



# Interim Report of the workshop on Youth in Conflict Areas: Healing and Peace-building through Social Engagement

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## Introduction

Asia is home to 60% of the global young population. According to the UN, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, 60% of the global conflict takes place in the Asian region, where the youth definitely participates and gets affected. Hence there is an immediate need of addressing the prevailing negative impacts on the youth in conflict areas, although the damage done by the conflicts to the lives of the youth is not easy to heal and turning their lives back to normal is not a simple process.

The 5-day workshop on “Youth in Conflict Areas: Healing and Peace-building through Social Engagement”, co-hosted by AMAN, ARF, NIWANO Peace Foundation and IIPDS was designed to empower the youth from different conflict zones of Asia by understanding the conflicts, its dynamic, levels and ways.

## Participants

31 young social workers, researchers, journalists, and media activists from 10 countries attended the workshop who were directly or indirectly affected and impacted by the conflicts in their respective regions.

Among the participants, there were 16 females and 15 males. There were 2 participants from Bangladesh, 1 from Cambodia, 6 from India, 2 from Indonesia, 4 from Myanmar, 1 from Nepal, 1 from Pakistan, 5 from Philippines, 1 from Sri Lanka, 6 from Thailand, 1 from Turkey and 1 participant from Viet Nam.

Following are the activities of the workshop:

### Day 1

1. Introduction of participants and deep listening
2. Drawing expectation and team building
3. Knowing each other and familiarizing with conflict areas from where they are coming from

#### **4. Group Presentations on the conflicts of the respective areas**

#### **Day 2**

- 1. Understanding conflict and its dynamics and peace**
- 2. Tools of Conflict analysis, conflict transformation and peace building**
- 3. Transformative peace-building framework**
- 4. Deep listening: A transformative tool for healing, peace and social change**

**Ekraj Sabur, Regional Director, UNODC Thailand**

#### **Day 3**

- 1. Mental health and trauma healing through social engagement**

**Dr. Sumit Datta, Counselling Psychologist, India**

- 2. Peace building from Gender Perspective**

- 3. Case study from Columbia**

Ana-Lina Thoueille

Human rights advocacy and capacity-building specialist

#### **Day 4**

- 1. Exposure visit to the Halaal Science Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand**
- 2. Round Table Discussion: Role of civil society in humanitarian and re-construction work during and post conflict period**

**(i) Mr. Abdus Sabur; Secretary General Asian Resource Foundation, Thailand**

**(ii) Professor Dr. Pakorn Priyakorn; Director, Halal Standard Institute, Thailand**

#### **Day 5**

- 1. Healing and Peace-building through Social Engagement**

Mohammad Abdus Sabur

Convener of IIPDS

- 2. Written and oral evaluation of the workshop**

- 3. Concluding remarks and certificate distribution**

### Few photos of the event:



Group presentation



Group presentation



Individual reflection



Discussion



Discussion session



Discussion during the session



Group activities



Exposure visit



Exposure visit



Group photo

### List of the Participants

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