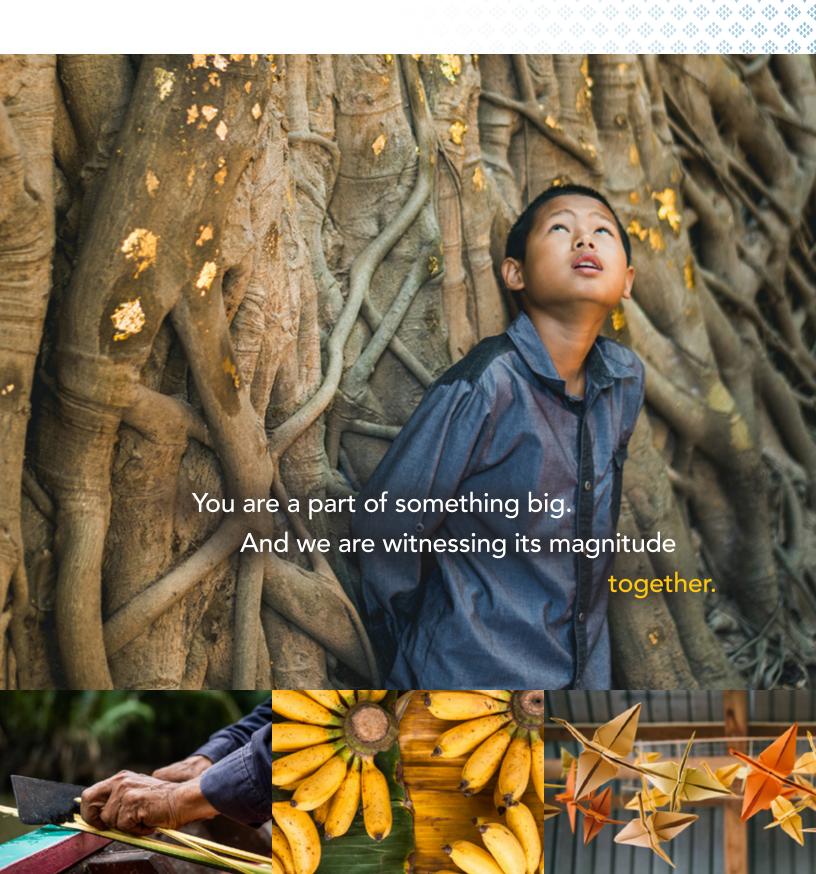


## 2022 IMPACT REPORT





## The power of "Yes, of course."

We are in awe of community groups and their leadership.

Especially in Thailand—as more families crossed the border in 2022, we watched how partners openly accepted that they are the ones who must do something.

This sense of **responsibility** is an impressive calling. And it's an **unstoppable force**.

#### **A GLIMPSE INTO 2022**

At 2 a.m., one of our partners **got the call** that the temple where he was staying was going to be attacked.

He grabbed his phone and dashed out. Two minutes later, helicopters arrived and started bombing.

Within 12 hours, this partner had found makeshift shelter, and had drafted a detailed proposal to serve the 500 people whose houses were burned in the attack.

He didn't lose any time getting help to those around him.

#### **ANOTHER GLIMPSE**

Dramatic flash floods swept through Thailand from July to December, displacing more than 13,000 people. Without warning, the rushing waters destroyed the homes and property of scores of already marginalized people.

Women and children were particularly affected. Those who were undocumented **had no access** to emergency response or help in recovery.

One of our partners reached out immediately with a plan.

In the crucial hours after this crisis, we were able to support them to get nearly 100 families in Chiang Mai and Lamphun blankets and warm clothes.



"The thought,
'We can't
because...'
is never their
first response.
They just
keep moving."

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### Small actions that aren't small

A small action is the instinct to pick up the phone and make a connection. Or a parent talking to another parent about what to do. Or a small grant delivered quickly.

Or the humble question: "What do you need?"

