



# Indigenous Peoples Show Another Way Out of the Financial Crisis

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# Indigenous Peoples in Asia



There are about 370 million World's indigenous peoples, 2/3 or 250 million live in Asia (WB, ADB, UNPFII)

# Source of Livelihood: Traditional Occupation



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Traditional Occupation: Swidden farming, hunting, gathering of forest products, fishing etc . (used to be sustainable and self sufficient)



# Understanding of & Impacts of Financial Crisis

- Lack of understanding due to their remote locations & the global complexity of the crisis
- Yet, IPs relate the crisis to increased cost of goods & services, low demand & or price of their cash crop, and lesser work or job opportunities
- Adverse Impacts :Loss of Land and natural resources for development projects (ethnocidal effects)



# Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

- A regional organization established by indigenous peoples' organizations in 1992 To strengthen the building of cooperation & solidarity among IPs of Asia.
- It is committed to the cause of promoting human rights; protecting & revitalizing indigenous systems and institutions, control over their ancestral homelands, as well as their own development and future.
- 26 active members from 14 countries, including four national indigenous alliances.
- Its key activities are related to capacity building of indigenous organizations, communities and leaders, information dissemination, advocacy & lobby work at the local, national, regional & international levels.

