

LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS IN ASIA

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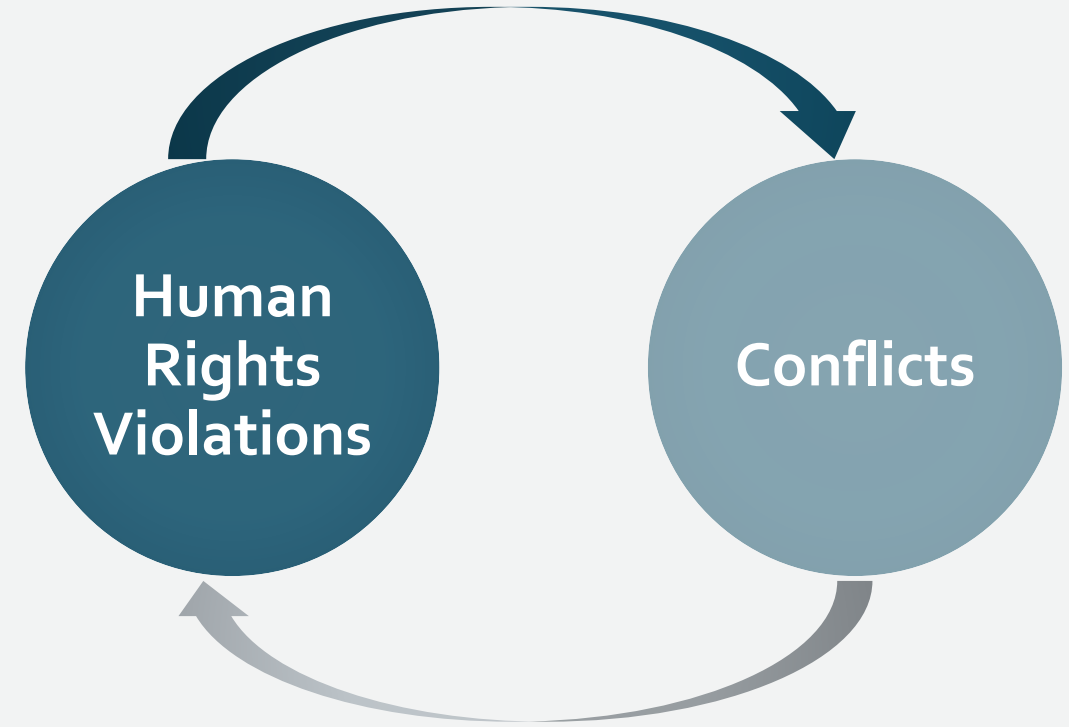
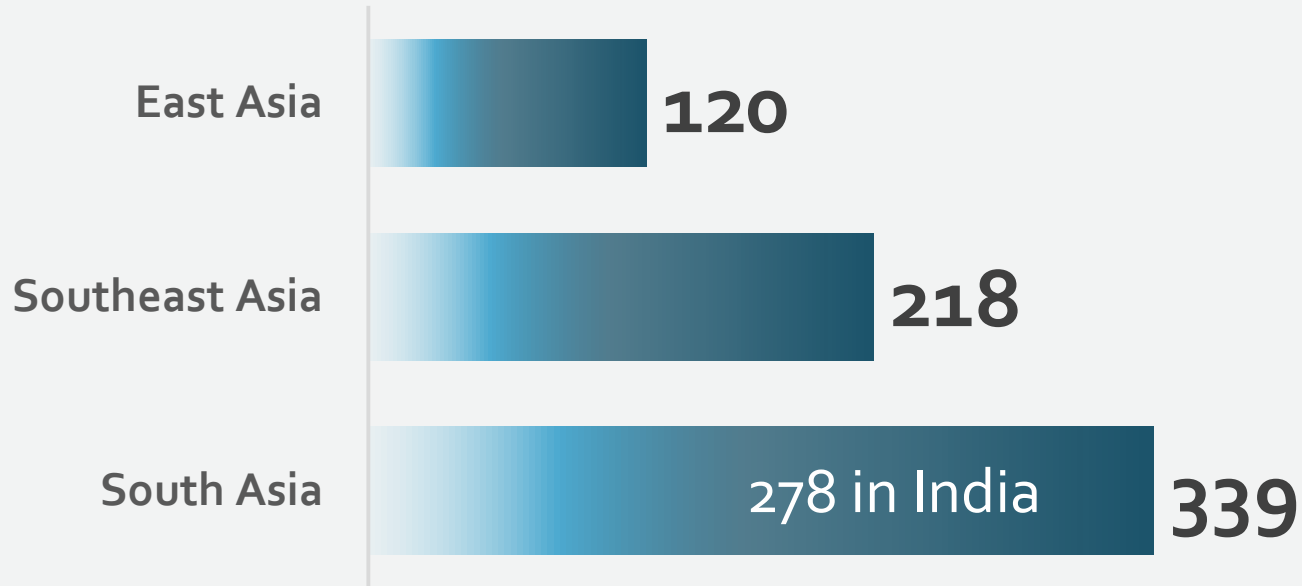
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Global Land Forum, Bandung, Indonesia

