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PREFACE

Asst. Prof. Dr. Niramit Kunanuwat

President, Asian Resource Foundation



I am indeed very pleased that Asian Resource Foundation (ARF) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. ARF had a humble beginning aiming at human resource development and mobilizing financial resources towards children's education, empowerment of youth, women and vulnerable communities. ARF is also providing humanitarian assistance to people affected by conflict and natural disaster.

Structurally, ARF is small. But it has expanded horizontally in Asia and beyond. ARF and AMAN jointly launched the International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS) in 2006, which has been providing semi-academic courses with the help of a pool of highly qualified and dedicated resource persons. Alumni come from different continents of the world. ARF, in many ways, feels strengthened that alumni have been very helpful as volunteers in carrying out ARF activities in Asian and African countries.

ARF Secretariat, despite its small, limited staff has demonstrated its effectiveness in mobilizing resources and implementing multi-dimensional activities. Our staff members deserve our heartfelt appreciation. I would like to acknowledge generous support from our funding partners and national ARF members and friends.

As President of ARF and as an individual, truly I am looking forward to the years to come, to walk with everyone and reach out to more people who are in need.

Thank you and warm regards.

INAUGURAL SPEECH

H. E. Madhav Kumar Nepal

Former Prime Minister of Nepal



The Chairperson of the opening session of ARF 20th Anniversary, President and board members of the international advisory council of ARF, Staff members of the secretariat, Distinguished guests from Asia and other continents, Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me first of all extend my heartiest congratulations on the solemn occasion of the 20th anniversary of the ARF. I am pleased to bring the message of peace, solidarity and greetings from the people of Nepal who are wedded to the principles of peace, non-violence and global fraternity as propounded by Lord Buddha, an immortal son of Nepal.

This is an important occasion to review progress of the organization in the context of its serious engagement in such diverse areas of education, health, integrated development, emergency relief and humanitarian activities in 15 countries in Asia, Africa and Middle East that can be taken as a significant milestone for ARF.

It is heartening to know that in the last seven years ARF has supported more than 16,000 children, provided humanitarian assistance to more than 4,00,000 disaster affected people, 3,000 plus refugees and asylum seekers, and trained 1,259 young female and male activists and potential young leaders. ARF deserves our warm appreciation and continued support in its quest for betterment of mankind.

The practice of extending humanitarian assistance is deeply rooted in Asian culture and traditions. People in our part of the world consider their bounden duty to extend such support in difficult times. It is true that in the past such activities were not made in a coordinated manner and were mostly sporadic as we did not have organized and professional organizations in Asia. But things have taken a positive turn and changed in the last three decades as professional NGOs have been carrying out such activities. However, such endeavours have one serious limitation in the sense that these activities were mostly dependent on funding support from Western countries. ARF is an exception in the sense that it is uniquely placed to assume its role to serve Asia and beyond rather independently.

It is gratifying to note that ARF has been extending support in Nepal in various ways particularly in the field of support for education of children, scholarship for undergraduate students and emergency relief and reconstruction activities through its Nepal chapter.

I have long been engaged in national politics including framing of constitution, parliamentary exercise and government. I had the opportunity to lead my party for a record period and also assumed the post of Prime Minister leading the country at a crucial time and even took the role of leader of opposition. While Nepal has passed through a period of difficult political transition that involved systemic changes both in the polity of the country from a monarchy to republic and restructuring the country from the existing

system of unitary rule to that of federal structure, I had to stake at times my own political and personal life for the ultimate good of the country.

From my own political experience, I understand how important it is to change the mindset of the people, develop new generation of leaderships, promote responsive and accountable political structure and bring about transformation in governance. This is a big challenge and the process is rather slow, so the complementary role of NGOs, social action and advocacy groups is of immense importance.

Distinguished Friends and Ladies and Gentlemen,

On this momentous occasion, I am also pleased to learn about the International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS) and its most positive role in offering important academic and training courses for participants coming from Asia and other continents representing various faiths, religions and cultures. It provides a broader space for south-south and north-south dialogue and forging people to people solidarity.

The international landscape has become more complicated and complex in recent years. Besides recurring problem of terrorism, we are witnessing growing menace of extremism, sectarianism, war, death, destruction, poverty and undernourishment, touching plight of refugees, etc. It is, therefore, very important to promote and nurture compassion and humanitarian care for those who are compelled to leave their homes and forced take shelter in another country.

It is very important for us to promote intra- and inter-faith, intra- and inter-ethnic, intra- and inter-cultural understanding and accommodation to promote global cooperation and understanding. In the absence of peace and stability, it is hard to achieve sustainable development as we have experienced in Nepal that has passed through tumultuous times in the last decade with several twists and turns ranging from insurgency to peace process.

Distinguished Participants and Friends,

In my own assessment, ARF is quite dynamic and has been addressing a host of issues. It has been courageously addressing present day challenge, developing a new generation of leaders and reaching out to those who are in dire need of support. ARF committed as it is for such benevolent activities, deserves our whole-hearted support and solidarity.

