the years have empowered neighboring communities and provinces to engage in advocacies for transparency, accountability and justice.



ARMEN RIA TOQUERO

NETWORK FELLOW – NORTHERN LUZON

Armen Ria Toquero is the network fellow for the Northern Luzon Convener's Group for ANSA.

Since 1993, she worked with non-government organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs) toward strengthening their capacities and sustaining their development endeavours. She has been involved in grassroots organizing and training, participatory research and evaluation, organizational development (OD) and management, youth formation and development, community-based resources management, and partnership-building with educational, non-government, and government entities.

Early in her career, Ms. Toquero worked at the Institute of Social Order (ISO) where she helped organize the fishers of Mariveles, Bataan, toward managing their coastal resources. She then transferred to the Systems and Information Technology Development unit of ISO where she provided technical support to the Community-Based Coastal Resources Management Program of the institution. In 1998, Ms. Toquero moved on to work in Planning, Research, Institutional Support, and Management Services (PRISMS) where she designed, coordinated, facilitated, and documented OD and management consultancy projects for international and local development organizations. After five years in PRISMS, she was hired by the Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) of De La Salle University-Manila to head its National Service Training Program-Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS Program). As Program Coordinator and Team Leader, she supervised, coordinated, and facilitated training and education initiatives for more than 3,000 students annually enrolled in CWTS; more than 20 NGO, PO, and local government partners; and over 40 external facilitators.

Ms. Toquero graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Community Development in 1994 and is currently pursuing her master's degree in Psychology.

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The Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government (CCAGG), a non-government, non-partisan organization formed in 1987, was an offshoot of NAMFREL in Abra. It also initiated the formation of the Northern Luzon Coalition for Good Governance to sustain the regional efforts on good governance.

To meet its objectives, CCAGG undertakes various initiatives: community organizing and research; participatory monitoring; indigenous peoples' concerns; development projects; biodiversity conservation; peace building; building linkages and networking; and advocacy through radio programs such as "Allangugan." Its social accountability initiatives include the regular participatory project monitoring of audit, infrastructure and public works and the distribution of medicines. It also participated in the Textbook Watch project. Its efforts to engage the government has led to several achievements, among them:

- membership in the DPWH-Abra Pre-Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC) and the DPWH Inspectorate Team wherein its monitoring report is a prerequisite for the release of payments for projects accomplished;
- accreditation as NGO Partner of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) since 1989. CCAGG was contracted to monitor and evaluate ADB- and OECF-funded reforestation projects as well as regular funded projects using Inspection Chart Mapping (ICM). The CCAGG was also contracted by DENR to do a two-year community organizing project in the Forest Land Management Agreement (FLMA) areas in San Isidro and Nagtipulan, Lagangilang, Abra;
- deputation by the Regional Project Monitoring Committee of the Cordillera Administrative Region (RMPC-CAR) to monitor foreign funded and regional projects in Abra since 1994
- CCAGG has been involved in the following projects:
 - o monitoring of the Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan (KALAHIL), rural special projects of the Office of the President in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR);
 - o "Participatory Project Monitoring for Good Governance" which involved conducting capability-building activities for monitors in the region;
 - o organizing and strengthening the Water and Irrigators Association to monitor the implementation of water and irrigation systems in five municipalities in Abra. In partnership with the International Budget Partnership (IBP) and "Abra Water and Irrigation System (AWIS) Watch", the CCAGG will implement the different activities for its project, "Institution and Partnership Building for Good Government" that will run until July 2011;
 - o trainings and mentoring for CCAGG partners on social audit and participatory project monitoring in Northern Luzon.

The organization is supported by the United Nations Development Program, UK's GOF c/o British Embassy Manila, Partnership Transparency Fund, Makati Business Club and ANSA-EAP.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MISSIONERS INC. (CVM)



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Community Volunteer Missioners, Inc. (CVM), comprising faith-motivated professions and community leaders, mobilizes individuals in communities to take part in securing their right to their ancestral domains and ancestral lands and protecting their right to governance and right to culture. Established in 1987, its mission is to better recognize and institutionalize indigenous socio-political systems, structures, processes and values of self-governance. Toward this goal, CVM devotes its efforts to developing the capacities of local leaders and individuals toward good governance. It developed the Indigenous Worldview of the Binodngan Framework as a unique paradigm of IP developmental work and created training modules on local cultures and traditions.

CVM's social accountability initiatives include the following:

- providing technical assistance to barangays, municipal, and provincial leaders in crafting ordinances on environmental-related concerns, including one that requires mining companies to consult with local communities prior to starting operations in the area;
- monitoring compliance to participatory processes and mandated consultations under the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA), Local Government Code (LGC), Mining Act and Environmental Assessment (EIA) in selected areas in the Cordillera region;
- advocating for peoples' participation and strengthening inter-village relationships, especially in promoting ancestral rights. As part of this, it collaborated with the Upland Development Institute for the Bantay Mina Campaign. CVM pursued community-based campaigns in the Northern Luzon from 2006-2007 through linkages with social action centers, NGOs and IP communities threatened by mining.
- CVM serves as the primary support organization of the Upland Development Institute (UDI) which is now a separate institution focusing on socio-economic-health work and alternative livelihood programs. For its part, CVM attends to membership and volunteer education and focuses on advocacy, research and solidarity work. In the campaign for environmental protection and against large-scale mining, CVM worked with social action centers and with members of NLCGG. It works with NLCGG on good governance, and OPAPP and the Mindanao Peace Institute (MPI) on peace-building.

