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## A DECADE OF CHAMPIONING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN ASEAN



### ACWC Accomplishment Report 2010-2020

#### Background

1. At the 10th ASEAN Summit held in November 2004, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the Vientiane Action Programme 2004-2010 (VAP) which, among others, called for the establishment of an ASEAN commission on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.
2. At the 14th ASEAN Summit held in February – March 2009, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the Cha-am Huan Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community. The Declaration reflects the agreement that the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) Blueprint and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint shall constitute the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015). Significantly, the ASCC Blueprint 2009-2015 reiterated the mandate for the establishment of the ASEAN commission on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.
3. The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) was inaugurated on 7 April 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, on the occasion of the 16th ASEAN Summit. The ACWC is mandated to develop policies, programmes, and innovative strategies to promote and protect the rights of women and children in line with upholding rights contained in the Convention on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
4. As a consultative ASEAN body, the ACWC is composed of representatives for women's rights and children's rights coming from governments, civil society organisations, academe, as selected by the respective appointing authorities in the ASEAN Member States. The Representatives serve on a voluntary and part-time basis. The Rules of Procedures for the ACWC and the complete list of ACWC Representatives on Children's Rights and Women's Rights are presented in Annex A. The ACWC reports to and supports the work of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD).
5. The ACWC convenes regional workshops, seminars, training sessions, and consultative meetings that provide platforms for government officials, civil society organisations, professionals and other stakeholders to exchange views, share experiences and build commitments and common understanding. It likewise undertakes strategic studies and action research to develop policy recommendations and regional guidelines to actualize the rights of women and children in the region.



6. The ACWC engages strategic partnership with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, such as the Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD), the Senior Official Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC), the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), and the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW), as well as with international organisations and civil society organisations. The ACWC regularly convenes Open Sessions with Partners and Partnership Conferences to exchange updates on new and emerging trends and issues as well as to explore areas for future collaborations.

### **Snapshot of accomplishments**

7. In the past ten years, the ACWC has implemented two work plans covering the periods of 2012 – 2016 and 2016-2020.
8. At the 5th ACWC Meeting held on 2-5 July 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Work Plan for the period of 2012-2016 was adopted. The ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016 covered 18 thematic areas of work with 17 regional projects. The ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020 was adopted at the 15th ACWC Meeting held on 4-6 September 2017 in Phuket, Thailand. The ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020 covered 16 thematic areas of work with 48 regional projects.
9. Apart from the implementation of the work plans, the ACWC has been actively engaged on cross-sectoral and inter-pillar cooperation across the ASEAN Community. The areas of cooperation mainly cover the elimination of violence against women and children, trafficking-in-persons, and promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, among others.
10. Reflecting on the broad range of work undertaken, the ACWC has been able to achieve the following:
  - i. The ACWC has established itself as a highly specialized and credible ASEAN body with expertise on promoting and protecting the rights of women and children.
  - ii. The ACWC fulfilled an increasingly significant role in setting the policy agenda of ASEAN on women and children's rights.
  - iii. The ACWC has trailblazed the path in shedding light on emerging issues.
  - iv. The ACWC led pioneering action research that contributed to evidence-based policy and programme development.
  - v. The ACWC has built and continues to strengthen capacities.
  - vi. The ACWC has increased awareness on the necessity of promoting and protecting the rights of women and children by expanding its public outreach.
  - vii. The ACWC has amplified the voices of women and children by engaging various ASEAN bodies.
  - viii. The ACWC has steered development cooperation with ASEAN's partners towards the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.





## Quantitative account of project implementation

1. The status of activity progress from the ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016 and the ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020 is summarised in below Table 4.1.:

Work Plan	Total Number of Projects	Upcoming/Planned Projects	On-going Projects	Completed Projects	Withdrawn Projects
2012-2016	29	6	11	10	2
2016-2020	48	11	8	27	2

2. As illustrated in the Table 4.1., during the period of 2016-2020, the projects have reached 56 percent completion, while 17 percent on-going, 23 percent upcoming/planned, and 4 percent withdrawn. In comparison, by end of the period 2012-2016, 34 percent of the projects have been completed, 38 percent on-going, 21 percent upcoming, and 7 percent withdrawn.
3. Table 4.2. illustrates the achievements in the ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016 whereby three thematic areas have reached 100 percent completion which are: (thematic area #5) trafficking in women and children; (thematic area #13) social impact of climate change on women and children; and (thematic area #17) gender perspective in policies, strategies and programmes for migrant workers. Thematic area #16 (active ageing among women) was withdrawn, while (thematic area #6) women participation in politics and decision making, governance and democracy; (thematic area #7) promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with disabilities; (thematic area #15) adolescent physical and mental health; and (thematic area #19) early marriage were upcoming.

ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016		
No.	Thematic Area	Status of Projects
1	Strengthening institutional capacity of ACWC	1 project completed 2 on-going projects
2	Promotion of consultation and dialogue with stakeholders at national and regional levels	1 on-going project
3	Elimination of violence against women and children	2 projects completed 1 on-going project 1 upcoming/planned project 1 project withdrawn
4	The right of children to participate in all affairs that affect them	1 on-going project
5	Trafficking in women and children	2 projects completed



6	Women participation in politics and decision making, governance and democracy	1 upcoming/planned project
7	Promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with disabilities	1 upcoming/planned project
8	Child Protection System: Comprehensive/ Integrative Approach for Children in Need for Special Protection	1 on-going project
9	The right to early childhood and quality education	1 project completed 1 upcoming/planned project
10	Promoting implementation of International, ASEAN, and other instruments related to the rights of women and children	2 projects completed 1 on-going project
11	Gender equality in education	1 on-going project
12	Women and children living with and affected by HIV and AIDS	No on-going or planned projects
13	Social impact of climate change on women and children	1 project completed
14	Strengthening economic rights of women with regards to feminization of poverty, women's rights to land and property	2 on-going projects
15	Adolescent physical and mental health	1 upcoming/planned project
16	Active ageing among women	
17	Gender perspective in policies, strategies, and programmes for migrant workers	1 project completed
18	Gender mainstreaming	1 on-going project
19	Early marriage	1 upcoming/planned project

4. Table 4.3. demonstrates the ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020 achievements where four thematic areas which have reached 100 percent of programme completion: (thematic area #3) the right of children to participate in all affairs that affect them; (thematic area #7) the right to early childhood and quality education; (thematic area #9) gender equality in education; (thematic area #10) social impact of climate change on women and children; (thematic area #13) gender perspective in policies, strategies and programmes for migrant workers; (thematic area #14) gender mainstreaming; and (thematic area #15) women participation in politics and decision making, governance and democracy. Further, there are two upcoming thematic areas under (thematic area #5) promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with disabilities and (thematic area #15) early marriage.





## ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020

No.	Thematic Area	Status of Projects
1	Strengthening institutional capacity of ACWC	1 completed 3 on-going projects
2	Elimination of violence against women and children	7 completed projects 2 on-going projects 1 project withdrawn
3	The right of children to participate in all affairs that affect them	1 completed project
4	Trafficking in women and children	2 completed projects 1 upcoming/planned project
5	Promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with disabilities	1 upcoming/planned project
6	Child Protection System: Comprehensive / Integrative Approach for Children in Need for Special Protection	5 completed projects 2 upcoming/planned project
7	The right to early childhood and quality education	1 on-going project
8	Promoting implementation of international, ASEAN and other instruments related to the rights of women and children	3 completed projects 3 upcoming/planned projects 1 on-going project
9	Gender equality in education	1 completed project
10	Social impact of climate change in women and children	2 completed projects
11	Strengthening economic rights of women with regards to feminisation of poverty, women's rights to land and property	2 completed projects 2 upcoming/planned projects 1 on-going project 1 project withdrawn
12	Adolescent physical and mental health	No on-going or planned projects
13	Gender perspective in policies, strategies and programmes for migrant workers	1 completed project
14	Gender mainstreaming	1 completed project
15	Women participation in politics and decision making, governance and democracy	1 completed project
16	Early marriage	2 upcoming/planned projects



5. During both periods of 2012-2016 and 2016-2020, the ACWC work plans were able to accomplish activity achievements under the thematic areas and in response to the ACWC's mandates and functions. Details of the progress of the achievements of the work plans are presented in **Annex D**.
6. In response to the requirement in the Line of Reporting and Review, the ACWC has prepared the Accomplishment Report on the Work Plan 2012-2016 and Work Plan 2016-2020 to present the accomplishments of programme implementation during the ten years' period focusing on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children. This Accomplishment Report compiles both activity achievements in two programme periods: 2012-2016 and 2016-2020 as well as the reflections and recommendations for the future programme.

## QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**The ACWC has established itself as a highly specialized and credible ASEAN body with expertise on promoting and protecting the rights of women and children.**



7. The ACWC has been successful in mobilising political consensus to reach an agreement on the organizational foundations of the commission. Concretely, this milestone is reflected in the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the ACWC which came into force upon the approval of the AMMSWD. Adjusting to the changing regional and global milieu as well as the realities faced by the commission, the ACWC reviewed and revised its TOR starting in 2016. The updated ACWC TOR appears as **ANNEX B**.
8. In compliance with the TOR, the ACWC has submitted reports to AMMSWD of its activities including accomplishments, challenges and recommendations on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children as well as other appropriate reports. Also, the ACWC Chair has regularly joined and presented the reports of the ACWC during the AMMSWD Meetings.
9. The ACWC has also been able to leverage political consensus in order to mobilise financial resources to support the work of the commission. Concretely, the ACWC successfully developed and agreed on the terms-of-reference of the ACWC Fund, which mandates the one-time mandatory contribution of each ASEAN Member State, the establishment of a complementary fund that is open to contributions



from ASEAN's partners, and the guidelines on the utilization of all received funds. To date, all ASEAN Member States have remitted their contributions to the ACWC Fund. The terms-of-reference of the ACWC Fund appears as **ANNEX C**.

10. Since its establishment, the ACWC has consistently convened its bi-annual regular meetings. These regular meetings of the ACWC were held alternately at the ASEAN Secretariat and/or ASEAN Member States. Moreover, the ACWC held special meetings on a variety of matters ranging project implementation to engaging with other ASEAN bodies, entities and partners.
11. As evidence of its credibility as a human rights commission with expertise on women and children's rights, the ACWC has successfully engaged with, and in turn has been requested to lend its expertise to, other ASEAN bodies. The ACWC's cross-sectoral and inter-pillar collaborations and partnership are elaborated in other parts of this report.
12. Lastly, the ACWC has been able to establish its online presence through a website. With the support from the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument Human Rights Facility (READI HRF), the ACWC website has been operational and served as a platform to share reports, policy recommendations, and other updates on ACWC's work. Further, the maintenance and updating of the website is planned to be managed under the terms-of-reference of the ACWC Fund.

**The ACWC fulfilled an increasingly significant role in setting the policy agenda of ASEAN on women and children's rights.**



*The 18<sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting, 8 March 2019, Jakarta, Indonesia*

13. ACWC has occupied a unique position in the constellation of ASEAN bodies and entities to provide strategic direction and policy focus on the enlivening the rights of women and children in ASEAN. In the past ten years, the ACWC has been able to shape the policy agenda of ASEAN that addresses critical issues on realizing the rights of women and children, and amply frames regional cooperation to facilitate collective action. A specific example of how the ACWC has realized its role and contributed to ASEAN's work is in mobilising political consensus on eliminating violence against women and violence against children in the ASEAN region.



14. The ACWC conceptualise, developed, and shepherded the building of consensus that led to the signing of the **Declaration of the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children in ASEAN** by the ASEAN Leaders in (2013). This ASEAN Declaration mandates the ASEAN Member States to promote and protect the rights of women and children from all forms of violence in the region. to provide support through appropriate instruments and actions and measures among others, reinforcing or amending national legislations to eliminating violence against women and children, and integrating legislations, policies and measures to prevent and eliminate violence against women and children and to protect and assist the victims/survivors in the national development plans and programmes, review its progress, and mobilise resources required for implementation.
15. To translate the declaration's vision into action, the ACWC jointly led the development of the **ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children (RPA on EVAC) (2016)** in collaboration with SOMSWD, and the **ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Women (RPA on EVAW) (2016)** in collaboration with the SOMSWD and the ACW, respectively. These ten-year roadmaps outline the regional priorities and thematic areas of work at the national and regional levels. In particular, the regional plans of actions mandates law enforcement officers, policy makers, social workers, health personnel, and other stakeholders to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate gender responsive preventive and protective legislations, policies and measures for women and children victims of violence. It also calls on strengthening partnerships with external parties at the international, regional, national and local levels, including with ASEAN Dialogue Partners, UN Agencies, civil society, community-based organisations, academia, philanthropists, and private entities.
16. The ACWC, in partnership with the ACW, conceptualise and developed the **ASEAN Declaration on the Gender-Responsive Implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Sustainable Development Goals** which was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders during the 21st ASEAN Summit in November 2017. This ASEAN Declaration provides the high-level political commitment to integrate gender perspectives in the work of ASEAN across the three ASEAN Community pillars.
17. The ACWC, in partnership with the SOMSWD and the AICHR, conceptualized and developed the **ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** which was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders during the 33rd ASEAN Summit in November 2018. The master plan contributes to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) at the ASEAN level, and pursues the principle that for all actions concerning persons with disabilities their interests and needs must be taken into consideration.
18. In response to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the ASEAN region, the ACWC convened a special meeting to deliberate on protective and preventive measures for women and children at risk of domestic violence during the pandemic.



## The ACWC has trailblazed the path in exploring emerging issues.



19. In the past ten years, the ACWC has navigated the evolving landscape of women and children's rights in the ASEAN region. Societal changes such as the unprecedented breakthroughs and pace of advancement in the field of science and technology has brought opportunities and threats. And the ACWC has managed to leverage its position to shed light on emerging issues but also build consensus among ASEAN Member States. Some examples of these initiatives include the following:
- a. **Declaration on the Protection of Children from all Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN** which was signed by the Heads of ASEAN Member States (AMS) in November 2019 at the 35th ASEAN Summit. Through this ASEAN Declaration, the ACWC has succeeded in mobilising ASEAN's commitment to protect children from all forms of online sexual exploitation and abuse.
  - b. **ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration** signed by the ASEAN Leaders during the 35th ASEAN Summit in November 2019. Through this ASEAN Declaration, the ACWC has succeeded in identifying measures and establishing mechanisms to ensure the protection of children driven from their homes by conflict, poverty, disaster, climate change, and environmental degradation, experience exploitation, deprivation and discrimination on their journeys within and across borders.
  - c. **Ending early child and forced marriages.** The ACWC has acknowledged the importance of developing an integrated strategy and multi-stakeholder approach to end child marriage in the region. In partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat together with UNICEF, UNFPA, and Plan International, regional forums were convened to raise awareness on Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM) in Southeast Asia, highlighting the challenges and potentials of girls and society at large in ending CEFM and mobilising actions to accelerate the elimination of violence against women and children.



- d. **Joint Statement on Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN** adopted at the 31st ASEAN Summit in Manila, the Philippines in November 2017. The ACWC, in partnership with the ACW, pursued the development and adoption of the joint statement which emphasizes the importance of women's equal, full and effective participation at all stages of peace processes given their necessary role in the prevention and resolution of conflict, peacebuilding and peacekeeping.