To conclude, I wish ARF well and am sure it would achieve its stated goal with the best cooperation of all.

Thank you

SPECIAL MESSAGES

Ms. Lekha Paireepinath
National Secretary, ARF Thailand



Prior to my participation in the process of the formation of ARF, I had an opportunity to be an exchange student in USA, where I stayed with the great Robinson family and experienced how to live and be a part of a world rich in diversity. During my undergraduate studies, I volunteered to teach the slum children in Bangkok. My experience with the Graduate Volunteer Program of Thammasat University, under the leadership of professor Puey Upangkorn gave me the chance to live with a remote Hill Tribe community and inspired me to be dedicated in service of disadvantaged communities. My work with international agencies such as the Pearl S. Buck Foundation helped me to understand the plight of the Children born during the Indo-china war, abandoned by American soldiers. When the idea of formation of ARF was discussed under the leadership of the late Professor

Chelerm Sri Dhammabutra, I was happy to be part of the Thai Committee as its National Secretary. Over the course of 20 years, I can see that ARF has grown and has integrated my cherished dream to serve humanity beyond borders. I sincerely thank the staff members at the secretariat, advisory board, country chapters and sponsors including my true friends, Kathy and Tony..



**Sponsors of LOMEF &
ARF Advisors**

Anthony Coughlan



Kathleen Coughlan

Congratulations to our friends at Asia Resource Foundation on your 20th anniversary. Kathy and I have proudly supported education projects at Asia Resource Foundation through the Lorraine Robinson and Maeve Coughlan Education Fund for xx years. We share a deep conviction that it is through education that the greatest long term impact can be made on the lives of poor people. Without education, people are unequipped to improve their lives except through even greater effort, and sometimes not even then.

Without education, they cannot break through the cycle of poverty. With education, and personal commitment, people can improve their lives and give back to their families and villages.

Funding is one piece of the puzzle. It also takes effort and commitment from educators, communities and administrators. We are constantly inspired by people we meet through ARF who forego the opportunity for greater personal reward and those who have achieved success and share it with their communities. We are mindful of teachers we have supported who forewent higher salaries in Manila to teach a poor community in rural Philippines. The world has become a small place where anything is possible – we were able to work with ARF and a young Ugandan man in Germany last year to help a community in rural Uganda to build a pre-school. We are proud and thankful for the partnerships we have made through ARF.

Over the years we have partnered with ARF, we have visited schools we have supported in Viet Nam, the Philippines, Cambodia, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Uganda and Myanmar, and we plan to visit Nepal next year. We have been privileged to meet and work with many dedicated people who do the real work of making a difference in the lives of young people. We have also had the opportunity to contribute to building a hospital in Bangladesh and to provide disaster relief in a number of countries. Unfortunately, it is usually the poorest who suffer most in these situations.

We are grateful also for the hard work and dedicated efforts of Sabur and the ARF secretariat. They are always positive and looking to help us make a difference.

We look forward to continuing and expanding our partnership.

Dr. Clarence J. Dias

ARF Advisor & President of the International Center for Law in Development

It is hardly surprising to me that ARF is celebrating yet another landmark Anniversary. ARF does what it does extremely well ---- developing and marshaling Asian human Resources to the hilt. Moreover, ARF is not an 'it' but rather it is a 'we' --- a collective of humans who believe in and belong to ARF. What has always endeared ARF to me has been its collective leadership and its transparent and participatory processes. Moreover, ARF is a veritable epitome of "doing more, with less". Keep on ARF, for the next decade and the next, and the next. Because, I cannot imagine an Asia without ARF. Congratulations ARF, and keep being what you are and doing what you do!



Prof. Buddhadeb Chaudhuri
ARF Advisor



I am associated with Asian Resource Foundation for the last 20 years and I am extremely happy that it has successfully completed 20 years of its existence initiating various programmes and activities. Asian Resource Foundation started with a dream, a dream of just, peaceful human society devoid of exploitation, subjugation and inequality through more people to people contact and interaction. The Asian Resource Foundation promotes the spirit of caring and sharing in the light of cultural and spiritual values. ARF supports holistic development, empowerment of marginalized groups and promotion of a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

I am happy that ARF is planning to celebrate this occasion to evaluate the activities, identifying new ways to achieve its goal and sharing the best learning process with its well-wishers and members. I shall try my best to be with others on this occasion to express my solidarity for this noble cause; even if I cannot go, my mind will be there to strengthen the activities of ARF.

Sr. Lydia M. Collado, RSCJ
SHIFT Program Director, Philippines

REJOICE! The 20th Anniversary of the Asian Resource Foundation (ARF) is a celebration of our common love and care for humanity. CONGRATULATIONS!



Indeed, ARF has been a great venue where our common humanity meets, blends and consolidates for the common good. This has been my experience in my almost 19 years of being a part of ARF. Through the years, it has become clearer to me that belonging to an inter-religious group, like the ARF, is to share a humanity that absolutely cares for life, for human rights and for helping and sharing life wherever there is a lack or a need.