#### **ANOTHER GLIMPSE**

The volunteers from one of our partner organizations noticed that **pregnant women and their young children** were suffering from malnutrition while staying in displaced persons camps in remote areas.

The leaders of this organization wanted to apply for an open call for emergency grants—with a large international funder. Typically, this process takes up to 4 months to receive approval, and then another 3 months before money arrives. It was too long to wait.

Their proposal was for \$20,000, and they didn't have time to waste.

The needs were high at this time, but Partners Asia covered \$5,000. Then we circulated the proposal within our networks. A private donor volunteered to cover the remaining \$15,000 directly. And it took only one week for the funds to be transferred.

Their team started assembling nutrition kits in the camp immediately, reaching almost 1,000 families with essential food packs.

We listen. We learn. We support.



"Even these small actions can save a mother's life and give them the care they need, with dignity.

The people are still struggling. But in a time of great need, we helped relieve a huge burden—together."

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## No one goes it alone

The truth for partners working with marginalized people, is that issues can't be approached in isolation. Education is not only about curriculum, teachers and school supplies. It's also about responsiveness.

It's about how our partners build the confidence of parents to send their kids back to school, even when they're worried about safety on foreign soil. Or simply fostering the belief that they have the right to expect the best for the next generation.

The same holds true for reproductive services, or creating more LGBTQI acceptance, or advancing human rights. It's multi-faceted and takes the coordination of many different people. For these reasons, we focused 2022 on supporting gatherings and creating new opportunities for people to work together. Specifically:

- The Reproductive Health Network. A coalition of six different organizations from different provinces convening to create a multi-lingual reproductive health curriculum for migrant populations in Thailand.
- Partner Exchange Program (pilot). Giving small, flexible funding towards networking and travel to meet other professionals. In less than a month, our \$8,000 budget was allocated to nine activities suggested by partners.
- Mentorship at Thammasat University. Connecting local grassroots experts to students at the School of Global Studies to give on-the-ground guidance and perspective.
- Funder Alliances. Connecting new funders to organizations for scholarships or multi-year grants.
   Also serving as fiscal sponsor for donors wanting to support groups working at the grassroots level.

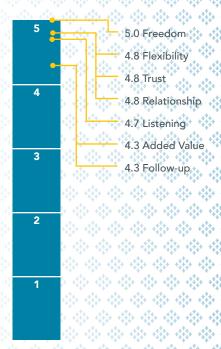


#### 2022 Partner Survey Results

Our work is centered around specific values, so to be sure we're serving our partners accordingly, we asked them to rank us.

(1 to 5) based on their experiences.

The results represent 33 organizations surveyed in English and in Thai.







# The scope of what we did together in 2022

You supported \$3 million in flexible grants for 72 organizations and individuals in 2022.

These grants supported initiatives led by local community groups serving vulnerable people displaced by war and hardship in Southeast Asia. (Please see pie chart.)

But at a deeper level, you joined us in seeding lasting change by:



Championing local leadership and local ways of approaching problems.



Shifting decision-making power to communities.



Building meaningful connections between inspiring leaders and organizations.



Filling the gaps created by traditional aid practices.



Meeting emergency needs in real time.



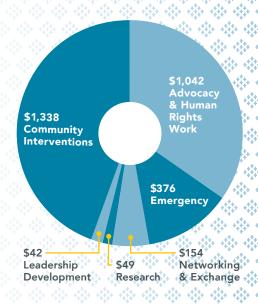
Funding grants for financial training, teen counseling, legal assistance, emergency intervention, childhood education, vocational training, community building, legal services, health care, reproductive services, gender equality, coalition building, leadership skills, and mentoring.



#### \$3 Million in Flexible Grants

In 2022, Partners Asia gave \$3 million in flexible grants. We had \$1.8 million in direct grants, and \$1.2 million in fiscal sponsorships. We worked with 72 organizations and individuals to support locally-led initiatives in Southeast Asia.

Here's where the funds went (in thousands of dollars):







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