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Mediation for peace

BECOME A PEACEMAKER

Help Secure A More Peaceful Asia

Pictured: Mindanao province, Datu Piang Village. Displaced children,
receiving relief distribution.

By GUTMAN, Amnon - ICRC



Armed conflict in Marawi, Philippines - By Patrick Roque CC BY-SA 4.0

At a time of relative peace in Asia, conflict continues to destroy lives and livelihoods. Vulnerable children, women and the marginalised often bear the heaviest burden whenever conflict takes place.

In this interconnected age, conflict in one country can affect many others. It can result in disruptions to the supply chain, inflation and the outflow as well as exploitation of refugees.

Many people ask, 'what can be done?' In fact, through dialogue, conflict can be prevented, tensions can be reduced, and solutions can be found.

Peacemaking needs trusted, experienced and skilful mediators responding to challenging situations.

Your support can ensure that peacemakers are on the ground in the troubled communities where they are needed and support HD's work across the region.

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Where there is violent conflict, children are unable to go to school. Hospitals and markets close. Peace is the bedrock for progress in education, health, livelihoods and environmental sustainability.

Wu Ye-Min, HD Regional Director based in Singapore

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In over **40** violent conflicts around the world, the **Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (known as HD)** brings parties to the table to build a common vision for a better future. HD negotiates healthcare access in hard-to-reach conflict areas, educates and trains local mediators, and facilitates consensus-building on environmentally sustainable pathways forward.

With the support of our donors, HD helps societies address their conflicts so children can return to school, health clinics can reopen, and economies rebound.

HD is active across Asia: Myanmar, Thailand, the Philippines, South China Sea, and Bay of Bengal. HD has an extensive network of dedicated experts and local partners throughout Asia.

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In the Southern Philippines, a region plagued by conflict, HD is supporting a sustainable transition to peace. HD has trained hundreds of local leaders rooted within communities to mediate peaceful ends to violent disputes.

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In the South China Sea, HD brings together coastguards of the region to reduce tensions, and regional scientists to prevent a collapse in fish stocks that could undermine food security, livelihoods, and destabilise Asia.

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During the conflict in the Indonesian province of Aceh, HD mediated a landmark ceasefire enabling the delivery of essential humanitarian aid. This ceasefire was the first step in a negotiation that eventually ended the conflict, allowing Aceh to live in peace and rebuild its economy.



HD Asia Peace Fund

Asia is at a crossroads. The looming threats of extremism, rising inequality, and increased polarisation among communities, could impede its remarkable progress.

To secure a more peaceful Asia, HD has established the **Asia Peace Fund** as a platform for donors who are passionate about fostering peace through dialogue to come together to pool their resources in a meaningful way.



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Peace is the most important wish of people everywhere. Without peace, constructive endeavour is hard to achieve. This is why I support the mission of HD, to make peace and to prevent conflict and war.

Ambassador Tommy Koh, Honorary Patron of HD Asia Peace Fund

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We hope that our contribution will not only raise greater awareness of the important work of peace mediators but also serve as a catalyst for others to come forward to support such an important cause.

John and Dorothy Nagulendran
HD Asia Peace Fund donors

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Pictured above is Rosemain 'Dadang' Abduraji, a local mediator in Sulu funded by HD donors. Dadang has mediated over 100 violent or potentially violent conflicts.

Your gift will help ensure that experienced, trained, local mediators like Dadang are where they are needed in the trouble spots of Asia, with the resources of an impartial, results-driven, international organisation backing them up.

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At this point in the peace process we can show that Mindanao is not just about conflict. This is a beautiful happy story of peace.
Iona Gracia Jalijali, HD Centre Philippines

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Invest in peacemakers

Established in 1999 to pursue the humanitarian vision of Henry Dunant (founder of the Red Cross), HD is a Swiss not-for-profit foundation with local offices worldwide. The establishment of the **Asia Peace Fund** marks HD's 25th anniversary. In 2022, HD was awarded the Carnegie Wateler Peace Prize in recognition of its contribution to international peace.

To find out how to give to the Asia Peace Fund, please contact Ann Moey at **moey@hdcentre.org**. Thank you.



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