Concretely, ARF has extended help to the Philippines especially in the events of natural disasters. I have been fortunate to be a part of the ARF relief goods and other outreach operations in different parts of the Philippines. It was also a privilege to be with ARF-Nepal in conducting psychological first aid after their earthquake in 2015. The meetings, conferences, seminars and training programs that I have attended with ARF have given me broader perspectives, skills and so much hope that there is a body that works hard for local and global development especially of people. Back home, in our Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) mission in Northern Samar, our children at the Sacred Heart Learning Center, with around 80

children (3-6 years old) have been beneficiaries of the Lorraine and Maeve Education Fund (LOMEF) through the ARF.

Allow me to share a biblical passage told by our Lord Jesus Christ, that as a Christian and a Catholic nun, has guided me. It is the heart of ARF that loves and cares for the poor that has bonded me all along with its people.

"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the upright will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King answered, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Matthew 25:34-40

Love, prayers and heartfelt gratitude from all of us at the RSCJ-Sacred Heart Institute for Transformative Education (SHIFT) Foundation who have been being blessed by ARF and the ARF-LOMEF. Thank you most especially to Brother Mohammad Abdus Sabur and to Tony and Kathy Coughlan.

God bless ARF with more life and love!

Dr. Grace Cheng

Associate Professor of Political Science, Hawaii Pacific University & Resource Person of IIPDS

It is my great pleasure to be present at the 20th anniversary of the Asian Resource Foundation (ARF). ARF is an inspirational organization, with a commendable mission of bringing together organizations and communities dedicated to building a better world, beginning in their own corner of the world and supporting each other. Through ARF, many organizations are part of an impressive network that is helping people throughout Asia embrace human rights, enhance the well-being of individuals and communities, help them live better after conflict or natural disasters. I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to be part of courses on peace and conflict organized by the International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS), which ARF makes possible.



Through the program in IIPDS, I can see how people from throughout Asia and beyond come together to share experiences, critically evaluate the institutions and structures that they must work through, and discuss strategies for more effective programs to realize their goals of promoting peace in post-conflict communities, as well as reconstruction and development as the roots of future peace in order to prevent recurrence of conflict. ARF has accomplished many impressive achievements to foster positive change in communities throughout the region and beyond. It is, therefore, a great honor to have the opportunity to

Speak at this commemorative occasion. May ARF continue to achieve more successes in the coming decades and continue in its important role of building a network of organizations and persons dedicated to promoting peace and progress in every part of the world.

Ms. Lisa Schenk

ARF Advisor, Australia

I have been a part of the ARF family for almost 15 years and that is how I think of it, as a big family. I first joined ARF as an Australian International Volunteer when I was 23 and my experience was such a positive one that I not only extended my initial two year contract to three, but I also came back a few years later as a paid employee. I was privileged to work on the LOMEF education fund, various emergency relief programs, dozens of training and workshops and have compiled so many brochures, project proposals, completion reports, newsletters, and publications that I cannot remember them all! Throughout my time at ARF I was challenged, supported and encouraged the whole way by both our vast network and staff. In an age where humanitarian aid and development is as much a 'business' as anything else, I have always appreciated the philosophy of ARF that minimal money is spent on in-direct programming – as much money as possible goes to the programs and communities we are serving.



I was lucky enough to be with ARF when they celebrated their 10th anniversary and even helped organize the charity dinner at that event. Unfortunately I cannot attend the 20th anniversary but will be there in spirit as ARF celebrates a wonderful milestone. Let's hope and pray for another 20 years after this.

Dr. Manor D. Shaiyed

President, Asian Resource Foundation – Nepal



Salam and greetings of peace!

It is a matter of immense pleasure to write a few words on the auspicious occasion of ARF 20th anniversary. Besides direct implementation of the program in Asia and beyond, ARF International secretariat has supported initiatives of Alumni to establish national chapters. ARF Nepal is one of them. So far 25,590 people have been benefitted from our emergency relief, reconstruction and humanitarian assistance program, 4,456 students from education program, 11 undergraduate and graduate students received LOMEF scholarship, and 407 youth attended leadership training. Our journey has taught us that together with community, volunteers and members our work can be more effective.

In coming years, we would like to reach out more children and undergraduate students from deserving families so that they achieve quality education to support themselves, their families and communities. ARF Nepal will make efforts to have its own facilities for training so that more youth from Nepal and South Asia can participate.

On behalf of ARF Nepal team I would like to thank ARF board, advisers and LOMEF Sponsors for their generous support. I wish grand success of 20th anniversary program.

Ms. Ton Nu Tuong Vy

Book writer, Teacher (Vietnam) & Peace Studies Alumni 2013

The organizing team of the 2013 ARF School of Peace Building and Conflict Transformation impressed me most during the course. Their kindness and hard work were exemplary. Their way of loving and caring was contagious, as I have witnessed them during my 2-day stay in Bangkok. They love not only the people but also the world that we live in. They care for the environment and show it in their daily living. They plant trees and nourish their growth daily with water. At THE ARF office, saving paper, unplugging electric devices after use, cleaning nylon bags and other details of environmental care have become a habit.

