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# *Call for Research Proposals*
## People's Assessment of the Impacts of
## Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the Asia-Pacific

Asia Pacific Research Network invites CSOs to submit research proposals on the People's Assessment of the Impacts of Public Private Partnerships in the Asia Pacific by **September 30, 2012.**

## Why a People's Assessment of the Impacts of PPPs?

PPPs have increasingly drawn interest from governments, private institutions, as well as civil society. International bodies and multilateral agencies such as the United Nations, International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Union (EU), among others, have come up with their promotion strategies and guidelines for PPPs.

Assessments carried out by multilateral institutions compliment PPPs for the more 'cost-effective' provision of infrastructure and utilities, reinforcing their promotion of the scheme.  However, these kinds of assessments often leave out critical issues concerning the welfare of affected communities and social sectors.

There is a need to assess PPPs through the people's perspective to capture the broader social and environmental dimension of the projects. What is the real impact of PPPs on basic social sectors in terms of access to infrastructure and basic social services? Do PPPs increase the people's exposure to further risks in a time when the global and domestic economies stand on shaky grounds? These are some of the critical issues which may be best answered through a collaborative research effort that cuts across countries and sectors.

## Who are eligible?

The call is open to APRN members and Asia Pacific CSOs willing to do or are already engaged in study/analysis of the impacts of PPPs on specific sectors, groups or communities in any country in the region are eligible to submit research proposals.

As this is a collaborative research, partner organizations are expected to work in cooperation with the APRN secretariat and other partner organizations in doing the research. They must be able to work with the existing research design (*download here*) and adjust it according to the specific contexts of their research area. The Review of Related Literature can be downloaded here.

Research proposals (with the following sections: Problem, Background of the Problem, Research Design, Expected Results, References) should be written **in Word format** and emailed to **secretariat@aprnet.org on or before September 30, 2012.**

The APRN Board of Convenors will review the proposals. A shortlist of  proposals will be announced within the last week of September 2012. The APRN secretariat will contact the selected applicants for TOR signing.   A modest research grant will be awarded to the selected applicants.

## How long is the research period?

Partner organizations are expected to complete the research 4 months after they receive the confirmation.

For monitoring purposes, the APRN secretariat will ask partner organizations to report on the progress of their research on the 2nd month of implementation.
**For more information, please send an email to secretariat@aprnet.org or call (632) 9277060-62 loc 202.**