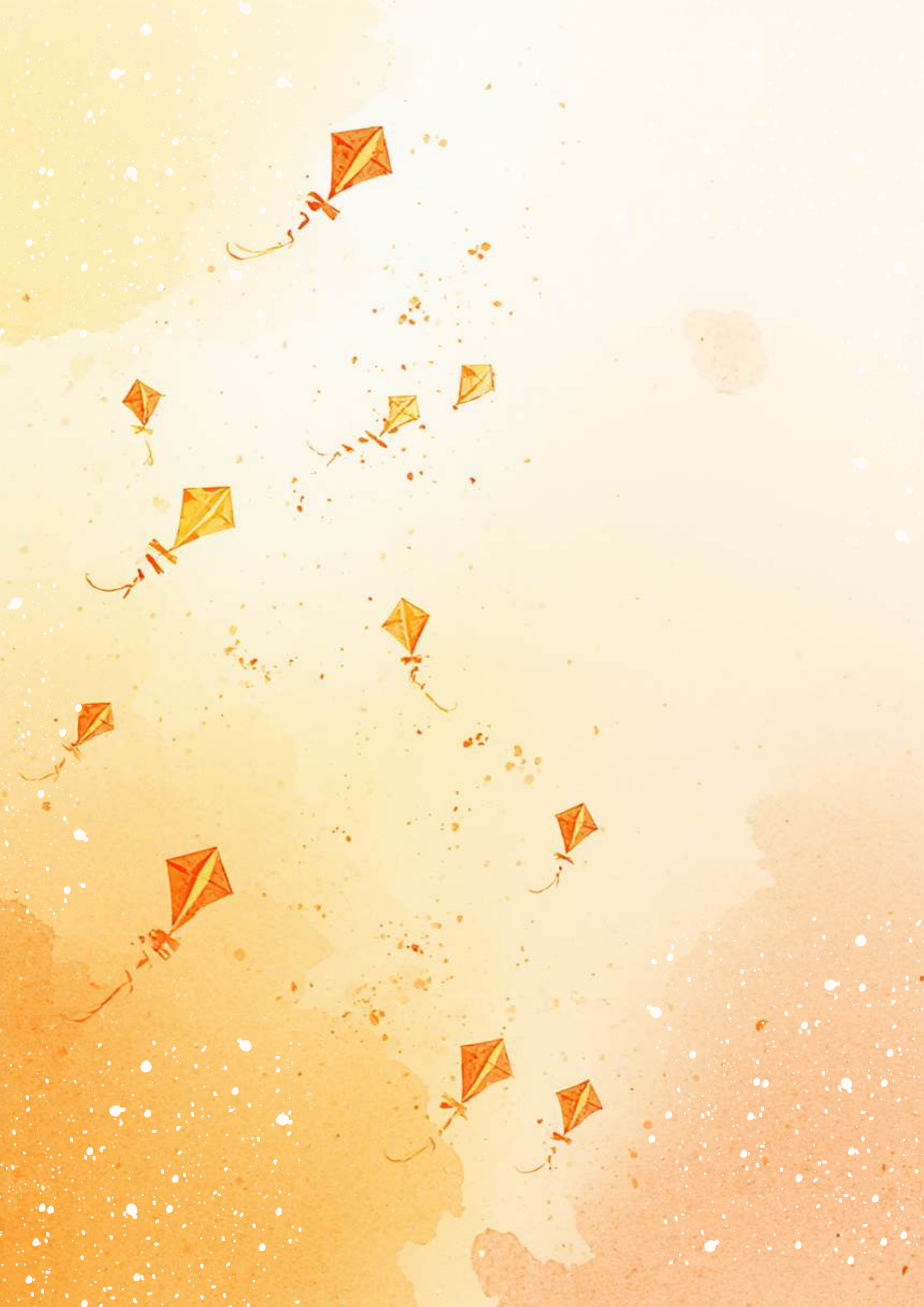
Child Rights Coalition Asia

2025

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WHO WE ARE

Child Rights Coalition Asia is a regional network of child rights organizations working for and with children in the Asia Pacific region.



We strengthen
child rights movements



We promote
innovative approaches



We advocate
for better policies for and with children

OUR VISION

A world where all children are living in dignity by fully enjoying and exercising their rights.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS



Governments improve accountability and transparency
through collaboration with civil society and children using accountability mechanisms effectively at all levels



CRC Asia and children catalyze advocacy work in advancing children's rights
within the solidarity movement for justice, peace, gender equality, and environmental sustainability

2025 AT A GLANCE

19

member-organizations across Asia advancing child rights through collective action

2,700+

stakeholders reached through child-led advocacies, campaigns, activities, and dialogues

10+

regional and international policy engagements across ASEAN, UN, and regional platforms advancing child rights and meaningful child participation

5+

regional policy processes influenced by children's voices



FOREWORD

Our hope is renewed each time we work closely with children and young people. Their honesty, strength, and compassion continue to show us what is possible when we choose to learn from one another.

