

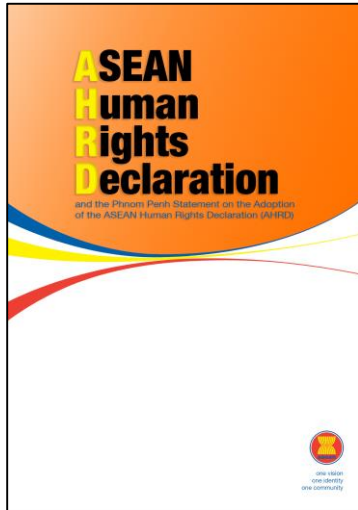
Regional landscape on the promotion and  
protection of women and children's rights  
and disaster management

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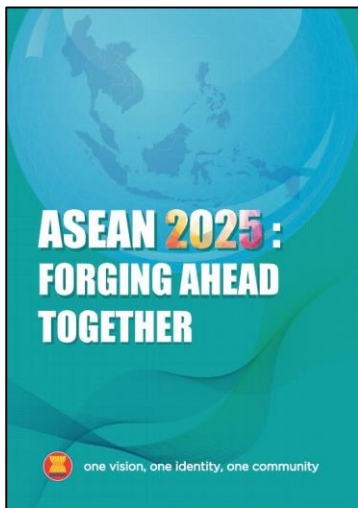


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General Principles

***4. The rights of women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, migrant workers, and vulnerable and marginalised groups are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of human right and fundamental freedoms***



*We, therefore, undertake to realise:*

***12.2. An inclusive community that promotes high quality of life, equitable access to opportunities for all and promotes and protects human rights of women, children, youth, the elderly/older persons, persons with disabilities, migrant workers, and vulnerable and marginalised groups***



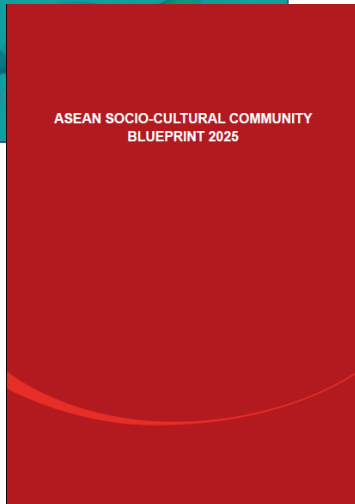
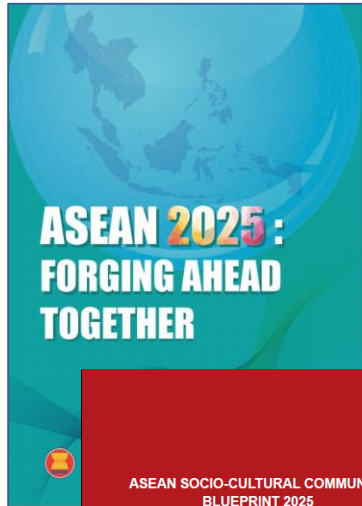


## ASCC VISION 2025

ASEAN Community that engages and benefits the peoples and is inclusive, sustainable, resilient, and dynamic.



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The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Vision 2025 is for an ASEAN Community that engages and benefits the peoples and is inclusive, sustainable, resilient, and dynamic.

### *Key Result Areas relevant to gender equality and women empowerment*

- [Empowered People and Strengthened Institutions](#)
- [Reducing Barriers](#)
- [Equitable Access for All](#)
- [Promotion and Protection of Human Rights](#)
- [Conservation and Sustainable Management of Ecosystems Biodiversity and Natural Resources](#)
- [Towards an Open and Adaptive ASEAN](#)
- [Towards a Creative, Innovative and Responsive ASEAN](#)
- [Engender a Culture of Entrepreneurship in ASEAN](#)



# *Declaration on the Gender-Responsive Implementation of ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Sustainable Development Goals*

- Reaffirm the need to mainstream a gender perspective and analysis, which may include **targeted actions and investments**, and **gender-responsive budgeting**
- Encourage more **investments to close resource gaps**
- Promote **women's equal access to and full participation in decision-making bodies and mechanisms**
- Promote the **engagement of men and boys** as agents and beneficiaries of change
- Encourage ASEAN sectoral bodies to engage and establish **mechanisms for engagement with women's groups and organisations**
- Support the development and implementation of **gender mainstreaming initiatives across all sectoral bodies in the three ASEAN pillars**
- Enhance the ASEAN Member States' capacity in strengthening national and sub-national **sex-disaggregated databases and analysis**
- Collect, manage, analyse, disseminate and ensure access to **high-quality, reliable and timely data**
- Encourage **monitoring and evaluation** of existing policies, plans and programmes on women and girls



### *The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Elimination of Violence Against Children in ASEAN*

- ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of intensifying efforts of ASEAN Member States to promote the rights of women and children, as well as to prevent and protect them from and respond to all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation of women and children particularly for those who are in vulnerable situations

### *Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence Against Women*

- ASEAN has a policy of zero tolerance for all forms of violence against women. Recognizing violence against women as a violation of human rights, ASEAN is determined to eliminate all forms of violence against women as a matter of priority.

