

OVERVIEW

Funder:

USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA)

SuFiA Project:

Comprised of multiple, individual activities

• Goal of SuFiA Technical Support (TS):

To improve the management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Indo-Pacific region by reducing unsustainable fishing and IUU fishing.

Duration:

24 Nov. 2021 – 23 Nov 2025

Geography:

10 ASEAN countries with Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste

PRIMARY COMPONENTS

Component I

Regional sustainable fisheries policies, standards, and regulatory frameworks adopted and implemented.

Component 2

Adoption of fair labor and sustainable fishing practices by fishery businesses increased.

Component 3

Project coordination, administrative and technical support, and outreach and communications.

*Cross-cutting approach

Regional **gender equality** and **social inclusion** (GESI) considerations integrated into Indo-Pacific fisheries management and regional seafood supply chains.

- I. Assisted SuFiA LCD project with WLF activities --
 - a. Guidelines for the Implementation of the CTI-CFF GESI Policy;
 - b. Covid-19 impacts on women in fisheries in the Coral Triangle: A draft cooperative action plan on working together towards gender equality and building back better.
- 2. Shared the approved **SuFiATS GESI Analysis** to RS for circulation to WLF and CT6.
- 3. Proposed **SuFiATS 2023 Workplan** pending final approval that include WLF-related activities (embedded in the draft CTI-CFF Partnership Concept Note to be finalized and submit to RS for further action).

Proposed SuFiATS 2023 Workplan (pending final approval):

[Draft RPOA 2.0 Target B2: B2.1.1]

By 2023, the CTI GESI Policy is integrated in all programs, projects and activities with roles of women, youth, PwD, different social groups and local governments assessed and monitored as per the Policy.

- a. Finalize the regional implementation guidelines of the CTI GESI Policy as recommended to SuFiA TS by SuFiA LCD.
- b. Facilitate in finalizing the draft "Regional Action Plan on COVID-19 Impacts on Women in Fisheries in the Coral Triangle" prior to SOM adoption in FY24.
- c. In reference to RPOA2.0 [Target B1, B2, B3 and C1], support the development and implementation of a CT6 Youth Ambassadors Program under the Regional Youth Engagement.

(c) Proposed CT6 Youth Ambassadors Program

- Regional Youth Engagement is envisioned as an important opportunity to leverage and amplify regional effort aimed at enhancing marine biodiversity conservation, promoting (sea) food security, and advancing the sustainable management of fisheries resources.
- The proposed CT6 Youth Ambassadors program is designed to identify, empower, and build the capacity of the next generation of leaders in fisheries and fisheries supply chain management.
- More directly, the engaged youth are expected to contribute and participate meaningfully in the processes of RPOA 2.0 and contribute to the achievement of the outcome/outputs.

(c) Proposed CT6 Youth Ambassadors Program

- Youth: 18-19 years old & Young Professionals: 20-35 years old
- **Recruited** from urban and coastal communities (incl. under-represented groups such as SSF and artisanal fishers).
- NCCs to lead through a fair and transparent nomination and selection process.
- Target: One youth and one Young Professional to be identified from each CT6 per year (n=12)
- **Trial period:** 3 years (2023-2025)
- Potential collaboration with other CT6 neighboring countries and youth regional programs shall be explored to ensure continuity.

Proposed Youth Ambassadors Roadmap: Year One, 2022 - 2023

No.	Time	Activity
1	Sept-Nov 2022	Partners co-develop Concept Note, "Regional Youth Engagement Considerations Integrated into the CT6 Countries" Finalize the Concept Note based on partners' feedback; submit to CTI-CFF RS for pre-SOM Attend pre-SOM meeting to 'pitch' the "Regional Youth Engagement Considerations Integrated into the CT6 Countries" Concept Note
2	Nov/Dec 2022	SOM-17 meeting held seeking approval
3	Jan – Mar 2023	If approved by SOM-17, mobilization for program execution starts
4	Apr 2023	Confirmed nominees for 1st group of Youth Ambassadors and Young Professionals received from CTI-CFF RS (plus CT6 neighboring countries).
5	Apr – Jul 2023	Baseline assessment; develop multi-year youth engagement program workplan with interventions to build and sustain network of CT6 (plus CT6 neighboring countries) youth/young professional network for groups 2, 3.
6	End of Jul 2023	Group 2023: CT6 + CT6 neighboring countries youth leadership training and empowerment; with assignments to lead and conduct outreach campaigns in each country and region
7	Aug 2023	Regional partnership planning – Year 2 (Oct 2023 through Sept 2024); consider other regional partners
8	Nov 2023	CT6 and CT6 neighboring countries youth network attend 2023 Global Youth Conference organized by Precious Island (to be confirmed)

Precious Island

Bali-based Precious Island (https://preciousisland.id/) works with private and public sectors to help youth initiatives towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through collaborations – these initiatives are managed under the umbrella term "Global Youth Conference on SDGs".



https://globalyouthconference.org/

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4. Welcome the addition of **Dr.Arlene Satapornvanit** as a new member to the SuFiATS RETT, who will support GESI-related task implementation during FY23 onwards.