ARF has also provided resource persons whom we can consult with throughout the course. But I must say that the presence of the father and son, Mr. Abdus Sabur and Ekraj cannot be outdone. The extraordinary generosity of Ekraj, the fatherly care of Mr. Sabur which he expressed in songs that brought the group together, topped with cakes and jokes, what more can we ask for?



Once, Mr. Sabur gave his touch of wisdom by sharing a great reality, “People come, and people go”. So I did come and I had to go. We all “come and go”. At the airport while waiting for my flight back to Vietnam, I already felt a gap, a kind of “missing” the people at ARF. However, I knew that deep within, I was experiencing a deep peace.

As I moved on, and once in a while reflect back on my experiences with ARF, I realized that the feeling of “gap or emptiness” has turned into a passion. My learning about peace and conflict transformation has now become a catalyst to write my second book entitled “Beyond Boundaries” which I hope to publish by February 2017 in Vietnam. Furthermore, as the co-founder and teacher of Friends English Center in Ho Chi Minh City, I can integrate the curriculum the lessons and other processes that I learned (e.g. refugees, religion, conflict analysis, dialogue and theatre of the oppressed, etc.). I am hopeful that the publishing of my book and my teaching will convey the message of peace to the Vietnamese youth. I can now be a “multiplier agent of peace”, as what ARF envisions their participants to be.

Thank you very much to all at ARF. Happy 20th Anniversary!

Natik Bil Haque (Fahim)

Former Student, LOMEF-funded Bangkok Pre-Cadet School in Bangladesh



Assalamu Alaikum. Peace be upon all of you.

I am Natik Bil Haque (Fahim) from Bangladesh. I was a student of Bangkok Pre-Cadet School, located in Khetlal sub-district in northern Bangladesh. I would like to share the story of my school. With LOMEF support my mother Mrs. Chameli Begum started a class with only 8 children from poor families. Gradually, the number of students increased and now it is a full-fledged primary school. I have completed my primary education from this School in 2013 and obtained G.P.A 5. Now, I am a student of Class VIII in Ramdew Bazla Govt. High School. A number of students of this school are now studying in various famous colleges and University like Rajshahi and National University. The teachers of this school are hardworking, dedicated and energetic. Four students got Primary School Certificate (PSC) scholarships in 2014 and six students in 2015. I am very proud of being a student of this school. Following the example of Bangkok Pre-Cadet School, five more schools have been established with the help of LOMEF.

I would like to submit a request to LOMEF and ARF to extend support to develop Bangkok Pre-Cadet School to a high school so that students from nearby primary schools of rural areas can complete up to XII grade with affordable costs.

I am thankful for this opportunity to come to a foreign country and be able to speak on behalf of the students of a LOMEF- supported school. May Allah bless all of you.

ARF'S INCEPTION, ACCOMPLISHMENT AND THE FUTURE

Mohammad Abdus Sabur

Secretary General, Asian Resource Foundation

Inception



ARF was formed during an Asian consultation held in Bangkok in June 1996. It was a common realization that many NGOs and faith-based organizations were engaged at grassroots and national level development activities with the support of funding agencies from economically developed countries.

The consultation identified 4 priority areas which could be responded to by an Asian initiative: (i) Asia-wide human resource development and capacity building of small scale NGOs, community and youth organizations. (ii) Financial resource mobilization and small-scale funding for children's education, scholarships for needy but committed under-graduate and post-graduate students and support for school building in remote areas. (iii) An International Institute to offer short courses on peace and development studies, provide space for workshops,

seminars, youth and student camps, offer research fellowship to young scholars. (iv) provide humanitarian assistance to disaster and war -affected people in Asia and beyond.

Based on the above mandate, ARF started operation as a registered Thai Foundation with a scope to operate in Asia and beyond. ARF is governed by a board which consists of 5 Thai nationals with the support of an International Advisory Board consisting of 8 members. The Secretariat implements the program under the guidance of the Board and international advisers. Summary of the activities are included in the Anniversary booklet.

Accomplishment

For the last 7 years ARF has accomplished following tasks:

Program	Beneficiaries
Children Education	16,568
Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response	404,230
International Institute of Peace & Development Studies	1,259
Assistance to Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Displaced Persons	3,400

Future: Some thoughts on the next 10 years mission of ARF

- To strengthen ARF National Chapters in Asia wherever feasible towards self-reliance
- To open an African Desk in order to respond to local needs
- To upgrade IIPDS to a tertiary level Institute and improve facilities such as conference hall and rooms for workshop, resource persons, researchers, and physical exercise.
- To strengthen health-care components for vulnerable communities
- To increase Asian financial contribution for humanitarian assistance
- To explore registering ARF USA for additional resource mobilization

Thanks and Gratitude

We express heartfelt thanks and gratitude to LOMEF sponsors, muslimehelfen and other funding partners, advisers, board members, country coordinators, resource pool of IIPDS, our alumni, volunteers and our dedicated staff members.