In these challenging times, it becomes even more clear that our way forward lies in collaboration—listening deeply, sharing openly, and standing together. What I have witnessed throughout our work is the remarkable resilience of children and youth. They remind us that even in moments of uncertainty, we can survive, adapt, and ultimately thrive.

This report reflects that shared journey. It is a testament to the partnerships we have built, the lessons we continue to gather, and the collective commitment that keeps us moving ahead.

May it inspire us to keep working hand in hand, and to always honor the voices of the young people at the heart of what we do.

Always — for and with children in Asia.

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ENGAGING GOVERNMENTS BY BRINGING CHILDREN'S VOICES TO THE TABLE

Voices of children and child rights organizations were heard in different platforms at the global, regional, and national levels through CRC Asia's engagements with the members of the UN CRC Committee, AICHR, and ACWC, as well as the mobilization of children supported by its members and networks in Asia Pacific.

Optimizing its working relationship with ACWC and AICHR, CRC Asia continues to reinforce mechanisms for meaningful child participation. Through child-friendly approaches, children's views on interventions, measures, emerging issues on violence against children, and recommendations were gathered, influencing regional policy processes for the development of the second Regional Plan of Action on Ending Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC).

Moving towards strengthening accountability, children presented their recommendations for the operationalization of the second RPA on EVAC to ACWC, AICHR, and key stakeholders during an Inter-Generational Dialogue held in Jakarta on 15 May 2025. This marked the second successful dialogue between children and AICHR facilitated through CRC Asia's advocacy.

As a member of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of the Second Regional Plan of Action on Ending Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC) and the Second Regional Plan of Action on Children in Online Exploitation and Abuse (RPA on COEA), CRC Asia strengthened meaningful and inclusive child participation mechanisms at the regional level. This was achieved through its contributions to the design, tools, and coordination of national and regional consultations with children, as well as in facilitating dialogue between children and ASEAN bodies, ensuring that children's voices are systematically integrated into regional policy development processes.

In the Third Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (3rd MCCRVS), discussions at the regional level were enriched through the contributions of children from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. Their context-specific experiences, challenges, priorities, and recommendations were gathered during the Young People's Forum for the 3rd MCCRVS.

Strengthened recognition of children's participation in formal regional processes was observed in the 3rd MCCRVS through the creation of safe spaces for children by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). This is an important shift from previous ministerial conferences, where such direct participation of children was not included.

CRC Asia further reinforced multi-stakeholder engagement by contributing to the organization of a side event at the 3rd MCCRVS in Asia and the Pacific held in Bangkok, Thailand. This event provided a platform for children and youth to directly engage with government representatives from different countries, civil society groups, and UN agencies, discussing what "future-proofing" CRVS systems means from their perspectives. These exchanges contributed to more inclusive and responsive approaches to CRVS development.

In addition, CRC Asia advanced the integration of CRVS within broader child rights agendas by promoting its relevance to multiple child rights issues, reinforcing the role of CRVS systems as foundational to the realization and protection of children's rights.

In the Philippines, CRC Asia, ChildFund Philippines, ChildFund Korea, and Meta, in partnership with the Down to Zero Alliance in the Philippines, created a platform for children's empowerment through co-designing a digital world where they are not only protected but also enabled to participate, express themselves, and access accurate information. The "Gen Z Feels for Reels" initiative employed interactive workshops where children shared their lived experiences with national government agencies, technology companies, and child rights organizations on issues related to privacy, misinformation, freedom of expression, and emerging online risks. This three-day activity held from 27-29 May 2025 culminated in an intergenerational dialogue where children demonstrated their agency in shaping digital environments that directly impact their lives.

Towards further strengthening child participation in the region, CRC Asia co-organized a Learning Session on Meaningful Child Participation for the ACWC and other stakeholders in Malaysia with support from World Vision International, Down to Zero Alliance, Terre des Hommes Germany, and Taiwan Foundation for Democracy . The session established a shared understanding among ACWC representatives, the ASEAN Secretariat, and civil society organizations on the concept and practice of meaningful child participation, laying the groundwork for the development of the ASEAN Child Participation Framework. It also facilitated the exchange of good practices and case studies from ASEAN Member States, bridging theoretical concepts with practical applications, including child-led initiatives and documented regional and national milestones.

