



ENHANCING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACEBUILDING AND RECONCILIATION IN ASIA

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INTRODUCTION

- The issues women face:
 - Gender inequalities still prevail in every society.
 - Violence and discrimination.
 - Lack of opportunity to get a meaningful job of their choice nor receive a favorable amount of income that they deserve.
 - Denied access to education and health care.
 - Under-represented in the political and economic decision-making processes.
- What have we done so far and
- What could we do more to overcome these problems around us.

THE STATE OF WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACEBUILDING IN ASIA AND STRATEGIES IN PROMOTING WOMEN'S ROLE IN PEACEBUILDING

- I Overview on how women of Asian today play role in peacebuilding
- II Empowering mechanisms at national, regional and international levels for women to play more roles
- III Ways regional and international organizations/institutions promote women's participation in Peacebuilding

I OVERVIEW ON HOW WOMEN OF ASIAN TODAY PLAY ROLE IN PEACEBUILDING

- WCRP Japan women's committee
- Religions for Peace, Japan Committee- The 2030 Agenda

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THE PAST 40 YEARS OF WORK TO THE PRESENT

- The "foster parent movement" to support refugees and children in Cambodia,
- Shelter support for women and children who run to seek relief from violence,
- A project to publish picture books for children in the chaotic Afghanistan,
- Conducting awareness surveys on life and suicide among youth,
- Conducting workshops and anger management courses to enhance self-esteem.
- The development of a "small farm" that would serve as a refuge during a disaster.
- Publication of a "handbook" for religious institutions that could serve as evacuation centers in the event of a disaster
- Promoting exchanges with religious leaders from around the world and other Asian countries, in particular, we have held study sessions on the issue of human trafficking in cooperation with women religious leaders in Asia.

RELIGIONS FOR PEACE, JAPAN COMMITTEE

2030 AGENDA TOWARD THE FUTURE

- Issue 1: Achieving the shared survival goals of the international community,
- Issue 2: Critical issues not mentioned in the SDGs,
- Issue 3: Transformation from an "Isolated Society" to an "Inclusive Society,"
- Issue 4: Shift from "division" to "reconciliation",
- Issue 5: Restoring Humanity in an Advanced Technological Society,
- Issue 6: A world without discrimination based on gender.

II EMPOWERING MECHANISMS AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS FOR WOMEN TO PLAY MORE ROLES

- Provide a place for women to play roles
- Know and practice policies and resolutions
- Network with other women's organizations to strengthen solidarity - know whom to work with

KNOW AND PRACTICE POLICIES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325**
- **CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)**



NETWORK WITH OTHER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS TO
STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY - KNOW WHOM TO WORK
WITH

- **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
(WILPF) <https://www.wilpf.org/>**

III WAYS REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS PROMOTE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACEBUILDING

- Regional organizations

- CSO Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict
- Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute
- International Peace Corps of Religions

- International Organizations

- World Conference of Religions for Peace, Japan
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF INTERFAITH COOPERATION AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

- **We will continue to work on Gender and Human Rights issues of which its purpose is to provide an opportunity to learn and disseminate information to change the social structure based on gender by recognizing the difficulty of gender inequality, unequal social structure and the current situation of people placed on the margins.**

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY QUOTE

- **All change, even very large and powerful change, begins when a few people start talking with one another about something they care about.**