CVM programs are currently aided by the ENDEFENSE Program of the Alternative Law Group (ALG), Foundation for Philippine Environment (FPE) and Women Empowerment – 21 Japan (WE-21 Japan), Office of the Presidential Assistant on Peace Process (OPAPP), Upland Development Institute (UDI) and through self-generation initiatives ad in the recent past, by the Peace & Equity Foundation (PEF).



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Diocesan Social Action Commission–Bayombong created its social arm, the Diocese Social Action Commission of Bayombong, to promote justice and peace in Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino.

This religious organization advocates social issues behind health, education and indigenous peoples. Its initiatives include the monitoring of mining operations, election processes and the delivery of books to schools, under the Text Book Watch project of the Social Accountability Network. Moreover, it provides assistance to partner organizations in preparing petitions and campaigns against questionable and anomalous government projects. In fact, the DSAC – Bayombong has a pending case in the Court of Appeals, filed against a mining company operating in its area.

The organization is supported by the Philippine Misereor Partnership (PMP), Liliane Funds, MISEREOR, Pimentel and Assisi Foundation.



DIVINE WORD COLLEGE OF BANGUED (DWCB)



Divine Word College of Bangued (DWCB) is a school-based organization established in the Province of Abra in 1920 as one of the apostolates of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in the field of education.

The college works for total human development through education. It incorporates the ideals of social accountability in its curriculum so that students would readily embrace their role in working for good governance. Among the social accountability initiatives being integrated into the courses of students are monitoring of public works, bidding and awards. The students are also made responsible for the conduct of election procedures and processes in the school so that they learn to practice honest elections. The Divine Word College of Bangued takes pride in the integration of community service in the work of its faculty members and students. The communities of Abra benefit from the basic services rendered to farmers, homemakers, children and local government units by students of midwifery, nursing, accounting, and public administration who likewise benefit from the actual field experience of their courses. The facilities of the school are also extended to church-based and people's organizations like farmers' groups, cooperatives, concerned citizens, and indigenous peoples.

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KALINGA-APAYAO RELIGIOUS SECTOR ASSOCIATION (KARSA)

kaRsa

Kalinga Apayao Religious Sector Association (KARSA) is an ecumenical group of religious organizations and individuals in the provinces of Kalinga and Apayao. Part of its advocacy in promoting the rights and concerns of the indigenous peoples is its active engagement in peace promotion, environmental protection, human rights protection and good governance. This is done through participatory project monitoring and audit of infrastructure and public works.

It was responsible for exposing graft and corruption in a large government infrastructure project, which led to the dismissal of the Provincial Director of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Because the Kalinga and Apayao provinces are also a rich source of raw materials, KARSA vigorously supports anti-mining advocacies to preserve ancestral domains. It was instrumental in blocking the entry of Copperfield Mining Corporation in Apayao. As part of its human rights protection work, it also works to make people aware of the incidence of extra judicial killings and harassment of activists.



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Responsible Citizens, Empowered Communities and Solidarity towards Social Change (RECITE, Inc.) were established in March 19, 2008 in the province of Pangasinan. It works toward social transformation by working with communities and introducing the ideals of transparency and accountability. Its work straddles the Spiritual, Political, Economic, Cultural, Social and Ecological aspects of human development. To ensure the sustainability of developmental initiatives, RECITE builds the capacities of local leaders to manage community programs and projects through transformative leadership. It develops solidarity between individuals, groups and communities within and outside the country in order to widen the support base for their advocacies. Moreover, their linkages are a means to engage in dialogue and exchange technologies and experiences with organizations that share similar goals. These goals are made achievable to the community by the programs on micro-finance, scholarship, sustainable agriculture, environment, political reforms and good governance. RECITE has mobilized 80 families in establishing micro-enterprises in their localities and 30 families have received scholarships and gained access to alternative learning system. It is working with more families in organic farming, utilizing fuel-efficient stoves.

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SOCIAL ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT CEN- TER MONITORING TEAM VICARIATE OF BONTOC-LAGAWÉ

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Social Action and Development Center Monitoring Team Vicariate of Bontoc-Lagawe is a church-based organization in the Ifugao and Mountain Province areas. Established in July 25, 2001, it was instrumental in reducing illegal gambling activities in Ifugao by working closely with the local government unit, police, and other religious groups. Moreover, it has taken an active stance in monitoring the procurement process and delivery of government services and projects in its areas through its role as a member of the Provincial Development Council. The group exposed and publicized the substandard work on the Bontoc-Banaue section of the Halsema Highway, which eventually led to the government's adoption of better quality control standards and management as well as the creation of an engineering monitoring team to oversee the building of infrastructure. The group's exposure of more defective buildings, roads and highways have raised national consciousness on the importance of its citizens' role in pushing the state to be truly transparent and accountable to the people.

