Asian Roundtable on Social Protection (AROSP)

MEMBERSHIP

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AROSP MEMBERSHIP
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- **40** country organisations
- **10** country individuals
- **7** regional/international organisations/individuals

Total: 57
OSHE foundation is a leading social justice organisation in Bangladesh that promotes rights to Social Protection, Safer and healthy work, Climate Justice and Green Jobs through different Decent Work centric development actions. It facilitates effective social dialogue at various levels on social protection issues; maintaining constructive working relations with the government, employers, trade unions, workers organisations at informal economy, Civil Society Organisations (CSO), Community based Organisations (CBOs) and other social actors on policy matters and advancement of Social Protection issues in the country.

OSHE foundation is one of the founder organisations of the AROSP and national secretariat of the Bangladesh Social Protection Advocacy Network (BSPAN) https://www.facebook.com/facebook.com.bspan/

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IDEA was established on 30 April, 2005 by an informal economy group including Tuk Tuk drivers, taxi drivers, moto-taxi drivers, Street vendors, and small restaurant workers. The association was formally recognised by the Ministry of Interior on 18 April, 2006 with registration letter No.479 N. IDEA aims at promoting rights and living conditions of the members through legal capacity building related to their working areas, health and safety at work places, protest for freedom, and advocacy.

Since its establishment, the association has extended to six target locations, supported by the central office in Phnom Penh. The 6 branch offices are in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Bontey Mean Chey, Sihanouk, Battambong and Kamport province with more than 8,000 members. In order to achieve its goals, the Association has been working closely with other NGOs partners both national and international partners, local government and all grassroots groups that are engaged in fighting for social justice and freedom. The Association has the capacity to organise training, engage in advocacy activities, and work collectively to lobby the government through various campaigns and negotiations. We work toward the promotion of our members’ rights to access social services, human rights and enhance social justice for members as well as for society as whole.

Throughout our efforts, various groups amongst individuals working in the informal economic sectors have been formed across the target areas in the six field offices, all working for human right promotion and social justice for all. More achievements have also been recorded including the perceptual and behavioral change of IDEA’s members, where they began to recognise their rights in forming their groups by themselves, and have capacity in negotiation with local authority and their employers as well as active participation in advocacy campaigns.

The Association has also been well-recognised by its strong contribution to public awareness on human rights and social justice through media, where they can voice their concerns and gain power in negotiation and lobbying for future work betterment. As a result of IDEA support to members, the level of violent clashes between members and the authority have been decreased and cases related to excessive fines or expulsion from the workplaces and worker’s right violation has been reduced considerably.

The Association has also facilitated discussions and meetings on the impacts of NGO draft law and created a working group for the campaign to cancel the law. From 2009 and 2010, the Association successfully mobilised tuk tuk drivers in 4 districts in Phnom Penh to advocate over the excessive payment for vehicle tax demanded by the government. We also succeeded in organising protests, to decrease the gasoline price in Cambodia.

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Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Association (IDEA)
Coalition of Cambodian Apparel Workers Democratic Union (C.CAWDU)

Coalition of Cambodian Apparel Workers Democratic Union - C.CAWDU:

- Promote worker's right and decent working for garment, shoe and travel goods sector
- Organising worker into independent union
- Negotiation living wage and better working condition
- Lobby and advocacy for better social protection

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Cambodian Labour Confederation (CLC)

Visions

Cambodian employees who have been working in all sectors received better life and decent living conditions with dignity as well as the society with the rule of law, democracy, gender equality.

Mission

• Research and Educate to the members on the socio-economic situation to promote rights and freedom and benefits to workers
• Unite federations and associations in one voice and urging to have independent union’s movement and democracy for representative to majority workers and all sectors in Cambodia.

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Coalition of Cambodian Farmers Community (CCFC)

Visions
Willing to see farmers live with decent life, dignity and full freedom to constructively correct local governance

Mission
To achieve the vision, CCFC has followed key missions:

• Organise communities, associations, networks, organisations and related institutions to have common voice and be influential to positive change
• Raise awareness to promote full participation in democratically local development
• Advocacy for right respect in particular farmer’s rights and full democracy

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We are an advocacy group. We do education, research and publications. We aim at achieving social protection for all.

