

## Highlights- ASIA PACIFIC SHORT COURSE ON REFUGEE RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY

**26-29 November 2018-Bangkok, Thailand**

The Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) is an open and growing network consisting of more than 340 civil society organisations and individuals from 28 countries committed to advancing the rights of refugees in the Asia Pacific region. APRRN aims to advance the rights of refugees and other people in need of protection through joint advocacy, capacity strengthening, resource sharing and outreach. APRRN envisions a region in which all people in need have equal and adequate access to assistance and protection, and to timely durable solutions as relevant.

The APRRN have one of segment to supporting the member's capacity building program

### **Capacity strengthening:**

Through the year Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) coordinates trainings and workshops targeted at strengthening the capacity of members to respond for key protection challenges more effectively (legal aid, advocacy, refugee law, mental health, gender issues, statelessness, and alternatives to detention).

The Short Course on Refugee Rights and Advocacy, hosted by the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) has been arranged at Bangkok. Legal Researcher (LR) is gratified for exploring the opportunity by Mr. Sheraz Khan, Executive Director for enhancing his knowledge and sharing the expertise with other representatives from civil society from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.



In the four days Course a diversified group of speakers, all working in different capacities and have vast expertise in their respective fields, from Mahidol University Mr. Mike Hayes, had skill and knowledge on the Human rights and Planning, Analysis and Problem tree activities, which was the most important work in the humanitarian sector. Mr. Phil Robertson from Human Rights Watch organization who had experience on the Media importance and better understanding on the linkage development for common cause using the new technology in our work. We are especially excited to have participants from around the region joining us this year and it will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to network. We hope that this Short Course will engage, stimulate and productive learning experience for all of us. UHCR representatives Emily Bojovic and Edward Benson session on the RSD and statistic for Durable Solution were extensive leaning during the sessions. Ms. Rachel, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network covered the Ethics and elaborated about the Planning strategic planning. Ms. Najeeba Australian National Committee on Refugee Women, case story and her good experience at field level which she had linkages for the women participation and empowerment was very useful during the session.



## Film Screening of “Non-Assistance” + Panel Discussion on Migration and Human Rights

### 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

In the past seventy years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, the international community has made important advancement towards the fight against racial discrimination and other forms of intolerance for the restoration of peace in the global regions. National and International laws have been enacted and numerous International Human Rights instruments. 18th National Human Rights Conference on “UN Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights” will enhance, uplift and further strengthen the issues of human rights with the present situation of Human Rights and its related mandates It is increasingly recognized that human rights are essential to achieve sustainable development. In September 2015, 170 world leaders gathered at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in New York to adopt the 2030 Agenda. The new Agenda covers a broad set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 167 targets and will serve as the overall framework to guide global and national development action up to 2030. The SDGs are the result of the most consultative and inclusive process in the history of the United Nations. Grounded in international human rights law, the agenda offers critical opportunities to further advance the realization of human rights for all people everywhere, without discrimination.



### Group Works for Mapping Advocacy

During the sessions various group activities has been conducted for understanding on how to Analysis Problem, Networking, Mapping, Fund raising, Media campaign and Referral. The participants have been divided in six Groups and each group strategies the needs and linked to advocacy through different approaches.



### Feedback and Suggestion

The priors needs for Advocacy of National Law and Funds raising campaign for out of school children (Pakistan).

Local integration in terms of inters marriages for afghan refugee in Pakistan to recognize their identity.



Adopt the proper mechanism to streamline the protection mainstreaming for stateless individuals.

Provide the technical skills for afghan refugee to support their family at the place of origin after return.



### Dinner and Networking Opportunity s

The APPRN arranged a get together for brief work of individuals and organization working in field and how compile to support the respective work for better lives' of refugee's. The Food taste of Thailand was fabulous and the participants got the opportunity to talk about their culture and the local integration of refugee.



### Certification and Gallery