**The ACWC led pioneering action researches that contributed to evidence-based policy and programme development.**



20. The ACWC has undertaken numerous researches and produced a number of regional studies and reports which shed light on the situation and well-being of women and children in the ASEAN region. Such studies and reports have also served as the bases for ACWC's policy recommendations and contribution to the broader development agenda of ASEAN. Some examples of the studies and report include the following:
- a. **ASEAN Guideline on a Non-violent Approach to Nurture, Care and Development of Children in All Settings** (2016) which reflects the serious concern of ASEAN and the expression of commitment of the ACWC and its contribution to the well-being of children and to the elimination of violence of children in ASEAN. The guidelines serve as guidance to those who nurture and care for children to enable them to attain their potential and well-being and work towards the elimination of violence against children.
  - b. **Regional Review on Laws, Policies and Practices within ASEAN relating to the Identification, Management and Treatment of Victims of Trafficking, especially Women and Children** (2016) which described and assessed the legal and policy frameworks within the ASEAN region related to trafficking-in-persons. It showcased good practices and highlighted policy and practical issues that would require collective action.
  - c. **Progress Report on Women's Rights and Gender Equality** (2016) which established a baseline data profile of the ten ASEAN countries on assessing





women's progress on women's rights and gender equality.

- d. **ASEAN Early Childhood Care, Development and Education Quality Standards** (2017) which focuses on the promotion of adequate and suitable education to equip children with the necessary skills to survive and thrive throughout their lives. The quality standards provide guidance on developing and measuring the quality of ECCDE programmes.
- e. **Ending violence against children in ASEAN member States: Baseline study of priority areas under the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children** (2017), which provides an overview of existing initiatives by ASEAN Member States in relation to the implementation of the ASEAN RPA on EVAC, and provides examples of lessons learned, highlights initiatives, approaches or services as good models. The baseline study also identifies gaps and opportunities under each priority area.
- f. **ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Violence against Women and Girls Data Collection and Use** (2017), which can be used to advise and guide ASEAN Member States on how to collect and use prevalence, administrative and costing data. The Guidelines are a useful tool to strengthen national VAWG data methods and systems of Member States. These guidelines aim to provide clarity on the differences between the types of data related to VAWG that are usually collected and used and their different purposes and uses.
- g. **Ending violence against children in ASEAN Member States: Mid-term review of priority areas under the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children 2016-2025** (2019), which demonstrates the progress being made in the region and highlights the continued commitment of ASEAN Member States to addressing violence against children. The review also highlights areas of limited progress and gaps that require immediate action, especially in light of Target 16.2 of the SDGs, which committed States to eliminate all forms of violence against children by 2030.
- h. **Study on State of the Child in ASEAN: Commemorating 30 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child** (2019), which reflects upon ASEAN member States' achievements towards the realization of children's rights since adoption of the CRC. In addition to celebrating past successes, this report also considers implications for the present, identifying remaining challenges and emerging issues in an ever-changing world.
- i. **Legal Identity of All Women and Children in ASEAN: A Regional Synthesis** (2020) as an implementation of a regional project on promoting inclusion and sustainable development through ensuring the recognition of the legal identity of all women and children in ASEAN. The project undertook this study on inclusion and sustainable development and the building of ASEAN Community through increasing civil registration coverage and access to identity documentation, preventing statelessness, and realizing the right to a nationality for women and children in ASEAN through national laws implementation.



**The ACWC has built and continues to strengthen capacities.**

21. The ACWC has undertaken initiatives to build and strengthen the capacities of various stakeholders, as well as itself as a consultative commission, on various thematic issues. These initiatives have taken a range of interventions from the development of regional guidelines to the design and conduct of training workshops. Some examples of these initiatives include the following:
  - a. **Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the ACWC.** The project comprehensively reviewed the ACWC's organisation's strengths, processes and policies that are in place and provided analysis of gaps and needs for the ACWC to fulfil its diverse mandates and expectation. The review was expected to assist ACWC in planning, strategising and operationalising the goals and work plan of ACWC.
  - b. **Gender Sensitive Guideline for Handling Women Victims of Trafficking in Person (2016).** The development of this guidelines introduces gender perspectives in the analysis, implementation, and evaluation of policies and programmes, legislation and judicial processes related to combating human trafficking. The guidelines provide guidance to law enforcement agencies, social workers, health officers, service providers, and other frontline agencies and non-government organisations in managing human trafficking cases.
  - c. **ASEAN Regional Guidelines and Procedures to Address the Needs of Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (2019).** The regional guidelines provide practical knowledge and information to front-line responders to cases of trafficking-in-persons. Its particular focus is on responding to the differentiated needs and situation of women and children victims of trafficking-in-persons. Further, the Model Implementation Toolkit was developed to support implementation of the Guidelines. The Model Toolkit aimed to take the Guidelines one step further by identifying practical steps that ASEAN Member States can take to promote and support their effective implementation.





- d. **Promoting the Rights of ASEAN Women and Children through Effective Implementation of the Common Issues in CEDAW and CRC Concluding Observations with Focus on Girl Child.** Regional workshops have been organized that provided a venue to identify priority issues, and areas of concern related to the implementation of CEDAW and CRC in ASEAN. These have been undertaken either by ACWC, jointly with other ASEAN bodies such as the AICHR, or in partnership with international organizations and civil society organisations such as UNICEF, UN Women and CRC-Asia. A myriad of issues related to the implementation of CEDAW and CRC were discussed in these workshops within the specific national contexts as well as the ASEAN region.

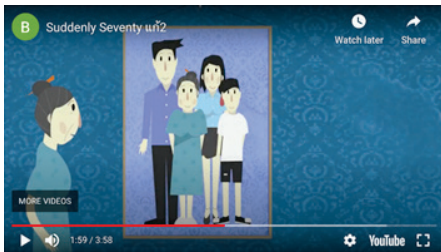
**The ACWC has increased awareness on the necessity of promoting and protecting the rights of women and children by expanding its public outreach.**



22. The ACWC has utilised various approaches and strategies to share information about its work on the rights of women and children. Public outreach initiatives have taken various forms, from dedicated regional advocacy campaigns to regular issuance of press releases and media advisories. These undertakings targeted a range of audiences including ASEAN sectoral bodies and ASEAN's partners, civil society organisations, various stakeholders, and the public in general. Some examples of the public outreach initiatives include the following:
- a. **Public campaign on the elimination on violence against women.** The ACWC annually produces a video spot that illustrates various forms of violence experienced by women throughout the life cycle, from childhood to the senior years. This regional public campaign advocated to stop violence against women. ACWC has engaged the Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI) to ensure that the video spot is publicly broadcasted in each ASEAN Member State using their respective broadcast networks.



### Public Campaign on Anti-Violence Against Women and Children (Suddenly Seventy)



### Violence Against Women Throughout The Life Cycle



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlsdFwCCyRU>

### Public Campaign on Anti-Violence Against Women and Children



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVLRxxhFOFY>





- b. **Awareness-raising campaign on combating the social impacts of climate change on women and children.** The ACWC has developed a specific video spot that advocates prevention and raises awareness on the social impacts of climate changes in the ASEAN Community. This public campaign focuses on the dimensions of climate change as it affects the lives of women and children as well as vulnerable groups in the region.
- c. **Campaign on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and the elimination of violence against women.** The ACWC has developed a specific public campaign that targets women migrant workers. Specifically, the information campaign that is broadcasted across the region provides information on detecting incidences of trafficking-in-person, as well as information on reaching public authorities to report such cases.

**The ACWC has amplified the voices of women and children  
by engaging various ASEAN bodies**



23. The ACWC has been able to effectively engage multiple ASEAN sectoral bodies and entities, and influence the policy discourse in order to introduce and institutionalise women and children's rights perspectives in the work of such bodies. Some examples of these engagement include the following:
  - a. **ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW).** Considering the intrinsic linkages between the work of the ACWC and the ACW, a regular consultative platform has been established to synergize and coordinate the work of both bodies. The ACWC-ACW Consultation Meeting is annually held and serves as a regular platform to discuss joint actions on common areas of work such as on gender mainstreaming, gender and climate change, women, peace and security, and ending violence against women.



- b. **Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD).** The ACWC programmatically engages the SOMSWD in the areas of children's rights and welfare, children with disabilities, online protection for children, children's participation, among others. The ACWC also contributes to the implementation of the *Regional Framework and Action Plan on Implementing the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection* led by the SOMSWD.
- c. **ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).** The ACWC has engaged the AICHR on a number of initiatives anchored on promotion of human rights in the ASEAN region. The thematic areas of cooperation range from the implementation of and building capacities on human rights frameworks such as CRC and CEDAW, to developing regional frameworks such as the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- d. **Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC).** The ACWC has contributed to the work of the SOMTC in implementing ASEAN's agenda on combatting trafficking-in-persons (TIP) in the region. In particular, ACWC actively participated in the development and implementation of the Bohol TIP Work Plan 2017-2020.
- e. **ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR).** The ACWC has engaged the ASEAN-IPR to synergise regional initiatives that moves forward ASEAN's work on women, peace and security. In particular, ACWC's engagement with ASEAN-IPR is guided by the implementation of the ASEAN Joint Statement on Promoting Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

**The ACWC has steered development cooperation with ASEAN's partners towards the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children**



ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls  
22 October 2018, Ha Noi, Viet Nam





24. The ACWC was able to pursue and nurture partnerships with ASEAN Dialogue Partners, international organizations, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders. Engagement with the partners has been regularly undertaken through the conduct of the Open Session during ACWC's regular annual meetings. This platform provided the opportunity for ACWC's partners to interact with the ACWC Representatives, share information on areas of common interest, provide updates on on-going joint projects, and propose key areas for future collaboration. These partnerships led to the implementation of concrete development projects that contributed to the advancement of women and children's rights in the ASEAN region. Some examples of these partnerships include the following:
- a. The ACWC's partnership with the European Union through the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI). The ACWC joined the other ASEAN bodies on human rights namely the ACW, the AICHR, and the ACMW to implement regional projects under the READI facility. Specific to the ACWC, these projects cover the thematic areas of child protection system and the right of children to participate in all affairs that affect them.
  - b. The ACWC's partnership with USAID through the US PROGRESS and subsequently the US PROSPECT projects, focusing on gender mainstreaming across the three ASEAN Community pillars and advancing women, peace and security agenda in the region. Likewise, the ACWC continues to explore potential collaboration with Canada and Australia on women, peace and security.
  - c. ACWC's partnership with civil society organisations such as the Child Rights Coalition in Asia (CRC Asia) on building capacities on implementing the Child Rights Convention, and child participation, Forum Asia on the conduct of the Regional Workshop and Consultation of the ACWC with CSOs on the ASEAN RPA on EVAW and ASEAN RPA on EVAC, as well as with the ASEAN Disability Forum (ADF) on developing the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
  - d. ACWC's partnership with the United Nations particularly with UNICEF, UN Women, and UNHCR, among others.



*ASEAN Regional Strategic Workshop to Prevent Trafficking in Persons  
29 November – 1 December 2018, Bangkok, Thailand*

## Reflections

25. Looking back at the past ten years, the ACWC has identified the following reflection points:
  - a. **Institutional capacity.** The ACWC has championed the realization of the core mandates and strengthen institutional capacities to meet the scope and demands of the work. Challenges were met in the areas of technical capacity and support, especially at the initial stage of operations, to meet the scope and demand of work of ACWC.
  - b. **Project and programme management.** Achieving political consensus on regional initiatives to be collectively undertaken is different from the actual implementation of such initiatives. Due to a combination of factors, project conceptualization and approval, and project implementation have involved lengthy processes. Overcome lengthy processes involved in the development, assessment, and implementation of projects and programmes Also, there was a tendency to implement one-off projects. This approach led to the observation that outputs would need to be linked and contribute to the results and outcomes that the ACWC intends to achieve. A need to shift to a more programmatic and results-oriented approach to identifying and prioritizing regional initiatives that are responsive to the region's context and circumstances.
  - c. **Availability of resources.** Mobilising technical and financial resources to ensure the full implementation of regional projects in the work plans of the ACWC was a constant challenge. However, at the regional level, the leadership of the ACWC Representatives together with the ASEAN Secretariat in mobilising resources has proven to be an effective approach. At the national level, ACWC Representatives were able to gather support from various government agencies as well as civil society organisations to support specific projects.



### The Future

- 26. The ACWC is facing a horizon that is fraught with much uncertainty considering that the world is far different from when the commission was established. The promotion and protection of the rights of women and children have to contend with a world that is becoming smaller and connected but still divided and unequal. Technological advances and the burgeoning digital world are changing the challenges to realizing the rights of women and children. And the on-going global COVID-19 pandemic has unearthed and even exacerbated threats to the rights of women and children in the ASEAN region.
  
- 27. The ACWC is faced with the opportunity to drive the agenda and discourse on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children in ASEAN. Catalyze policy action by building on and scaling up gains and accomplishments in light of changing terrain on the rights of women and children brought about by global and regional developments. The ACWC continues to reaffirm its role to influence strategies and approaches, and to ensure that future initiatives are focused on delivering its mandate.

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**ANNEX A. List of Past and Current ACWC Representatives**

**ANNEX B. Terms of Reference of the ACWC (as updated at the 21st ACWC Meeting)**

**ANNEX C. Terms of Reference of the ACWC Fund and latest status of contributions (as of June 2021)**





## TERMS OF SERVICES OF ASEAN MEMBER STATES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASEAN COMMISSION ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (ACWC)



No	Country		Representative on Women's Rights		Representative on Children's Rights
1	Brunei Darussalam	3 YEARS	<b>Datin Paduka Hajah Intan bte Haji Mohd Kassim</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013	4.5 YEARS	<b>Datin Paduka Hajah Adina binti Othman</b> 7 April 2010 – 25 January 2012  <b>Datin Paduka Dayang Hjh. Apsah binti Hj. Abdul Majid</b> 25 January 2012 - 6 April 2013  <b>Datin Paduka Hajah Intan bte Haji Mohd Kassim</b> 7 April 2013 – 6 October 2014 (Chair: 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016)
		3 YEARS	<b>Dayang Hajah Mordiah bte Haji Jackia</b> 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2014	3 YEARS	<b>Datin Paduka Hajah Intan bte Haji Mohd Kassim</b> 7 October 2014 – 6 October 2017 (Chair: 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016)
		3 YEARS	<b>Hajah Misnah binti Haji Bolhassan</b> 7 April 2016 – 6 April 2019	3 YEARS	<b>Dato Paduka Haji Dr. Junaidi bin Haji Abdul Rahman</b> 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2020 (Vice Chair: 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020)
		3 YEARS	<b>Hajah Normah Suria Hayati binti Pehin Jawatan Dalam Seri Maharaja Dati Seri Utama Dr. Hj Awang Muhammad Jamil Amil Al-Sufri</b> 19 September 2019 – 18 September 2022	3 YEARS	<b>Dato Paduka Haji Dr. Junaidi bin Haji Abdul Rahman</b> 9 January 2021 – 31 December 2021 (one-year term) (Chair: 22 <sup>nd</sup> ACWC and 23 <sup>rd</sup> ACWC, 2021)
2	Cambodia	3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Long Sophally</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013	3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Khiev Bory</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 October 2014
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Long Sophally</b> 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016 (Vice-Chair: 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016)	3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Khiev Bory</b> 7 October 2014 – 6 October 2017
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Doeuk Han</b> 7 April 2016 – 6 July 2017  <b>Ms. Chhy Ratha</b> 6 July 2017 – 6 April 2019	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Theng Chhorvirith</b> 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2020
		3 YEARS	<b>H.E. Ms. Run Sovantevy</b> 7 April 2019 – 6 April 2022  <b>H.E. Mrs. Hou Nirmita March 2021 – 6 April 2022</b> (Vice-Chair: 22 <sup>nd</sup> ACWC and 23 <sup>rd</sup> ACWC, 2021)	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Theng Chhorvirith</b> 7 October 2020 – 7 October 2023