Established in 1989, HKSSS was formed by a group of academics, labour activists and social security recipients. We run study groups, write articles on various issues. We also organise exchanges with our Chinese partners, including Taiwan, Macau and Mainland China.

In the past few years, we have concentrated our work on accident compensation, universal retirement and labour laws.

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Sedane Labour Resource Centre (LIPS)

LIPS is a labour NGO based in Bogor West Java Indonesia, focusing on research and provide modules for popular education in trade union.

LIPS works to strengthen the labour movement by documenting knowledge through participatory research and develop methods of popular education in labour groups and unions. The organisation that was established in 1991 in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia have been conducting independent research as well as cooperated with other organisations in many issues.

Methodology of Institution

In principle, LIPS develops an action research approach, popular education is not only a research theory but also as an institution's way of working when interacting with stakeholders.

LIPS main activities:

1. Research: LIPS conducts research related to the formation of capital space and natural resources, labour issues, democratisation of labour unions

2. Publication: LIPS routinely conducts weekly publications related to labour issues. LIPS publication is done through print and online (majalahsedane.org and social media)

3. Education: Assistance learning forum with NGO’s and labour unions in Jabodetabek

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At First, the organisation gait of Perkumpulan INISIATIF was started in July 2000 under the Indonesia Partnership Governance Initiative (IPGI), which is a network-based programme that works to promote the improvement of local governance through a constructive partnership approach. Around October 2002, the INISIATIF Foundation was established to maintain the sustainability post-programmes of IPGI.

Perkumpulan INISIATIF (PI) is a civil society organisation (CSO) based on membership. Perkumpulan INISIATIF (PI) formally established under the decree of the Ministry of Justice and Human Right, No. C. 659. H. T. 03.02, in 2000 dated 7/11/2000 by Siti Mardiah Mubarik, SH. No. 4. In September 2005. The establishment of PI is to expand and continue work to increase the quality of marginalised group life, as well as accommodate more individuals to share a common vision as set forth in the Articles of Association and Household organisation Members are set through Congress.

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Confederation of Indonesia People Movement (KPRI)

KPRI is an umbrella union, our members are union or people organisation (joint to sectoral federation), our vision is to building a society that; a just, equal and prosperous. With the mission of strengthening people's political and economic movements, through struggle and learning the realisation of Transformative Social Protection as a bridge for inter-sectoral and territorial struggles. As well as strengthening solidarity economy as a practice of strengthening sovereignty.

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Centre for Workers Education (CWE)

(CWE) is working to evolve in to a strategic research, education, cultural and information resource centre of the working class. CWE is working with various sections of labour movement for building a democratic labour movement in India.

The organisation focal program/project/activities: Research, Education & Training and advocacy on various aspects of labour including, labour rights and social protection.

The organisational human resource: number of Board members, leadership, male and female staff: 2 (male)

The organisation works in collaboration with various grass root organisations in different states of India on various issues. There is no member based structure.

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# Bandhkam Mazdoor Sangathan (BMS)

Bandhkam Mazdoor Sangathan (BMS) is a registered state level Trade Union working for protection of unorganised construction workers rights and it was established in the 1993 in the State of Gujarat, India. BMS is affiliated with BWI.

**Vision:** Vision of BMS is to bring a change in the construction sector where all workers have equitable access to stable and quality jobs, to enable an environment for all workers to work with self-respect and dignity, safe and healthy workspace, coverage of social security protection and an opportunity to Self development.

**Mission:** BMS mission is to build a strong voice of the workers through their empowerment and make laws, policies and welfare schemes in favour of the workers, to ensure effective implementation of the existing labour laws and to extend the benefit of the workers’ welfare schemes unto the last and marginalised workers, to continuously monitor the implementation of the scheme and to amend them.

