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**Breakout Session 8: Understanding and Involving Youth: How to
Gain Trust and Support from Youth**

June 15, 2023, 13:30 - 16:00

Host: The Asia Foundation and RISE

This panel will highlight the importance of youth involvement in driving social change. We will learn from youth champions about their aspirations, experiences, and best practices. This panel will also discuss strategies for approaching and working with youth in civil society.

The session will discuss the collective struggle of young people in creating an equal and inclusive world. The discussion's issue champions will share stories of how they advocated for and countered youth discrimination at various levels including in grassroots communities, university campuses and work.

There are also generational changes happening in civil society, in which a young generation chose to become social influencer, start a social enterprise or opt to go into politics as at early age rather than joining a traditional NGO.

Initiatives to support the work of civil society organizations and youth organizations in ensuring the fulfillment of the rights of women, young people, marginalized groups and vulnerable to freedom from gender-based violence, have been widely carried out by various development partners. The session will address youth-led initiatives including young women with disabilities in advocating for and fighting for their rights and build an inclusive environment for all including for marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Guide Questions:

1. Why do young people need to be involved in campaigning and creating a safe space and inclusive environment in society?
2. What can young people do to be pioneers in campaigning and creating an inclusive and equal world?
3. How are the principles of equality and inclusiveness integrated or applied in the efforts of young people?
4. What are the challenges for young people to foster an inclusive and equal environment?
5. What support and role can governments and civil society play to bring about a greater movement to foster an equal and inclusive world?
6. How are CSOs adapting to the generational changes in civil society? Is enough being done?

7. What are some new channels that can be used as a space for expression of young people to voice thoughts, knowledge, and aspirations to fight gender exclusivity and inequality?

Coash: Puput Susanto, RISE

Issue champions:

- Raudhatul Hasanah Lie, KAMU Demres Coalition, Banda Aceh
- Suleman Pelu, MAFINDO and Youth Coalition Ambon
- Rebecca Liony, PAMFLET
- Marsya Nurmaranti, Indorelawan