



Youth participating in Water Security: Examples from Asia and the Pacific

World Water Week 2019

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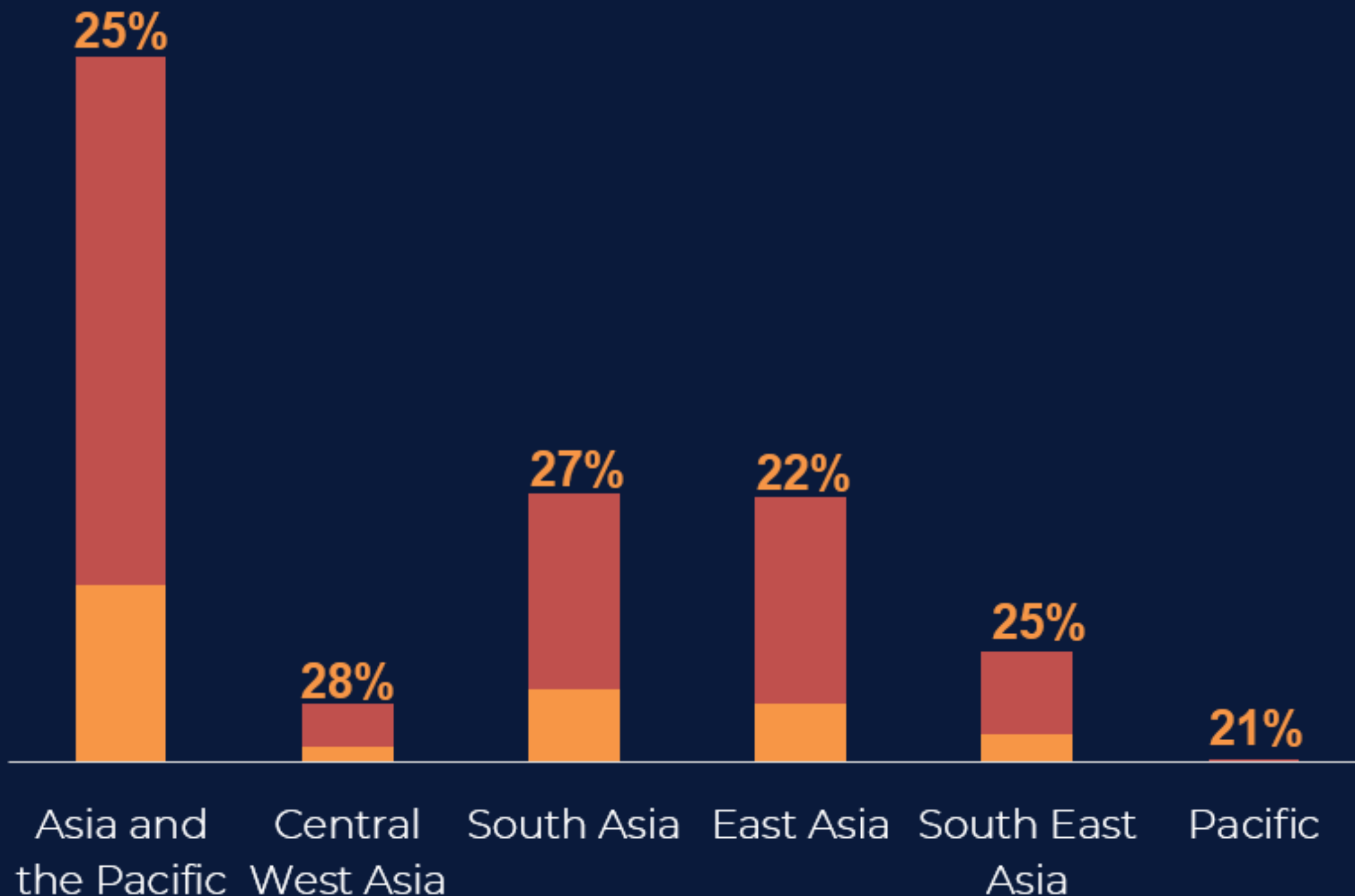
Asia and the Pacific

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Asia and the Pacific?

Youth population in Asia and Pacific

(age 15 – 29)



There are over **2 billion** individuals under the age of 30 living in Asia and the Pacific, representing **54%** of the global youth population.



Youth characteristics

from evident-based research



Youth resilience and resourcefulness



Natural collaborator



Caring and responsible citizens



Digital skills



Behavioural insights



Disruptive and innovative thinking

A large group of young people, mostly of Southeast Asian descent, are gathered in a large hall with high ceilings and arched windows. They are all holding up long, thin, colorful strings (yellow, orange, green, blue) in the air, creating a complex, interconnected web. The atmosphere appears festive and collaborative. In the foreground, a person is seen from the back, wearing a white t-shirt with the text "ADB YOUTH FOR ASIA" in blue. The overall scene suggests a community-building or educational activity related to the event's theme.

ASEAN youth roadmap for Water Security



“An ASEAN community that **empowers and mobilizes** its youth to improve water security”.