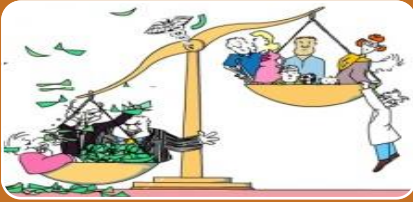


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ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICTS IN ASIA (EJ ATLAS, SEPT 2018)



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Political systems installed by colonial powers who did not recognize pre-existing land rights



Private and government investments on land and agriculture continue to grow



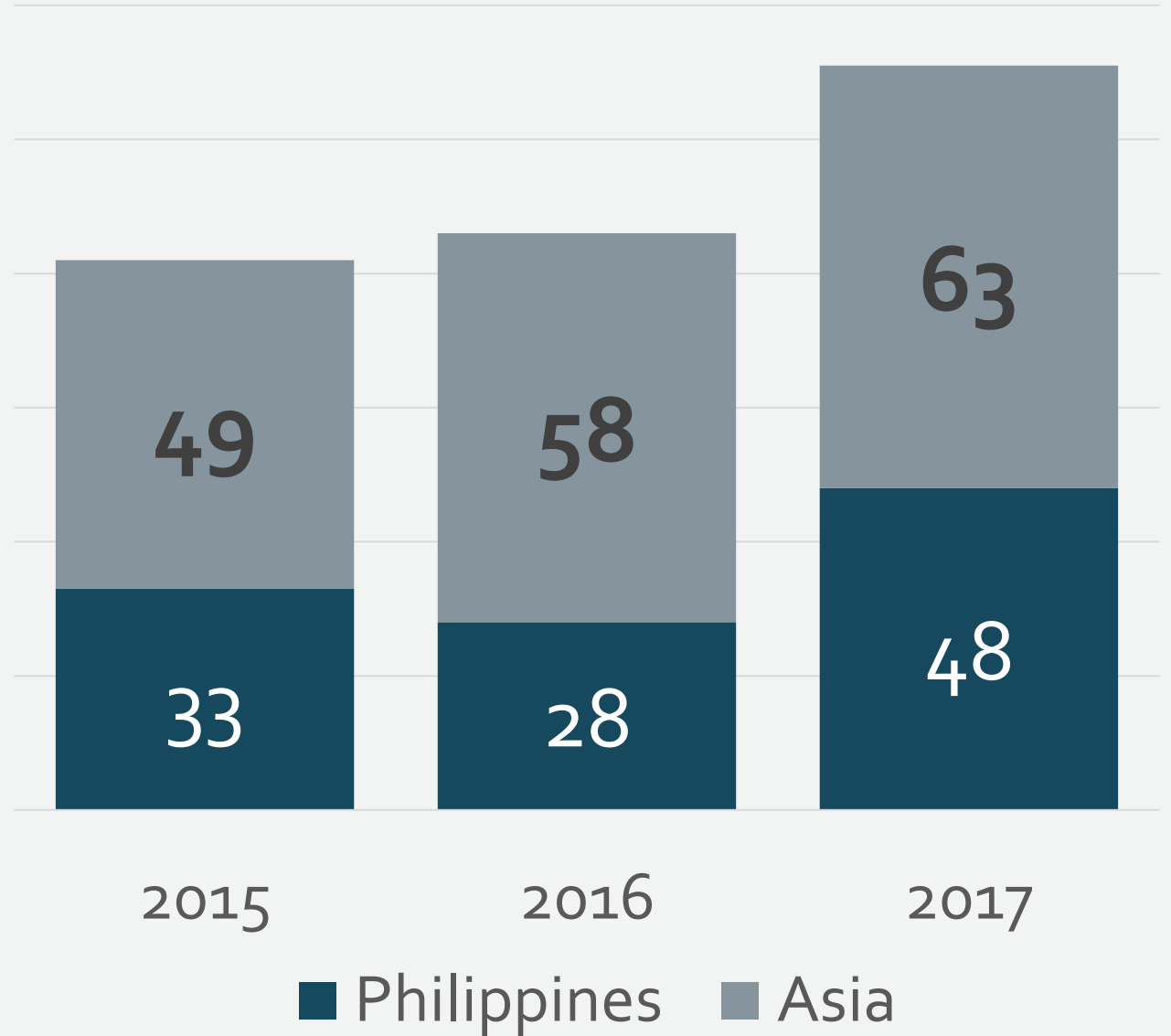
Widespread displacement and dispossession



Shrinking democratic space and the rise of strongman rule

LEDs face threats of: murder, physical abuse, enforced disappearance, psychological abuse, false charges, illegal detention, grave threats, displacement from land, threats to family and livelihood

Environmental Defenders Slain (Global Witness)



B'laan, local communities continue to stall massive open-pit mining ops in Tampakan, Mindanao

From the 1990s to the present, the ***Tampakan Copper-Gold Project*** never went beyond the exploration stage. It is 7th largest undeveloped copper mine in the world.