As a result, participants identified key forward-looking actions for the framework development process, reaffirming children as active rights holders and participants in decision-making. The session contributed to Phase 1 of a regional project on mainstreaming child participation in ASEAN and aligned with the ACWC 2021–2025 Work Plan, strengthening regional commitment to advancing children's civil rights through more inclusive and structured participation mechanisms.

A KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING HUB FOR ITS NETWORK ON INNOVATIONS AND EMERGING ISSUES

This year CRC Asia not only created a platform for knowledge sharing among child rights organizations, it also invested in harvesting lessons and results from its members implementing the SUFASEC Program. It also promoted the work done by its member organizations on VAC prevention and the right to a healthy environment.

The 10th Asia-Pacific Partnership Meeting of Child Rights Coalitions and Networks (APPM), held on 28–30 July 2025 in Manila, served as a platform for regional collaboration, strengthening coordination and strategic alignment among child rights actors by advancing forward-looking actions that place children's rights at the center of responses to emerging challenges. Discussions covered the themes of addressing sexual exploitation and abuse of children and its link to sexual and reproductive health and rights; justice and effective remedies; environmental sustainability; and rights in the digital environment, contributing to more integrated and cross-sectoral approaches to child rights.

As a regional collaboration platform, the APPM linked member organizations with international NGOs and other child rights organizations, enhancing partnerships and enabling continuous learning and exchange beyond the meeting. This contributed to a more connected and responsive regional child rights network, better equipped to address evolving issues affecting children.

Under the program Step Up the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation of Children (SUFASEC), funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CRC Asia and its member Childline Thailand Foundation (CTF) organized a learning exchange forum for member organizations implementing the three-year program in Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Nepal, and Thailand. Held on 1–3 July 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand, the activity provided a platform for participants to identify and share good practices, while reflecting on progress in strengthening child protection systems and mechanisms across program areas.

Through the SUFASEC Program, CRC Asia contributed to enhancing the capacity of its member organizations on violence against children (VAC) in relation to children's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). It also supported the development of innovative and context-sensitive approaches to program implementation, particularly in response to deeply rooted socio-cultural norms in target communities.

Through Terre des Hommes Germany, a Regional Skillshare on Supporting Children's Participation in Issues of Environment and Climate Change was organized, responding to identified gaps in strengthening meaningful child participation, particularly the need to ensure children's access to information and the capacity of adult mentors to effectively support them. The activity strengthened the capacities of adult mentors from child rights CSOs on environmental and climate change issues, while also creating a platform for exchange between child rights and environmental rights CSOs to better understand each other's contexts, approaches, and opportunities for collaboration.

As a result, common misconceptions on key environmental and climate change concepts were clarified, enabling a shared understanding across sectors. Environmental rights CSO participants supported child rights CSOs in identifying relevant stakeholders to sustain engagement with children and youth on environmental issues. The session also updated participants on the ASEAN Declaration on the Right to a Safe, Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment and encouraged broader participation, including children's engagement, in the development of its regional plan of action.

Overall, the skillshare strengthened cross-sector collaboration and contributed to more enabling conditions for meaningful child participation in environmental and climate action.

CHILDREN ADVOCATE FOR THEIR OWN ISSUES & DEVELOP INNOVATIVE ACTIONS IN ADVANCING THEIR RIGHTS

With its member organizations, CRC Asia raised the bar further in developing advocacy materials by bringing in children to plan, develop, and create advocacy materials and messages based on their experiences in their school and community. Not only does this effort bring in children's lived experiences, it also greatly contributes to building children's capacity and empowerment.

The 2025 engagements with children focused on key thematic areas including the digital environment (online protection, artificial intelligence, and gaming); sexual and reproductive health and rights of children and adolescents (adolescent pregnancy, grooming, and consent); the right to a healthy environment (biodiversity and climate change); and civil registration and vital statistics.

In Thailand and Cambodia, child-led organizations and coalitions strengthened their understanding of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) and were subsequently supported to design and implement advocacy campaigns on children's right to a healthy environment and the importance of biodiversity. These initiatives included dialogues with government representatives and civil society organizations, enabling children to directly engage in environmental policy discussions.

Supported by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) through the Mekong in Balance Project with CRC Asia and SIDA, the intervention enhanced understanding of the interconnections between biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and children's rights. It also demonstrated an innovative model of child participation in biodiversity governance—an area not traditionally prioritized by child rights organizations in the region—expanding the scope of children's engagement in environmental advocacy.

