

Southeast Asia Civil Society Scoping Study



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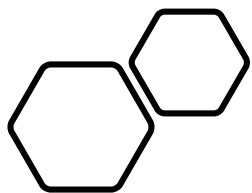
Origins and purpose of the study

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Methodology and topics investigated

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What?

'civil society' not the clearest of objects for study

- broad definition
- numerous functions
- cultural translation
- ideological baggage



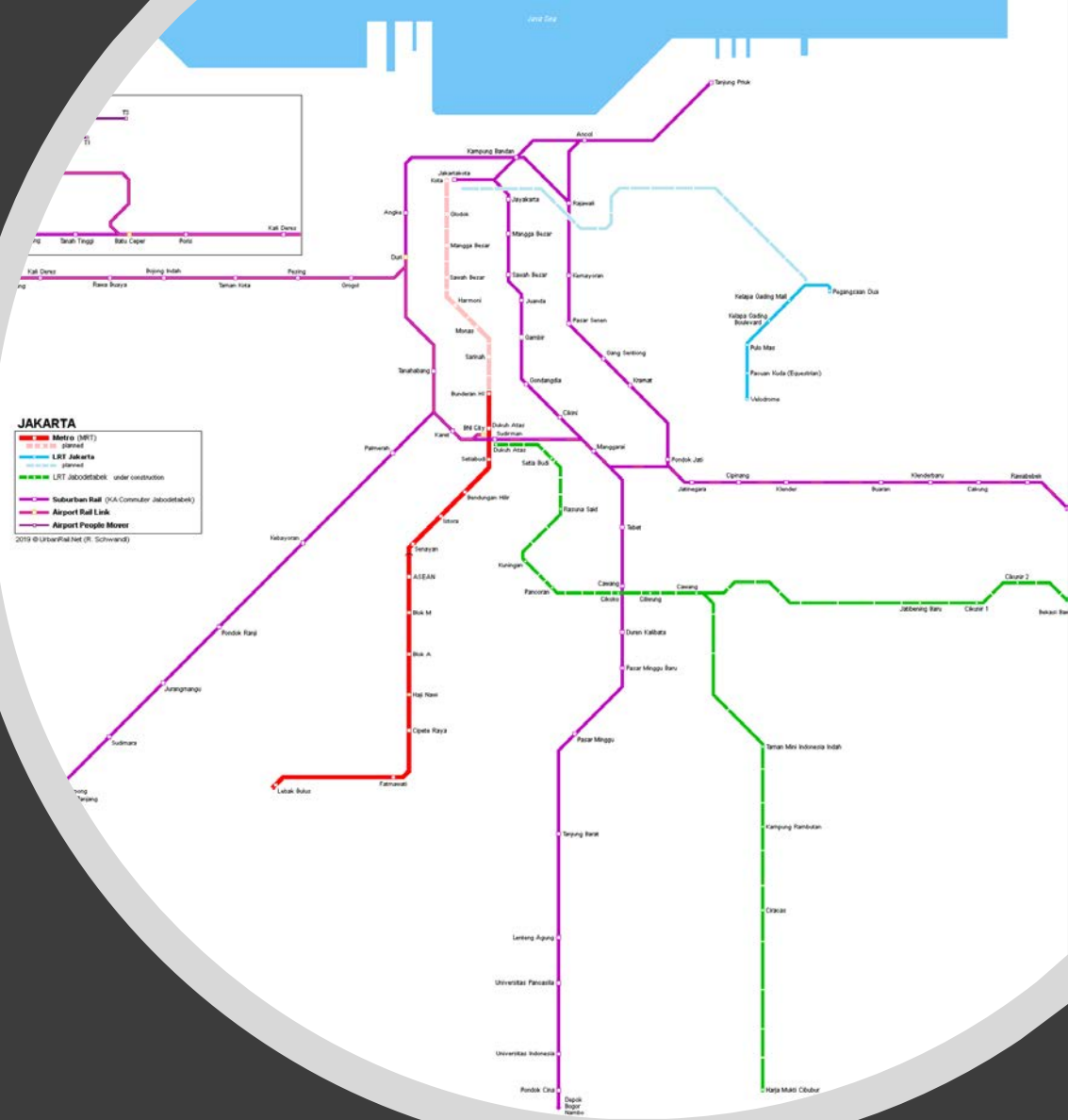
An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. A river winds through the center of the image, surrounded by a grid of agricultural fields. The fields are in various stages of cultivation, with some appearing brown and others green. There are scattered trees and small structures throughout the landscape. The background shows a hazy, distant horizon.

Where?

- Indonesia: Jakarta, Jogjakarta and Makassar;
- Philippines: Manila and Mindanao;
- Myanmar: Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Kachin State and Tanintharyi Region;
- Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu and Penang;
- Timor Leste: Dili and Baucau;
- Thailand: Bangkok and Isan;
- Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Battambang;

How?

- Key informant interviews
- Focus group discussions
- Desk review and secondary materials
- TAF's existing civil society networks;
- TAF teams' recommendations through their contacts
- Snowballing



Different local contexts

- A general conceptual framework
- Addressing specific contextual issues = different themes in different contexts negotiated with DFAT posts.



Who?

Country | Informants (Female/Male)

	Timor Leste 43 (14 / 29)
	Indonesia 63 (28 / 35)
	Malaysia 32 (17 / 15)
	Philippines 65 (36 / 29)
	Cambodia 47 (20 / 27)
	Thailand 32 (13 / 19)
	Myanmar 48 (25 / 23)

Plus 6 non-resident interviewees

Total: 336 (156 / 180)



Focus areas (political economy lens)

Cambodia

- Closing spaces
- Influence of geopolitics

Indonesia

- Transnational civic space
- Enabling environment

Malaysia

- Post-election transitions
- Women's movements / Sabah

Timor-Leste

- Church in civil society
- Enabling environment/funding

Thailand

- Closing and emerging spaces (social media)
- Northeast Thailand

Myanmar

- Youth movements / social media
- Research institutes, think tanks

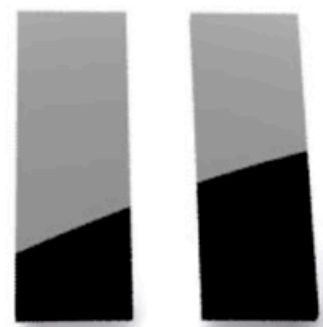
Philippines

- Legitimacy challenges
- New networks and movements

Closing and changing civic spaces

Nicola Nixon, TAF Regional





PAUSE



Movements: youth,
transnational, sub-
national, digital

Cameron Hill, Whitelum Group



Lessons learned on donor engagement

Nicola Nixon, TAF