3	Indonesia	4.5 YEARS	Ms. Rita Serena Kolibonso 7 April 2010 – 6 October 2014	3 YEARS	Mr. Ahmad Taufan Damanik 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013 (Vice-Chair: 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013)
		3 YEARS	Ms. Lily Dorianty Purba 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2017 (Chair: 7 April 2016 – 6 October 2017)	3 YEARS	Mr. Ahmad Taufan Damanik 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016
		3 YEARS	Ms. Sri Danti Anwar 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2020 (Chair: 17 January 2018 – 6 March 2019)	3 YEARS	Ms. Yuyum Fhahni Paryani 7 April 2016 – 6 April 2019 (Acting Chair: 4 October 2017 – 16 January 2018)  Ms. Yuyum Fhahni Paryani (Alternate Representative) 6 April 2019 – until the new Representative is appointed  Ms. Ciput Eka Purwianti (alternate Representative) 18 May 2021 – until the new Representative is appointed
		3 YEARS		3 YEARS	Mrs. Yanti Kusumawardhani August 2021 -
4	Lao PDR	4.5 YEARS	Mrs. Siamphone Sirattanakoul 7 April 2010 – 6 October 2014	3 YEARS	Mr. Prasong Vongkhamchan 7 April 2010 – 15 August 2011  Mrs. Baykham Khattiya 15 August 2011 – 16 November 2012
		3 YEARS	Mrs. Soukphaphone Phanit 7 October 2014 – 6 October 2017	3 YEARS	Mrs. Chongchith Chantharanonh 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016
		3 YEARS	Mrs. Soukphaphone Phanit 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2020	3 YEARS	Mrs. Chongchith Chantharanonh 7 April 2016 – 6 April 2019
		3 YEARS		3 YEARS	Ms. Vatthana Inlorkham 7 April 2019 – 22 April 2020
5	Malaysia	4.5 YEARS	Dato' Dr. Noorul Ainur Mohd. Nur 7 April 2010 – 6 July 2014  Dato' Sabariah Hassan 7 July 2014 – 6 October 2014	3 YEARS	Prof. Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013
		3 YEARS	Dato' Sabariah Hassan 7 October 2014 – 14 July 2016  Dr. Rose Lena Lazemi 15 July 2016 – 6 October 2017	3 YEARS	Prof. Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016
		3 YEARS	Dr. Rose Lena Lazemi 7 October 2017 – 2 November 2017  Dato' Suriani Dato' Ahmad 3 November 2017 – 8 July 2018  Dr. Rose Lena Lazemi 9 July 2018 – 6 October 2020	3 YEARS	Prof. Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng 7 April 2016 – 6 October 2016  Prof. Dato' Noor Aziah Mohd Awal 7 October 2016 – 6 October 2019
		3 YEARS	Dato' Junaidah binti Kamaruddin 22 July 2019 – 9 March 2021	3 YEARS	Mr. Arfan bin Sulaiman 8 October 2019 – 24 May 2021
		3 YEARS	Dr. Maziah binti Che Yusoff 10 March 2021 – 9 March 2024	3 YEARS	Ms. Wan Noraidah binti Wan Mohd Zain 25 May 2021 – 7 October 2022



6	Myanmar	3 YEARS	<b>Prof. Dr. Khin Mar Tun</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013	4.5 YEARS	<b>U Myint Thein</b> 7 April 2010 – 3 May 2011 <b>Ms. Rupar Mya</b> 3 May 2011 – 6 October 2014
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Mya Mya</b> 7 April 2013 – 29 January 2015 <b>Prof. Dr. Khin Mar Tun</b> 29 January 2015 – 6 April 2016	3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Rupar Mya</b> 7 October 2014 – 28 March 2016 <b>Dr. San-San Aye</b> 28 March 2016 – 6 October 2017
		3 YEARS	<b>Dr. Thet Thet Zin</b> 21 July 2016 – 6 April 2019	3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Rupar Mya</b> 7 October 2017 – 16 March 2020
		3 YEARS	<b>Ms. May Yin Tun</b> 7 April 2019 – March 2021	3 YEARS	<b>Dr. San San Aye</b> 16 March 2020 - 6 October 2020
		3 YEARS	<b>Dr. Thet Thet Zin</b> March 2021 – 6 April 2022	3 YEARS	<b>Dr. San San Aye</b> 7 October 2020 - 7 October 2023
7	Philippines	3 YEARS	<b>Prof. Aurora Javate-De Dios</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013	4.5 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Alicia dela-Rosa Bala</b> 7 April 2010 – 21 September 2012 <b>Mrs. Amihan Abueva</b> 21 September 2012 – 6 October 2014
		3 YEARS	<b>Prof. Aurora Javate-De Dios</b> 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016	3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Lina Laigo</b> 8 October 2014 – 31 August 2015 <b>Atty. Alberto T. Muyot</b> 14 October 2015 – 15 September 2016 <b>Ms. Mae Fe Templa (Alternate Representative)</b> 16 September 2016 – until the new Representative is appointed <b>Prof. Maria Cynthia L. Dizon-Gealogo</b> 12 May 2017 – 6 October 2017
		3 YEARS	<b>Prof. Aurora Javate-De Dios</b> 7 April 2016 - TBC <i>(Extended for an interim period)</i> <b>Prof. Lourdesita Sobrevega-Chan</b> 7 February 2017 – February 2020	3 YEARS	<b>Prof. Maria Cynthia L. Dizon-Gealogo</b> 7 October 2017 – 30 June 2018 <b>Ms. Lina B. Laigo (Alternate Representative)</b> 1 July 2018 – until the new Representative is appointed
8	Singapore	4.5 YEARS	<b>Dr. Aline Wong</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 October 2014	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Koh Choon Hui</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Laura Hwang Cheng Lin</b> 7 October 2014 – 6 October 2017	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Koh Choon Hui</b> 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Laura Hwang Cheng Lin</b> 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2020 (Vice-Chair: 6 March 2019 – 31 December 2019)	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Koh Choon Hui</b> 7 April 2016 – 6 April 2019
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Laura Hwang Cheng Lin</b> 7 October 2020 – 6 October 2021 (Chair: July 2020 – March 2021)	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Koh Choon Hui</b> 7 April 2019 – 6 April 2022



9	Thailand	4.5 YEARS	<b>Mdm. Kanda Vajrabhaya</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 October 2014 (Chair: 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013)	3 YEARS	<b>Dr. Saisuree Chutikul</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013
		3 YEARS	<b>Mdm. Kanda Vajrabhaya</b> 7 October 2014 – 6 October 2017	3 YEARS	<b>Dr. Saisuree Chutikul</b> 26 August 2014 – 6 April 2016
		3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Ratchada Jayagupta (PhD)</b> 7 October 2017 – 6 October 2020	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong</b> 16 May 2016 – 6 April 2019 (Vice-Chair: 30 January 2018 – 6 March 2019)
		3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Ratchada Jayagupta (PhD)</b> 19 January 2021 – 6 October 2023	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong</b> 7 April 2019 – 7 April 2022 (Chair: 6 March 2019 – 31 December 2019)
10	Viet Nam	4.5 YEARS	<b>Ms. Cao Thi Thanh Thuy</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 October 2014	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Dang Hoa Nam</b> 7 April 2010 – 6 April 2013
		3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Cao Thi Thanh Thuy</b> 7 October 2014 – 6 October 2017	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Dang Hoa Nam</b> 7 April 2013 – 6 April 2016
		3 YEARS	<b>Mrs. Hoang Thi Thu Huyen</b> 7 October 2017 - 6 October 2020	3 YEARS	<b>Mr. Dang Hoa Nam</b> 7 April 2016 – 6 October 2016 <b>Mrs. Ha Thi Minh Duc</b> 6 October 2016 – 6 April 2019 (Vice-Chair: 6 October 2016 – 6 April 2017)
		3 YEARS	<b>Ms. Tran Thi Bich Loan</b> 2020 – 2022	3 YEARS	<b>Dr. Ha Thi Minh Duc</b> 2020 – 2022





## **Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)**



### **1. Background**

- 1.1 All ASEAN Member States have ratified and are parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
- 1.2 At the 10th ASEAN Summit in November 2004, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the Vientiane Action Programme 2004-2010 (VAP) which among others called for the establishment of an ASEAN commission on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children (Measure 1.1.4.7 of the VAP).
- 1.3 The ASEAN Charter which entered into force on 15 December 2008 called under Article 14 for ASEAN to establish an ASEAN human rights body in conformity with the purposes and principles relating to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- 1.4 At the 14th ASEAN Summit on 28 February – 1 March 2009, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community (2009-2015) which includes the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) Blueprint and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint that reiterate the establishment of an ASEAN commission on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children as an important measure to ensure equitable development for women and children.

### **2. Purposes**

- 2.1 To promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and children in ASEAN, taking into consideration the different historical, political socio-cultural, religious and economic context in the region and the balances between rights and responsibilities.
- 2.2 To uphold, promote, protect, respect and fulfill the rights of women and children in ASEAN to live in peace, equality, justice, dignity and prosperity.
- 2.3 To promote the well-being, development, empowerment and participation of women and children in the ASEAN Community building process which contribute to the realization of the purposes of ASEAN as set out in the ASEAN Charter.





- 2.4 To enhance regional and international cooperation with a view to 2 complementing national and international efforts on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.
- 2.5 To uphold human rights as prescribed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA), World Fit for Children, International Humanitarian Law and other international human rights instruments and regional declarations related to women's and children's rights to which ASEAN Member States are parties.
- 2.6 To promote stability and harmony in the region, friendship and cooperation among ASEAN Member States.

### 3. Principles

- 3.1 To respect for the principles of ASEAN as embodied in Article 2 of the ASEAN Charter.
- 3.2 To respect for human rights principles, including universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all fundamental freedoms and the rights of women and children, the guiding principles of CEDAW and CRC.
- 3.3 To respect for the principles of impartiality, objectivity, non-selectivity, nondiscrimination and avoidance of double standards and politicization.
- 3.4 To complement, rather than duplicate, the function of CEDAW and CRC Committees.
- 3.5 To recognize that the primary responsibility to promote and protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of women and children rests with each Member State.
- 3.6 To pursue a constructive non-confrontational and cooperative approach to enhance the promotion and protection of rights of women and children.
- 3.7 To ensure a balance between the functions of promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.
- 3.8 To adopt an evolutionary approach that would contribute to the realization of the rights of women and children in ASEAN.
- 3.9 To adopt a collaborative and consultative approach with ASEAN Member States, academia and civil society pertaining to the rights of women and children.

### 4. Status of the ACWC

The ACWC is an intergovernmental body and an integral part of the ASEAN organisational structure. It is a consultative body.





## 5. Mandate and Functions

- 5.1 To promote the implementation of international instruments, ASEAN instruments and other instruments related to the rights of women and children.
- 5.2 To develop policies, programs and innovative strategies to promote and protect the rights of women and children to complement the building of the ASEAN Community.
- 5.3 To promote public awareness and education of the rights of women and children in ASEAN.
- 5.4 To advocate on behalf of women and children, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, and encourage ASEAN Member States to improve their situation.
- 5.5 To build capacities of relevant stakeholders at all levels, e.g. administrative, legislative, judicial, civil society, community leaders, women and children machineries, through the provision of technical assistance, training and workshops, towards the realization of the rights of women and children.
- 5.6 To assist, upon request by ASEAN Member States, in preparing for CEDAW and CRC Periodic Reports, the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and reports for other Treaty Bodies, with specific reference to the rights of women and children in ASEAN.
- 5.7 To assist, upon request by ASEAN Member States, in implementing the Concluding Observations of CEDAW and CRC and other Treaty Bodies related to the rights of women and children.
- 5.8 To encourage ASEAN Member States on the collection and analysis of disaggregated data by sex, age, etc., related to the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.
- 5.9 To promote studies and research related to the situation and well-being of women and children with the view to fostering effective implementation of the rights of women and children in the region.
- 5.10 To encourage ASEAN Member States to undertake periodic reviews of national legislations, regulations, policies, and practices related to the rights of women and children.
- 5.11 To facilitate sharing of experiences and good practices, including thematic issues, between and among ASEAN Member States related to the situation and well-being of women and children and to enhance the effective implementation of CEDAW and CRC through, among others, exchange of visits, seminars and conferences.
- 5.12 To propose and promote appropriate measures, mechanisms and strategies for the prevention and elimination of all forms of violation of the rights of women and children, including the protection of victims.



- 5.13 To encourage ASEAN Member States to consider acceding to, and ratifying, international human rights instruments related to women and children.
- 5.14 To support the participation of ASEAN women and children in dialogue and consultation processes in ASEAN related to the promotion and protection of their rights.
- 5.15 To provide advisory services on matters pertaining to the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children to ASEAN sectoral bodies upon request.
- 5.16 To perform any other tasks related to the rights of women and children as may be delegated by the ASEAN Leaders and Foreign Ministers.

## **6. Composition**

### **Membership**

- 6.1 The ACWC shall consist of the Member States of ASEAN.
- 6.2 Each ASEAN Member State shall appoint two representatives, one representative on women's rights and one representative on children's rights to the ACWC.

### **Qualifications**

- 6.3 When appointing their representatives to the ACWC, Member States shall give due consideration to competence in the field of the rights of women and children, integrity and gender equality.

### **Selection Process**

- 6.4 When appointing their representatives to the ACWC, Member States shall conduct, in accordance with the respective internal processes, a transparent, open, participatory and inclusive selection process of their representatives to the ACWC.
- 6.5 When appointing their representatives to the ACWC, ASEAN Member States shall endeavor to confirm the names and contact details to the Secretary-General of ASEAN before or on the due date of the outgoing representative's term.

### **Terms of Office**

- 6.6 Each representative serves a term of three years and may be consecutively re-appointed by his/her respective Government.
- 6.7 To provide continuity for the work of the ACWC, the term of office of representatives shall be staggered. Each Member State shall appoint one of its two representatives to serve an initial term of four and a half years.





- 6.8 In the event of a vacancy caused by recall, resignation, incapacity or demise of a representative, the appointing government will provide a replacement who shall serve for the remaining term of that departed representative.  
This representative must have the same area of competence (women's or children's rights) as the replaced representative.
- 6.9 Notwithstanding paragraph 6.5, the appointing Government may decide, at its discretion, to replace its representatives. Whenever appropriate the Government shall inform the ACWC of the reason of the replacement.

## Responsibility of Members

In the discharge of his/her duties, each representative shall act impartially in accordance with the ASEAN Charter and this TOR, and shall display the highest moral character.

- 6.10 Attendance at the ACWC meetings by the representatives is mandatory.

## Chair and Vice-Chair of the ACWC

- 6.11 The first Chair and Vice-Chair of the ACWC shall be elected by the appointed representatives. The subsequent Chair and Vice-Chair shall follow the alphabetical order of the rotation of ASEAN Chairmanship.
- 6.12 Should a Member State next in line be not ready to assume the Chairmanship or Vice-Chairmanship, it may forego its turn. The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall not be representatives from the same Member State and with the same area of competence (women's or children's rights).
- 6.13 The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall serve a term of (1) year starting in 2019.
- 6.14 The Chair of the ACWC shall exercise his/her role in accordance with the TOR, with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat which shall include:
- a) Preparing the agenda for and chairing the ACWC meetings;
  - b) Leading in the preparation of reports to other ASEAN bodies specified in paragraph 7.5;
  - c) Coordinating with the ACWC's representatives during the times between meetings of the ACWC;
  - d) Promote engagement, cooperation and collaboration with all partners such as sectoral bodies of ASEAN, NGOs, INGOs, and relevant agencies dealing with the rights of children and the rights of women;
  - e) Representing the ACWC at regional and international events pertaining to the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children as entrusted by the ACWC; The Chair may designate the Vice-Chair or other Representatives to represent the ACWC at the event;
  - f) Help guiding ACWC members on establishing plan of action, its implementation and achievement;
  - g) Guiding ACWC on the use of fund and resources with transparency in the utilization of the budget;
  - h) Negotiation for assistance from the donors and other possible partners for financial support to ACWC;
  - i) Help establish monitoring system and implementation and the work of ACWC;



- j) Assist with the capacity building of ACWC members and ASEAN Secretariat; and
- k) Undertaking other specific functions entrusted by the ACWC in accordance with this TOR.