ARF Main Areas of Work

Children Education

Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response

International Institute
of Peace &
Development Studies
(IIPDS)

Healthcare
Program

Assistance to Refugees,
Asylum Seekers &
Displaced Persons

WHERE WE WORK



ARF MAJOR PROGRAMS – AN OVERVIEW

Lorraine Robinson – Maeve Coughlan Education Fund (LOMEF)

Established in 1998, LOMEF support enables children from poor and vulnerable communities to access formal and non-formal education at primary and secondary level in South Asia, Southeast Asia and East Africa. The type of financial support includes tuition fees, school materials such as bags, books, stationary and uniforms, rental payments for school facilities, salaries for teachers/volunteer allowances and teachers training. It also provides graduate scholarship to public college and university students facing financial hardship during their studies.

Since its establishment, the fund has been increased gradually and now stands at US\$150,000 annually to provide educational support for underprivileged children and needy students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies. In 2014, LOMEF expanded its activities to Africa building a nursery school in rural Uganda. Over the past 7 years, it has secured access to education for 16,568 children in 12 different countries namely: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt (for Syrian refugee children), India, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam. The table below presents summary statistics in the seven year period 2010-2016:

Year	Number of Programs	Number of Countries	Number of Beneficiaries
2016	23	12	2,926
2015	23	11	2,709
2014	24	11	2,950
2013	20	10	2,792
2012	14	09	1,516
2011	16	09	2,482
2010	10	08	1,193

South Asia: Clockwise [Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal & Pakistan)





Southeast Asia & East Africa: Clockwise [Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand & Uganda]





LOMEF Graduate Scholarship Program



Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Program in 2011-2016

ARF responds to immediate disaster needs in collaboration with community based NGOs and international aid agencies. Its emergency teams have been assisting in the rebuilding of communities and delivery of critical aid through distribution of essential items in disaster-affected countries since 2004. Through its partners and alumni, ARF reaches out to remote areas to cover the humanitarian needs of the population. In 2011-2016, ARF provided essential supplies to 404,230 people affected by natural and man-made disasters in South and Southeast Asia. Countries include Bangladesh, India, Laos, Nepal, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam.

Year	Country	Intervention Areas	Number of Beneficiaries	Sponsors
2016	Bangladesh, India, Laos, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand & Vietnam	Flood, Winter Aid, Ramadan Food Assistance & Qurban	63,900	muslimehelfen Germany, Helping Hand USA, LOMEF & Dompel Dhuafa
2015	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka Thailand & Vietnam	Earthquake, Flood, Winter Aid, Ramadan Food Assistance & Qurban	80,527	muslimehelfen Germany, FAWCO, Helping Hand USA & LOMEF
2014	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka & Thailand	Communal Riot, Flood, Landslide, Typhoon, Winter Aid, Ramadan Food Assistance & Qurban	92,120	muslimehelfen Germany, Helping Hand USA
2013	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka & Thailand	Flood, Communal Riot, Typhoon, Earthquake, Winter Aid, Ramadan Food Assistance & Qurban	69,195	muslimehelfen Germany, Muslim Aid UK, Helping Hand USA, & United Church of Canada (UCC)
2012	Myanmar, Philippines, India & Thailand	Flood, Typhoon, Communal Riot, Ramadan Food Assistance & Qurban	51,230	Muslim Aid UK, CAFOD, muslimehelfen Germany, Helping Hand USA, Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
2011	Indonesia, Myanmar & Thailand	Cyclone, Earthquake & Flood	47,258	Buddhists Network Nippon (BNN), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), CAFOD, Helping Hand USA, Muslim Aid UK, Qatar Charity & United Church of Canada (UCC)

Flood Relief



Typhoon/ Cyclone



Communal Riot



Earthquake



Winter Aid



Ramadan Food Assistance



International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS)

The institute, hosted by ARF, offers courses and runs workshops across Asia on peace studies, development and human rights. It provides training for peace building, conflict transformation, negotiation and reconciliation. It also hosts interfaith forums and dialogue exchange in order to create practical solutions to pressing social issues. Through these activities, IIPDS aims to create a new generation of peace workers, peace defenders and peace negotiators towards the prevention of conflict and the promotion and sustenance of peace in multi-ethnic, multi-cultural Asia and beyond.

Each year around 150 youth and mid-level professionals from different countries take part in those training courses and workshops offered by IIPDS. In 2016-2010, about 44 events were organized by IIPDS/ARF/AMAN with 10 of them outside Thailand attended by around 1,240 participants. IIPDS collaborates with the following academic institutions in Asia:

