

## ANNOUNCING the PERWEEN RAHMAN FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Earlier this year, the Community Architects Network (CAN) announced a call for applications for a new fellowship that was being set up to commemorate the work and spirit of the Pakistani architect, activist and community-mapper-cum-laude Perween Rahman, who was killed in Karachi on March 13, 2013. The fellowship would provide an extremely modest grant of \$2,000 to at least 15 community architects or community-based builders to work with urban poor communities and their local support organizations on specific projects, within the ACHR network, for about six months. Some 32 fellowship applications were subsequently received, which were then carefully screened and discussed by the regional CAN team. In June, Tee (one of CAN's regional coordinators) announced the 15 fellows chosen for 2014. As Tee put it, "We hope that through their fresh enthusiasm, hard work and growing knowledge, this group of 15 fellows will become part of CAN and ACHR, and will help to roll this development work forward creative ways." Here is a brief on the 15 fellows: who they are, where they will work and what they will do:



1. **VIETNAM:** Mr. Le Nhu Nga, a young community architect who works with ACVN, will work with poor communities in the town of Bac Kan to improve their housing and also help build and strengthen their team of community-based builders.
2. **THAILAND:** The Openspace community architects will work with the historic Nanglerng community in Bangkok to develop plans for adjusting their community to accommodate a new subway train station that is to be built in a corner of the settlement.
3. **PHILIPPINES:** Ms. Villa Mae Libutaque ("Val"), an architect with TAMPEI, will work with the ULHOA community in Valenzuela to develop re-blocking plans and housing designs, in collaboration with the Homeless People's Federation, SHFC and FDUP.
4. **PHILIPPINES:** Ms. Emelyn Bermundo ("Emmy"), another TAMPEI architect, will work with the Del Rosario community to develop alternative stilt-house plans for the permanently-flooded community they now own, with HPFP and FDUP.
5. **PAKISTAN:** Mr. Siraj Uddin, a community-based technician from TTRC, will work with the poor in Karachi's Baldia Town to train community youths to do mapping and surveying for infrastructure services, in collaboration with OPP and URC.
6. **PAKISTAN:** Mr. Muhammad Fiza, from HAMET, will work with informal communities and local governments in Bahawalpur District to help plan, engineer, cost-estimate and develop water supply and lane sewers, in collaboration with OPP.
7. **NEPAL:** Mr. Parvesh Khanal and Mr. Tulsi Kumar Kaway, from the PTAG group of Community Architects, will work with the Salghari community in Ratnanagar to prepare housing and settlement upgrading plans and train local builders.
8. **MONGOLIA:** Mr. Batdorj, from the Young Architects Group, will work with informal ger-area communities in Ulaanbaatar's Sukhbaatar District to create open spaces and green areas, in collaboration with the NGO UDRC.
9. **INDONESIA:** Ms. Ivana Lee, an architect from Ciliwung Merdeka, will work with four informal communities along Jakarta's Ciliwung River to map their settlements and develop alternative *in-situ* housing solutions to use to negotiate with government.
10. **INDONESIA:** Ms. Liza Marzaman, a young architect, will work with the Kampung Buloa fishing community in Makassar to map their settlement and develop long term upgrading plans, in collaboration with the local university and ARKOM.
11. **INDIA:** Mr. Stanzin Tundup, from the Leh Old Town Initiative (LOTI), will support a community-based project to restore an old shrine and temple in Leh, with communities providing all the material and labor, in collaboration with Tibet Heritage Fund.
12. **INDIA:** Ms. Nicola Antaki will work with poor children in an alternative school, which is located in a Mumbai slum, to experiment with planning and carrying out their own physical and quality-of-life improvements, using the school as their laboratory.
13. **CAMBODIA:** Ms. Kao Danak, a community architect with the CDF Foundation, will assist communities in Kandal, Preah Sihanouk and Posenchey District to map their settlements and develop upgrading plans, to be partly funded by ACCA.
14. **FIJI:** Mr. Hanisetoka Manueli, a community architect, will work with informal communities in the town of Nasinu to map their settlements and develop reblocking plans, in collaboration with the People's Community Network (PCN).
15. **BANGLADESH:** Ms. Fatema Sharmin Sonia, an architect, will work with the people in Shondip Colony, in Chittagong, to map their settlement, develop housing improvement plans and construct some pilot house designs, in collaboration with UPPR.

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