### *Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence Against Children*

- ASEAN Member States have a zero tolerance for any form of violence against children. The ultimate goal of this plan is the elimination of all forms of violence against children in the ASEAN Member States.



# ***ASEAN instruments on advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls***

## ***Declaration of the Advancement of Women in the ASEAN Region, July 1988***

- Promote and implement the equitable and effective participation of women whenever possible in all fields and at various levels of the political, economic, social and cultural life of society at the national, regional and international levels
- Enable women in the region to undertake their important role as active agents and beneficiaries of national and regional development

## ***Ha Noi Declaration on the Enhancement of Welfare and Development of ASEAN Women and Children, 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, Ha Noi, Viet Nam, 28 October 2010***

- To improve the quality of and gender equality in education and school enrollment to children, including children of ethnic and/or indigenous groups as well as children with disability and with special needs, especially at pre-school, primary and secondary levels by promoting greater and sustained investments

## ***The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Elimination of Violence Against Children in ASEAN, October 2013***

- Strengthen a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach to promote the rights of women and children and adopt a gender responsive, child sensitive, and age responsive approach to eliminate violence against women and violence against children in the region which includes effective laws, legislations, policies and measures



## *Declaration on Institutionalising the Resilience of ASEAN and its Communities and Peoples to Disasters and Climate Change*

- RECOGNISING that **exposure of ASEAN's peoples and communities to various natural hazards is rapidly rising, vulnerability to extreme weather events and climate change is spiraling**, and this "new normal" leads to growing frequency and severity of disasters, exacting a tremendous toll on economic, social, cultural, physical, and environmental capital of countries and communities, which in turn stifles our region's sustainable development including our efforts towards poverty eradication;
- REALISING the **urgent need to enhance awareness** among Member States and all ASEAN sectoral bodies and stakeholders to be able to simultaneously **address the interlocking issues of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development** and to effectively reduce adverse impacts of natural and human-induced disasters and climate change on key development sectors;





## *Declaration on Institutionalising the Resilience of ASEAN and its Communities and Peoples to Disasters and Climate Change*

- Underline the importance of producing **coherence, consistency and alignment across the pillars and relevant sectors of ASEAN by systematically mainstreaming disaster risk management and climate change adaptation** in relevant sectoral policies, strategies, plans, programmes, and projects as well as the need for cross-pillar and cross-sectoral collaboration on disaster risk management, climate change adaptation and sustainable development and related cross-cutting concerns;
- Further **institutionalise disaster risk management and climate change adaptation at the national and local levels** by harmonising these with existing and new policy and legal frameworks, national development strategies and plans, and sectoral programmes and projects;
- Foster the **understanding of risk in all its dimensions of vulnerability, capacity and exposure** as well as the hazard and climate change context to ensure that policies, plans and priorities for intervention are **based on evidence and credible assessment** of risk and climate change impact scenarios at the local, national and regional levels, taking into account the range of costs and benefits of effective risk management and adaptation for the most vulnerable groups;



## *ASEAN's mechanisms working on the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of women*

- ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)
- ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)
- ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)
- *ACW and ACWC Joint Ad-hoc Working Group on Gender Mainstreaming*
- Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)
- Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)
- Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOMED)
- Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)
- Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)
- ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)
- Task Force on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community
- Implementation of the ASEAN-UN Women Work Programme 2016-2020



# *ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Work Plan 2016-2020*

## *Objectives*

- 1** Increase the proportion of **women in leadership** at AMS level, particularly in appointed and elected positions in the public and private sectors
- 2** Promote **gender-sensitivity and eliminate gender-stereotyping** in primary, secondary and/or tertiary levels in public schools
- 3** Raise understanding and awareness of **media practitioners on gender equality**
- 4** Strengthen the mechanisms for effective **gender mainstreaming** in AMS and in ASEAN particularly in the three pillars



# *ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Work Plan 2016-2020*

## *Objectives*

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Establish and/or strengthen effective **prevention and protection services** supported by national ERAW legal framework and institutional mechanism

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Increase **access of women entrepreneurs**, including young women, to finance, credit, markets, skill training, technology and social protection

7

Enhance regional and national initiatives to improve the **protection and empowerment of women, especially those in vulnerable situations**, including the elderly, and those with disabilities, key affected women of HIV/AIDS (women living with HIV/AIDS), internally displaced persons, and women at risk or victims of gender-based violence including domestic violence and trafficking



## *ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Work Plan 2016-2020*

### Programme/Project/Activity

Development of regional guidelines for the collection and analysis of data on violence against women (with ACWC)

Regional meeting on the **elimination of gender stereotypes and sexist language in educational materials** at the primary, secondary and/or tertiary levels, in collaboration with SOMED and ACWC

Regional meeting to **raise awareness on gender equality** and cultural sector in collaboration with SOMRI and SOMCA

Conduct national programmes to raise awareness on gender equality among media practitioners and media regulatory bodies; develop training modules for media practitioners

## *AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020*

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AWARE: Risk Aware ASEAN Community