India: Human Rights Program at Calcutta University

Iran: Sharif University of Technology

Indonesia: Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta

Malaysia: Research and Education for Peace Unit at the Universiti Sains Malaysia

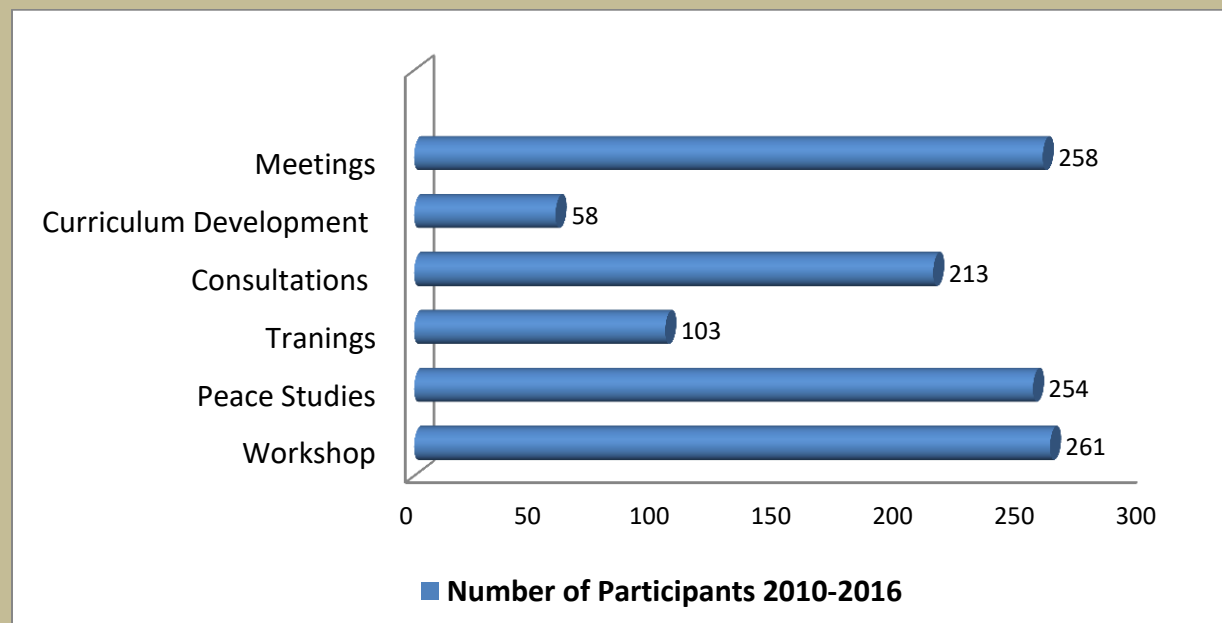
Korea: Sungkonghoe University & Hanshin University

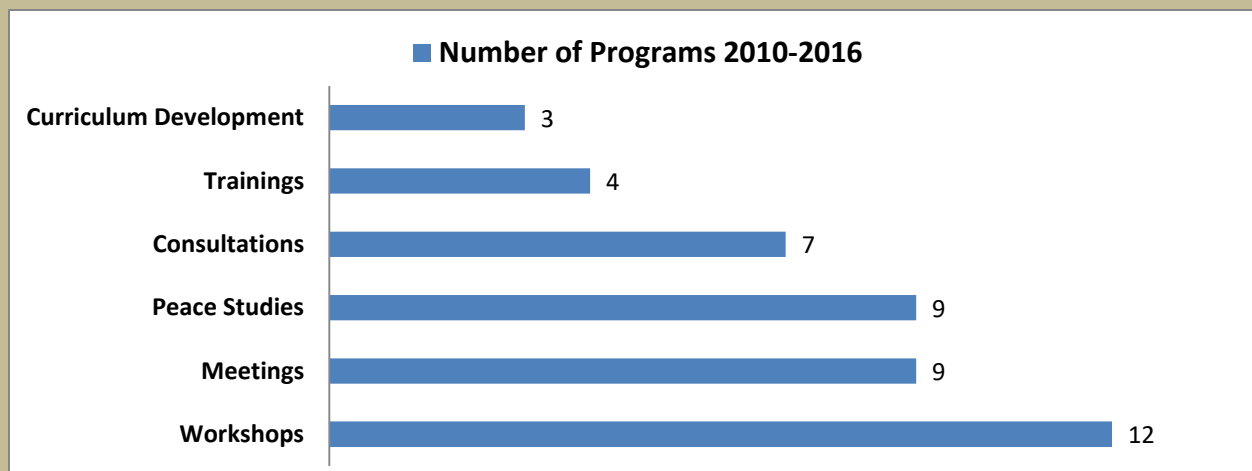
Japan: Keisen University & University of the Sacred Heart

Nepal: Tribhuvan University

Thailand: Institute of Asian Studies and Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Political Science and Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology at Thamassat University, Institute of Peace and Human Rights at Mahidol University, International Islamic College at Prince of Songkla University in Pattani, Institute of Religion, Culture and Peace (IRCP) at Payap University.

Vietnam: Vietnam Academy of Social Science (VASS)





Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation Course



Women Peace Negotiators' Training



School Based Peace Education Curriculum Development



Asian Forum for Social Workers and Young Scholars in Bangladesh & Critical Analysis on Constitution Making process and Role of Youths in Nepal



Visiting the IIPDS: Secretary General of OIC, Ambassador of Japan to Thailand & Ambassador of Bangladesh to Thailand



Assistance to Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Displaced Persons

There is a lack of support agencies offering assistance to help the many asylum seekers, refugees and displaced persons around the region. Working within the universal framework for the protection of human dignity and human rights, ARF offers an advisory service, short terms humanitarian needs, solidarity and assistance to empower asylum seekers. In 2010-2016, ARF provided food aid to 3,400 refugees and asylum seekers in Thailand.



