



TOWARDS ABOLITION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

CALL FOR PROPOSAL - MALAYSIA

Duration of the grant

From April 2022 – 3 to 12 months maximum until 31 March 2023

Name of action**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIRD PARTIES FOR AWARENESS ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCES - SUPPORT TO THE CIVIL SOCIETY REGARDING ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY****Objective**

General objective: provide support to civil society organizations working on human rights outside the capitals, to promote and raise awareness about abolition of the death penalty in their country, with the aim of strengthening national movements against the death penalty.

Expected results

- Raise awareness of local civil society for mobilisation within the national movement in support of abolition;
- increased capacity of elected members of parliament so that they get involved in the planned abolitionist reforms;
- improved conditions of detention on death row, notably through capacity building of judicial and administrative authorities;
- greater circulation of information concerning conditions of detention and trials.

Target groups

Prison administration ;
 NGOs and others civil society actors ;
 Judicial authorities ;
 Parliamentarians ;
 Universities ;
 Regional and national media.

ActionContext

Until October 2018, Malaysia was one of the leading death-sentencing and executing states in the world, despite some timid steps towards more transparency and abolition (such as introducing limited discretion for death penalty in drug trafficking in 2017). In May 2018, the opposition party won the legislative elections for the first time in 60 years. In October 2018, the late-Minister of Law announced that Malaysia will abolish the death penalty for all crimes shortly, imposed a moratorium on executions and a draft bill was on its way. Since then, abolition for all crimes has not been discussed at the Parliament because of political pressure and public opinion, as well as the ongoing political crisis since the Prime Minister's resignation in February 2020. At the international level, Malaysia has not ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) nor its Second Optional Protocol (OP2) on the abolition of the death penalty. However, the Government voted in favour of the last votes on the moratorium at the UN in December 2018 and 2020, showing some signs of openness, since Malaysia voted against until now. However, at least 21 people have been sentenced to death in Malaysia in 2020 and at least 1355 detainees are on death row as of September 2021. Moreover, it is worth noting that judicial procedures do not obey the standards of a fair trial and conditions of detention are often below minimum standards. Since February 2020, a new government took power and paused the abolition of the mandatory death penalty initiated by the late-Minister of Law in 2018. The government has recently expressed that it would review the reports by the Special Committee to Review Alternative Sentences to the Mandatory Death Penalty submitted in early 2020.

Action

Members of civil society in target countries, whether or not they are stakeholders within abolitionist networks, especially those based outside the capital, often find it difficult to finance awareness-raising activities on the subject of the death penalty. ECPM and ADPAN implement funding for third parties to support the work of civil society outside the capitals, so that they can implement effective advocacy for the project's goals, targeting the emergence of new actors and boosting national movements in support of abolition.

Localisation

Outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Duration

3 to 12 months maximum



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Type of activities	<p>The action may include one or more activities. <u>Ongoing projects in October 2022 will have to include an activity for the World Day against the death penalty.</u> Depending on the evolution of the covid-19 context, the activities planned in the project as well as the budget may be revised. Priority will be given to actions leading to capitalisation which can be distributed within a regional framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any activity to raise awareness and promote abolition of the death penalty with one or more of the target audiences; - training workshops based on the project publications (e.g. fact-finding missions as regards conditions of detention); capacity development and awareness for members of parliament, judicial and/or administrative authorities on the conditions of trials and detention for death row prisoners; - conferences, workshops, training to target the public about the reality of the death penalty in their country, notably as regards conditions of detention; - film festivals, screenings, live shows, production and distribution of audio-visual tools designed for universities and/or civil society; - campaign of support and advocacy in support of death row prisoners to strengthen the right to a fair trial and/or improve conditions of detention, including urgent action, providing legal advice, medical and/or psychological assistance.
Criteria for application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - civil society organisations or a group of civil society organisations, either formal or informal (a registered organisation or an entity with no legal character); - non-profit; - based outside capitals and/or evidence of significant activity outside the capital; - with a mandate to protect and promote human rights.
	<p>Application :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narrative application form ; - Project budget (template) ; - Proof of non-profit status ; - Activity reports of the organisation from the last two years ; - At least one reference letter from a financial partner in the last two years.
Selection criteria	<p>Selection:</p> <p>The selection will be done by ECPM and its regional partner, ADPAN.</p> <p>The project will be selected according to these criteria :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the relevance of the activity as regards the target audience - its efficiency - possibility of capitalisation, reproducibility and distribution within the regional framework. <p>The amount of the funding will be defined regarding the provisional budget.</p>
Action Follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narrative and financial reports - List of expenses
Amount	21 934 MYR maximum
Indicative timeline	<p>Application deadline: 28 March 2022</p> <p>Review and selection process: End of March 2022</p> <p>Phone or video meeting with pre-selected applicants: 30 and 31 March 2022</p> <p>Communication of the selection: Beginning of April 2022</p> <p>We reserve the right to extend the call and modify the indicative timeline in case of a lack of eligible applications.</p>
Visibility	<p>ECPM - Ensemble contre la peine de mort</p> <p>ADPAN – Anti Death Penalty Asia Network</p> <p>With the financial support of the European Union</p>

Proposals to be sent by 28 March 2022 to mmillier@ecpm.org and dobby@adpan.org under “Call for proposal 2022 – Malaysia”. We reserve the right to extend the call and modify the indicative timeline in case of a lack of eligible applications.