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Garment Labour Union (GLU)

GLU is a women-led trade union based in Bangalore, Karnataka, India engaging in organising garment workers and protecting their rights.

GLU aims to build the collective strength of workers in the sector and to ensure for them a life with dignity and security. It collaborates with other trade unions, civil society organisations and campaigns to improve the working conditions in the garment sector which is beset with problems. GLU engages with the government to influence labour policies and practices in favour of workers. It is currently active in Bengaluru urban and rural, Mysuru, Ramanagara, Tumkur and Mandya districts of Karnataka state.

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IWAA stands out to build the production units, inclusive approach to gender and access to social protection to home-based workers. We are focused towards a nationwide network of branches by forming groups to collaborate with the women across the nation on development activities in support of government programs.

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Oxfam in Laos

Oxfam in Laos has been working in Lao for more than 40 years, and we are recently reorganising the structures as part of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam or CLV clusters. Oxfam in Laos has a partnership with different actors to implement the program which included government, mass organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Community Based Organisations, networks, and communities, we are working toward two expected outcomes as marginalised groups have amplified their voices and take taken action for their social and economic rights, and marginalised groups have increased access and participation in decision-making over resources. To achieve those, we are currently implementing different programs under three thematic areas as civic space, gender justice, and Natural resource management.

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Monitoring Sustainability of Globalisation (MSN) is a research based advocacy organisation focusing on trade, labour and water issues in the country and the region. The organisation provides research and advocacy support to trade unions, labour groups in the region, besides working with parliamentarians, media, activists and policy makers.

MSN is in the International Organising Committee of the Asia–Europe Peoples’ Forum (AEPF).

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YCOWA, founded in 1999 by U Moe Swe, Burmese student activists and migrant workers, focuses on improving working and living conditions for Burmese migrants in the Mae Sot area of Thailand and migrants concentrated areas through partner organisations. Over two decades, the organisation has been dedicated to protecting worker rights, providing labour rights education, supporting healthcare, and facilitating social activities in both Burma and Thailand.

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HomeNet Nepal

HNN is a Membership Based Organisation (MBO) of various forms of working poor from both urban and rural areas in diversified sub-sectors in the informal economy of the country. The grass-root leaders represent hundreds of individual members of respective sub-sectors to the District Committees and then to the Executive Committee at the centre with voices, needs and their concerns. HNN has an 11 member Executive Board led by Ms Shanta Shakya as President formed in April, 2022 for a 3 years tenure. To assist the Executive Committee on its effective functioning, there are 4 separate sub-committees namely; Finance Committee, Procurement Committee, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee and Organising Committee.

HomeNet Nepal (HNN) is a not-for-profit and an apolitical organisation established in the year 2000 and formally registered as an NGO in 2003 in Kathmandu.

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A group of Nepali social workers with varied professional background got committed to the cause of the ageing population and together established AGEING NEPAL (AN) in August 2011.

Ageing Nepal is a not-for-profit Non-Government Organisation (NGO) registered with the government of Nepal and is also affiliated to Social Welfare Council (SWC). Ageing Nepal is a member-based organisation operated by trustees, member representatives and professionals. It draws on its wide network of members and professionals in and out of the country for accomplishment of a task with high degree of professionalism.

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National Campaign for Women Right Nepal (NCWR)

National Campaign for Women’s Rights (NCWR) was previously known as Women’s Rights Forum Nepal. After working as a loose network from 2009 to 2022, it was formally registered as an NGO in the year 2023. The NCWR is fully committed to ending all forms of violence and harassment against women and girls. It is also focused on the empowerment of rural and grass-root women for their equal access to assent, income, participation and representation in social, cultural, economic and political spheres. NCWR is operating in more than 42 districts of the country and has network strength in 20 districts with more than 8 thousand active members. NCWR is also part of Gender Equality Network being promoted by HomeNet Nepal. It is a member of feminist allies in Nepal and also works with ActionAid Nepal.

