

## INTERNATIONAL JURY

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## 2007 Award for Gender and Rights-Responsive Sustainable Cities in Asia and the Pacific



## UN-HABITAT Awarding Excellence and Innovation



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## Civil Society Organization Award for Excellence

SRI LANKA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY, LIMITED  
SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka Women's Development Service Cooperative Society Ltd) is a community based, self-reliant membership organization that empowers and builds the capacities of

women in underserved communities. Owned and operated exclusively women, the Women's Bank promotes the improvement of the socio-economic and cultural status of its members through the principles of mutual guarantee and self help. The Women's Bank pioneered a group-based saving and credit movement in Sri Lanka, starting in 1989. This approach now provides the foundation for sustained growth of organized people-led development, addressing critical areas of poverty such as livelihood, housing, services, health, sanitation, education, maternal, child and elderly care. One fourth of its loan portfolio is dedicated for housing, improving the living conditions of more than 18,000 families. Today it has 60,000 members with a loan portfolio of over six and half million dollars from women's savings and income from loans.

GENDER AND  
RIGHTS-RESPONSIVE  
SUSTAINABLE CITIES IN  
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

## Excellence and Innovation in Gender and Human Settlements in Asia and the Pacific



## Civil Society Organization Award for Innovation

FUND FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF  
SELF-RELIANCE (FESR)  
VIETNAM



Over a period of seven years, from 2000-2007, the Fund for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance (FESR) has assisted over 10,000 people, of which 8,000 were women-headed households in thirty-two communities in and around Hue City, with micro-loans to conduct a multitude of diverse small businesses to feed families and to send children to school. The total capital investment has exceeded 1,000,000 USD; with a total overhead costs of less than 6%; and

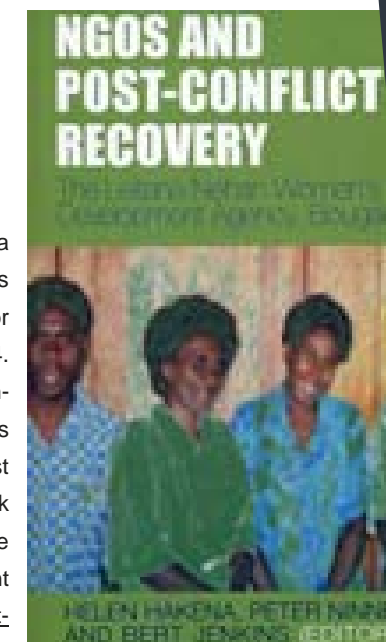
the capital recovery rates have been over 98.2%. FESR's credit activities are modelled after the Grameen Bank but have been tailored to Vietnam's situation. The FESR works in close cooperation with the Hue City government, women unions, farmers' unions and other related agencies. FESR's training courses support entrepreneurial employment.



## Individual Award for Excellence

MS. HELEN HAKENA,  
LEITANA NEHAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY

Ms. Helen Hakena is the Executive Director of Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency, which was awarded by the United Nations Millennium Peace Prize for Women 2000, and with the Pacific Peace Prize in 2004. She has fifteen years experience of facilitating and training on women's rights in Papua New Guinea. She has extensive field experience dealing with violence against women, in the domestic and civil context, and her work was integral to the negotiation process of the Bougainville Crisis. The Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency produced a publication on NGOs and Post-Conflict Recovery in 2006.



## Individual Award for Innovation and Civil Society Award For Innovation

Ms. SALIMA SARWAR and  
ASSOCIATION for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ACD)  
BANGLADESH



Ms. Salima Sarwar is the Founder and Executive Director of the Association for Community Development (ACD), which works to ensure women's human rights issues, elimination of gender discrimination and the promotion of gender equality. She has received Ashoka Innovation for the Public award for her work

on Women's Empowerment through Social Forestry.

ACD initiates and participates in networking and advocacy, collaborating with like-minded civil society organizations, government institutions and development partners at national, regional, and international level. The programs attempts to bring about changes in existing policies and to create new policies on gender mainstreaming at the community level. ACD has mobilized the community and activated a number of women, men and adolescent on the basis of gender, community, class, caste and religion who are subjected to exploitation and oppression.

### History

Awarding Gender Mainstreaming in Human Settlements has been acknowledged by experts in consultation with UN-HABITAT to be a best practice. Accordingly, in 2004 the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific held its first awards contest on 'Gender Friendly Cities'. Through the support of the Government of Norway, this 2007 award on 'Gender and Rights-Responsive Sustainable Cities' acknowledges and supports outstanding programs, organizations and individuals working for gender mainstreaming in Asia and the Pacific.

The focus of the 2007 Award has been on "Gender Mainstreaming in Post-Disaster, Post-Conflict and Disaster Preparedness." As such, the awardees here were selected not only for the innovation and excellence they have demonstrated in their respective communities, but also through their ability and leadership in mainstreaming gender in the post-conflict or post-disaster context.

All awardees were selected through a democratic process amongst an international jury of regional and international experts.

*Jury Background on Back*

UNITED NATIONS  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
PROGRAMME  
(UN-HABITAT)  
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC