SOUTHEAST ASIA GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLATFORM

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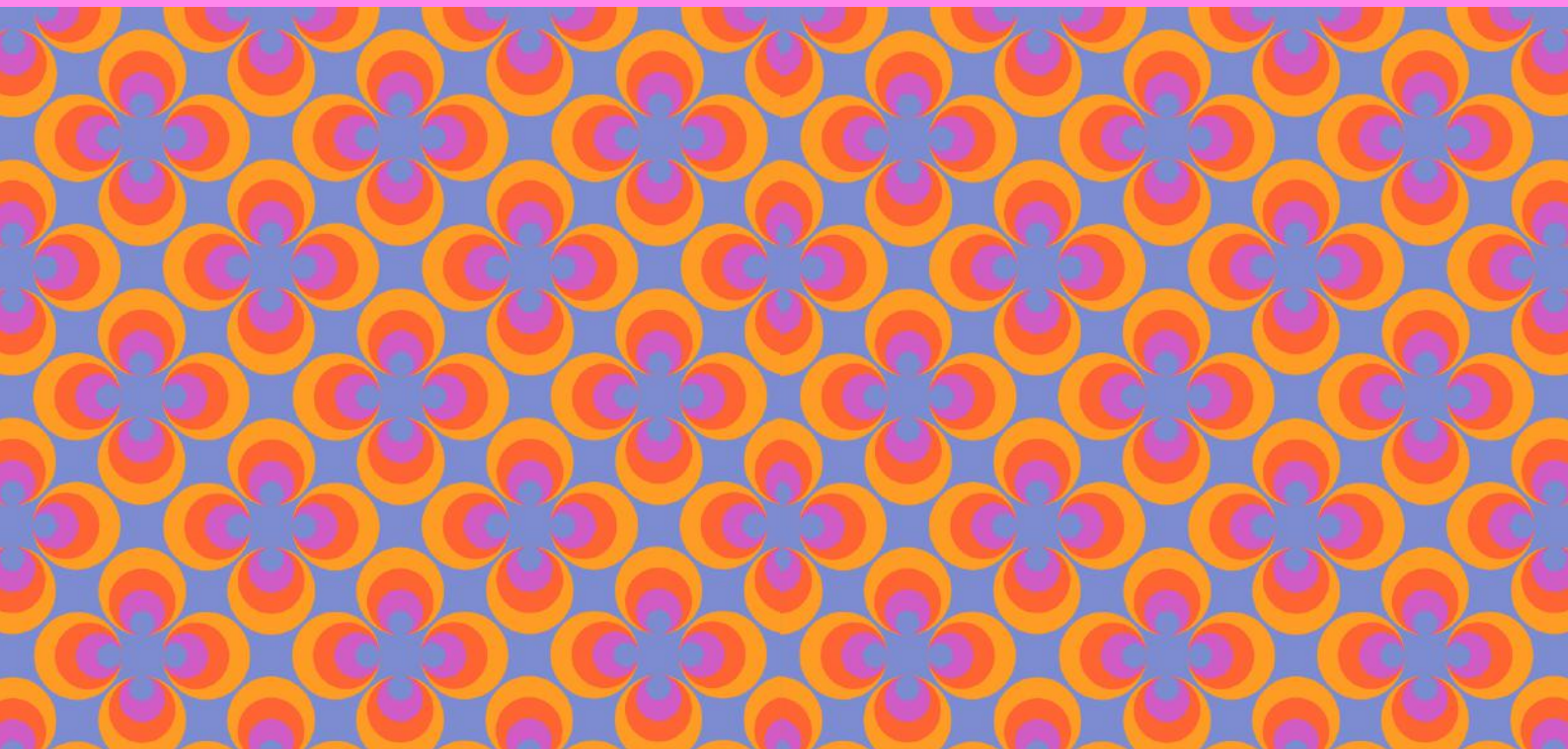
GBV Prevention Mentors

First cohort ♦ 2026

The Southeast Asia Gender-based Violence Prevention Platform (the Platform) initiated the Mentoring Program to build a network of national experts in gender-based violence (GBV) primary prevention.

Through the program, practitioners, known as mentors, will partner with women's rights organisations (WROs), civil society organisations (CSOs), and other constituent-led groups to strengthen their capacity in GBV primary prevention programming.

The first cohort brings together 11 mentors from six countries across Southeast Asia, bringing diverse experience in GBV prevention, gender equality and community-based work.



Atty. Allen Liberato-Espino



The Philippines

Role: Founder & President of FORA Consulting; Member of the National Gender and Development (GAD) Resource Pool (certified by the Philippine Commission on Women)

"I have a daughter and I think she is my biggest motivation to contribute to making this a safe space for all women and girls."

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Patricia Lloren Tuano

The Philippines

Role: Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion Expert & Youth Empowerment Specialist

"As a feminist advocating for women's rights and gender equality, we cannot set aside our goal of preventing all forms of GBV."

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Trần Lê Quỳnh Mai

Viet Nam

Role: Project Manager, Association BATIK International

"My biggest aspiration is to build a society, an environment promoting happiness for everyone. And this should be true for both women and girls, men and boys or anyone of any gender identity."

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Hoàng Thị Hải Vân



Viet Nam

Role: Senior lecturer and researcher at the School of Preventive Medicine and Public Health and the Center for Training and Research on Substance Abuse and HIV at Hanoi Medical University

"In my capacity as a lecturer and researcher, I perceive it as my responsibility to generate robust scientific evidence and disseminate key messages on GBV prevention to younger generations as well as policymakers."