The project strengthened CRC Asia's regional partnerships and advocacy reach by linking with WWF and its partners in Cambodia and Thailand, as well as connecting relevant WWF country and regional offices with CRC Asia member organizations in Vietnam, Myanmar, and Lao PDR. It also promoted the concepts of child participation and child rights within engagements with WWF in Asia and the Pacific, contributing to stronger cross-sector collaboration on environmental and child rights agendas.

At the country level, the project enabled children and civil society organizations in Cambodia and Thailand to present their recommendations and engage directly with their governments. These child-led priorities were further elevated by CRC Asia at the regional level through the Asia-Pacific Partnership Meeting (APPM), strengthening regional visibility and policy dialogue on child participation in environmental governance.

Under the SUFASEC Program, Filipino children co-created a video advocacy material on online safety grounded in their lived experiences.

The process spanned several months and included learning sessions on sexual and reproductive health and rights, comprehensive sexuality education, storyboarding, message development, and iterative feedback and review. Alongside this process, children also participated in advocacy dialogues and campaigns supporting the proposed adolescent pregnancy prevention bill. The participating children are members of the Child Advisory Group (CAG) of the Down-To-Zero Philippine Alliance (DTZ Philippines).

Together with CRC Asia's member organizations Katilingban sa Kalambuan Inc. (KKI) and Gitib Inc., implementers of the SUFASEC Program in Zamboanga City and Misamis Occidental, CRC Asia launched the advocacy video The Brave Voice of Juliet. The material is available in English, Filipino, Bisaya, and Chavacano, and is also complemented by a comic version to enhance accessibility and wider reach.

The Brave Voice of Juliet is a product of a co-creation process which began with learning sessions on sexual and reproductive health and rights and comprehensive sexuality education, followed by storyboarding, development of advocacy messages, and iterative feedback and review of the video. Along the way, the children also had opportunities to participate in dialogues and advocacy campaigns, including efforts supporting the proposed adolescent pregnancy prevention bill. The children involved in the co-creation are members of the Child Advisory Group (CAG) of the Down-To-Zero Philippine Alliance (DTZ Philippines).

At the regional level, children from across Asia discussed online gaming and digital play during the 2025 Regional Children's Meeting, sharing their experiences, concerns, and priorities related to safer and more inclusive digital environments. Specific recommendations gathered from the children on online gaming and digital play will be carried forward by CRC Asia as it continues to engage with different technology companies, governments, civil society, and international bodies. These key recommendations will inform ongoing efforts to strengthen child rights protections in digital spaces, particularly in relation to online safety, responsible gaming practices, and children's meaningful participation in the digital ecosystem.

Youth Voices for Change

Youth Voices for Change is an initiative under the SUFASEC Program. Children and youth in Indonesia, India, and the Philippines transitioned from consultation participants to active advocates, agenda-setters, and implementers of child rights actions, demonstrating their capacity to define issues, design solutions, and engage institutions for accountability.

Across the three countries, youth-led advocacy efforts reached over 2,700 stakeholders through community campaigns, school-based activities, dialogues with government actors, and digital and media initiatives. In Indonesia, youth directly influenced multi-sector dialogue and secured a corporate commitment to strengthen child protection systems following the presentation of a youth manifesto on digital safety. In India, youth-driven campaigns contributed to increased institutional responsiveness, including adoption of child-friendly practices in schools and law enforcement engagement. In the Philippines, youth-led advocacy actions resulted in the adoption and integration of youth-created materials and initiatives into local government and child protection systems.

Overall, the initiative strengthened the recognition of children and youth as legitimate actors in policy and social change processes, with demonstrated influence on awareness, institutional practices, and child protection systems, particularly in addressing sexual exploitation of children and online sexual abuse and exploitation of children (OSAEC).

SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

CRC Asia member organizations contributed to discussions on resource mobilization for the network and its Secretariat. Despite funding uncertainties due to the conclusion of several programs and projects this year and early next year, CRC Asia and its member organizations reaffirmed their commitment to mutual support to sustain collective action for and with children across the region.

CRC Asia also participated in a Knowledge Management workshop and developed its Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for knowledge management, strengthening internal systems for documentation, learning, and knowledge sharing within the network.

CHALLENGES & OVERCOMING STRATEGY

This year, implementation of some activities was affected due to political turmoil, which included the Cambodia-Thailand border dispute and protests in Nepal and Indonesia. The annual Regional Children's Meeting (RCM) that was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand in August went through a series of thorough risk assessment meetings with member organizations from Cambodia and Thailand to discuss safeguarding measures due to the border conflict. The schedule of RCM was pushed back and monitoring of actions by both governments were facilitated by Bangkok-based members and partners. During the RCM, part of the safeguarding measure was to focus on the theme – online gaming, as well as celebrating diversity and building solidarity among children from Asia.

