

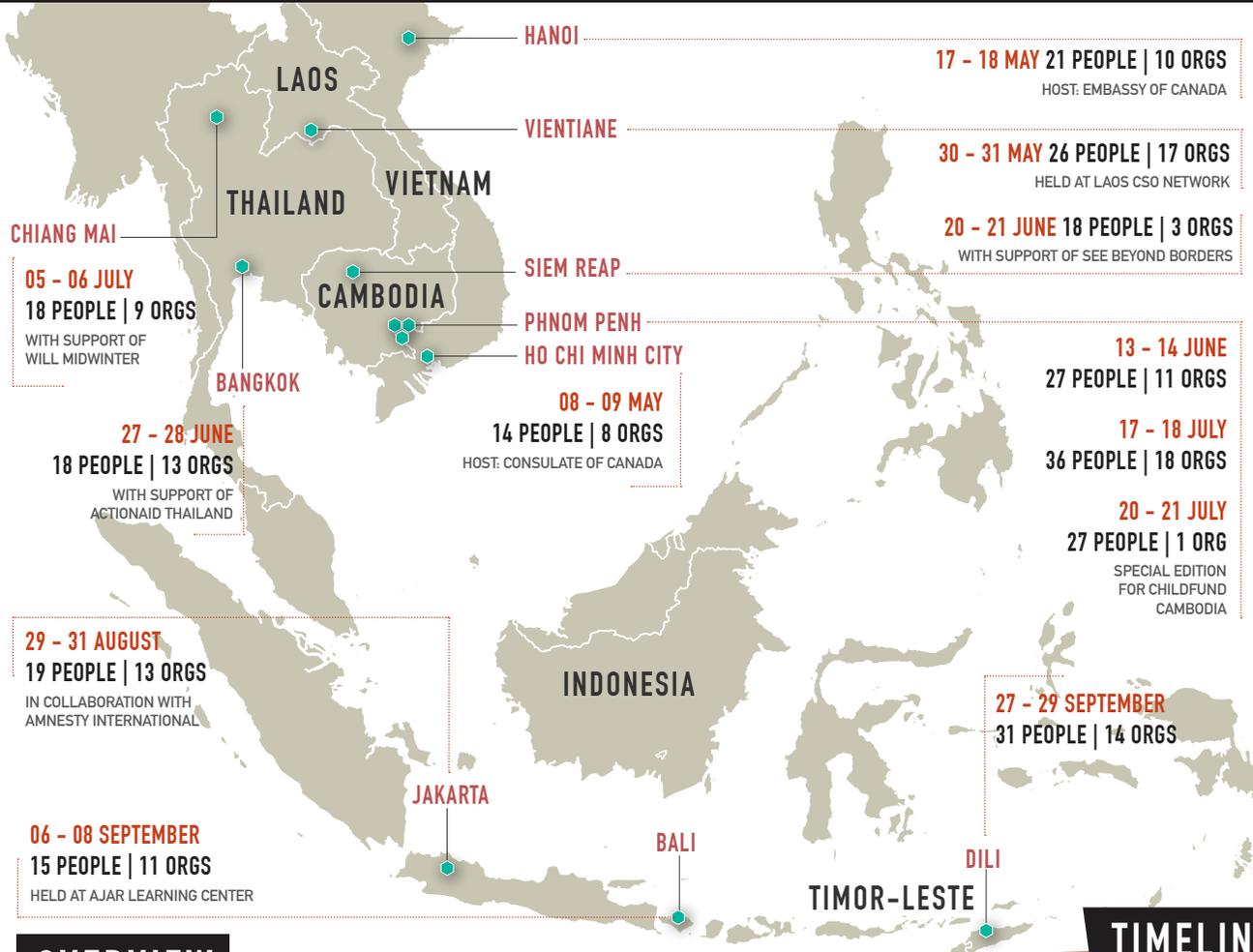


# BETTER DEVELOPMENT: A JUSTICE APPROACH

SOUTHEAST ASIA  
TRAINING PILOT PHASE  
MAY - SEPTEMBER, 2017

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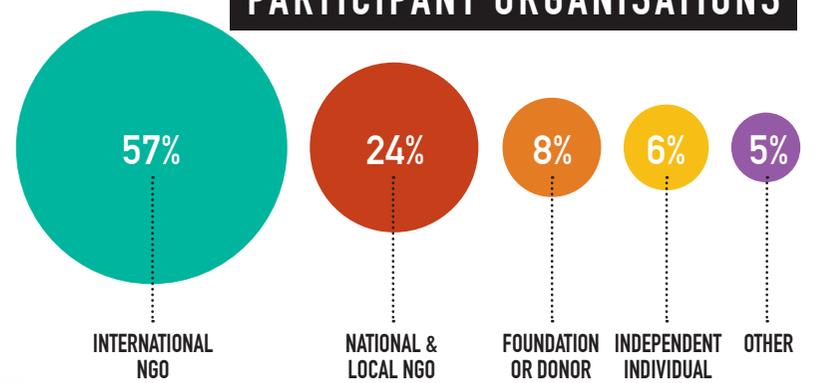
\$18,890.00



## SUMMARY

From May to September, 2017, United Edge piloted a training series in Southeast Asia called "Better Development: A Justice Approach." The Justice Based Approach (JBA) fills the gaps in and builds on a Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) to development and social change. In 21 weeks, 269 people from 127 organisations joined the JBA movement through 12 trainings in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste. Participants came from all over the social change system, with most from INGOs (57%), nearly a quarter from local and national NGOs (24%), and a lesser amount from foundations and donors (8%), independent individuals (6%), and others (5%), including government, private sector, and the Red Cross. Support valuing \$18,890 helped give access to local and national change makers, who often struggle to find resources for capacity strengthening. Participants remain connected through the JBA Alumni network, and ongoing learning activities are being planned, including 10 more trainings in Asia from March to July 2018

## PARTICIPANT ORGANISATIONS



## OVERVIEW

- 6 COUNTRIES
- 12 TRAININGS
- 21 WEEKS
- 127 ORGANISATIONS
- 269 PEOPLE
- 1 MOVEMENT

## TIMELINE

- MAY**
  - 08-09 HO CHI MINH CITY
  - 17-18 HANOI
  - 30-31 VIENTIANE
- JUNE**
  - 13-14 PHNOM PENH
  - 20-21 SIEM REAP
  - 27-28 BANGKOK
- JULY**
  - 05-06 CHIANG MAI
  - 17-18 PHNOM PENH
  - 20-21 PHNOM PENH
- AUGUST**
  - 29-31 JAKARTA
- SEPTEMBER**
  - 06-08 BALI
  - 27-29 DILI