6.15 The Vice-Chair will assist the Chair on all of the functions as well as mentioned in 6.13 as well as chairing the meeting in his/her absence.

## **Immunities and Privileges**

6.16 In accordance with Article 19 of the ASEAN Charter, representatives participating in official activities of the ACWC shall enjoy such immunities and privileges as are necessary for the exercise of their functions.

## **7. Modalities**

### **Decision Making**

7.1 Decision making in the ACWC shall be based on consultation and consensus in accordance with the ASEAN Charter.

### **Meetings**

7.2 The ACWC shall convene two regular meetings per year and each meeting shall normally be no longer than 5 days.

7.3 Regular meetings of the ACWC shall be held alternately at the ASEAN Secretariat and/or ASEAN Member States.

7.4 As and when appropriate, the ACWC may hold special meetings at a venue to be agreed by the representatives.

## **Line of Reporting**

7.5 The ACWC shall submit an annual report including accomplishments, challenges and recommendations on the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children and other appropriate reports, e.g. progress report, to the ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) with copy to the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW) and other relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies.

## **Public Information**

7.6 The ACWC shall keep the public regularly informed of its work and activities through appropriate public information materials produced by the ACWC.

## **Coordination and Alignment**

7.7 The ACWC shall coordinate with AICHR and other relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies dealing with issues pertaining to women and children including





consultations on the ultimate alignment between the ACWC and the AICHR as the overarching human rights institution in ASEAN.

- 7.8 The ACWC shall engage in dialogue and consultation, as may be appropriate, with other national, regional and international institutions and entities concerning the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.

## **8. Work Plan and Funding**

- 8.1 The ACWC shall prepare and submit a Work Plan of programmes and activities with indicative budget for a cycle of five years to be approved by the AMMSWD. Whenever appropriate, the ACWC may consult relevant ASEAN bodies in the preparation of its Work Plan.
- 8.2 The ACWC shall also prepare and submit an annual budget to implement the Work Plan to be approved by the AMMSWD upon recommendation of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) when required.
- 8.3 The programme and activities of the ACWC shall be funded by ASEAN Member States on cost-sharing basis and voluntary contributions from ASEAN Member States.
- 8.4 The ACWC may receive funding from other sources, subject to the approval of AMMSWD upon the endorsement of the CPR, to support effective implementation of its work serving the common interest of women and children in all ASEAN Member States.
- 8.5 The ACWC may establish its own Fund with the terms and conditions to be determined by the ACWC and approved by the AMMSWD, upon the recommendation of CPR.
- 8.6 All funds used by the ACWC shall be managed and disbursed in conformity with the general financial rules of ASEAN.
- 8.7 Secretarial support for the ACWC shall be funded by the ASEAN Secretariat's operational budget.

## **9. Role of the Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat**

- 9.1 The Secretary-General of ASEAN may bring relevant issues to the attention of ACWC.
- 9.2 The ASEAN Secretariat shall provide the necessary secretarial support the ACWC.

## **10. General and Final Provisions**

- 10.1 This TOR shall come into force upon the approval of the AMMSWD.



## Amendments

- 10.2 Any Member State may submit, through the Chair of the ACWC, a formal request for an amendment of this TOR for consideration of the ACWC.
- 10.3 The ACWC shall submit the request for the approval of the AMMSWD.
- 10.4 Such amendments shall take effect upon approval of the AMMSWD.

## Review

- 10.5 The ACWC shall undertake final-term review of its 5-year Work Plan. The outcomes of the review shall be submitted the AMMSWD.
- 10.6 The ACWC shall review its TOR five years after its entry into force. The outcomes of this review and subsequent reviews shall be submitted to the AMMSWD.

## Interpretation

- 10.7 Any difference concerning the interpretation of the TOR which cannot be resolved shall be referred to the AMMSWD.





## **Terms Of Reference (TOR) Of The Asean Commission On The Promotion And Protection Of The Rights Of Women And Children (ACWC) Fund**



### **I. BACKGROUND**

1. In accordance with Article 8.3 of the TOR of the ACWC, the programme and activities of the ACWC shall be funded by ASEAN Member States on costsharing basis and voluntary contributions from ASEAN Member States.
2. Complementing to this, as reflected in Article 8.4, the ACWC may receive funding from other sources, subject to the approval of AMMSWD upon the endorsement of the CPR, to support effective implementation of its work serving the common interest of women and children in all ASEAN Member States.
3. Furthermore, Article 8.5 allows the ACWC to establish its own Fund with the terms and conditions to be determined by the ACWC and approved by the AMMSWD, upon the recommendation of CPR.
4. Acting on those Articles, the ACWC appealed in its first Annual Report to the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) submitted in 2011 for financial contributions from ASEAN Member States to support the work of the ACWC. Responding to the general support from ASEAN Member States to the request, this Terms of Reference was developed by the ACWC [and approved by the AMMSWD].

### **II. RATIONALE**

5. Availability of the ACWC Fund would give multiple benefits, notably:
  - a) The Fund would promote self-reliance of the ACWC in implementing projects and activities in the ACWC Work Plan;
  - b) The Fund, with a fast-track project approval process set by the ACWC, could accelerate the implementation of projects and activities in the ACWC Work Plan;
  - c) The Fund could generate and accommodate contributions from external parties to support the work of the ACWC.





### III. OBJECTIVE

6. This Terms of Reference (TOR) sets the guidelines and procedures for the sources, utilization, management and reporting of the ACWC Fund.

### IV. SOURCES OF THE ACWC FUND

#### A. Contributions Of Asean Member States

7. The ACWC Fund is sourced from the contribution of ASEAN Member States on an equal sharing basis.
8. Each ASEAN Member State shall contribute to the ACWC Fund a total amount of forty thousand US Dollars (US\$ 40,000) as seed funding which shall be paid no later than 31 December 2015.
9. ASEAN Member States may provide additional contributions on voluntary basis.

#### B. Voluntary Contribution Of External Parties

10. The ACWC Fund is opened to voluntary contributions of ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external parties subject to the terms and conditions as developed by the ACWC and approved by the AMMSWD upon the recommendation of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR).

#### C. Other Contribution

11. Apart from the contribution of ASEAN Member States to the ACWC Fund, the ACWC will continue to generate resources to support its Work Plan from ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external parties which may be contributed through other mechanisms including direct contribution to the country coordinators of the ACWC's projects and activities, and the ASEAN Cooperation Funds with Dialogue Partners.

### V. FUND APPROVAL

12. The ACWC shall be the responsible body for the approval of project proposals requiring funding support from the ACWC Fund.
13. A project proposal submitted to the ACWC for funding support shall comply with the ACWC project approval criteria and process, as well as other requirements as may be determined by the ACWC. In this regard, a project proposal shall include detailed budget estimation and specify the proposed source(s) and amount of funding support.
14. A project proposal submitted for funding support of ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external parties which use mechanisms other than the ACWC Fund shall comply with the appropriate project approval process and criteria. In this regard, the ASEAN Project Approval Process shall be observed for any





project requesting funding support from the ASEAN Cooperation Funds with Dialogue Partners.

## VI. FUND UTILISATION

15. The ACWC Fund may be used to provide partial funding to projects and activities in the ACWC Work Plan that are initiated by ASEAN Member States, as well as counterpart funding to the ACWC's collaborative projects and activities with external parties as may be endorsed by ASEAN Member States.
16. The ACWC Fund may be used to support, but not limited to, the following types of expenditures:
  - Hosting of regional workshops/seminars/conferences planned under the ACWC Work Plan;
  - Travel costs of the ACWC Representatives to attend regional workshops/ seminars/ conferences planned under the ACWC Work Plan, or other events that are approved by the ACWC;
  - Consultancy fees of experts that are engaged for the ACWC's projects/ activities;
  - Publication of the ACWC's study reports or other documents.
17. The following types of expenditures are not allowable for funding support:
  - Hosting regular and special meetings of the ACWC;
  - Travel costs of the ACWC Representatives to attend regular meetings of the ACWC and other events;
  - Operational costs of national secretariats of the ACWC Representatives;
  - Operational and travel costs of the ASEAN Secretariat.
18. Types of expenditures, projects and activities in the ACWC Work Plan to be supported by the ACWC Fund sourced from the financial contribution of ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external parties are to be determined by the ACWC in accordance with project approval criteria and process.

## VII. FUND MANAGEMENT

19. The ACWC shall be the responsible body for the management and control of the ACWC Fund, with the disbursement and financial reporting support to be provided by the ASEAN Secretariat.
20. The ASEAN Secretariat shall act as the custodian of the ACWC Fund in conformity with the general financial rules and regulations of ASEAN. The ASEAN Secretariat shall open a bank account for the ACWC Fund to receive the contribution of ASEAN Member States and voluntary contribution of ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external parties as stipulated under Section IV above. The ASEAN Secretariat shall effect disbursement from the ACWC Fund, only upon instruction of the ACWC.
21. The Secretary-General of ASEAN, upon instruction and on behalf of the ACWC, shall be the signatory to any financial agreement to be concluded with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other external parties making contribution to the ACWC Fund.



22. The ACWC Fund should be audited in accordance with the ASEAN Secretariat Financial Rules and Procedure.
23. The project proponent shall submit a completion/narrative report and financial report and statement of final accounts to the ACWC Chair with a copy furnished to the ASEAN Secretariat within 30 days after the project is completed. Any unutilised fund of the project shall be returned to the ACWC Fund within 60 days after the project is completed.
24. At the end of the financial year, should there be any net balance left in the ACWC Fund, the sum could be carried over to the next financial year and used by the ACWC.
25. The ACWC should submit an annual financial report of the ACWC Fund to the AMMSWD for approval and to the CPR for information.

## VIII. REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

26. This Terms of Reference shall take effect upon adoption by the AMMSWD.
27. The ACWC shall review this Terms of Reference as necessary after its adoption by the AMMSWD. The outcome of this review shall be submitted to the AMMSWD.
28. Amendments to this Terms of Reference may be recommended by the ACWC upon mutual consent of ASEAN Member States, and shall take effect upon approval of the AMMSWD. The approved amendments shall be informed to the CPR.



## ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016



There are 29 activities identified with the overall status of projects/activities implementation :

- Planned, including carried over to ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020 : 6 (21%)
- On-going : 11 (38%)
- Completed : 10 (34%)
- Withdrawn : 2 (7%)

No	Thematic Areas	Lead Country	Indicative Timeline	Source of Fund	Status/Progress
<b>Strengthening institutional capacity of ACWC</b>					
1	Fund Raising Activity (ACWC Fund)	AMS	ON-GOING	ASEAN Member States  ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other partners (voluntary)	<p>The CPR Chair wrote to the ACWC Chair on 25 November 2014 indicating the CPR's endorsement of the draft TOR of the ACWC Fund. Subsequently, the official letters of endorsement of the TOR of the ACWC Fund have been obtained from the AMMSWD Ministers of all AMS.</p> <p><b>As of 31 July 2017, the contributions of Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Philippines and Malaysia have been received. The contribution from Indonesia is awaited.</b></p>
2	Institutional Strengthening of the ACWC	The Philippines	ON-GOING	EU READI Facility	<p>The concept of the Project was presented by the Philippines at the Special ACWC Meeting on 26-27 November 2013 in Brunei Darussalam and received inputs from other ASEAN Member States during and after the Meeting.</p> <p>The Consultation Meeting on ACWC Institutional Strengthening was held on 24-25 September 2013. The Summary Record was submitted by ASEC to ACWC on 21 January 2014 for comment by 4 February 2014.</p> <p>The draft concept paper of the ACWC Institutional Strengthening Program was presented by the Philippines at the 8th ACWC Meeting. The draft design and content of the ACWC website were presented at the 11th ACWC Meeting.</p>





					<p>The project received support from the EU under the READI Human Rights Facility.</p> <p>A consultant was engaged for the Institutional Strengthening of ACWC project with funding support of the READI Human Rights Facility. The project was discussed during the ACWC Special Meetings in April 2016 in Bangkok, and June 2016 in Chiang Mai. The draft Report of Institutional Strengthening of ACWC was expected to be submitted to ACWC.</p> <p>The ACWC Special Meeting was convened on 20 September 2016 in Da Lat, Viet Nam, with the funding support of the READI Human Rights Facility. The Special Meeting reviewed outcomes of completed projects as part of the process to develop the ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020.</p> <p><b>The final draft Report of Institutional Strengthening of ACWC is awaited from the Philippines.</b></p> <p><b>ACWC Website</b></p> <p><b>The web developer was engaged to develop the ACWC website with funding support from the READI Human Rights Facility. The website has been developed with inputs from ASEC. Using the server of ASEC, the ACWC website address is: <a href="http://acwc.asean.org">http://acwc.asean.org</a>. The web developer continues to be engaged to maintain the website until mid-2017 with funding support of the READI Human Rights Facility. Following the extension of the READI HRF, the webmaster will provide services until October 2017. The ACWC will need to deliberate on the webmaster to maintain the ACWC website beyond the support of the READI HRF.</b></p>
			<b>COMPLETED</b>	<b>US PROGRESS Facility</b>	<p>The ACWC Institutional Strengthening Workshop (with the Inter-American Commission and Children's Aid Society) was held on 29-30 September 2014 in Jakarta with the support of the PROGRESS facility. The outcome document was submitted to the 9th ACWC Meeting for consideration, and ad-referendum finalised on 28 January 2015.</p> <p>The PROGRESS Facility earmarked under the Annual Work Plan 2015 its continued support to activities on prioritization of ACWC's work in future as a follow-up to the Workshop's deliberations. The ACWC Special Meeting to, among others, prioritise thematic areas for 2016-2020 was convened on 28-29 August 2015 at the ASEAN Secretariat with the support of the US PROGRESS. Report of the consultant was submitted by ASEC to the 11th ACWC Meeting.</p>





## Promotion of consultation and dialogue with stakeholders at national and regional levels

3	Formation of an ACWC Network of Social Service Agencies (NOSSA)	Singapore	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>	<p>The 1st Ad-Hoc Task Force Meeting on NOSSA was held back-to-back with 6th ACWC Meeting on 3 April 2013 in Jakarta.</p> <p>Responding to the ACWC's request following the Study Visit to U.S. in April 2012, the NOSSA project received support from the US PROGRESS Facility. The US PROGRESS Annual Work Plan 2014, which included the support to the NOSSA project, was ad-referendum endorsed by ACWC on 21 May 2014.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASEAN Social Service Agencies (ASSA) Roundtable Discussion and Training</li> </ul>	Singapore	8-10 April 2014 (Training)	<b>Singapore</b>	<p>The ASSA Roundtable Discussion was postponed by Singapore as the few nominations received were largely not in line with the selection criteria that had been previously discussed and agreed.</p> <p>The training course for frontline social workers was held at Singapore's Social Service Institute from 8-10 April 2014. Singapore sponsored the airfares and accommodation, course fees and meals of the delegates.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-country consultations</li> </ul>	ASEAN Member States	January – February 2015	<b>PROGRESS Facility</b>	<p>The NOSSA project's scope and timelines including in-country workshops to gather information for the development of the sustainability plan was briefed by the NOSSA project consultants at the 9th ACWC Meeting in October 2014 and 10th SOMSWD in November 2014. Subsequently, the series of in-country consultations were convened from January to February 2015. The NOSSA Synthesis Report, Country Reports and Country Profiles prepared by the consultants have been consulted with and finalised by ACWC.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launching of NOSSA</li> </ul>	Singapore	TBC	<b>PROGRESS Facility</b>	<p>The profiles of the 33 SSA members of NOSSA have been developed by the project consultant and are currently being consulted with the SSAs for finalisation. The final compilation of the SSA profiles is for the directory of NOSSA.</p> <p><b>Following the confirmation of Singapore to discontinue being the lead country for NOSSA project at the 13th ACWC Meeting, the ACWC Chair considered retaining NOSSA under a different name and under the coordination of Indonesia. This information has been officially conveyed to the US Mission to ASEAN by Singapore and Indonesia.</b></p> <p>Indonesia may wish to further update ACWC on the status of project.</p>



