

PROJECT COUNTRIES

The Hanns Seidel Foundation operates in the following countries:

- ▶ India (IND)
- ▶ Indonesia (RI)
- ▶ Laos (LAO)
- ▶ Myanmar (MYA)
- ▶ Pakistan (PK)
- ▶ Philippines (RP)
- ▶ Thailand (T)
- ▶ Vietnam (VN)



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The Hanns Seidel Foundation, founded in 1967, is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education “in the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development” in Germany and abroad. It has been working for more than 40 years in the field of development cooperation and is currently taking an active part in 80 projects in 55 countries worldwide.

Our international activities based on Christian-social ideals seek to promote humane living conditions and to contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy and social market economy. In cooperation with our local partners we realize projects in the areas of political consulting and education. Our partners’ independency and ownership are of particular importance to us.

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SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA



Hanns Seidel Foundation worldwide



OUR PROJECT COOPERATION

The South and Southeast Asian countries with about 2.5 billion people are currently home to approximately one third of mankind, and are characterized by vast contrasts: emerging economies like India, which will become the most populous country on earth in the next decade, or Indonesia, which is home to the biggest number of Muslims worldwide, are helping to shape the international agenda in the framework of G20 (Group of 20 major economies). Other countries in the region are characterized by violence, fragility and poverty. Despite impressive economic growth, many people in South and Southeast Asia still have to live on less than two US dollars a day. The rule of law is not always being respected and the situation of girls and women remains poor in several countries. Stability and peace in Asia are also essential for Germany. The projects of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) are aimed to address foreign and development policy challenges. The promotion of good governance is at the center of its international cooperation. Further, HSF is committed to democratic participation, and to functioning and efficient state structures.

Consistent with the motto “In the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development,” HSF works across projects in South and Southeast Asia on the topic of **federalism** and the establishment of **decentralized structures** as well as on the **principles of a service- and citizen-oriented police**.

ACTIVITIES – EXAMPLES

► SOUTH ASIA

In cooperation with local partners, HSF in **India** supports local self-administration (Panchayati Raj) through political education of municipal and city councils as well as mayors. In **Karnataka, the Indian partner state of the Free State of Bavaria**, HSF is implementing a project on safe cities. Issues of cooperation

between the police and civil society organizations in the area of women’s and victims’ protection are also at the center of our project work as well as the citizen-oriented training for policemen.

Today, the HSF network in **Pakistan** is situated at the interface between politics and science. Through training seminars, HSF contributes to a better understanding of the new generation of politicians and scholars about federalism and its importance for peace in the country.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation has set up a series of conferences with the **Munich Federalism Days**, which over a period of several years, regularly and systematically poses questions related to the global promotion of federalism, analyses reform efforts, and presents options for decision-makers.

► SOUTHEAST ASIA

In **Myanmar** and in the Philippines, politicians, administrative officials and representatives of ethnic minorities are trained on the possibilities, the prerequisites and the challenges of the introduction of decentralized and federal structures. Meanwhile, the HSF, in close cooperation with the National Parliament, the German “Bundestag” (lower house of parliament) and the Federal Council, supports the parliamentary administration in Myanmar in order to contribute to a citizen-oriented and transparent parliament.

In many Southeast Asian countries, the confidence of the citizens in the police is low. The focus, therefore, is on training activities and dialogue sessions between civil-society actors and the police which foster a responsive, human rights- and service-oriented police force. In **Indonesia, Thailand** and the **Philippines**, curricula that provide a better linkage between theory, practice and personality formation, are being developed together with the police academies responsible for training and are utilized to train trainers.

In close cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, civil servants in **Indonesia** receive education and training on drafting a constitution and reviewing laws in accordance with the constitution.

In **Laos**, HSF is committed to the formulation of a sustainable environmental law, and the development of administrative jurisdiction capacity.

A key component of the project work in **Vietnam** is the support for private and public research institutes in the development of policy recommendations in the area of social policy as well as in environmental and climate protection.

FOCUS OF OUR WORK

Fostering ...

- Decentralized and federal structures
- Legal structures
- Dialogue between cultures and religions
- Ecological sustainability and environmentally-responsive action
- Sustainable economic and social policy



Barbara Stamm, President of the Bavarian State Parliament, and Ursula Männle, Chairwoman of the HSF, at a conference of the women’s organization The Nahdlatul Ulama in Indonesia