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Women Workers Protection Union (WWPU), is registered in 2015 under the Department of Labour/Ministry of Labour Employment and Social Security specifically to promote labour rights of women working in the informal entertainment sector. It is the sole trade union that is dedicated to the rights of women workers of the informal entertainment sector. Since its establishment, WWPU has been working with girls, women working in the informal entertainment sectors to raise collective voices against all kinds of workplace injustices such as violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, sexual violence, lack of formal work appointment letters, haphazard work system, etc.

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Social Protection Civil Society Network (SPCSN)

SPCSN is a liberal forum comprising 16 non-government organisations (NGOs), which are actively engaging themselves in the sector of human rights and social protection, and 2 INGOs with supportive as well as advisory roles. Member organisations represent and are dedicated to working with the most vulnerable groups in Nepal such as children, the elderly, people with disabilities, traffic survivors, people with HIV/AIDS, single women, landless people, and so on.

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The Labour Education Foundation (LEF) was established in 1993 as a non-governmental organisation. The initiative was led by a few renowned trade union leaders, human rights and gender rights activists. Their aim was to organise, capacitate and advocate for workers rights and provide informed input to trade unions and various civil society organisations for the promotion of workers rights. We have an office in Lahore and LEF conducts activities throughout Pakistan.

We have been devoting considerable resources towards supporting and enabling formal and informal sector workers to organise themselves, develop their knowledge, claim their rights and transform unequal power relations.

We have been honored with the SILVER ROSE AWARD for 2011 by SOLIDAR, a European network of 52 NGOs active in over 90 countries to advance social justice.

**Vision:** A democratic, progressive, just, peaceful and developed society where working class—men, women and youth— are empowered to claim and protect their social, economic and political rights.

**Mission:** Conscious, informed and gender sensitised workers, women and youth groups challenging the existing situation as part of the movements for ensuring gender equality, promoting constitutional, legal and labour rights, eradicating poverty, violence and working for a democratic society.

**Strategy:** The LEF engages in a sustainable process of change through a wide-ranging movement for enabling workers to demand economic justice, eradicate poverty by challenging neo-liberal policies and politics affecting the masses, especially women and marginalised communities.
HomeNet Pakistan (HNP)

Vision: HomeNet Pakistan is a membership-based network, comprising of membership-based organisations representing the majority of home based workers across Pakistan. HomeNet Pakistan envisions a society in which home based workers are ensured visibility, recognition, legal and social protection, and a decent standard of living.

Mission: HomeNet Pakistan, as a member of HomeNet South Asia, strives to empower home based workers to realise their economic, political and social rights through the strengthening of their respective organisations, adoption of fair trade practices, resulting in the improvement of their working and living conditions, thus ensuring that home based workers have security of income, and participation in governance related to their concerns and livelihood.

HomeNet Pakistan, a member of HomeNet South Asia, comprises of membership-based organisations that represent the majority of home based workers across Pakistan. Being registered under Societies Act 1860 Registration number RL/2525/L/S/05 in year 2005, the HomeNet Pakistan (HNP) comprised of network of 360 home based worker’s organisations, demonstrating 50,000 women members from 50 districts of Pakistan. Mandate of formed organisations are to raise awareness regarding economic, social, domestic and worst working conditions of 70% of home-based women workers working in informal sector but contributing significantly towards the country’s economic activities. The organisation envisions a society in which home based workers are ensured visibility, recognition, legal and social protection, and a decent standard of living. Mission of the organisation is to empower home based workers by realising their economic, political and social rights through strengthening of their representative organisation, adoption of fair trade practices, improvement of decent working and living condition, ensured security of income, and civic participation in governance related matters and their livelihood.
Solidarity for People’s Education and Lifelong Learning (SPELL)

SPELL is a coming together of communities of learning in the Philippines that continuously sharpen thinking on what it means and what it will take to realize the right to transformative, inclusive lifelong learning and quality, equitable education in a globalized and climate-challenged 21st century and beyond. Since 2014, SPELL has taken collective action, sought fresh ideas, and borrowed those that already work to tackle chronic and emergent inequities, bring about gender justice, pursue responsive education governance and financing and practice genuine partnerships. While striving to bring about a culture of solidarity and resistance, SPELL challenges the neoliberal concept of human capital development and its political economy and seeks instead to build sustainable human capacities for development towards a Life of Dignity.