Healthcare Initiatives

NAF Community Hospital in Bangladesh

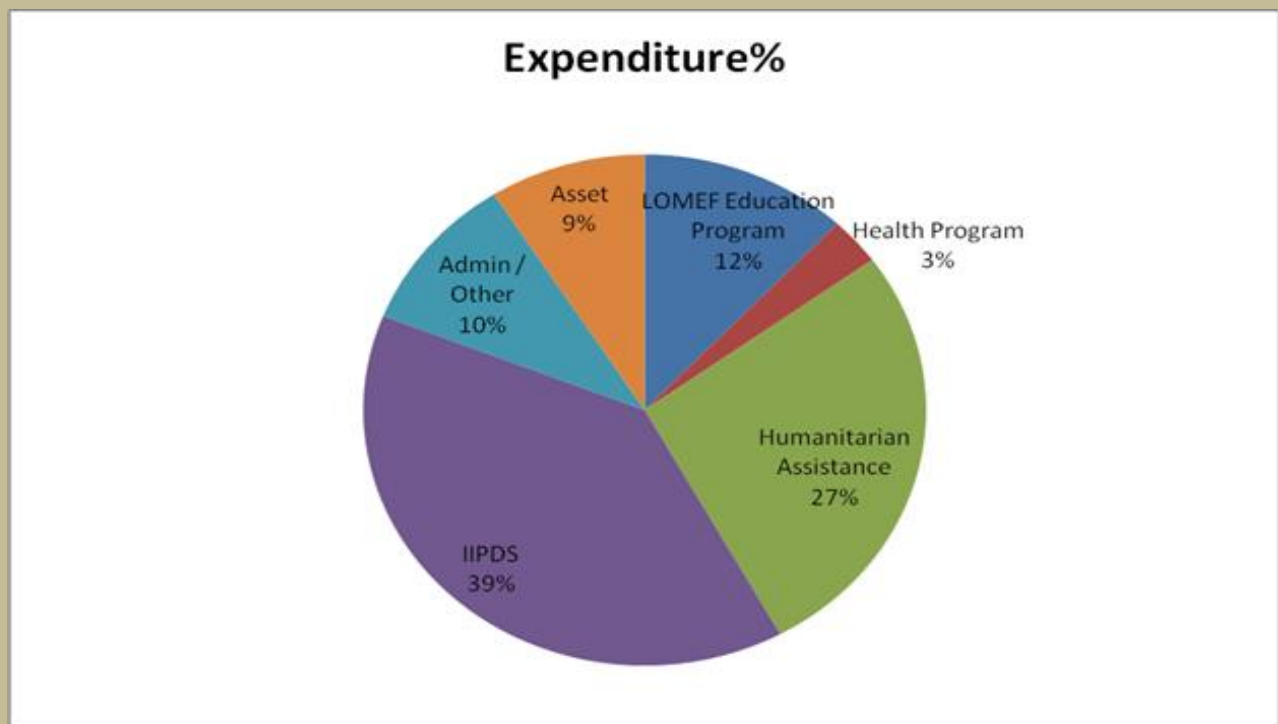
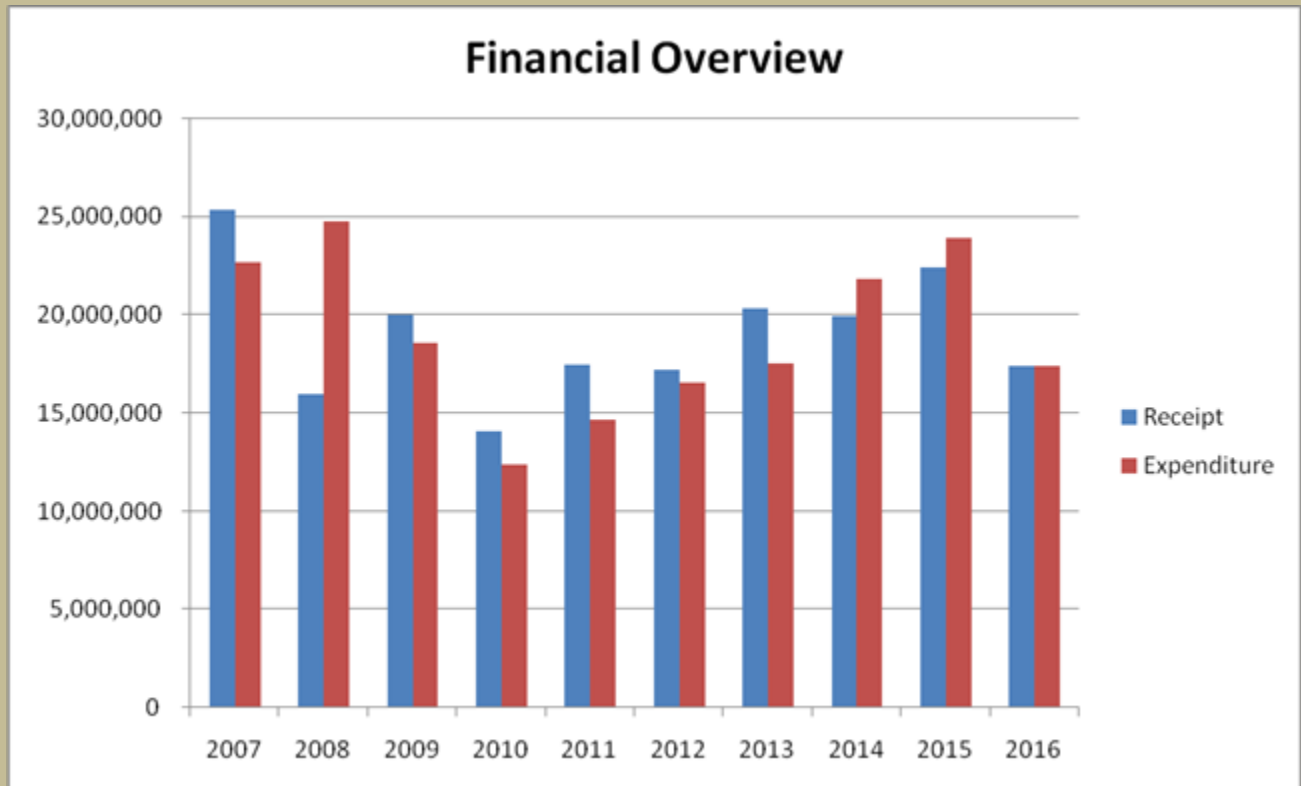
In 2014, Namiajn-Aftabi Foundation (NAF) with major financial support from LOMEF, started to build a community hospital project in Harunja village of Kalai sub-district of Joypurhat, Bangladesh. Out of two buildings, the first block is completed and now fully operational. The construction of the first floor of second building has now been completed. The hospital has begun providing treatment with medicine-subsidy to poor patients. The management committee has initiated a process to obtain government permission to make it a full-fledge community hospital. It will serve to provide integrated health awareness and affordable quality health care services through outdoor and indoor treatment and services, and counseling services with special emphasis on mothers, the elderly, children and differently able children. It is estimated that the total number of beneficiaries would be approximately 70,000 per year.