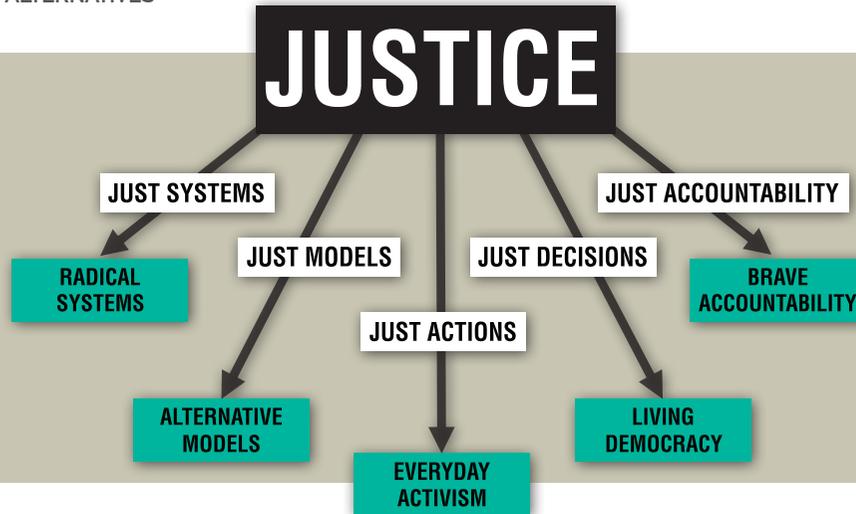
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People have joined JBA trainings from across the social change spectrum – from multisectoral humanitarian and development NGOs to those focused on health, women, child, differently-abled, indigenous, education, economic, or environmental rights. Almost everyone was satisfied with the training content (97%) and facilitation (97%), but improvements are needed to pre-training information & logistics. Most alumni found JBA practically useful for their daily work (85%), and nearly all would recommend JBA to others working in social change (96%). After the first 9 trainings, the workshop was lengthened based on feedback from a 2-day to a 3-day event to deepen learning and critical-thinking. Improvements are now underway to scale up the pilot phase and bring the Justice Based Approach to 10 countries between March and July 2018. Plans are also being developed for a more in-depth 'JBA Part 2' to enable previous participants to deepen their practice as leaders of change.

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## WHAT IS THE JUSTICE BASED APPROACH?

IN THE WORDS OF A JBA PARTICIPANT, JBA IS "AN APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT THAT IS FOUNDED IN HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT GOES FURTHER BY CHALLENGING THE SYSTEMS, MODELS AND WAYS OF WORKING THAT PERPETUATE POVERTY AND EXCLUSION, AND PROPOSING MORE JUST ALTERNATIVES"



## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THE PILOT?

**JBA IS A MOVEMENT THAT SPREADS BECAUSE OF ALUMNI.** A full 62% of participants came after a JBA alumnus recommended it.

**JBA IS ENCOURAGING NEW WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE.** One participant described it as "the missing piece," and 95% of participants said that the training helped them see things in a new way.

**JBA NEEDS MORE TIME FOR LEARNING, PRACTICE, AND REFLECTION.** The training began as a 2-day event, and although 96% of participants were satisfied with the content, many suggested lengthening the training to allow greater depth. As a result, JBA became a 3-day training, and the percentage of participants recommending more time for discussion dropped from 33% to 14%.

**JBA ASKS LOCAL CHANGE MAKERS TO LEAD CONTEXTUALISATION.** Reporting separately, a number of participants from various countries shared that JBA will be stronger as it is adapted into local contexts..

**JBA IS RESPONDING TO A WIDESPREAD APPETITE FOR "FEARLESS, SMART, RADICAL CHANGE."** In the words of one participant, it is "a mindset that calls for change instead of adaptation, and it encourages people to work towards a whole new system of justice and equality instead of making the best out of a broken system."

## WHO ARE UNITED EDGE?

WE ARE A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WORKING WITH CHANGE MAKERS TO TRANSFORM OUR BROKEN SYSTEMS WITH ALTERNATIVE MODELS FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

## FEEDBACK

% OF PARTICIPANTS WHO AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY	91%
HELPED ME TO SEE THINGS IN A NEW	95%
MET MY EXPECTATIONS	89%
WOULD RECOMMEND TO OTHERS WORKING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE	96%
USEFUL FOR MY WORK	85%

% OF PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE SATISFIED WITH THE FOLLOWING TRAINING ELEMENTS

TRAINING CONTENT	97%
FACILITATION	97%
PRE-TRAINING INFORMATION	70%
VENUE	80%
FOOD	80%
FOLLOW-UP	89%

“ If you are eager to seek [a] new lens of development, do not miss this training

“ If you have the slightest concern on the direction our society is heading at the moment, you should join this training

“ This training will change your thinking in working for social change

“ I learned many things from the training about a justice approach and have already taken elements to reflect on how we do project design

“ This training will change you before you change the world

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