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Programs include:
- Transformative Education Policy Advocacy (TEPA) -- engaging policy makers together with the underserved
- Empowerment Conversations (EC) -- learning sessions on education-related issues
- Narrative Creation and Sharing (NCS) -- documenting stories of learners, teachers, parents
- Catching Up and Enhancement Sessions (CUES) -- addressing learning deficits
- Arts, Music, Poetry and Performances (AMPP) -- engendering a culture of solidarity and resistance
- Solidarity and Partnerships for Alternatives (SPA) -- co-organizing initiatives to test alternatives

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Ecumenical Institute for Labour Education and Research (EILER)

The Ecumenical Institute for Labour Education and Research (EILER) is a nonprofit, non-governmental labour organisation based in the Philippines. EILER’s institutional goal is to be a key resource and advocacy centre for workers, networked strongly with other pro-worker institutions, labour rights advocates and grassroots organisations in the Asia-Pacific and other regions in the world.

EILER has published research on corporatisation and the market-based neoliberal approach to social protection in the Philippines. It has also been engaged in the campaign for pension increases for the elderly and mainstreaming gender in social protection frameworks. In 2016, it published another action research on social protection and health insecurity in the country, with case studies on workers’ struggles in accessing universal healthcare.

Through AROSP, EILER is able to produce and share its modules and advocacy in advancing an alternative social protection model that takes into account the critical roles of all the workers.

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PATAMABA Workers in the Informal Sector Enterprise (WISE)

PATAMABA-Workers in the Informal Sector Enterprise (WISE) is a membership-based organisation (MBO) organised in 2009 as the economic arm of PATAMABA Rizal who was organised in 1992. WISE aims to transform the lives of the workers in the informal economy through organising, capacity building, socio economic activities towards the attainment of a sustainable environment. It is duly registered as a workers organisation in the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) in the Philippines. Its total individual membership accounted for 578 (Female 553, male 25) ages 23 to 72 years of age. Seventeen (17) council and nine from the 17 comprises the executive members. WISE is an social solidarity economy organisation hence we are a group of small producers who came together to build a common enterprise on: boxes, fashion accessories, garments, recycling, homecare products and many more. Subsectoral Members include home-based, vendors, small transport operators, farmers, fisherfolks, construction workers, waste recyclers, and NANO/Micro entrepreneurs. WISE has no regular staff, because members are collectively doing volunteer work but as an SSE, whatever surplus by the organisation is being shared to members.

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LAKAS Organisation promotes our moral, social, and economic well-being, protects and upholds our individual and collective rights as well as fosters harmonious and progressive relationships.

**Programs:**
- Social Protection
- Human development thru capacity building
- Asset Reform
- Presentation and Representation
- Enterprise/economic
- Resilience

**Priorities:**
- International Labour Conventions and recommendations
- Labour market intervention on social security and health insurance
- Local laws, ordinance, and other released issuances

**Target groups:**
- Waged workers working in agrifood sector (production, processing, trading and services)
- Waged workers working in non-agrifood sector (production, processing, trading and services)
- Home based workers
- Street vendors/small traders
- Driver (tuk tuk, motorbike taxi, transportation services, etc.)
- Small producers
- Farmers
- Fishmen
- Other: All sub sectors of informal sectors (Sub-Sector on Commission base)

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Oxfam in Vietnam vision is of a Vietnam where all forms of poverty, injustice and inequality are eliminated by enabling women and disadvantaged communities to exercise their rights and voice their own agendas.

Oxfam undertook its first activities in Vietnam in 1955 and since the late 1980s we have been implementing long-term development projects across the country. Although Vietnam achieved lower middle-income status in 2010, rising inequality threatens decades of progress. Disadvantaged groups, such as women, ethnic minorities and the rural poor lack access to resources and economic opportunities. A lack of investment in education, healthcare and civic engagement for these groups further undermines their prospects for a better future.