## Elimination of violence against women and children

4	<p>Study/Research on VAC and VAW:</p> <p>VAC: Review legislations, national plans/programmes, and other national mechanisms relating to the prevention, protection, prosecution, rehabilitation, recovery, reintegration of VAC</p> <p>a. VAW: Review emerging legislations and legal enforcement concerning EVAW, including cyber VAW, as well as traditions and customs that condoned VAW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study result to be informed to stakeholders, incl. religious and community leaders through workshops (regional/national)</li> </ul>	<p>Myanmar and the Philippines</p> <p>(with the support of Indonesia and Malaysia)</p> <p>Identified partners: SOMSWD, UNICEF, ILO, Plan International, Save the Children</p> <p>The Philippines Indonesia</p> <p>(with the support of Lao PDR)</p>	<p><b>WITHDRAWN</b></p> <p><b>TO BE CARRIED FORWARD IN THE ACWC WORK PLAN 2016-2020</b></p>	<p><b>UNICEF (TBC)</b></p> <p><b>To be advised by the proponent</b></p>	<p>Myanmar had consulted the concept paper with UNICEF and its local government, and would submit the revised concept paper to the ACWC in due course.</p> <p>UNICEF promised to provide final report of their legislative review study in due course, and encourage using the study to form a basis for further development of the project. UNICEF expressed its interest to Myanmar (Ms. Rupal Mya) to support this project.</p> <p>The ACWC Representatives from Indonesia (Mr. Taufan Damanik), Malaysia (Prof. Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng), and the Philippines (Ms. Amihan Abueva) agreed to support Myanmar in fine tuning the project proposal.</p> <p>UNICEF had completed its Analysis of Domestic Laws Relating to Violence against Children in ASEAN States. Myanmar was advised during the 9th ACWC Meeting that this Analysis could provide it with feedback in deciding on how this project should be carried forward. At the 10th ACWC Meeting on 25-27 February 2015 at the ASEAN Secretariat, Myanmar informed the Meeting that the scope of the study will be narrowed down.</p> <p>At the ACWC Special Meeting that on 28-29 August 2015, Myanmar informed the Meeting on its intention to withdraw the project.</p> <p>At the 10th ACWC Meeting on 25-27 February 2015, the Philippines informed the Meeting that the proposal had not been completed fully as it has been focusing on the implementation of other projects of the ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016.</p> <p><b>The Philippines informed the Meeting that they would like to carry this project over to the new ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020.</b></p>
5	<p>Compilation of ASEAN best practices in eliminating VAW and VAC</p> <p>Project Title: Publication of ASEAN Best Practices in Eliminating Violence Against Women and Children</p>	<p>Malaysia</p> <p>Task Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philippines, Indonesia (VAC)</li> <li>TBC for VAW</li> </ul>	<p><b>2012-2013</b></p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>	<p><b>Malaysia</b></p>	<p>The publication was launched by the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia at the closing ceremony of the 12th ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Meeting on 13 December 2013 in Kuala Lumpur. The publication was distributed to ASEAN Member States through their respective Embassies in Kuala Lumpur, and uploaded to the ACWC webpage in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat.</p>



6	<p>Women's rights: Public campaign to stop VAW through activities commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of VAW (25 November):</p> <p>a. Pamphlets of anti VAW with compiled pictures of VAW cases in ASEAN Member States</p> <p>b. Public campaign through media in collaboration with the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Information (SOMRI). Message on anti VAW is to be broadcasted in AMS at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Women's rights (can be expanded to children's rights):</u></li> </ul> <p>Continue the public campaign annually on the ASEAN Day (8 August). Message is thematic each year, e.g. ageing women, women with disabilities, etc</p>	<p>Thailand</p> <p>Identified partner: SOMRI</p>	<p><b>ON-GOING ANNUALLY</b></p>	<p><b>Thailand</b> (with the support of UN Women)</p>	<p>An expert meeting was held in December 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting developed a Framework on ERAW Campaign to proceed with the implementation of the project. Thailand sought inputs from other AMS on the aspects of VAW to be highlighted in the video campaign. Since 2013, the video campaigns have been produced annually.</p> <p>Stickers, posters, pamphlets and website were developed by Thailand in 2013 with inputs from ACWC on VAW-related information (fact sheet, statistics, video, digital files of advocacy materials, or other forms) for the campaign website. The stickers, posters, CDs, and pamphlets were distributed at the 8th ACWC Meeting in February 2014.</p> <p>The ACWC Chair wrote to the SOMRI Chair in February 2014 seeking cooperation and support in disseminating and airing the campaign video. The letter was considered by SOMRI at its Meeting on 10 June 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, and was welcomed by SOMRI.</p> <p>At the 10th ACWC Meeting, Thailand announced the theme of the campaign in 2015, "violence against women and girls throughout their lifecycle".</p> <p>The ACWC Chair wrote to the SOMRI Chair on 18 November 2015 seeking cooperation and support in disseminating and airing the campaign. The SOMRI Chair wrote on 23 November 2015 to SOMRI Leaders and ASEAN COCI SCI Focal Points requesting for the public campaign to be aired in available media channels in their respective countries.</p> <p>At 13th ACWC Meeting, Thailand informed the Meeting that Thailand will continue to broadcast the spot of 2015 for 2016 due to unavailability of budget.</p> <p>The ACWC Chair wrote to the SOMRI Chair on 22 November 2016 seeking cooperation and support in disseminating and airing the campaign.</p> <p><b>Thailand informed that the video for 2017 will be their last video contribution for the annual campaign.</b></p>
7	<p><u>Children's rights:</u> Development of guidelines for non-violent approach to child rearing and child caring in various settings (e.g. family, community, school, institution, work place) in ASEAN</p>	<p>Thailand</p> <p>(with the support of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Viet Nam)</p> <p>Identified partners: Save the Children (Sweden), Plan International, UNICEF, Dialogue Partners</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>	<p><b>Thailand</b></p>	<p>At the 6th and 7th ACWC Meetings, Thailand requested for annotated bibliographies from ACWC (incl. research summaries, articles, national/ local plans of actions, and related laws/ regulations/decrees concerning non-violent practices on child rearing and child caring in various setting, among others).</p> <p>At the 9th ACWC Meeting, Thailand expressed its commitment to lead the project implementation for completion by 2016. Thailand requested other AMS to secure funds for activities at national level, while Thailand would also explore with UNICEF for some support through its Country Offices in AMS.</p>



					<p>been circulated to SOMSWD for inputs and comments with the deadline of 21 September 2015.</p> <p>Thailand presented the revised draft Guideline at the 11th ACWC Meeting on 18-20 October 2015. Subsequently, AMS were further consulted through ad-referendum. The draft Guideline was further reviewed and finalised at the 12th ACWC Meeting. The publication of the Guideline was distributed during the AICHR-SOMTC Consultation on TIPs on 29-30 September 2016 in Jakarta and the 13th ACWC Meeting in October 2016 in Singapore.</p>
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**The right of children to participate in all affairs that affect them**

8	<p>Create an enabling environment for children to participate in decision making process</p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> <b>ASEAN Symposium on Creating an Enabling Environment for Children to Participate in Decision Making Process</b></p>	<p>The Philippines  (with the support of Cambodia Indonesia Malaysia Myanmar Singapore Thailand Viet Nam)</p> <p>Identified partners: SOMSWD, UNICEF, Plan International, Save the Children</p>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>UNICEF (TBC)</b>	<p>Several ACWC Representatives for children's rights attended the 2nd ASEAN Children's Forum in 2012 in Singapore. The 2nd ACF Child Representatives had a dialogue with ACWC in 2013 at ASEC.</p> <p>The project proposal of the Symposium was submitted by Philippines at the 6th ACWC Meeting. The Philippines briefed the 9th ACWC Meeting in 2014 on its in-country dialogue with the Philippine child delegates to the 3rd ASEAN Children's Forum. Taking into account children's report and recommendation, the Philippines proposed that the project could focus the child participation on particular issues of VAC, child trafficking and children with disabilities. The project would carry on under the coordination of the new Representative of the Philippines for children's rights.</p> <p>The 11th ACWC Meeting agreed that this proposal would be submitted to the EU for consideration of funding support. The READI Human Rights Facility confirmed funding support to the project under the Annual Work Plan III (until mid-2017).</p> <p>The Project Advisory Committee Meeting was held on 13-15 April 2016 in Manila and the Preparatory Meeting on 23-26 May 2016 in Manila. The concept note and proposed budget, draft TOR of regional researcher, draft TOR of national researchers, and draft research design were consulted with ACWC on 23 June 2016. ASEC consulted ACWC on 5 September 2016 on the Philippines' request for nomination of national researchers based on the revised TOR. The Researcher's Meeting for the Baseline Study on the Status of Child Participation in the ASEAN and Member States was conducted on 16-17 January 2017 in Manila, the Philippines. The Meeting discussed the methodology, research tool, template of country reports, and outline of regional report, and agreed on the timelines of next steps.</p> <p><b>The Consultation on Creating an Enabling Environment for Child Participation was held on 18-20 July 2017 in Manila, Philippines. In this consultation, the draft regional report was reviewed and additional inputs and guidance were given to the regional researcher.</b></p>
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## Trafficking in women and children

9	<p>Children's rights: Review existing practices on treatment/ management of victims of trafficking (i.e. rescue, recovery, repatriation, rehabilitation, reintegration, referral system, and assistance) of victims of trafficking in women and children among country of origin, transit countries, and receiving country to strengthen the assistance mechanism for victims of trafficking</p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> <b>Regional Review of the Management and Treatment of Trafficked Women and Children – Striving for Consistent, Comprehensive and Complementary Treatment</b></p>	<p>Lao PDR</p> <p>Identified partners: SOMTC, UNODC, ILO, IOM, UNICEF, World Vision, Asia ACT, CSOs- Women Caucus, CRC Asia</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>	<p><b>READI Facility and PROGRESS Facility</b></p>	<p>The project proposal was submitted at the 8th ACWC Meeting. The project received funding support jointly from the EU READI and US PROGRESS.</p> <p>At the 8th ACWC Meeting, Lao PDR updated the Meeting on the preparation and timelines of the implementation.</p> <p>At the 9th ACWC Meeting, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand reaffirmed their commitment to be an ad-hoc task force for the project. At the 11th ACWC Meeting, Thailand withdrew its involvement in the ad-hoc task force.</p> <p>The regional consultant, Dr. Anne Gallagher, had been engaged and developed the TIP baseline assessment report. The draft report was reviewed at the ACWC Special Meeting on 29 August 2015 at the ASEAN Secretariat. The draft Baseline Assessment Report was shared with SOMSWD for comment by 25 September 2015.</p> <p>The TOR of national consultants had been developed by the READI team and presented to ACWC on 29 August 2015 for finalisation. Subsequently,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The national consultants were nominated by ACWC for engagement by the READI.</li> <li>• The regional meeting of Dr. Anne, project's advisory group, regional coordinator and national consultants was held on 16-17 October 2015 in Manila.</li> <li>• The national consultations took place from October 2015 to January 2016.</li> <li>• The draft country reports were produced by the national consultants and consulted with the respective ACWC Representatives for finalisation.</li> </ul> <p>The regional synthesis report was developed by the regional researcher, Dr. Apiradee Thienthong, for submission to the 12th ACWC Meeting for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Launch of the Regional Review was carried out on 28 September 2016 in Jakarta. It was attended by, among others, the representatives of ACWC, SOMTC and AICHR, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ACW and ACMW, as well as Ambassadors of US, EU and other Dialogue Partners to ASEAN, CPR, ASEAN Secretariat, local NGOs and media</li> </ul>
10	<p><u>Women's rights:</u> Promotion of "access of justice" among victims of VAW, focusing on victims of trafficking by sending the legal enforcers and policemen to the training/ workshop that offers gender sensitized modules on comprehensive aspects of handling trafficking cases (e.g. referral system, repatriation, services to victims, etc.)</p>	<p>Brunei Darussalam Indonesia</p> <p>Identified partner: SOMTC</p>	<p><b>Gender Sensitive Guideline for Handling Women Victims of TIPS (COMPLETED)</b></p>	<p><b>British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam</b></p>	<p>The Workshop on the Promotion of Access to Justice for Women Victims of VAW Trafficking Cases was held on 3-5 February 2014 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.</p> <p>At the 8th ACWC Meeting, the draft Gender Sensitive Guideline for Handling Women Victims of Trafficking in Persons was reported by Brunei Darussalam.</p>



					<p>The revised draft Guideline was consulted with ACWC several times for improvement, i.e. in April 2014, September 2014 and January 2015. The document was also consulted with AICHR, SOMTC, ACW and SOMSWD for comment in October 2014.</p> <p>The Guideline was adopted at the 10th ACWC Meeting on 25-27 February 2015 and subsequently, submitted to AMMSWD for ad-referendum endorsement. As of 10 February 2016, the Guideline has obtained endorsement from the all AMMSWD Ministers. The publication was presented and distributed during the AICHR-SOMTC Consultation on TIPs on 29-30 September 2016 in Jakarta.</p>
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**Women participation in politics and decision making, governance and democracy<sup>1</sup>**

**Promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with disabilities**

11	<p><u>Children's rights:</u> <b>Setting performance standards on service delivery for children with disabilities</b></p>	<p>Brunei Darussalam</p> <p>(with the support of Indonesia, Lao DPR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand)</p> <p>Identified partners : ESCAP, SOMSWD, SOMHD, UNICEF, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, CSOs</p>	<p><b>TO BE CARRIED FORWARD UNDER THE NEW ACWC WORK PLAN 2016-2020</b></p>	<p><b>UNICEF (TBC)</b></p>	<p>The Project Proposal was submitted to the EU for funding support under the READI Facility, but was not selected.</p> <p>UNICEF expressed interest to support this project and had approached the lead country.</p> <p>Considering the limited fund of UNICEF, Brunei Darussalam informed the 9th ACWC Meeting that they would trim down the indicative budget and stagger the implementation into three phases to make it more feasible for UNICEF to support.</p> <p>At the 10th ACWC Meeting in February 2015, Brunei Darussalam informed that it will revise the concept paper and proposed that the project be carried out under the ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020.</p> <p>The 11th ACWC Meeting agreed that the ACWC Chair would resubmit the proposal to the EU for consideration of support.</p> <p><b>The revised proposal was submitted by ACWC Chair to the EU Ambassador to ASEAN on 5 May 2016 for consideration of support. The proposal of the new E-READI Facility is not yet available for sharing with ASEAN bodies.</b></p>
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<sup>1</sup>The women's group considered activities to promote temporary special measures to promote women's participation in decision making level in public and private sectors, which are pending identification of concrete, doable and impactful actions. This thematic area can be revisited by the ACWC in due course.