Operations may displace 5,000 IPs

8 indigenous LED killed since 2012

Not compliant with FPIC process

Open-pit, environmentally-destructive





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- Strong, united opposition from various sectors
- Protests and signature campaigns
- Nation-wide and international media coverage

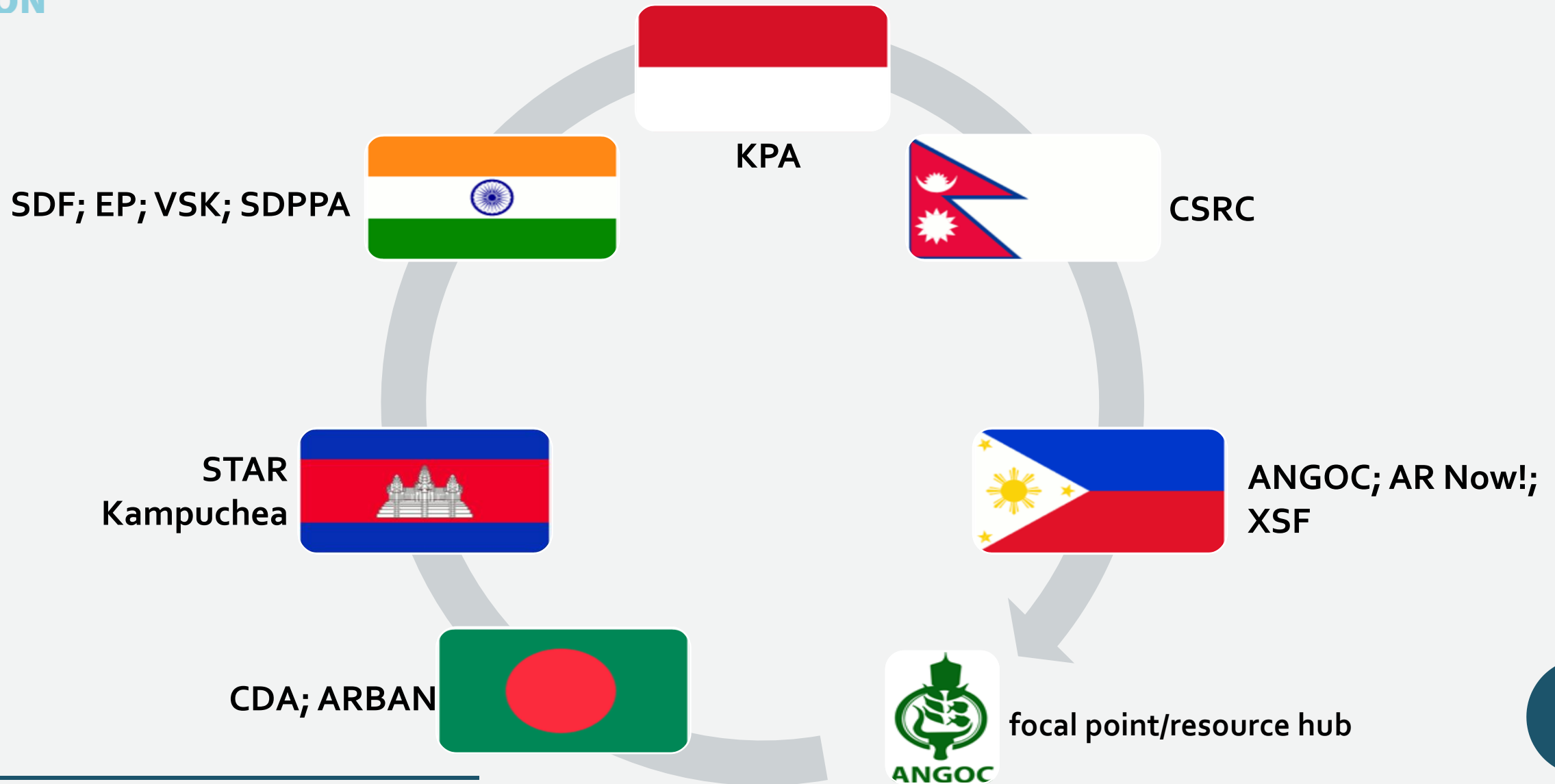


- Evidence-based advocacy
- Local government support
- Progressive leadership in government



Operations slowed down in 2013, and a major investor pulled out of project in 2015

"CBI 9-10: Defending Land Rights and Human Rights Defenders in Asia"



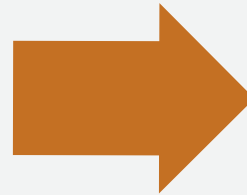
Objectives

- a. Popularize the concept of land rights as human rights
- b. Equip CSO partners in land-human rights monitoring
- c. Mainstream land as human rights by engaging NHRIs and regional bodies in policy discussions

Project Components

A. Country Level

- Formulation/
Monitoring of National
Action Plan on UN
Guiding Principles
Business and Human
Rights
- Country land conflict
monitoring report
- Scorecard for investors



B. Regional Level

- Mainstreaming
land rights as
human rights at
regional bodies

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