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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

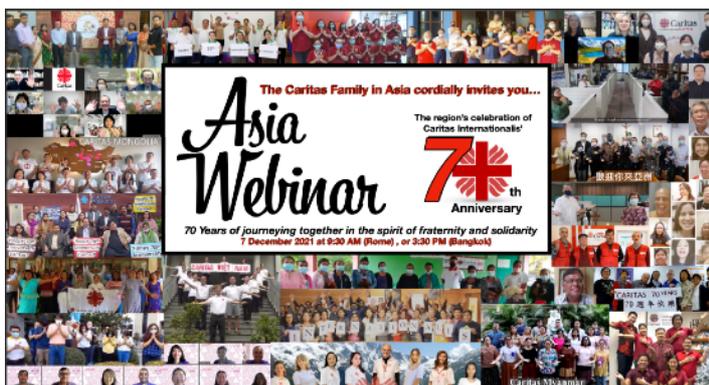
Caritas Asia New Strategic Planning Process (2022-2025)

After a series of consultations, interviews and online surveys with all its stakeholders, including the 25 Caritas member organizations in Asia (MOs), the global partners, and the various other institutions and individuals associated with the region, Caritas Asia has finally produced its first draft of the regional strategic plan 2022-2025. The new strategic plan presents an updated outlook of the regional context, built upon the changes and current situations faced by each Caritas member organizations, both individually and collectively as sub-regions. The draft highlights the significant changes generated by the global pandemic, which impacted the way Caritas member organizations deliver their respective services to the vulnerable communities in the region.

The new plan shows a significant change in the formulation and the quantity of strategic priorities for the next four years. From having six strategic priorities in the previous strategic plan 2017-2021, Caritas Asia will now focus on three new strategic priorities - care for creation, humanitarian capacity and integral human development. The three new priorities do not mean though that the previous six priorities will have been phased out, as they have actually been integrated into the three new ones. The other notable addition to the new plan is a clear linkage with Sustainable Development Goals and Caritas Internationalis' Strategic Orientations for each strategic priority.

Caritas Asia has circulated the first draft in early December 2021 to all Caritas Member Organizations in Asia and opened channels for feedback until the first week of the month through email exchanges and dedicated zoom meeting link with the Ms. Cristina Rigman, the external consultant. The plan will then be shared to all the other stakeholders of Caritas Asia, when the feedback of all its 25 MOs will have been considered and consolidated into a final draft. After finalizing the draft, the Strategic Plan will have to be approved and ratified by all the 25 MOs at their next Regional Conference in March or June of 2022.

Asia Celebration of Caritas Internationalis 70th Anniversary



Caritas Asia, in collaboration with Caritas Internationalis organized a [regional webinar](#) on 7 December 2021 in celebrating the 70th anniversary of Caritas Internationalis. Bearing the theme “70 years of journeying together in the spirit of fraternity and solidarity”, [Caritas Asia](#) shared its experience and journey with Caritas Internationalis through the various perspectives of the four sub-regions in Asia.

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

Caritas Asia and Caritas India organized a webinar on the occasion of the [World Humanitarian Day](#), to address the issues around climate change and how it has led to the increase in the intensity and frequency of natural disasters in the region, which in turn, leads to a higher increase in demand for humanitarian work and aid across the world. The webinar, held on August 19th, 2021, attracted 236 participants from 18 MOs in Asia, eight Caritas Global Partners, Caritas Internationalis and the Caritas India national network. The webinar was held on Zoom and was streamed live at the YouTube channel of Caritas Asia. Click [here](#) to view the complete webinar.

SHAPE Project

• Community of Practice Vol.3: Digital Press Trip

Caritas Asia invited Ms. Astrid Radner, Corporate Media Editor of Caritas Austria, to share on the [Digital Press Trip](#) at the third SHAPE Community of Practice webinar, which was held on 15 July 2021. The Digital Press Trips one of the options of content gathering that Caritas Austria has adopted in the midst of the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19.

• Community of Practice Vol.4: International Day for DRR

The global community and people around the world celebrates “International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction” (ID-DRR), every 13th of October. This international day began in 1989, after the United Nations General Assembly decided to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. This year, Caritas Asia celebrated the ID-DRR together with the 25 Member Organizations in Asia using available [digital platforms](#) to promote the DRR best practices and learning from different countries in Asia. Click [here](#) for the summary.

• Community of Practice Vol.5: International Volunteers Day

Caritas Asia conjoined the celebration of the International Volunteer Day 2021 with the regional webinar to celebrate Caritas Internationalis 70th anniversary. Volunteers have been an inseparable part of the Church actions through the years. They have journeyed together with Caritas confederation since its first inception and have contributed significantly in shaping Caritas services as it is now. Please click here for [Caritas volunteers video](#) and [here](#) for the general summary of Caritas volunteers in Asia.

Caritas Asia joined other meetings organized by Caritas MOs in Asia:

Caritas Sri Lanka Partners Forum (16-17 September 2021)

Palu Learning Review of Caritas Indonesia (October 2021)

Coordination meeting with Ministry of Social Affairs in Thailand (23 Nov 2021)