## Child Protection System: Comprehensive / Integrative Approach for Children in Need for Special Protection (e.g. Victims of Abuse and Neglect, Trafficking, Child Labour, Children affected by statelessness, undocumented migrant children, HIV/AIDS, Natural Disaster, Conflicts, and Children in Juvenile Justice System / Children in conflict with the law (CICL))

12	<p><u>Children's rights:</u> Setting performance standards on integrative child protection system</p>	<p>Indonesia</p> <p>Identified partners: SOMSWD, UNESCAP, UNICEF, CSO, Save the Children (UK)</p>	ON-GOING	READI Facility	<p>The revised project proposal was submitted at the 6th ACWC Meeting. The project received funding support from the EU READI Human Rights Programme. A consultant has been engaged and the draft report was presented at the 11th ACWC Meeting in October 2015. Inputs for improvement were received from AMS.</p> <p>In January 2016, the new consultants, Ms. Hermasari Dharmabumi and Ms. Agnes Camacho, were engaged by Indonesia to replace the former consultant, Mr. Jaillani, in continuing the improvement of the draft report.</p> <p>The draft Baseline Study Report was reviewed at the 12th ACWC Meeting in February 2016, the ACWC Special Meetings in April 2016 in Bangkok, and June 2016 in Chiang Mai. Following submission of inputs from Brunei Darussalam, Singapore and Viet Nam, the draft Baseline Study is currently consulted with ACWC through referendum for finalization.</p> <p>As of 10 February 2017, the revised draft Performance Standard (which has been decided by ACWC to become "Guideline") is still awaited from the consultant.</p> <p>In order to further review and complete the substantive editing of the draft Baseline Study and draft Guidelines, an editor is proposed by Indonesia to be hired under the support of READI HRF.</p> <p><b>During the Consultation on Creating an Enabling Environment for Child Participation was held on 18-20 July 2017 in Manila, Philippines, the editor presented the revised draft Baseline Study. In this meeting, an agreement was made to revise the framework and outline of the regional report to make the report succinct and streamlined. Also, a Core Group was established, composed of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, and the Philippines, to discuss the revisions to the framework and outline, and provide guidance to the editor. The Core Group had a meeting on 31 July 2017 at the ASEAN Secretariat and finalised the revised framework and outline. Both the revised framework and outline were consulted with ACWC Representative, which was subsequently approved referendum. The editor agreed to submit the revised regional report following the revised framework and outline on 31 August 2017.</b></p>
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## The right to early childhood and quality education

13	<p><u>Children's rights:</u> Develop standards for quality ECCDE and child development index</p>	<p>Malaysia</p> <p>Identified partners: UNESCO, UNICEF, SOMSWD, SOMHD, SEAMEO, SOMED</p>	<p><b>ECCDE Quality Standards (COMPLETED)</b></p> <p><b>Child Development Index (PLANNED)</b></p>	<p><b>READI Facility</b></p>	<p>The project received support from the READI Human Rights Programme. The ASEAN quality standards for pre-school and childcare services were developed by the ACWC at the Workshop held in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, on 7-10 December 2015 with the involvement of SOM-ED and SOMSWD. Following the Workshop, the draft Guideline was consulted to ACWC for review. Inputs and comments were received from Thailand, Philippines, Myanmar and Brunei Darussalam.</p> <p>The Guideline was reviewed and finalised at the 12th Meeting on 16 February 2016, and submitted to AMMSWD for adoption. As of 30 September 2016, endorsement has been received from Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The 9th AMMSWD on 29 September 2016 noted that Lao PDR in principle supports the ECCDE Quality Standards and informed that time is needed to consult relevant agencies. The Meeting further noted that Cambodia has agreed to the ECCDE Quality Standards and informed that the official letter will be submitted to ASEC. Endorsements from Indonesia and Myanmar are awaited.</p> <p><b>At the 12th, 13th and 14th ACWC Meetings, Malaysia expressed its commitment to continue with the next phase of developing a Child Development Index.</b></p>
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## Promoting implementation of International, ASEAN and other instruments related to the rights of women and children

14	<p>Promoting convergence among CEDAW and CRC Committees and ACWC for more effective regional implementation of the Concluding Observations</p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Regional Workshop on Promoting the Rights of ASEAN Women and Children through Effective Implementation of the Common Issues in CEDAW and CRC Concluding Observations with Focus on Girl Child</p>	<p>Viet Nam Indonesia Philippines</p> <p>Identified partner: UNICEF, UN Women</p>	<p><b>20-22 August 2013, Da Nang</b></p> <p><b>(COMPLETED)</b></p>	<p><b>UNICEF, UN Women</b></p>	<p>The Workshop was conducted on 20-22 August 2013 in Da Nang, Viet Nam. At the Special ACWC Meeting in November 2013, Viet Nam reported the Recommendations of the Regional Workshop.</p> <p>Following the Workshop's recommendations, the ACWC Chair had written to the CEDAW and CRC Committee Chairs to explore ways of engagement and received a positive response from the CEDAW Chair. The recommended issues had been included in the draft ASEAN – UN Women Framework Agreement for Cooperation. Positive responses from the CEDAW and CRC Committees were received.</p> <p><b><u>Right of Women and Children to Nationality (initiative of ACWC-Viet Nam and UNHCR, with participation of ACWC Representatives)</u></b></p> <p>In conjunction with the above-mentioned Workshop, Viet Nam also hosted the Regional Workshop on Promoting the Right to a Nationality for Women and Children in the Implementation of CEDAW and CRC in ASEAN on 19 August 2013 in Da Nang, Viet Nam. The Workshop's Recommendations were also presented at the Special ACWC Meeting in November 2013.</p>
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					<p>As a follow-up, the Regional Consultation Workshop on Promoting the Rights of ASEAN Women and Children through Effective Implementation of the Common Issues in CEDAW and CRC Concluding Observations with Focus on Girls was convened 14-15 January 2016 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. Recommendations were developed by the delegates and will be reported by Viet Nam at the 12th ACWC Meeting.</p> <p>The Regional Workshop to Evaluate Activities Led by ACWC Viet Nam Relating to the Rights to a Nationality for Women Children and to Develop Further Proposals for Collaboration was held on 21-22 September 2016 in Da Lat, Viet Nam. Outcomes of the Workshop was reported by Viet Nam at the 13th ACWC Meeting.</p> <p>Viet Nam informed the 13th ACWC Meeting on a follow-up project to the Rights to Nationality entitled 'Promoting the further implementation of the right to a nationality for women and children in ASEAN to facilitate the implementation of the CEDAW and CRC and to contribute to building the ASEAN Community' will be developed. This activity will be included in the ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020. The concept paper was consulted on 5 October 2016. Inputs from Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand were conveyed to Viet Nam.</p>
15	<p><u>Women's rights:</u> ASEAN progress report on women's advancement and gender equality (once every 3 years)</p>	<p>The Philippines</p> <p>Identified partners: UNICEF, CSOs</p>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<p><b>The Philippines requested for the READI Facility's partial support</b></p>	<p>The Summary Report on the Experts' Consultative Meeting on the Progress Report on Women's Advancement and Gender Equality, 22-23 September 2013, Quezon City, Philippines, was circulated by ASEC on 21 January 2014 for comment. The revised report was submitted by the Philippines to the 8th ACWC Meeting. The Philippines present the report outline and methodology at the 9th ACWC Meeting, and requested AMS to provide good practices and success stories of NGOs and governments, and country reports on gender and labour migration, rural development, labour and employment, and climate change.</p> <p>The Project was one of the ten ACWC Projects submitted to the EU for funding support under the READI Facility, but was not selected by the EU afterwards. The proposal was re-submitted by the ACWC Chair in 2014 and received approval from the EU for support under the READI Human Rights Programme</p> <p>The Philippines updated the 11th ACWC Meeting that with the support of the EU READI, the development of the Progress Report on Women's Rights, Empowerment and Gender Equality had been accelerated. A Senior Researcher and a Regional Coordinator had been engaged.</p>



					<p>The draft Regional Progress Report on Women's Rights and Gender Equality was submitted to ACWC for comments in November 2015. Comments and endorsements were received from nine AMS. The revised draft Regional Progress Report was reviewed at the 12th ACWC Meeting in February 2016, ACWC Special Meeting in April 2016 in Bangkok, and ACWC Special Meeting in June 2016 in Chiang Mai. The final draft is being consulted with ACWC through ad-referendum on 19 September 2016 for finalisation.</p> <p>Following the endorsement of the Country Progress Report by all AMS, an editor has been hired under the support of READI HRF to improve and edit the layout of the report. The proposed TOR of the editor was consulted with ACWC and ad-referendum agreed on 13 January 2017.</p> <p><b>The layout and printing of the report is now on-going.</b></p>
16	<p>Children's rights: Organise a Consultative Meeting on culture and religious practices impacting on the rights of children</p> <p>Project Title: Consultative Meeting on Cultural and Religious Practices Impacting the Rights of Children</p>	Indonesia	<b>18-20 November 2014, Jakarta (COMPLETED)</b>	UNICEF	<p>The revised concept paper was submitted to the 6th ACWC Meeting. Indonesia will report the implementation plan at the 9th ACWC Meeting.</p> <p>At the Special ACWC Meeting in November 2013, Indonesia updated the Meeting that UNICEF had expressed interest to support the project with the formalisation of its support pending the signing of the ASEAN-UNICEF Framework Agreement for Cooperation.</p> <p>The Consultative Meeting was convened on 18-20 November 2014 in Jakarta with the support of UNICEF. It was attended by religious leaders, cultural leaders and government officials from AMS. Indonesia reported to the 10th ACWC Meeting with the outcomes of the Consultative Meeting. Further update from Indonesia on the next actions of this project is needed.</p>
<b>Gender equality in education (textbook, curriculum, equal access)</b>					
17	<p><u>Women's rights:</u> <b>Development of guidelines on non-gender stereotyping in curriculum and textbook writing for higher education level in collaboration with the ACW</b> <i>(NB: AMS to provide the Philippines with information on curriculum and textbooks)</i></p> <p>a. Convene a consultative meeting with the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED) to share the guidelines</p>	<p>The Philippines</p> <p>Identified partners: ACW (also initiated in ACW Work Plan 2011-2015)</p> <p>SOM-ED</p>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>To be advised by the proponent</b>	<p>At the 7th ACWC Meeting, the Philippines proposed that the ACWC could explore collaboration with the ACW as the ACW initiated similar projects entitled "Regional Meeting on Engendering School Curriculum with a View to Eliminate Stereotyping Women and Sexist Languages" and "Development and publication of a sourcebook on best practices in engendering the school curriculum, including at the tertiary level". Philippines proposed a possibility of merging the projects for effective resources and impact.</p> <p>During the ACWC Chair's consultation with the ACW at the 12th ACW Meeting, the ACW agreed that the concerned Project Country Coordinators from the ACW and ACWC sides to discuss the project proposals and explore the possible ways of collaboration by merging the activities as much as possible for effective resource management and greater impacts. In case merger is not possible due</p>





					<p>to different objectives, the activities would need to build synergy in their respective focuses. The revised project proposals would then be further consulted with the ACW and ACWC for final endorsement. However, the consultation process should not delay the schedules of implementation set by the concerned Country Coordinators as they relate to the disbursement of funds from external sources.</p> <p>The ACWC-ACW Consultation Meeting in October 2014 in Myanmar noted that ACWC-Philippines and ACW-Thailand agreed that while the ACW would focus on primary and secondary schools, the ACWC would focus on tertiary level. The two projects will be implemented in collaboration. The ACWC-ACW Special Meeting in October 2015 in Manila noted that preparation of the ACW's project was on-going with the support of the EU READI. The Conference was scheduled for May 2016.</p> <p>The Philippines updated the 13th ACWC Meeting that the Conference was scheduled to be conducted in 2017. The Meeting also noted the request from the Philippines on the nomination of the national researchers.</p> <p><b>At the 5th Coordination Meeting of the READI HRF held on 25 April 2017 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Meeting noted that ACW Thailand had decided to postpone it to 2019 and agreed to reallocate the unused funds. The Meeting noted that ACWC Philippines will push through with their part of the project in late 2017 or early 2018, but not seek funding support from READI.</b></p>
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**Women and children living with and affected by HIV and AIDS**

**Social impact of climate change on women and children**

18	<p>Conduct a regional conference on the social impact of climate change on women and children in ASEAN with policy makers, programme developers, and service providers</p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Regional Conference on the Social Impact of Climate Change on Women and Children in ASEAN</p>	<p>Philippines, Cambodia</p> <p>(children's rights: Lao PDR, Indonesia, Myanmar, Viet Nam)</p> <p>Identified partners: UN Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Assistance,</p> <p>ACW (also initiated in ACW Work Plan 2011-2015), ASOEN, ACDM</p>	<b>COMPLETED</b>	The Government of Cambodia	<p>At the Special ACWC Meeting in November 2013, it was agreed that the activity could be explored for joint collaboration with the ACW as the ACW also planned for a similar activity jointly led by Malaysia and Viet Nam, entitled "Inter-Ministerial Workshop on Gender Issues in Climate Change and Its Adaptation". The ACWC Chair was requested to indicate this interest in her Meeting with the ACW on 12 December 2013 during the 12th ACW Meeting in Kuala Lumpur.</p> <p>At the 12<sup>th</sup> ACW Meeting, it was noted that while ACW-Malaysia and Viet Nam planned the Workshop for October 2014 with the READI Facility support, the ACWC-Cambodia planned the Conference in early 2014 with external funding sources to be confirmed. In case the two initiatives would need to proceed separately, it was emphasized that synergy would need to be built in terms of topics of discussions and target participants.</p>
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					<p>The Regional Conference on the Social Impact of Climate Change on Women and Children was convened in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 25-26 March 2015. The Recommendation of the Conference was presented at the ACWC's Regional Conference on the Social Impact of Climate Change on Women and Children in ASEAN held in Langkawi, Malaysia on 9-11 June 2015.</p> <p>The 11th ACWC Meeting agreed that the Recommendations of the Conference should be uploaded to the ACWC webpage. The Meeting requested Cambodia to review and prioritise the Recommendations that could be followed up by the ACWC.</p>
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**Strengthening economic rights of women with regards to feminization of poverty, women's rights to land and property**

19	<p><u>Women's rights:</u> Study and compilation of best practices on:</p> <p>a. Economic empowerment of women through social enterprise and ICT</p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Compilation of Best Practices on Economic Empowerment on Women through Social Enterprise and ICT</p>	<p>Malaysia  (with the support of Indonesia, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Lao PDR)</p>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<p>Malaysia presented at the 6th ACWC Meeting the Best Practices of Malaysia on Economic Empowerment of Women Through Social Enterprise and ICT, i.e. Purple DNA. Member States who are interested can obtain further information at <a href="http://www.purpledna.my">http://www.purpledna.my</a>.</p> <p>At the 7th ACWC Meeting, Malaysia agreed to develop the guidelines for the write-ups of best practices for submission to the ACWC as soon as possible. Malaysia proposed that the publication would be implemented in 2014. Malaysia updated the 9th ACWC Meeting that the draft guideline would be submitted by the end of November 2014, and expressed hope that the publication could be completed in early 2015.</p> <p>The 12th ACWC Meeting agreed with the proposal of Malaysia to revise the project proposal to include a study/analysis on women's economic empowerment. The 13th ACWC Meeting agreed that the compilation of good practices would led by Malaysia would focus on economic empowerment of women through social enterprises, whilst the Cambodia-led new initiative would focus on economic empowerment of women through ICT.</p> <p><b>Submission of the guideline for development of best practices is being awaited from Malaysia.</b></p>
	<p>b. Economic rights of women, particularly to land and property</p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Strengthening Economic Rights of Women with regard to Feminization of Poverty Particularly Women's Rights to Land and Property</p>	<p>Indonesia  (with the support of Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR)</p>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>To be advised by the proponent</b>	<p>A follow-up Expert Meeting to Develop a Study Framework on Women's Economic Rights to Land and Property in ASEAN Countries was held on 10-11 June 2013.</p> <p>Indonesia reported that the outcome documents of the Expert Meeting held in June 2013 were being finalized by the experts and would be submitted to the ACWC prior to the 8th ACWC Meeting. To date, the outcome documents are pending submission to ACWC.</p> <p>Indonesia updated the ACWC Special Meeting in November 2013 that the project implementation was postponed to 2014 as the confirmation of support from UN Women and the READI Facility. The Project was submitted to the EU for funding support under the READI Facility, but was not selected.</p>





