



Convening Report

Resourcing LGBTIQ+ Movements for Change in Asia and the Pacific

27-28 February 2023



Acknowledgement of Country: We pay our respects to Gadigal elders, past, present, and emerging, and affirm our commitment to working with First Nations LGBTIQ+ organizations and initiatives to mobilize the resources they need for their important work.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Co-organized by Global Philanthropy Project, GiveOUT, and The Aurora Group, **Resourcing LGBTIQ+ Movements for Change in Asia and the Pacific** convened leading regionally focused LGBTIQ+ foundations and donor governments with the Australian philanthropic community. This unique two-day program featured LGBTIQ+ funding and civil society experts from Australia, Asia, and the Pacific and focused on developing strategies, sharing insights, and identifying new collaboration methods for response to crises and opportunities across these regions.

In February 2023, 87 grantmakers from 56 funding organizations and 35 civil society content experts gathered in Sydney, Australia – unceded land of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation.

The grantmakers represented public and private foundations, government and multilateral funders, intermediary funders, and individual donors, each with a role to play in addressing the unequal distribution of resources for SOGIESC communities in Asia and Pacific.

Who Was in the Room?

87 GRANTMAKERS

56 FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

35 CIVIL SOCIETY EXPERTS

The [Donor Pre-Conference Attendee site](#) is a private resource accessible to DPC attendees for continued access to conference materials. This has been updated to include the following: event Program with attendee lists, photos, additional research and resources. Contact GPP if you need a password reminder or any other information.



THE CONVENING AT A GLANCE

The conference opened with remarks from the three co-hosting institutions and our venue host, Deloitte. This was followed by an overview of data from the *2019-2020 Global Resources Report* focusing on LGBTIQ+ funding trends in Asia, the Pacific, and Australia to high-light and contextualize the current landscape and the urgent need for increased philanthropic advocacy.

This was followed by a plenary session, *The Impact of Gender Restrictive Forces on Our Movements for Change* and later, two concurrent sessions, *Tackling Criminalization and Legal Discrimination in Asia and the Pacific* and *The Landscape of LGBTIQ+ Rights in Australia*. Participants reconvened for a final plenary session, *Corporate Philanthropy Supporting LGBTIQ+ Movements*. The day concluded with a reception sponsored by the Paul Ramsay Foundation at Yirranma Place, a local resource for social purpose and philanthropy. The reception provided an opportunity for informal networking and included a short program to summarize the day's learnings and re-invite attendees to seize the opportunity to make tangible change for LGBTIQ+ movements in Asia, the Pacific, and Australia.

The second day began with a plenary session, *Resourcing the Needs of Forcibly Displaced LGBTIQ+ People*, followed by three concurrent sessions, each focused on a region of interest: *Violence Against LBQ+ Women: What to Do About the Research, Policy, and Funding Gap in Asia*, *Understanding Intersectional Funding in the Pacific*, and *The State of Australia's LGBTIQ+ Community Sector*. These were followed by another set of concurrent sessions focused on the conference's regional interest: *Understanding Intersectional Funding in Asia*, *Faith and the Lives of LGBTI People in the Pacific*, and *Strategies for Increasing the Role of Australian Philanthropy*. After lunch, participants gathered for two final plenary sessions, *The Role of Donor Governments in Resourcing LGBTIQ+ Movements for Change in Asia and the Pacific: High-level Donor Government Panel* and *LGBTIQ+ Intermediary Funding Mechanisms: Successful Partnerships for Change*.

The convening ended with a closing encouragement for all of us to move at the scale and pace required to meet the extraordinary need – working toward a vision of robust, locally led philanthropic interest, and a significant increase in funding from privates, intermediaries and governments.

"Being a part of the donor conference amplified our platform and voice both in Australia and internationally. We were able to have more conversations about the importance of an intersectional and human rights lens to LGBTIQ+ people with a disability."

– Inclusive Rainbow Voices

Who Was in the Room?

Institutions represented in the room gave at least US\$149 million in funding for LGBTIQ+ movements globally in 2019-2020 (excluding funding focused on the U.S.). **Collectively we provided 59% of total global funding in 2019-2020 and 43% of funding in Asia and the Pacific.**

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