

Online Forum
of Asia-Pacific Women of Faith Network

Responding to Gender- Based Violence in the Asia-Pacific



12th – 13th November 2025 (Online)

12:30 – 15:00 Jakarta time

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Cooperation of :
The Eastern Indonesia Women's Network (JPIT), Religions for Peace Indonesia (RfP-I) and Asia Pacific Women of Faith Network (APWoFN) of ACRP

Introduction

The Eastern Indonesian Women's Network (JPIT) is a network of 80 interfaith women from Eastern Indonesia (East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Sulawesi, Papua, and Kalimantan). This network focuses its activities on research and publications related to three themes: women, religion, and culture. JPIT's first research, publication, and advocacy focused on past gross human rights violations related to the 1965–1966 anti-communist violence in Indonesia. Since 2014, JPIT has actively assisted victims of human trafficking under the guise of Indonesian labor migration and examined the role of religions in preventing and addressing human trafficking in Eastern Indonesia. In the past five years, the network has also focused on agrarian conflicts that have led to ecological destruction and violence against indigenous communities, especially women, in several regions of Eastern Indonesia.

Women's issues are inextricably linked to the threat of gender-based violence, which involves women as victims of verbal, psychological, physical, and sexual violence. Based on 2024 data, the Indonesian National Commission on Violence Against Women recorded 339,782 cases of gender-based violence, 90% of which were online.[1] Internationally, specifically in Asia, the Canadian Ambassador to Asia noted that 88% of women aged 18–24 were victims of online gender-based violence.[2] In the context of Eastern Indonesia, the role of religion and culture further limits women's ability to mobilize and speak out. The persistent patriarchal culture that permeates society renders women second-class citizens and disregards their social importance.

Women's lives in Indonesia and across Asia as a whole are vulnerable to violence. Current unrest, amidst increasingly volatile political conditions in Indonesia and the world, has further limited the space for Indonesian and Asian women to find a safe space from the threat of violence. Therefore, JPIT in collaboration with Religions for Peace (RfP) Indonesia and the Asia Pacific Woman of Faith Network (APWoFN) of ACRP, will hold an online forum to exchange experiences and thoughts in responding to gender-based violence from women in Eastern Indonesia and Asia with the theme "Responding to Gender-Based Violence in the Asia Pacific and Eastern Indonesia: What needs to be done together and how to make it happen?"

Objectives

1. Strengthen networks and solidarity of women and religions in responding to gender-based violence in Eastern Indonesia and Asia-Pacific.
2. Share experiences regarding to women's experiences in Eastern Indonesia and Asia-Pacific in responding to gender-based violence. What good things have been achieved, what are the challenges and threats, and what solution has been taken?
3. Gather concrete ideas on what needs to be done together and how to implement it.

Participants

Participants in the open discussion from religious leaders, interfaith-based organizations, women's organizations, activists in Indonesia and Asia, JPIT, Religions for Peace Indonesia, APWoFN, and ACRP as well from Religions for Peace, globally.

Registration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/L2FKoUcFRbey0rDy8u4u9Q>



Agenda (November 12: Day I)

12:25	Open Zoom	
12:30	Opening	
12:30-12:33	Opening prayer (Bahai)	by Mrs. Nasrin Astani
12:33-12:36	Welcome Remarks	by A.Elga J. Sarapung (Chair of APWoFN)
12:36-12:46	Opening Remarks	by Prof. M. Machasin (Chair of RfP Indonesia)
	Opening Remarks	by Rev. Dr. Mery Kolimon (JPIT)
12:46-12:49	Introduction of moderator	by Imel Lopo (MC)
12:49-13:25	Sharing from Eastern Indonesia (Panel Presentation)	Moderator: Martha Bire (JPIT) by Grace Graselia from East Nusa Tenggara by Jull Takaliuang from North Sulawesi
13:25-13:35	Geothermal Projects and Violence Against Women in Flores	by Walhi Ntt (Indonesian Environmental Forum)
13:35-13:45	Papuan Women Fight Against Gender-based Violence	by Dorteia Elisabeth Wabiser
13:45-13:55	Mining Oppresses Women's Space in North Sulawesi	by Yul Takaliuang
13:55-14:40	Question and Answer: Informative and critical question about the topic	Moderator: Martha Bire (JPIT)
14:40-14:43	Closing Note	Moderator: Martha Bire (JPIT)
14:43-14:45	Closing Prayer (Muslim)	by Sriwahyuni (JPIT)
	Screenshot/group photo	

Agenda (November 13: Day 2)

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| 12:25 | Open Zoom | |
| 12:30 | Opening | |
| 12:30-12:33 | Opening prayer (Buddhist) | by An Atasilani bikhu from Jogjakarta |
| 12:33-12:36 | Introduction of Agenda of Day 2 | by Imel Lopo (MC) |
| 12:36-12:38 | Introduction of moderator | by APWoFN member (TBD) |
| 12:38-13:13 | Sharing from Asia (Panel Presentation) | Moderator: APWoFN member (TBD)
Panelist: Pooja Manandhar (RfP Nepal)
Panelist: Deepali Bhanot (RfP India)
Panelist: Sue Ennis (RfP Australia) |
| 13:13-13:58 | Question and Answer | |
| 13:58-14:43 | Mapping out ways to respond to gender-based violence and concrete ideas that can be implemented together | |
| 14:43-14:47 | Closing Remarks | by APWoFN member (TBD) |
| 14:43-14:45 | Closing Prayer (Hindu) | by Pooja Manandhar (RfP Nepal) |
| | Screenshot/group photo | |

When We Start in Your Local Time

10:30 Karachi
11:00 New Delhi
11:30 Dhakka
12:00 Yangon
12:15 Katmandu
12:30 Jakarta
12:30 Bangkok



13:30 Beijing
13:30 Manila
14:30 Tokyo
14:30 Seoul
15:30 Brisbane
16:30 Sydney
18:30 Oakland

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Language

This forum will be conducted primarily in English, with interpretation provided between Indonesian and English.