					<p>Indonesia updated the 9th ACWC Meeting that the first phase of the project was completed and the outcome documents would be submitted to ACWC soon. Indonesia continued to explore with UN Women for support to the second phase of the project, and had not received confirmation. Indonesia proposed for exploration of funding support with Australia. The project would be carried forward under the coordination of the new Representative for women's rights, with the continued support of the ad-hoc task force comprising of the ACWC Representatives for women's rights from Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines and Lao PDR.</p> <p>At the 10th ACWC, Indonesia expressed interest to continue the project with the rest of the components. The ASEAN Secretariat updated the Meeting that the confirmation of support by USAID had not been obtained. The ASEAN Secretariat will continue to liaise with USAID on this matter. Indonesia was advised to amend the Summary Record of the Meeting that should take into account the comments and inputs from AMS.</p> <p>The 11th ACWC Meeting agreed that the ACWC Chair would resubmit the proposal for the EU's consideration of support. Indonesia submitted the proposal to the 12th ACWC Meeting. The proposal was submitted by ACWC Chair to the EU Ambassador to ASEAN on 5 May 2016 for consideration of support. The proposal of the new e-READI Facility is not yet available for sharing with ASEAN bodies.</p> <p>The 13th ACWC Meeting noted the confirmation of ACWC Indonesia to revise the concept paper and re-submit it to ACWC for consideration. As a follow-up to the Open Session with UN Women at the 13th ACWC Meeting, the revised concept paper has been discussed by Indonesia with UN Women for consideration of support.</p> <p><b>The concept note was reviewed during the 14th ACWC Meeting.</b></p>
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**Adolescent physical and mental health**

20	<p><u>Children's rights:</u> Consultative Meeting on social impact of reproductive health on children</p>	<p>Viet Nam</p> <p>Identified partners: SOMHD, SOMED, UNFPA, UNICEF</p>	PLANNED	To be advised by the proponent	<p>A concept paper was submitted to the 6th ACWC Meeting. At the Special ACWC Meeting in November 2013, Viet Nam submitted the revised concept note and updated the Meeting that technical and/or funding support was being explored with UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, and Viet Nam Association of Family Planning.</p> <p>At the 9th and 10th ACWC Meetings, Viet Nam shared information that it continued to explore funding support from partner organisations and thus, proposed that the project implementation could be postponed to 2015. Viet Nam reaffirmed its commitment to lead the project.</p> <p><b>The concept paper is being awaited from Viet Nam.</b></p>
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### Active ageing among women

21	<p><u>Women's rights:</u> Compilation of ASEAN best practices in encouraging active ageing among women</p> <p><u>New Title:</u> Promotion of active ageing among women in ASEAN</p>	Singapore	WITHDRAWN	To be advised by the proponent	<p>No concept paper/project proposal received.</p> <p>Singapore informed the 7th ACWC Meeting that Singapore's elderly policy portfolio had been transferred from the Ministry of Social and Family Development to the Ministry of Health (MOH). Singapore proposed for the ACWC's cross-sectoral cooperation with the health sectoral body in jointly undertaking this project. Singapore would submit the concept paper after consultation with its MOH.</p> <p>As Singapore was focusing on the NOSSA project and the concept paper had not been completed due to the continued consultation with the MOH, the 9th ACWC noted that the project was proposed to be postponed to the next ACWC Work Plan. The Meeting agreed with Singapore's proposal.</p> <p>At the 10th ACWC Meeting on 25-27 February 2015 at the ASEAN Secretariat, Singapore informed the Meeting that the concept paper would be submitted to ACWC. The Meeting recalled that there is a similar project on active ageing in ASEAN under SOMSWD. Accordingly, the Meeting agreed with the proposal of Singapore to withdraw this project.</p>
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### Gender perspective in policies, strategies and programmes for migrant workers

22	<p><u>Women's rights:</u> High level consultation on the gender perspective in policies, strategies and programmes for migrant workers (experts and relevant policy makers to be invited)</p> <p><u>New Title:</u> ASEAN Regional Conference of Senior Officials on Strengthening the Protection and Empowerment of Women Migrant Workers</p>	<p>Philippines Indonesia</p> <p>Identified partners: SLOM / ACMW</p>	<p><b>13-14 November 2014, Manila</b></p> <p><b>(COMPLETED)</b></p>	ILO Government of the Philippines	<p>At the 7<sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting, The Philippines informed the Meeting that the ACW initiated a similar project entitled "Inter-Ministerial Seminar to share information and experiences in promoting gender sensitive strategies and services for female migrant workers who are victims of discrimination and violence".</p> <p>Facilitated by the ASEAN Secretariat, the project proponents from ACW and ACWC had considered and agreed to jointly undertake the projects. The International Labour Organization (ILO) confirmed its support this joint project of ACWC and ACW. ILO had a meeting with ACW and ACWC Philippines on the arrangement of the support.</p> <p>During the ACWC Chair's consultation with the ACW at the 12th ACW Meeting, the ACW agreed to collaborate and merge the two activities as much as possible for effective resource management and greater impacts.</p> <p>The Conference was jointly hosted by the ACWC Representative of the Philippines for women's rights and ACW Focal Points of the Philippines. The Philippines reported the outcomes to the 10th ACWC Meeting.</p>
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## Gender Mainstreaming

23	<p>Women's rights: Development of ASEAN guidelines on gender mainstreaming programme and project planning and implementation</p>	<p>Malaysia AMS to participate</p>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>To be advised by the proponent</b>	<p>At the Special ACWC Meeting in November 2013, Malaysia welcomed inputs from other AMS and planned to start the project in 2014 subject to funding availability from the EU. The Project was submitted to the EU for funding support under the READI Facility, but was not selected.</p> <p>The Special ACWC Meeting agreed that the project could be explored for joint collaboration with the ACW. The ACWC Chair was requested to indicate this interest in her Meeting with the ACW on 12 December 2013 in Kuala Lumpur during the 12th ACW Meeting.</p> <p>Malaysia informed the 9th ACWC Meeting that it had not been successful in securing funds for this project and proposed for collaboration with ACW to jointly mobilize resources.</p> <p>The 11th ACWC Meeting agreed that the ACWC Chair would resubmit the proposal for the EU's consideration of support. Malaysia submitted the project proposal to the 12th ACWC Meeting. The proposal was submitted to the EU Ambassador to ASEAN on 5 May 2016 for consideration of support. The proposal of the new e-READI Facility is not yet available for sharing with ASEAN bodies.</p> <p>Following the 12th ACWC Meeting's deliberation, the ACWC Chair wrote to the ACW Chair expressing ACWC's interest to collaborate with ACW on developing gender mainstreaming strategies in ASEAN. The interest was consulted with ACW and welcomed. The matter has been further discussed at the 3rd ACWC-ACW Consultation Meeting.</p> <p>The 3rd ACWC-ACW Meeting's deliberation noted that that the ACW Philippines and ACWC Malaysia will co-lead the project. members of the Ad-hoc Working Group The ACWC-ACW Ad-hoc Working Group on Development of Gender Mainstreaming Strategies was successfully conducted on 14 February 2017 respectively, in Jakarta.</p> <p><b>Pursuant to the agreement made during the Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting, the First Regional Gender Mainstreaming Consultative Workshop was held on 10-11 July 2017 in Putrajaya, Malaysia. The workshop provided a venue for ASEAN Member States to share the progress of mainstreaming gender perspectives in the work of relevant ministries, as well as identify the challenges and gaps.</b></p>
<b>New Priorities</b>					
	<p>Women's Participation in Political Decision Making, Governance and Democracy</p>	<p>The Philippines</p>	<b>TO BE CARRIED FORWARD IN THE NEW ACWC WORK PLAN</b>	<b>To be advised by the proponent</b>	<p>At the 7<sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting, the Philippines informed that it would develop a project proposal for submission to the 8th ACWC Meeting and implementation in 2014.</p>



					<p>The Philippines updated the 9th ACWC Meeting that the concept paper would be submitted in 2015. At the 10th ACWC Meeting, the Philippines reported that they will limit the coverage and scope of the report to governance and democracy, and not political participation. The Philippines proposed for implementation in the next ACWC Work Plan.</p> <p>The Philippines updated the ACWC Special Meeting on 28-29 August 2015 that the main concept of the project is to promote young women leadership through model ASEAN. A small project will be piloted in Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur in November 2015 in collaboration with ASEAN Foundation and Philippines High Commission on Human Rights. The project is expected to be held annually. The Philippines informed the Meeting that the Conference On Women's Leader on Gender-Responsive Governance, Human Rights and Democracy will be held in 2017.</p> <p>The 11th ACWC Meeting agreed that the ACWC Chair would resubmit the proposal for the EU's consideration of support. <b>The proposal developed by the Philippines was consulted with ACWC in August 2016 and received no comment. Fund is reserved in the READI Human Rights Facility's Annual Work Plan III (until mid-2017). It means that the project could be support subject to availability of some unused fund based on calculation of the AWP III financial status in early-2017.</b></p> <p><b>The concept paper is being awaited from the Philippines.</b></p>
Early Marriage	Malaysia	<b>TO BE CARRIED FORWARD IN THE NEW ACWC WORK PLAN</b>	<b>To be advised by the proponent</b>	<p>The 8<sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting in February 2014 agreed with Malaysia's proposal to include a project on early marriage in the ACWC Work Plan and that Malaysia would develop the concept paper for the consideration of ACWC.</p> <p><b>The concept paper is being awaited from Malaysia.</b></p>	



## Matrix of the Status of Progress of Implementing the ACWC Work Plan 2016-2020



There are 48 activities identified with the overall status of projects/activities implementation:

- Institutional (on-going) : 2 (4%)
- Planned : 11 (23%)
- On-going : 6 (13%)
- Completed : 27 (56%)
- Withdrawn : 2 (4%)

ASCC Blueprint 2025		Programme/Projects/ Activities	Country Coordinator	Timeline	Potential Partner	Status/Progress
KRAs	Strategic Measures					
<b>Thematic Area 1: Strengthening institutional capacity of ACWC</b>						
A.2 B.3	A.2.7 B.3.6	1. ACWC Fund	ASEAN Secretariat as the custodian		ASEAN Member States  ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other partners (voluntary)	<b>On-going</b>  The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) on Voluntary Contribution of External Parties to the ACWC Fund is being consulted with working group composed of Women's Rights Reps from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand, and Children's Rights Reps from Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia, via ad-ref dated 15 March 2021, with a deadline of 22 March 2021  The Online Meeting of the Working Group for the Terms of Reference (TOR) on Voluntary Contribution of External Parties to the ACWC Fund was held on 6 July 2021 via video conference
A.2	A.2.2 A.2.6	2. Maintenance of the ACWC website: <a href="http://acwc.asean.org">http://acwc.asean.org</a>	ASEAN Secretariat		READI (until mid-2017)  ACWC to deliberate for post mid-2017 cost	<b>On-going</b>  - ASEAN Secretariat consulted IT Division on the cost of hiring a webmaster and informed the 16th ACWC Meeting. Deliberation of ACWC is pending - The 19th ACWC Meeting defer the utilisation of the ACWC Fund and to fully discuss the various options and modalities of its use during the ACWC Retreat in 2020 that will be organised by Viet Nam. The Meeting





						<p>further agreed that the working group will be composed of the ACWC Representatives for Women's Rights from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, and Thailand, and ACWC Representatives for Children's Rights from Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia. (19th ACWC SR para 18).</p>
A.2 B.3	A.2.1 A.2.5 B.3.4	3. Prevention and Response of Violence Against Women (VAW) in ASEAN Countries: to Use VAW Data for Advocacy	Indonesia	2019 – 2020		<p><b>Completed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The concept paper was circulated on 16 October 2018 for AMS's comments and inputs</li> <li>- The 18th ACWC Meeting agreed to submit inputs and endorsement two (2) weeks after the Meeting</li> <li>- AKPMT informed unavailability to provide funding support via email on 26 Feb 2019</li> <li>- Indonesia confirmed that the project will be implemented in 2020. Indonesia requested inputs to the Concept Note from ACWC Representatives. If funding support is not mobilised in time, then the project may be carried over to the next work plan (19th ACWC SR para 74.g)</li> </ul> <p>The online event entitled "Prevention and Response of Violence Against Women (VAW) in ASEAN Countries: to Use VAW Data for Advocacy" was conducted virtually on 3 June 2021</p>
A.2	A.2.2 A.2.6	4. A pilot project on Facebook page and other social media channels to increase ACWC's visibility	Thailand		ARCM/IAS at Chulalongkorn University (2018 to 2020) with potential support from Facebook	<b>On-going</b>
<b>Thematic Area 2: Elimination of violence against women and children</b>						
B.3 E.1 E.2	B.3.4 E.1.8 E.2.3	5. <u>Women's and Children's Rights</u>  Review emerging legislations and legal enforcement concerning elimination of cyber/online-based VAW and VAC	Indonesia (with the support of Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Malaysia)	2017	ASEAN-USAID PROSPECT (TBC)	<b>Withdrawn</b> Indonesia withdrew during the 19th ACWC Meeting (see SR para 73.j)
A.2 B.2 B.3	A.2.2 A.2.6 B.2.2 B.3.4 B.3.6 B.3.7	6. <u>Women's and Children's Rights</u> 1. Public campaign to stop VAW and VAC through media in collaboration with the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Information (SOMRI)  Public campaign can be designed to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of VAW (25 November) and Universal Children's Day (20 November)	Thailand	annually	TBC	<b>On-going</b>