Apart from monitoring government projects, the Social Action and Development Center Monitoring Team Vicariate of Bontoc-Lagawe provides voter's education to the people and election monitoring. In 2004, it was actively involved in the meetings of the Peace Executive Council (PEC), which was comprised of clergy from the Catholic and Anglican Church, and the mayors of Besao, Bontoc, Sadanga and Sagada. The council helped establish the peace zone between the rebel group New People's Army and government troops.

To harness the leadership qualities of organizations and individuals, it forms Basic Ecclesiastical Communities (BECs) and BEC leaders that can help in monitoring projects and civic activities. They also help spread the advocacies and programs of the organization to their communities. The Social Action and Development Center Monitoring Team Vicariate of Bontoc-Lagawe also helps build and enhance the lives of the Ifugao through programs in sustainable agriculture, environment protection and Alay Kapwa.

Support and funding for various projects of the organization are given by MISEREOR, Heifer Philippines and SNAP.



SOCIAL ACTION CENTER OF THE DIOCESE OF ILIGAN (SAC – ILIGAN)



Social Action Center of the Diocese of Iligan (SAC – Iligan) was established in 1985 as the development arm of the Diocese of Iligan in the Province of Isabela that will be primarily involved in the formation and strengthening of Basic Ecclesiastical Communities. The first developmental program of the local church in Isabela was the Center for Relief and Rehabilitation Services (CRRS) through CRRS-Cagayan Valley. It also organized the Community-Based Health Program, Alay Kapwa and other peasant-related programs. SAC-Iligan runs various desks for peasants, women, justice and peace, cooperatives, ecology, and migrants, as well as the Indigenous People's Apostolate, Center for Relief and Rehabilitation Services and the Community-Based Health Program.

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The participatory local governance advocacy of the organization involves monitoring of infrastructure projects. Its members serve as observers in the Bids and Awards Committee at the Department of Public Works and Highway District 1, Department of Education and provincial government. More social accountability initiatives involve the close monitoring of election-related activities and just distribution of medicines at the Santiago District Hospital. All of these activities are handled by the Justice and Peace Desk of the organization. Their sustainable agriculture advocacy is taken by the Peasant Desk while the environmental concerns on mining, illegal logging and genetically modified organism are tackled as a concerted effort of all pastoral programs of the local church.

SAC is an active member of the Provincial Development Council and the People's Alliance for Justice, Democracy and Good Governance (PAJDGG), a local alliance group in Isabela. Its programs are mobilized by the Basic Ecclesiastical Communities with support from NGOs partners. There are also peasants with livelihood programs who donate part of their earnings to the organization.



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Ms. Zenaida- Brigida Hamada Pawid has been a member of the Northern Luzon Coalition for Good Governance since its inception as group in 1992. She shares in the advocacy of the organization of strengthening good governance and of bringing forth a new frontier in upland-lowland and IP – non IP relations. Her long experience on social accountability initiatives since 1985 has helped build her fields of expertise on issues of CPF concerns: coalition-building, ancestral domains, autonomy, cultural integrity, and healing and reconciliation in indigenous people communities.

From 1985 -1988, she was a member of the Research and Information Committee of the Movement for Autonomy & Peace (MAP). As founding member of the Baguio- Benguet Indigenous Cultural Communities and through the Cordillera's People's Forum, she helped provide a forum for individuals and organizations in the Cordilleras to participate in the post-EDSA spaces for meaningful autonomy. Ms. Pawid had civic engagements through her participation as a volunteer of the NAMFREL-PPCRV and of the National Peace Conference. She did social auditing with national coalitions and various IP community organizations like the DSAC Bontoc-Lagawe. She helped raise awareness on local grievances and dispute resolution mechanisms through the Cordillera People's Forum, Kalinga Bodong Congress and Bontoc Federation of Elders. Since 2006, she is a member of the Forging Partner for Peace to help in the necessary coalition building for their advocacies.

Throughout her participation in numerous activities that helped strengthen good governance, Ms. Pawid encountered various challenges. The biases and prejudices among various groups and stakeholders coupled with a lack of knowledge and appreciation for indigenous practices impede the success of their advocacies. There is also the problem of getting sustainable assistance for organizational capacity-building and programs. In spite of these challenges, their efforts reaped good rewards. There is a growing regional and national understanding of Northern Luzon, not just a region of the Philippines but also as a natural ecosystem inhabited by indigenous peoples in the Cordilleras and Sierra-Madre / Caraballo mountain ranges. More people share in the realization that citizens' participation and coalition-building among civil society member and NGOs are crucial elements in achieving good governance.



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