



Annex C

Pan Asia Workshop, New Delhi,
India, 22-24 Feb 2010

**Who Pays? The Global Crises and What
Needs to be Done
An Asian Perspective**



Background

- Far Reaching Impact of Globalization
- Dynamics of IFT's and Intl Financial Institutions-delimiting factors to state sovereignty
- Questions on transparency and accountability of governments towards its citizens.

In this backdrop-

- Strengthen the Social Watch Coalitions in Asia
- Forge links
- And to construct a common advocacy and campaigning agenda

The workshop was spread over three days with representatives from Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Burma, Mongolia, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Nepal and India.



Focus

- The first day of the program started by setting the larger political tone/ context –

Session-

1. **Focused on Financial Crisis, Millennium Development Goals and an overview of Social Indicators**
2. **Emerging global order- Financing for Development**
3. **Aid effectiveness**



Tools of Governance Accountability


Working at Different levels of public policy making-

Formulation stage- 1. Budget and Human Rights 2. Gender Budgeting 3. Micro planning

Implementation level- 1. Social Audit 2. Citizens Monitoring

Outcome level- 1. Citizens Report Card 2. ASER 3. Audit

Working Groups



Groups worked on 1). Mapping of the Issues on Governance Accountability, 2). The Contribution of National Coalition and 3) Potential Ideas for Social Watch Asia-

- Poverty
- Corruption
- Increased Militarisation
- Illiteracy
- Inaccessible information/data
- Unresponsive government
- Government control over NGOs
- Differences between urban and rural areas
- Urban-focused development
- Weak/non-independent judiciary
- Privatisation
- Public participation challenges

Recommendations, Opportunities



- Declining international donor assistance = increasing private sector financing of NGO activities
- Research corruption burden in Asia
 - Who pays for corruption, and how much?
- Promotion of transparent fiscal policies and better transparency in budget allocations for vulnerable social groups
- More alternative and reliable data (calculation of alternative inflation, poverty, etc. by NGOs which have research capacity)
- More public hearings and local need assessments to reveal the true needs and shortcomings at the local level
- Promotion of decentralization of government
- Monitoring effects of election and other governmental changes on vulnerable groups
- Shadow Report- on MDG's, CEDAW and ESCR
- Asia level Social watch Report

Possible Opportunities for common regional focus



- Increasing global influence – 5 of the G20 countries, Peace & Democracy global markers
- Regional Forums: ASEAN, SAARC, AEC?
- Building on political commitments (MDGs)
- Regionally located events (g20, WSF, EU / AU dialogues)
- Greater visibility to community based movements (Climate, Social Exclusion)
- Existing strengths – Debt, FFD, Gender

Towards stronger Social Watch in Asia



- Collective Ownership-Built around national coalitions-
- Active synergy around national coalitions
- Communication among different national coalitions
- Active participation in the existing channels
- Learning and sharing platform
- Regional and bilateral communications
- Role and objectives of the workshop
- Formulate a specific regional strategy
- Synergy with existing campaigns and network
- Develop pan Asia accountability tools