

CSEF Regional Funding Committee meets in Hanoi

21-22 March 2016, Hanoi, Vietnam

The Asia Pacific Regional Funding Committee (RFC) of the Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF) met in Hanoi. The RFC voting members are selected on the basis of their knowledge and experience in relation to education and to civil society coalitions in the Asia Pacific region. The RFC members met to review the proposals and budgets of national coalitions for 2016, decided on CSEF funding allocations, and provided feedback to coalitions towards improving their proposals.

The RFC Voting Members are –

- **Divya Lata**, RFC Chair, and Early Learning and Education Advisor, Plan International Asia Pacific Regional Office
- **Nargis Sultana**, Senior Programme Officer for Education, Open Society Foundations, Pakistan
- Farah Kabir, Country Director, ActionAid, Bangladesh
- **Takafumi Miyake**, Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) and Secretary General of the Japan NGO Network for Education (JNNE)
- **Rebecca Spratt**, Education Consultant, based in the Pacific currently leading an NZAID funded education project



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Proposals were considered from 15 countries - Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan, while further 4 proposals will be considered at a later electronic meeting for Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Samoa, bringing the total to 19 CSEF funded countries.

The RFC meeting is also an opportunity for staff and representatives from the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), ASPBAE, and Education International to update Regional Funding Committee members on international and regional CSEF developments, the work of national education coalitions, and regional advocacy and capacity building work and plans. The meeting in Hanoi was also an occasion for RFC members to engage with representatives from VAEFA Vietnam, the national education coalition, and learn about their work and context for education advocacy.

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