At the country-level, the protests in Nepal did not affect project implementation since project areas were in provinces. However, in Indonesia, activities were delayed due to the demonstrations in Jakarta and since the activity included having a dialogue with duty bearers, it was difficult to set the schedule.

Weather disturbance in the Philippines also prevented the Secretariat team from conducting an activity in Mindanao. Aside from ensuring the safety of children during travel and onsite activity, CRC Asia also prioritized safety of its staff.

Currently, CRC Asia and some of its member organizations are facing funding challenges. The Secretariat has prioritized resource mobilization in the last quarter and is engaging with other stakeholders for possible partnership. Attendance to forum invitations is also treated as an opportunity to mobilize resources.

While uncertainty lies ahead, CRC Asia is committed to continue its work for and with children, drawing strength from the solidarity among member organizations that has been built over the years.

SOCIAL REPORT

In 2025, CRC Asia directly received three safeguarding reports during its activities with children:

1) In an activity with children, the safeguarding committee acted on the report of a child participant concerning a male hotel guest. Referral pathways were immediately activated by filing a report with the hotel security and management, local police precinct, and provision of psychosocial support to the child participant. Provision of assistance post-activity continued through the NGO supporting the child.

2) The safeguarding committee convened partner organizations that supported child participants of one activity after receiving a child's report about the roommate inviting other child participants to the room and one child brought an alcohol drink. Through a collaborative process with partner organizations, child safety, accountability, and appropriate guidance to children were reinforced.

3) Points on no bullying, no discrimination, and freedom to speak in local language without any judgment were emphasized by the safeguarding committee during the 2025 Regional Children's Meeting. This reminder was in response to feedback from a child who felt discriminated against and bullied by other child participants from another country during the cultural event. The context of miscommunication or misunderstanding was also explained to the child that reported, considering the different background and culture of child delegates.

FINANCE REPORT

Statements of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2025,
with comparative figures of 2024
(In Philippine Peso)

	Notes	2025	2024
		A S S E T S	
Current assets			
Cash	4	**10,789,827**	8,652,795
Receivables	5	**11,277,902**	17,482,934
Total		**22,067,729**	26,135,729
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment, net	6	**446,829**	612,010
Refundable deposit	15	**87,923**	74,000
Total		**534,752**	686,010
Total assets		**22,602,481**	26,821,739
		LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Current liabilities			
Payables	7	**245,988**	1,126,530
Statutory payables	8	**411,613**	232,938
Total		**657,601**	1,359,468
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred support	9	**22,140,437**	23,354,553
Total liabilities		**22,798,038**	24,714,021
Fund balances		**(195,557)**	2,107,718
Total liabilities and fund balances		**22,602,481**	26,821,739

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

FINANCE REPORT

Statements of Revenues and Expenses
For the years ended of December 31, 2025,
with comparative figures of 2024
(In Philippine Peso)

	Notes	2025	2024
Revenues			
Grants and donations	11	**60,266,577**	70,750,751
Membership fees		**106,969**	99,683
Total		**60,373,546**	70,850,434
Expenses			
Project costs	12	**59,003,761**	64,756,949
Administrative costs	13	**5,478,606**	5,914,087
Total		**64,482,367**	70,671,036
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses		**(4,108,821)**	179,398
Other income, net	14	**525,250**	1,198
Total excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses		**(3,583,571)**	180,596

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THE ORGANIZATION

CRC Asia Member Organizations

- Child Rights Coalition Cambodia
- Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights
- Yayasan KKSP Education and Information Centre for Child Rights (Indonesia)
- Yayasan SEJIWA (Indonesia)
- Village Focus International (Lao PDR)
- Protect and Save the Children (Malaysia)
- Equality Myanmar
- Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre
- Group Development Pakistan
- Civil Society Coalition on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Philippines)
- Alliance for Child Rights Mindanao (Philippines)
- Chorogusan for Children (Korea)
- Child Welfare League Foundation (Taiwan)
- The Life Skills Development Foundation (Thailand)
- Childline Thailand Foundation
- Vietnam Association for the Protection of Children's Rights
- Foundation for Innovative Social Development (Sri Lanka)
- Singapore Children's Society
- Breaking the Silence Bangladesh

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Affiliations
Consultative Relationship with AICHR since 2015
Member of Child Rights Connect since 2016
Member of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children since 2017
Member of Asia Joining Forces
Member of Coalition of Good Schools (COGS)



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