2

BUILD SAFELY: Building Safe ASEAN Infrastructure and Essential Services

3

**ADVANCE: A Disaster Resilient and Climate Adaptive ASEAN Community**

4

**PROTECT: Protecting Economic and Social Gains of ASEAN Community Integration through Risk Transfer and Social Protection**

5

RESPOND AS ONE: Transforming Mechanisms for ASEAN's Leadership in Response

6

EQUIP: Enhanced Capacities for One ASEAN One Response

7

**RECOVERY: ASEAN Resilient Recovery**

8

LEAD: ASEAN Leadership for Excellence and Innovation in Disaster Management



***ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) Work Plan 2016-2020***

Thematic Area	Programme/Project/Activity
Elimination of violence against women and children	Review emerging <b>legislations and legal enforcement concerning elimination of cyber/online-based VAW and VAC</b>
	<b>Public campaign to stop VAW and VAC</b> through media collaboration with SOMRI
	<b>Baseline study of the priority areas</b> under the ASEAN RPA on EVAC
	Regional workshop for promoting comprehensive and harmonized national legislation aimed at preventing and combating <b>online child sexual exploitation</b> in ASEAN Member States
	Strengthening the legal framework to <b>protect children from sexual exploitation in travel and tourism</b>

*Thank you*



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## *ASCC Blueprint 2025*

### *Key Result Areas and Strategic Measures*

KRA	Strategic Measure
Empowered People and Strengthened Institutions	Promote non-discriminatory laws, policies, and practices by developing effective, responsive, accountable and transparent institutions at all level.
	Work towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls
Reducing Barriers	Reduce inequality, and promote equitable access to social protection and enjoyment of human rights by all and participation in societies such as developing and implementing frameworks, guidelines, and mechanisms for elimination of all forms of discrimination, violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect
Equitable Access for All	Enhance regional platforms to promote equitable opportunities, participation and effective engagement of women, children, youths, the elderly/older persons, persons with disabilities, people living in remote and border areas, and vulnerable groups in the development and implementation of ASEAN policies and programmes

*ASCC Blueprint 2025*  
*Key Result Areas and Strategic Measures*

KRA	Strategic Measure
Equitable Access for All	Develop regional strategies and enhance institutional capacity for gender mainstreaming in ASEAN policies, programmes and budgets across pillars and sectors
	Enhance effectiveness of the implementation of strategies and programmes under ASCC and promote their harmonisation with those of ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) and AEC, particularly in the areas of social protection, universal health coverage, food safety, poverty eradication, employment and decent work, and trafficking in persons
	Support ASEAN Member States' initiatives in strengthening national gender and age-disaggregated databases and analyses, including on poverty and equity, establish a reliable regional database for key sectors to support ASEAN policies and programmes
	Promote human capital development, economic self-reliance and sustainable livelihood, especially of the poor, through access to education, employment opportunities, entrepreneurship, and micro-finance

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*Key Result Areas and Strategic Measures*

KRA	Strategic Measure
Equitable Access for All	Promote continuous efforts toward multi-dimensional poverty eradication through multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder and community-based approaches
	Ensure inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels with special attention to the needs of those in disadvantaged situations including ethnic minority groups, children, youths, women, persons with disabilities, and elderly/older persons
	Promote inclusive growth through appropriate measures at the national level to ensure that the poor and the vulnerable have equitable access to economic and other opportunities
Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	Promote regional inter-sectoral mechanisms towards a holistic and multi-disciplinary approach in enhancing quality care, well-being, gender equality, social justice, human rights and fundamental freedoms, especially the vulnerable groups, in response to all hazards and emerging social and economic risks/threats
	Provide regional platforms for dialogue and support initiatives to address issues of traditional practices that impinge upon the fulfilment of rights

## *ASCC Blueprint 2025*

### *Key Result Areas and Strategic Measures*

KRA	Strategic Measure
Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	Enhance the effective implementation of relevant ASEAN declarations and instruments related to human rights
	Enhance regional initiatives to promote and protect the rights of women and children as well as persons with disabilities especially through the work of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)
	Enhance regional initiatives and stakeholder participation to promote the elimination of all forms of discrimination- institutionalised or otherwise- exploitation, trafficking, harmful practices, and violence and abuse against children, women, persons with disabilities, youths, migrant workers, the elderly/older persons, and victims/survivors of trafficking in persons, ethnic minority groups, and vulnerable and marginalised groups
	Enhance regional initiatives in accordance with the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers to improve the protection and promotion of the rights of workers and migrant workers

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*Key Result Areas and Strategic Measures*

KRA	Strategic Measure
Conservation and Sustainable Management of Ecosystems Biodiversity and Natural Resources	Promote capacity building in a continuous effort to have sustainable management of ecosystems and natural resources
Towards an Open and Adaptive ASEAN	Provide opportunities for relevant stakeholders for knowledge sharing, which include exchange of best practices and studies
Towards a Creative, Innovative and Responsive ASEAN	Encourage the government, private sector and community to develop a system of continuous training and re-training to support lifelong learning and workforce development
Engender a Culture of Entrepreneurship in ASEAN	Strengthen the supportive environment for socially and environmentally responsible entrepreneurship, such as mentoring, providing seed money, venture and crowd funding, and marketing support