

Building the Asia Pacific agenda on education, skills, and empowerment of marginalised young women

Regional youth-led action research meeting

18-21 August 2017, Chiang Mai, Thailand



The young women researchers from India, the Philippines, and Indonesia came together in Chiang Mai for a regional meeting on a youth-led action research initiative undertaken in the 3 countries.

A regional meeting of partners in youth-led action research was held in Chiang Mai. The meeting was an opportunity for young women researchers from India, Indonesia, and the Philippines to meet each other face-to-face. ASPBAE also invited to the regional meeting its members who have embarked on doing youth action research projects independently, such as those in Nepal, Mongolia, and Myanmar.

The objectives of the regional meeting were -

- To discuss the findings and recommendations from the youth-led action-oriented research from the three countries and draw up an Asia Pacific agenda
- To share reflections of young researchers on the success and challenges in implementing a youth-led action-oriented research
- To generate lessons learnt and document the components on youth action research as a process for engaging marginalised youth in education policy and programme development at the community, sub-national, and national levels

The meeting included a session on tracing back what the young women did to implement the action research in their respective communities. They reflected on the challenges and perceived changes within themselves after going through the action research. The participants also focused on the lessons learnt in doing youth-led action research. NGO mentors, also a part of the meeting, reflected on the building blocks in helping the youth in doing action research. At the conclusion of the meeting, the researchers presented the findings and recommendations from the 3 countries which were then used to build the Asia agenda on education, skills development, and empowerment of marginalised young women in the region.



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The young women appreciated the workshop as they were able to listen and learn from the situation of girls and young women in different countries and make the connections between their experiences as women.

The NGO mentors agreed on the next steps in documenting the whole youth-led action research. The major outputs will be – (1) Country reports on the research findings (2) Country documentation of the youth action research process (3) Manual on the process and how to do youth action research, lessons learned (4) Regional advocacy paper on findings and recommendations from the youth action research in India, Indonesia, and the Philippines (5) On-line compendium of resources in implementing the youth action research, and (6)

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Illustrative guidebook on how to do youth action research for the use of Member States (UIL) and practitioners (management, mentors, etc.).

In terms of regional-level spaces for advocacy, the youth agenda will be given prominence in the [CONFINTEA 6 Mid-Term Review](#) conference to be held in Korea in October 2017; its approach and outcomes will be shared in SEAMEO Innotech's 15th International Conference on Inclusive Education, 'Thriving in the Margins', March 2018 and inform ASPBAE's advocacy within the SDG-SDG4 processes and with sub-regional bodies such as ASEAN and SAARC.

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