

Perween Rahman fellowship results announced

An important part of CAN's development this year has been the **Perween Rahman Fellowship**, launched to support young practitioners working on participatory development, as a way to honour the memory and continue the legacy of our Pakistani friend architect and activist, who was murdered in Karachi in 2013. After a thorough selection process from more than 30 applications, a small grant of \$2000 went to 15 action-based projects across 12

countries in Asia, that will last a minimum of six months. The projects vary from mapping to heritage conservation, from training to relocation planning and design workshops. They are all meant to not only deliver concrete improvements to the communities, but to build together new knowledge and partnerships in the process, using the limited grant to unlock further resources and funds, to make a bigger change possible. Good luck to all Perween Rahman fellows!



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The following are the projects which got funded for the Perween Rahman fellowship. Most of them are already underway. You can follow them by liking the **Perween Rahman Fellows** page on facebook.

1. Bac Kan city, Vietnam / Housing Improvement - Mr. Le Nhu Nga, a young community architect will work together with community builders on a low cost housing design in Bac Kan. The design will be part of settlement upgrading involving ACVN and members of CDF at the town level.

Applicant: Mr. Le Nhu Nga (ACVN), Ngacdf2810@gmail.com

2. Bangkok, Thailand / Comprehensive Community-Led Masterplan in Nagloeng - Architects from Openspace, together with community-based art collective E-Lerng, will work on a masterplan with the historical community of Nanglerng, that will be affected by the construction of a new metro station.

Applicant: E-Lerng + Openspace, nanglerng@yahoo.com

3. Valenzuela, Philippines / Onsite Reblocking - Ms. Villa Mae Libutaque ("Val"), an architect working with TAMPEI will work in collaboration with the Homeless People's Federation, SHFC and FDUP will work with the ULHOA in community in Valenzuela to develop re-blocking plans and housing designs engaging with the local university.

Applicant: TAMPEI, Tampeifilippines@yahoo.com.ph, vhallibutaque@gmail.com

4. Valenzuela, Philippines / Onsite Incremental housing on water - Ms. Emelyn Bermundo ("Emmy"), another TAMPEI architect, will work with university student, HFPF, and FDUP with the Del Rosario community to develop alternative plan using stilt-house design for the community, which sits on water.

Applicant: TAMPEI, Tampej_filipines@yahoo.com.ph, vhallibutaque@gmail.com

5. Karachi, Pakistan / Training of community architect/youth to work with the poor - Mr. Siraj Uddin, a community-based technician from TTRC, will train community teenagers in Baldia Town (Karachi) to conduct mapping and surveying of infrastructure services across their settlements, in collaboration with OPP and URC, to produce a city wide infrastructure services map.

Applicant: Mr. Siraj (TTRC), sirajttrc@yahoo.com

6. Bahawalpur, Pakistan / Improvement of basic services (action research) - Mr. Muhammad Fiza, from HAMET, will work with a local government team in water and sanitation departments and community members to create a baseline study and cost-estimate needed to upgrade existing water supply and lane sewers in collaboration with OPP.

Applicant: Mr. Muhammad Fiza (The Hafeez Arain Motivational & Empowerment Trust - HAMET), fizaldr@gmail.com, hamet.sp@gmail.com

7. Ratnanagar, Nepal / Community re-planning for land security negotiation - Mr. Parvesh Khanal and Mr. Tulsi Kumar Kaway, Community Architects from PTAG, will work with the Salghari forest community to prepare housing and settlement upgrading plans and train local builders to negotiate for an alternative site plan in ACCA PMC.

Applicant: Mr. Pravesh Khanal and Mr. Tulsi Kumar Kaway (Pro-Poor Technical Assistance Group - PTAG), Khanal.pravesh@gmail.com, tulsikaway_07@yahoo.com

8. Ulanbataar, Mongolia / Creating open space and green area in Ger area - Mr. Batdorj, from the Young Architects Group, will work with informal communities in Ulaanbaatar's Sukhbaatar District to create open spaces and green areas, in collaboration with the NGO UDRC.

Applicant: Mr. Batdorj (Youth and architect group in Ulaanbaatar), Batdorj.gongor@gmail.com

9. Jakarta, Indonesia / City-wide mapping to network community along Ciliwung river - Ms. Ivana Lee, an architect from Ciliwung Merdeka, will work with four informal communities along the Ciliwung river edge. She will take advantage of cultural events to spontaneously involve people in participatory mapping.

Applicant: Ms. Ivana Lee (Ciliwung Merdeka), m.ivana.lee@gmail.com

10. Makassar, Indonesia / Mapping and gathering information of Kampung - Ms. Liza Marzaman, a young architect, will work with the Kampung Buloa fishing community in Makassar to map their settlement in response to new master plan by Tallo District, to develop long term upgrading plans in collaboration with the local university and ARKOM.

Applicant: Liza Marzaman (YP group in Makassar + ARKOM), Liza.marzaman@yahoo.com

11. Leh, India / Community based restoration of an old shrine and temple in Ladakh - Mr. Stanzin Tundup, from the Leh Old Town Initiative (LOTI), will support a community-based project to restore an old shrine and

temple in Leh, with Sumar and Chumathnag communities providing all the material and labor, in collaboration with Tibet Heritage Fund.

Applicant: Mr. Stanzin Tundup (THF/LOTI), stanzinachina@gmail.com

12. Mumbai, India / Participatory design with community school to improve school and community to be long life learning environments - Ms. Nicola Antaki will work with poor children in Muktangan (Lovegrove) school, will use the school as a laboratory to experiment with participatory design and planning prototypes, to improve the quality-of-life in their school, later their own community.

Applicant: Ms. Nicola Antaki, nicantaki@gmail.com

13. Phnom Penh, Cambodia / Assist in housing design of ACCA program in 3 provinces - Ms. Kao Danak, a young community architect of CAN-Cambodia, will assist communities in Kandal, Preah Sihanouk and Posenchey districts to map their settlements and develop low-cost housing design, cost estimation, and upgrading plans networking with university modules, to be partly funded by ACCA.

Applicant: Ms. Kao Danak (CDF), Kao.danak@gmail.com

14. Nasinu, Fiji / Assist community by conducting reblocking workshop - Mr. Hanisetoka Manueli, a community architect, will conduct reblocking design workshops with informal communities in the settlement of Caubati in the town of Nasinu, to train the communities in mapping their settlements and develop reblocking plans, in collaboration with the People's Community Network (PCN).

Applicant: Mr. Hanisetoka Manueli (PCN), hanisetoka.manueli@yahoo.com

15. Comilla, Bangladesh / Housing design community workshop - Ms. Fatema Sharmin Sonia, an architect, will conduct participatory mapping and housing design workshops with the people in Shondip Colony, in Chittagong, to map their settlements, develop housing improvement plans and construct some pilot house designs, in collaboration with UPPR.

Applicant: Ms. Fatema Sharmin Sonia, Sonia.arch05.ku@gmail.com

Perween Rahman was an architect, social activist and director of Orangi Pilot Project Research and Training Institute, who spent 30 years working with the residents of Karachi's informal settlements on mapping and self-help upgrading. On March 13th, 2013 Perween was shot dead by unidentified gunmen while returning home from work. With her work of documentation of informal settlements, she interfered with the interests of powerful land and water supply mafias in Karachi.

To call for justice for Perween, follow the investigation and pressure Karachi's authorities, Perween's sister Aquila Ismail set up a website and a facebook page, **Justice for Perween Rahman**.

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