

# **The Multi-Sectoral Approach to Building Resilience In Asia Pacific Cities: Empowering Women and Girls in Addressing Urban Poverty and Hunger.**

**Date and Time:** Feb 22, 2024: 16:45 - 18:00 pm Bangkok Time

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

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## **Co-organizers:**

- ARROW
- Bahu Trust
- Bhumi Global
- Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
- Faith for Cities
- Thriving Cities Group
- Trinity Centres Foundation
- World Evangelical Alliance

## **Description:**

As of 2022, over 55% of the world's population lives in cities, a percentage that is expected to increase to 68% by 2050 due to rapid urbanisation<sup>1</sup>. This urban growth has led to the growth of informal settlements, often associated with poverty, hunger, and gender inequality. To tackle the intersectional challenges preventing the achievement of SDGs 1, 2, and 5, a multi-sectoral approach within city development guided by the intergovernmental agreements like the New Urban Agenda (2016), updated priorities identified through UN-Habitat's updated strategic plans and stakeholder engagement, and civil society priorities like those developed by the

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.un.org/uk/desa/68-world-population-projected-live-urban-areas-2050-says-un>

World Urban Campaign's The City We Need Now call to action (2022)<sup>2</sup> are essential, particularly within the Asia Pacific Region, where the female poverty rate is 30.9%.<sup>3</sup>

This panel will bring together representatives from different sectors to share the innovative ways that organisations have worked around the Asia Pacific Region to address hunger, poverty and gender inequality to create the city we need, now, through best practices of economic empowerment, food systems transformation, and safeguarding sexual and reproductive rights. This event will also showcase how women's involvement in grassroots initiatives can lead to economic opportunities and explore how faith values can drive resilient social progress.

### **Speakers:**

- Moderated by: Clara Nah, Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Center
- Sri Sofjan World Urban Campaign of UN-Habitat/Huairou Commission.
- Dr. Mary Racelis, Ateneo de Manila University,
- Sio Kee Hong, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (Kl& Selangor)
- Sai Jyothirmai Racherla, ARROW

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.worldurbancampaign.org/tcwn>

<sup>3</sup> <https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/Field%20Office%20ESEAsia/Docs/Publications/2018/10/APSDG-Infographics-25oct2018.pdf>