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Sakphea Hor

Cambodia



Role: Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Specialist

"I am motivated by the need to strengthen community awareness and address drivers that increase the risks of gender-based violence."

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Helio Xavier

Timor-Leste

Role: Prevention Pillar Lead, Nabilan Program, The Asia Foundation

"We know that negative social norms contribute to GBV. I want to work in this area to see and ensure that everyone can live happily at all levels, individuals, families, and society."

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Siti Yunia Mazdafiah

Indonesia

Role: Director,
Savy Amira Women's Crisis Center, Surabaya

"Over time, we have realised that handling GBV cases one by one requires significant energy and resources. Therefore, it is necessary to create an environment that supports zero tolerance for violence against women, and to place a stronger emphasis on GBV prevention."

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Nivea Saldanha

Timor-Leste

Role: Pillar Lead - Movement Building,
The Asia Foundation



"My motivation comes from witnessing how GBV harms lives, limits opportunities and creates fear in communities."

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Tingthong Phetsavong

Lao PDR



Role: Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Specialist

"I think we should have a strategy to work together on preventing violence from happening because we have lessons and evidence at international level that violence prevention can be done."

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Salackchith Sunthorn

Lao PDR

Role: Project Manager, Gender Development Association (GDA)

"I am very motivated to apply for the GVB prevention (Mentoring Program) because I want to help communities understand challenges, promote gender equality and create safe spaces where women and girls can fully develop their potential and live free from violence."

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Amar Alfikar

Indonesia

Role: Independent consultant, writer, facilitator for women and LGBTIQ+ organisations

"My biggest aspiration is to be part of a movement where we can build a safe and empowering environment and society and to build together a world where women and marginalised communities are free from any violence based on who they are, who they love, and how they identify themselves."

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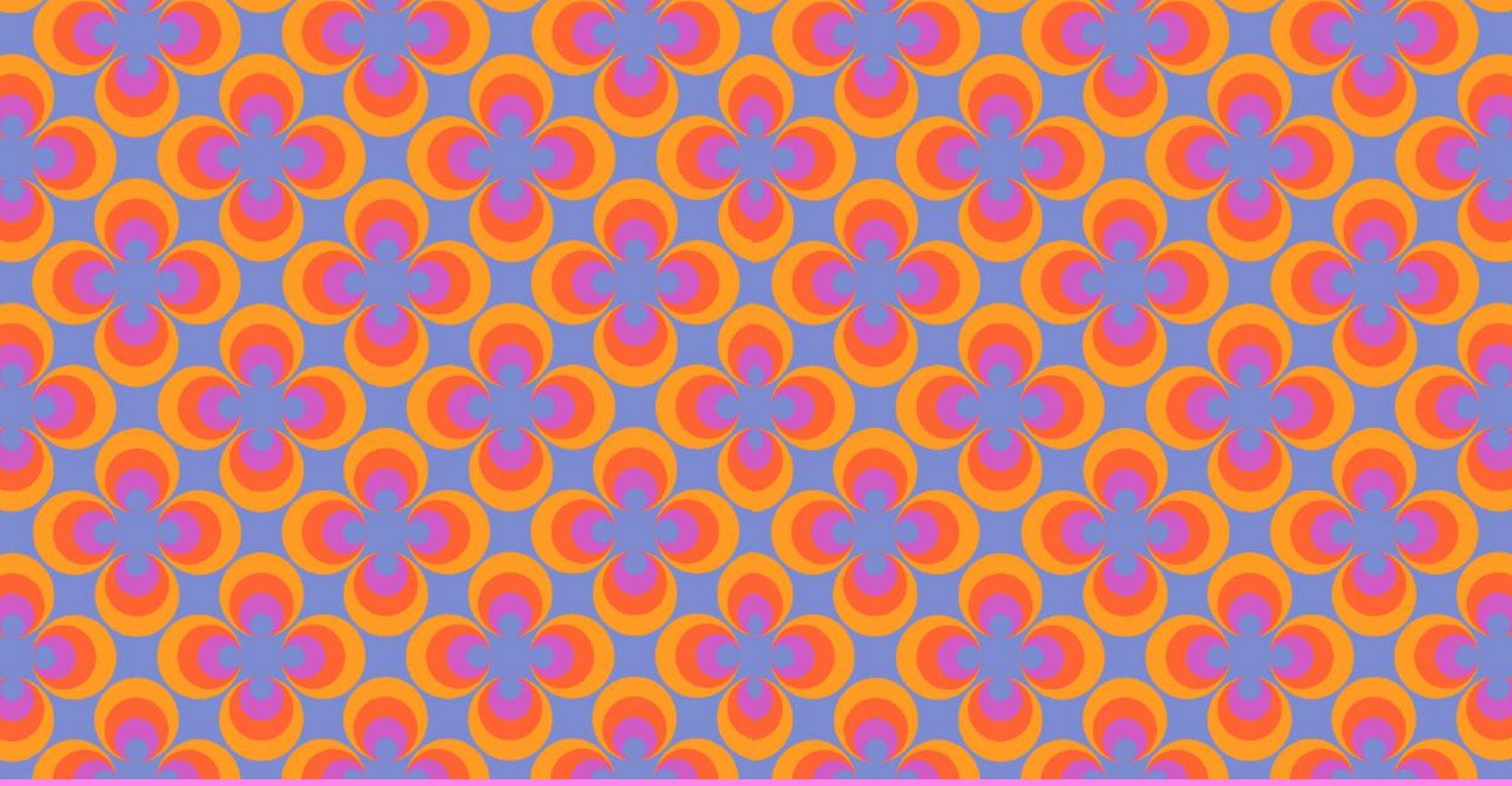












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