

ACHR-SELAVIP Housing project 2015 – 2016

Moving from individual beneficiaries to a community-wide project approach: During the 2011 – 2014 with the SELAVIP's support the Decent Poor Program has been implemented alongside ACHR's Asian Coalition for Community Action (ACCA) Program. The program has provided small grants which have allowed poor community networks in 150 cities in 12 Asian countries, to construct or upgrade the housing of their own poorest and most vulnerable community members, and insure they are not left out of the larger citywide housing upgrading process. Besides bringing direct, physical benefit and improved housing to about 600 of the most vulnerable urban poor households, the Decent Poor Fund program has helped change attitudes of the local authorities, community networks and other stakeholders in those cities and shown them how to ensure this vulnerable group is not left out of the citywide housing development process.



The ACHR-SELAVIP Housing Project 2015-2016:

The ACCA Program has come to an end at the end of 2014, therefore, ACHR has submitted the new 2 -year proposal to SELAVIP in the early 2015 –this new proposal has been modified and enlarged. The ACHR-SELAVIP Housing project will support both the continuation of the housing development and upgrading activities by poor people and the Regional Decent Poor Fund program, using the community networks which already exist at city and national levels in each country to solve land and housing problems of the poorest communities, and to make sure that the poorest and most vulnerable families in those communities are included in the process. It is to keep housing development and community

upgrading of the poor people and the poorest still working in active regional momentum and link together into a learning network

In the January 2015, the regional meeting was held in Bangkok to launch the project in 2015. The ceiling amounts of the 3 activities and of each country have been settled. By which, the maximum support per country is 40,500 US\$ including 30,000 US\$ for big housing project, 5,500 \$US for small upgrading projects and 5,000 \$US for decent housing for the poorest.

In the April 2015, the 2nd regional meeting was taken place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The participants of 12 countries have presented, discussed and made approval together the first year project. Total 8 countries participating: Pakistan, Mongolia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Vietnam and Nepal. There are 42 cities/districts involved. The 6 Big Housing Projects in 5 countries. In which,

3 projects support the communities to find ways to deal with eviction; the 2 projects support the poorest communities and the one post- disaster project. 24 small upgrading projects were implemented; and 8 Country-based Decent Poor Housing project.

In the October 2015, back-to- back with the Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-6), the 3rd regional meeting was taken place in Jakarta. The participants of 9 countries and about 40 community leaders and community architects from the 10 cities in Indonesia have updated the recent achievements towards city-wide upgrading in 8 participating countries

The second phase, ACHR-SELAVIP Housing project 2016 has been launched at this meeting.

The on-going project 2016 includes: Total 9 countries and 41 cities participated. The total 1700 poor families will be directly benefited and participated in the 3 activities as following:

A. **Big Housing Project:** 6 countries and 7 cities (Indonesia has 2 housing projects in 2 cities) -

B. **Small Upgrading project:** 7 countries and 8 cities-

C. **Decent Poor Housing:** 7 countries and 27 cities and provinces

By the early of June, ACHR has signed the Funding Agreement with the 8 countries. The 7 countries have received the 1st batch of budget.

The new ACHR-SELAVIP Housing Project 2017: Over the last month, the May 2016, our regional network has been prepared for the new set of country proposals 2017. In the last June 16, Somsook Boonyabancha has presented our ACHR newtwork's initial proposals at the anual meeting of SELAVIP Board in Brussels, Belgium. After this meeting SELAVIP Board is still discussing about the ceiling amount of support budget. A general agreement is that the amount will be increased a bit compared to the last 2 years. Roughly, about 350,000 \$US. So we will update soon.

An overview of new PROPOSAL 2017

♣ **12 Countries:** Pakistan, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, India (Tibet Heritage Fund); Indonesia, Lao PDR, Afghanistan, and Philippines.

♣ 66 Cities/Districts/Towns

♣ 17 NGOs, technical support, coordination

♣ **11,459 HHs** indirectly benefiting

♣ **8,654 HHs directly benefited/participated**

Accordingly, PROPOSED BUDGET is as follows

Total amount requested:	550,000
• Big Housing projects:	320,000
• Small Upgrading projects:	59,000
• Decent Poor Housing:	45,000
• Community-based Waste Management:	48,000

- Regional Coordination 63,000
- Advocacy housing policy 15,000