



Amplifying Women's Peace Actions in ASEAN

AMPLIFY is a 5-year regional initiative of The Asia Foundation and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade that aims to address the problem that women living in ASEAN are disproportionately impacted by armed conflicts and human security threats.

The Women, Peace and Security Agenda (WPS), a policy framework established in 2000 through UN Security Council Resolution 1325, aims to address conflicts and their aftermath with a focus on the inclusion of women in peace and security efforts. Together with locally-driven approaches to tackling human security challenges, WPS serves as a valuable tool for promoting women's participation in peacebuilding, and benefits entire communities.

In 2022, ASEAN advanced its commitment to WPS through the adoption of the ASEAN

Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace, and Security.

AMPLIFY seeks to support ASEAN to implement the Regional Plan of Action, as well as supporting women's peace initiatives, particularly those that benefit women in insecure communities. The project will support interventions across ASEAN, focused on Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Vietnam, with potential engagement in Timor-Leste as it prepares to join ASEAN.

At the country level, the program will concentrate efforts on Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar.

AMPLIFY will engage women at three levels: in conflict-affected and insecure communities; within women's civil society organizations; and among national and regional decision-makers.

AMPLIFY Objectives:

1. ASEAN and ASEAN Member States demonstrate meaningful commitment to women, peace and security and advance knowledge and dialogue
2. Civil society organisations in ASEAN influence women, peace and security commitments and delivery of commitments;
3. Women meaningfully participate and lead in peace and security actions in areas vulnerable to insecurity so that responses are informed by women's voices and mitigate insecurity.