Ending inequality is fundamental to what we do. We believe that equality is essential for a just society – a society in which everyone, regardless of gender, has equal access to resources and opportunities, and is treated with dignity and respect. We work with our partners in government, civil society, business, the media, and academia to influence policy and change the systems that sustain inequality. To ensure lasting change, we work to change the narrative that says inequality is acceptable and inevitable.

In 2018, we began a systematic review of our work in Vietnam. We evaluated our projects and assessed the effectiveness of our campaign, advocacy and communications work. And we listened. We consulted with our partners and our staff through a series of learning sessions and during numerous conversations. We talked about our principles, our performance, and our future direction. This learning process provided insights and guidance throughout the development of the Oxfam in Vietnam Country Strategy 2020 - 2025.

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iSEE Institute accompanies individuals and community groups in the process of improving their capacity and status to promote and protect their rights through research and capacity building. We currently have three active programs: LGBTI rights, Social Networking, Ethnic Minority.

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Mr Son Pham graduated from the Organisational Management program at the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines, he also attended training courses on human rights and community development in Southeast Asian countries, and in 2021 he obtained a Master of Public Policy from the Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management. Mr Son Pham has more than 26 years of strong activity in the NGO/Non-profit sector in the South with many roles such as Deputy Director of LIN Centre for Community Development – specialising in supporting non-profit organisations, volunteers and donors to promote sustainable development in Vietnam. Currently Mr Son Pham is the Director of Tinh Than Foundation, an organisation that supports micro-credit for the urban poor in the HCMC.

In addition to those roles, Mr Son Pham also spent two years as president of the Southern Non-Profit Community (SNPO) and served on the advisory board of the Breast Cancer Network of Vietnam (BCNV), where he continue to support and advise non-profit activities to jointly promote the development of this ecosystem in Vietnam.

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As international companies increased their investment in Asia, it became clear that the poor working conditions they brought required an informed response from the labour movement and its supporters. Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC) was founded in Hong Kong in 1976 as part of that response.

AMRC is an independent non-governmental organisation (NGO) which focuses on Asian labour concerns. It works to support a democratic and independent labour movement in Asia, promoting the respect of labour rights, gender equality, and active workers’ participation in work-related issues.

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The empowered homeworkers realise their rights through the strengthening of their own organisations and networks, the improvement of their working and living conditions, the enjoyment of income and employment security, including social protection, and participation in governance related to homeworkers’ concerns.

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Asian Solidarity Economy Council – ASEC

To host the movement in Asia, Asian Solidarity Economy Council was established in 2017. ASEC, the organisation, is the continental network in Asia of the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS). The partners and members of ASEC are spread in 16 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam). RIPESS is a global network of continental networks in Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Oceania.

Through training, seminar, consultation, and raising public awareness ASEC promotes the concept and practices of SSE using Five Dimensions Guidelines to assess how organisations reflect the principles of SSE and sync to the SDGs as basemap of the organisation’s development.

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The IYCW is a dynamic movement of young workers who are active and motivated to work for justice and love. Young workers develop actions to fight the injustices starting from their own reality and experiences in life and at work.

Today, thousands of young workers join YCW from different works and walks of life such as unemployed youth, workers in the informal economy, young women working in the factories, homes and in farms, young workers in contract and temporary jobs, working students, and young fishermen.

YCW is a movement of education through action based on the experiences young workers live. The starting point of YCW is personal and collective situations that the young workers live in everyday life and the values that are contradictory to their beliefs and aspirations that exist in the society.

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Women in Informal Employment: Globalising and Organising (WIEGO) is a global network dedicated to improving the working conditions of the working poor – especially women – in the informal economy. We strive for equal economic opportunities, rights, protection and voice for all workers.

Informal workers need access to social security that will protect and mitigate against risks to their incomes and help them cope after an event or shock. WIEGO’s Social Protection Programme (SPP) is committed to helping workers access these rights.

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