Photos: The main hospital building (left) & doctor treating patients (left)

APPENDICES

Appendix A



Appendix B

Chronology of Events Organized by IIPDS/ARF

Year	Events	Number of Participants
2016	People's Plan for 21 st Century: Reflection Meeting	15
	Two-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	62
	Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development Management Workshop	12
	The Regional School for Dialogue and Coexistence	25
	5 th Civil Education Network in Asia (CENA) Summer School	54
	AMAN Assembly Follow-up: In Response to Emerging Challenges	28
	Workshop on Ethical Politics and Social Concerns	12
	Capacity Building Workshop for School Teachers	37
	Asian Forum for Social Workers and Young Scholars in Bangladesh	54
	OIC Secretary General Visit to IIPDS	65
2015	Two-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	50
	AMAN Extended Council Meeting	19
	School Based Peace Education Curriculum Development Program	16
	Asian consultation for the promotion of Islamic Declaration on Global Climate Change	27
	Women Peace Negotiators' Training	28
2014	Three-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	34
	Youth for Peace	84
	NGOs and Civil Societies Forum	26
	Women Peace Negotiators' Training	24
	Young Asian Muslim Researcher's Workshop	25
	Consultation on Peace Building and Peace Process in Southern Thailand	32
	Consultation with Muslim Community in Myanmar	26
	Inter-faith and Inter-ethnic Consultation in Myanmar	27
2013	Three-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	29
	Youth for Peace	26
	Young Scholars Conference	55
	Workshop on Asian Experience in Disaster Management	30
	Shia-Sunni Relations: Intra-faith Consultation	26

	Youth Workshop on Conflict Transformation & Inter-community Consultation in Mannar, Sri Lanka	18
	Expert Group Meeting on Access to Justice for Muslim Women in Conflict Affected Contexts in Southeast Asia	24
2012	Three-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	27
	Photo Exhibition in Thailand: Stateless Rohingya... Running on Empty	
	Youth for Peace	28
	Peace Course Curriculum Development Workshop	23
	Workshop on Women in Armed Conflict	10
	The Roundtable Dialogue on Peace Processes in Asia	12
	Inter-faith Consultation on Building Enduring Peace in Sri Lanka	57
2011	Three-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	24
	Youth for Peace	30
	Asian people's Alliance for Combating HIV & AIDS (APACHA) Meeting	06
	Young Asian Muslim Women's Leadership training workshop	12
2010	Three-week Course on Peace Studies & Conflict Transformation	28
	Youth for Peace	23
	2 nd Middle East Youth for Peace Workshop in Jordan	19
	44 Events	1,259

Appendix D

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