<p>B.1 B.2 B.3</p>	<p>B.1.1 B.1.2 B.2.5 B.3.1</p>	<p><b>8. Women's and Children's Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 5-year programme of priority actions to implement the Regional Plan of Action on Elimination of Violence Against Children (RPA EVAC)</li> </ul> <p>Project title:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional Workshop for Promoting Comprehensive and Harmonized National Legislation aimed at Preventing and Combating Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE) in ASEAN Member States</li> <li>2. Strengthening the Legal Framework to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism</li> <li>3. Mid-term review of the ASEAN RPA on EVAC             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The 5-year programme of priority actions to implement the Regional Plan of Action on Elimination of Violence Against Women (RPA EVAW)</li> <li>b. Development of guidelines for VAW data collection and analysis in collaboration with ACW</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Thailand (with the support of Lao PDR)</p> <p>Thailand in collaboration with ECPAT International</p> <p>Development of the declaration by ACWC and SOMSWD</p> <p>Thailand in collaboration with AIPA and other relevant ASEAN bodies, as well as UNICEF, UN Women, ECPAT International, Save the Children, and other relevant partners</p> <p>Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>2018-2019</p> <p>2018-2019</p> <p>2018</p>	<p>ECPAT International</p> <p>ECPAT International</p> <p>UNICEF</p> <p>DFAT via UN Women</p>	<p><b>Completed</b> The Workshop was held on 2-3 November 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p><b>Completed</b> The Regional Kick-Off Workshop on Strengthening the Legal Framework to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism held on 26-27 July 2018 in Bali, Indonesia</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The mid-term review of ASEAN RPA on EVAC was done through national consultation in 9 AMS during the period of February - April 2019</li> <li>▪ Findings of the Consolidated Report of the Mid-Term Review of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence Against Children (ASEAN RPA EVAC) were shared at the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July 2019 in New York, United States</li> </ul> <p><b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>Completed</b> Launch of ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Violence Against Women and Girls Data Collection and Use was held on 27 April 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand</p>
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Thematic Area 3: The right of children to participate in all affairs that affect them						
B.2 B.3	B.2.8 B.2.9 B.3.7	9. Children's rights  ASEAN Consultation on Creating an Enabling Environment for Children to Participate in Decision Making Process	Philippines (with the support of the other 9 AMS)	2017	READI	<b>Completed</b>  Held on 14-15 April 2016 in Manila, Philippines  The draft report of the project "ASEAN Consultation on Creating an Enabling Environment" has been submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat. The Philippines requested the ASEAN Secretariat to circulate the draft report to ACWC
Thematic Area 4: Trafficking in women and children						
A.2 B.1 B.2 B.3	A.2.5 A.2.7 B.1.2 B.2.2 B.3.1 B.3.5 B.3.7	10. <u>Women's and Children's Rights</u>  1. Programme to strengthen response to victims of trafficking of persons, including training on the Gender Sensitive Guideline for Handling Women Victims of Trafficking in Persons, capacity building activities, and development of a guideline for TIP victim identification in line with ACTIP Article 14)  2. Pilot project on the implementation of ASEAN-ACWC Gender Sensitive Guideline for Handling Women Victims of Trafficking in Persons – translation into national language and organize workshop for Thai Front line officers	Thailand (in collaboration with AICHR and SOMTC)  Thailand	2017  2018 to February 2019	US PROGRESS  Department of Special Investigation, Ministry of Justice, ARCM/IAS at Chulalongkorn University and UN Women-Thailand Programme	<b>Completed</b>  The Regional Guidelines and Procedures to Address the Needs of Victim of Trafficking-in-Persons was endorsed during the 16th ACWC Meeting  <b>Completed</b> As reported at the 19th, 20th and 21st ACWC Meetings
D.4	D.4.4	11. <u>Children's Rights</u>  Strengthening the Survivor for Preventing TIP in ASEAN	Indonesia	2018	ROK UN Women (TBC) UNHCR (TBC)	<b>Planned</b>  Concept note was submitted to ROK. Awaiting revised concept note from Indonesia with support from UNFPA
Thematic Area 5: Promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with disabilities						
B.1.1 B.2	B.1.1 B.1.2 B.1.4 B.2.1 B.2.4	12. <u>Children's rights</u>  Setting Performance Standards on Service Delivery for Children with Disabilities	TBC	TBC	TBC	<b>Planned</b>
Thematic Area 6: Child Protection System: Comprehensive / Integrative Approach for Children in Need for Special Protection (e.g. victims of abuse and neglect, trafficking, child labour, children affected by statelessness, undocumented migrant children, HIV/AIDS, natural disaster, conflicts, and children in juvenile justice system / children in conflict with the law)						
B.2 B.3	B.2.8 B.2.9 B.3.7	13. <u>Children's Rights</u>  Reviewing the Current Child Protection System in ASEAN Member States	Indonesia	2017	READI	<b>Completed</b>  The final draft is being consulted with ACWC  ASEC submitted to the ACWC the final version of the "Child Protection System in ASEAN Member States" baseline report to the ACWC via email on 5 August 2021



B.3 E.1 E.2	B.3.7 E.1.8 E.2.3	14. <u>Children's Rights</u>  The Regional Workshop on Right to Identity for Marginalised Children in ASEAN Member States: "Birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law" UN Human Rights	Indonesia	2017	TBC	<b>Planned</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concept note was consulted and endorsed at the 14th ACWC Meeting</li> <li>Indonesia requested the ASEAN Secretariat to request feedback from UNHCR and determine whether there would be support for the project by the end of 2019</li> </ul>
A.2 B.3	A.2.5 B.3.7	15. <u>Children's Rights</u> Project on Diversion through Restorative Justice  Project title: International workshop on Diversion through Restorative Justice and International Conference	Thailand  Thailand	2017	The Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection (DJOP), Ministry of Justice Thailand, UNICEF EAPRO UNODC	<b>Completed</b>  The workshop was held on 26-28 June 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand
B.3 E.2	B.3.5 E.2.3	16. <u>Children's Rights</u>  Regional Dialogue on children bullying and abuse at schools and online	Viet Nam	2020	UNICEF	<b>Completed</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 1st Online Meeting on Children Bullying at Schools and Online in ASEAN was held on 26 November 2020</li> <li>Follow up activities will be included in the ACWC Work Plan 2021-2025</li> </ul>
B.1 B.3	B.1.1 B.3.3	17. <u>Children's Rights</u>  Children Sexual Abuse	Viet Nam	2018-2020	TBC	<b>Planned</b>  Viet Nam proposed at 20th and 21st ACWC Meeting that the project will be carried out in the ACWC Work Plan 2021-2025
B.1 B.3	B.1.1 B.3.3	18. <u>Children's Rights</u>  Consultation Meeting on Draft Principles for the Protection of the Rights of the Child in the Context of Surrogacy  <i>Previous title: ASEAN Workshop on Promoting control on surrogacy through surrogacy law to protect the rights of surrogate children and all relevant parties</i>	Thailand	2019	MSDHS Thailand, MoJ Cambodia, International Social Service (ISS), UNICEF	<b>Completed</b>  Conducted on 5-6 December 2019 in Siem Reap, Cambodia
B.1 B.3	B.1.1 B.3.3	19. <u>Children's Rights</u>  2018 ASEAN Conference on Juvenile Justice Reform	Thailand	2018	The Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection (DJOP), Ministry of Justice Thailand, UNICEF EAPRO	<b>Completed</b>  The conference was held on 8-11 May 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand







B.3 E.2	B.3.5 E.2.3	24. <u>Children's Rights</u>  Promoting the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in ASEAN	Indonesia (with the support of Lao PDR)	2018		<b>Planned</b>  - Awaiting revised concept paper - Sent to Ibu Yuyum AKPMT's response to the concept note on 24 September 2018. Reminder sent on 16 October 2018 - Awaiting partner's support - 19th ACWC Meeting suggested to update the title and focus area of the activity, for next ACWC Work Plan
B.2 B.3	B.2.2 B.3.2 B.3.7	25. <u>Children's and Women's Rights</u>  Public Budgeting for the Rights of Women and Children in ASEAN	Brunei Darussalam & Myanmar	2019-2020	CRC Asia UN Women Myanmar	<b>Planned</b>  - The deliberation of 16th ACWC Meeting was to merge this project with gender budgeting project led by Myanmar - The concept paper was circulated on 16 October 2018 for AMS's comments and inputs - Preparation of detailed project proposal in progress - Myanmar proposed to present at 6th ACWC-ACW Consultation Meeting for potential collaboration with ACW Indonesia

**Thematic Area 9: Gender equality in education (textbook, curriculum, equal access)**

A.2 B.1 B.3  E.2	A.2.7 B.1.2 B.3.1 B.3.4 B.3.7 E.2.3 E.2.5	26. <u>Women's rights</u>  Development of guidelines on non-gender stereotyping in curriculum and textbook writing for higher education level in collaboration with the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) and Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)  A consultative meeting with SOMED to share the guidelines	The Philippines	27-28 November 2018	Commission on Higher Education (CHED)	<b>Completed</b>  Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in Higher Education in ASEAN was held on 27-28 November 2017 in Manila, the Philippines. The Unity Statement as an outcome document of the Conference
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**Thematic Area 10: Social impact of climate change on women and children**

D.1 D.3 D.4 E.1	D.1.4 D.3.1 D.4.1 E.1.8	27. <u>Women's and Children's Rights</u> Project on Awareness Raising Campaign on Combatting the Social Impact of Climate Change on Women and Children in ASEAN  Project Title:  <i>(Follow-up to the recommendations of the Regional Conference on the Social Impact of Climate Change on Women and Children in ASEAN)</i>	Cambodia (with the support of Lao PDR)	2018	TBC	<b>Completed</b>  - Concept note was approved by the 15th ACWC Meeting - Working Group Meeting on "Awareness-raising Campaign on Combatting the Social Impact of Climate Change on Women and Children in ASEAN" was held on 21 June 2019 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia - The outcomes of the meeting consisting of finalised campaign materials were reported to the 19th ACWC and 6th ACWC-ACW Consultation Meeting in October 2019
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<b>D.3</b> <b>D.4</b>	<b>D.3.1</b> <b>D.4.1</b>	<p>28. <u>Women's and Children's Rights</u></p> <p>Conference on Policy Debate on Gender Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for ASEAN Countries</p>	Lao PDR	2017	ADB	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>The conference was held on 18-19 September 2017</p>
<b>Thematic Area 11: Strengthening economic rights of women with regards to feminisation of poverty, women's rights to land and property</b>						
<b>A.2</b> <b>B.2</b>	<b>A.2.7</b> <b>B.2.1</b> <b>B.2.6</b>	<p>29. <u>Women's Rights</u></p> <p>Compilation of Best Practices on Economic Empowerment of Women through Social Enterprise</p>	Malaysia (with the support of Indonesia, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Lao PDR)	2020	TBC	<p><b>Planned</b></p> <p>Malaysia shared concept paper to ASEC on 28 Feb 2019 for circulation to AMS</p> <p>The concept paper was circulated prior to and presented during 18th ACWC Meeting for inputs and endorsement</p>
<b>A.2</b> <b>B.2</b>	<b>A.2.7</b> <b>B.2.1</b> <b>B.2.6</b>	<p>30. <u>Women's Rights</u></p> <p>Mainstreaming Women's Empowerment in ASEAN: Leveraging Information and Communication Technologies in Support of Women's Entrepreneurship Development</p>	Cambodia (with the support of Lao PDR)	2018		<p><b>On-going</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MoWA is considering to obtain MoGEF ODA fund as the Embassy of the Republic of Korea</li> <li>- ASEC is requested to seek funding support</li> </ul>
<b>A.2</b> <b>B.2</b>	<b>A.2.7</b> <b>B.2.1</b> <b>B.2.6</b>	<p>31. <u>Women's rights</u></p> <p>Women's Economic Empowerment: ICT Skills Development for Women Entrepreneurs in ASEAN</p>	Lao PDR (with the support of Cambodia)	2019-2020	ROK	<p><b>Planned</b></p> <p>Awaiting concept note</p>
<b>A.2</b> <b>B.2</b> <b>B.3</b>	<b>A.2.7</b> <b>B.2.6</b> <b>B.3.7</b>	<p>32. <u>Women's rights</u></p> <p>Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship and Prosperity in Digital Age</p>	Indonesia	2020	ACW Indonesia, UN Women, AWEN, ACCMSME, Gojek, Tokopedia	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>"Webinar on Economic Empowerment of the ASEAN Women MSMEs Entrepreneurs in the Digital Era during COVID-19" was convened on 27 November 2020</p>



A.2 B.2 B.3	A.2.7 B.2.6 B.3.7	33. <u>Women's rights</u>  ASEAN Forum on Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment	Singapore (in collaboration with AICHR Singapore)	2018		<b>Completed</b>  The forum was held on 27-28 August 2018 in Singapore
<b>Thematic Area 12: Adolescent physical and mental health</b>						
<b>Thematic Area 13: Gender perspective in policies, strategies and programmes for migrant workers</b>						
B.2 B.3	B.2.1 B.3.7 B.3.8	34. Women's and Children's Rights  Strengthening the Protection and Empowerment of Women Migrant Workers in Crisis and Disaster Situations	The Philippines	2017	UN Women	<b>Completed</b>  15 December 2017 The finalised "Scoping Study on Strengthening Protection and Empowerment of Women Migrant Workers in Crisis and Disaster Situations" (19th ACWC SR para 73.iv.)
<b>Thematic Area 14: Gender mainstreaming</b>						
B.1 B.2 B.3	B.1.2 B.2.2 B.3.1	35. Women's rights  Development of ASEAN guidelines on gender mainstreaming programme and project planning and implementation in collaboration with ACW	Malaysia (with the support of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam)  (in partnership with the ACW-Philippines)	2018	E-READI (Phase I)  USAID PROSPECT	<b>Completed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ACW Philippines has developed its tool and it used it during the Senior Officials Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in the ASCC Sectoral Bodies on 27-29 June 2018 and AEC Sectoral Bodies on 10-12 December 2018, and the APSC Sectoral Bodies which will be held on 11-13 September 2019</li> <li>- 3rd and 4th ACWC-ACW Ad-hoc Working Group on Gender Mainstreaming were held on 13 February and 18 November 2020, respectively</li> <li>- Final Report of the ACWC-ACW Working Group on Gender Mainstreaming was circulated via email dated 21 January 2021</li> <li>- The final version of the ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Strategic Framework has secured the ad-ref endorsement from ACW and ACWC dated 3 March 2021</li> <li>- Follow up initiatives and activities will be included in the ACWC Work Plan 2021-2025</li> </ul>
<b>Thematic Area 15: Women participation in politics and decision making, governance and democracy</b>						
A.2 B.2 E.2	A.2.7 B.2.1 E.2.3	36. <u>Women's rights</u>  Gender, Peace and Security: Advancing Women's Roles in Peace Mediation in Southeast Asia: Progress, Opportunities and Challenges	The Philippines (with the support of Indonesia and Malaysia)	2016-2018	DFAT, US PROGRESS and Norway (TBC)  USAID PROSPECT	<b>Completed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Regional Symposium on implementing Women, Peace and Security Agenda in ASEAN on 22-23 August 2019 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia</li> </ul>





						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 1st Meeting of the Advisory Group on WPS was held on 14 February 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand</li> <li>▪ The 2nd Meeting of WPS Advisory Group was held on 10 July 2020 via video conference</li> <li>▪ The 3rd Meeting WPS Advisory Group was held on 21 October 2020 via video conference</li> <li>▪ The final version of the ASEAN Regional Study on WPS secured the ad-ref endorsement of the ACWC and ACW dated 2 March 2021</li> <li>▪ The study was launched virtually on 8 March 2021. It is available here: <a href="https://asean.org/?static_post=asean-regional-study-women-peace-security">https://asean.org/?static_post=asean-regional-study-women-peace-security</a></li> <li>▪ Follow up initiative and activities will be included in the ACWC Work Plan 2021-2025</li> </ul>
<b>Thematic Area 16: Early marriage</b>						
<b>B.1 B.3</b>	<b>B.1.1 B.3.7</b>	<u>37. Children's rights</u>  Project on early marriage  Project title: ASEAN Workshop for Interventions on Early Marriages	Malaysia (with the support of Lao PDR, Thailand)	2019  2020	TBC	<b>Planned</b>  Awaiting concept note  - Updated the 19th ACWC Meeting that it will be implemented in 2020
<b>B.1 B.3</b>	<b>B.1.1 B.3.7</b>	<u>38. Children's rights</u>  Ending Child Marriage Through Religion and Cultural Perspectives in ASEAN	Indonesia	2018-2019	TBC	<b>Planned</b>  - Concept note was submitted on 22 August 2018 - Indonesia proposed to be merged into 2nd CEFM Forum