Youth engagement in Cambodia: Rural and Sanitation Project

Second Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project



- ❖ **65%** of the population living in rural areas are **under 30 years old**
- ❖ **4 million** people lack access to **safe water**
- ❖ **6 million** people lack access **to improved sanitation**
- ❖ Rural residents spend **considerable time and financial resources** acquiring their **daily drinking water**

Output 1

Community health and hygiene practices improved

Output 2

Water supply facilities rehabilitated, upgraded, and developed

Output 3

Public and household sanitation improved

Youth contribution to the project

Key objectives:

1. *How to increase the role of youth in water supply and sanitation sector?*
2. *How to engage youth and youth organizations in Cambodia more effectively?*
3. *How to enhance project sustainability?*

Result 1

Increased **YOUTH REPRESENTATION** on village development communities and WASH user groups

Result 2

Youth **BUILDING GOOD PRACTICES** of WASH in communities; through engagement in schools

Result 3

GATHERED RELEVANT DATA on current knowledge in the WASH sector and designed innovative initiatives like WASH clubs to build good WASH practices

Youth Deliverables



2 youth placed directly in the project team (1 local & 1 international)



150+ local youth mobilised in dialogue on RWSS to enhance project design, resilience & sustainability



Toolkit developed and video prepared on youth engagement in RWSS

Youth Key Partners



Together with other local youth communities in Cambodia

Lessons learned

Integrating a youth component into the project from inception allows youth to influence project design.

Youth embedded in the project team enhances communication flow

Clear guidance and mentoring, partnering with implementation experts to optimize the youth impact

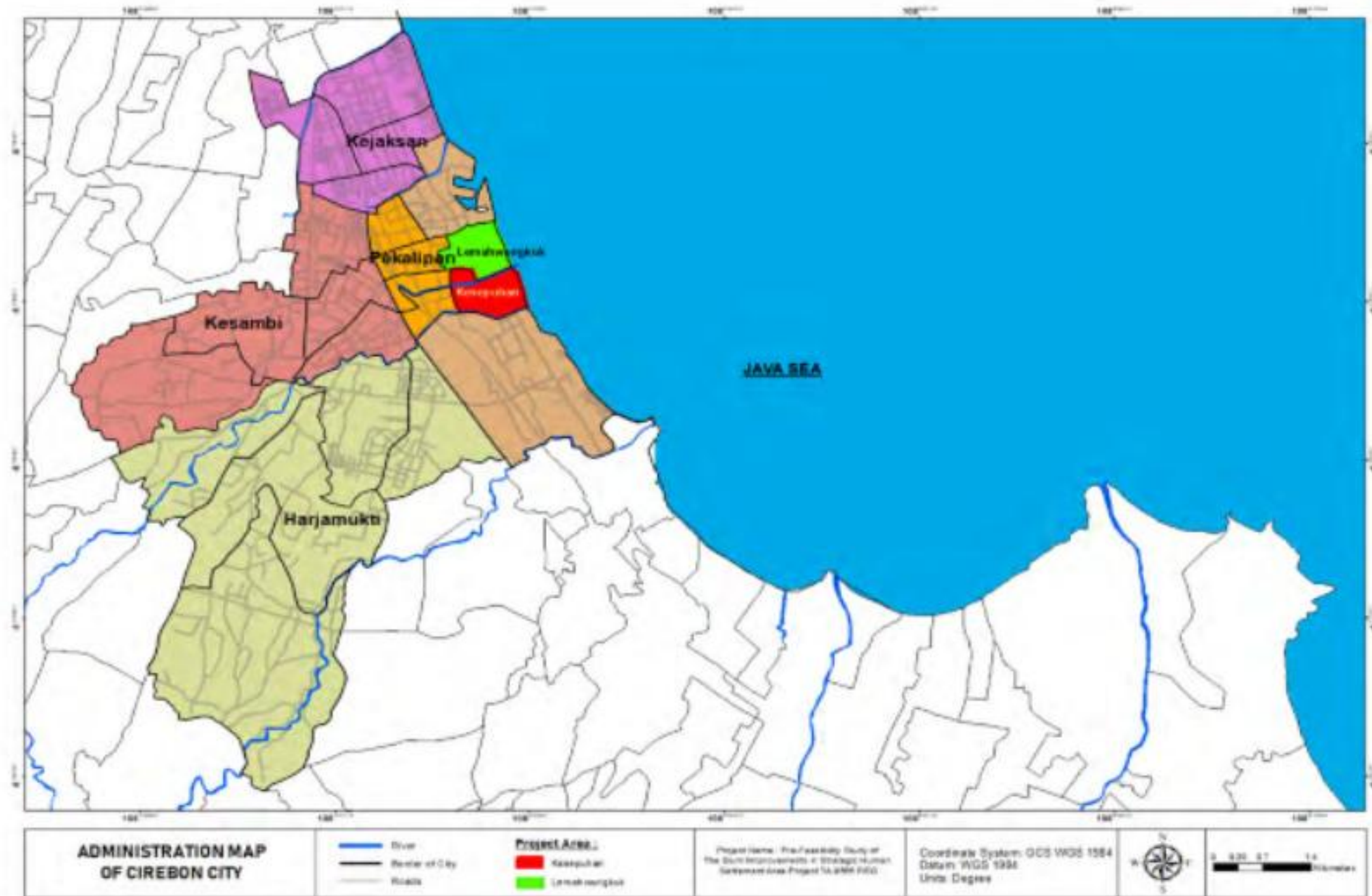


Youth for Livable Cities Design Challenge – Asian Youth Forum 2019

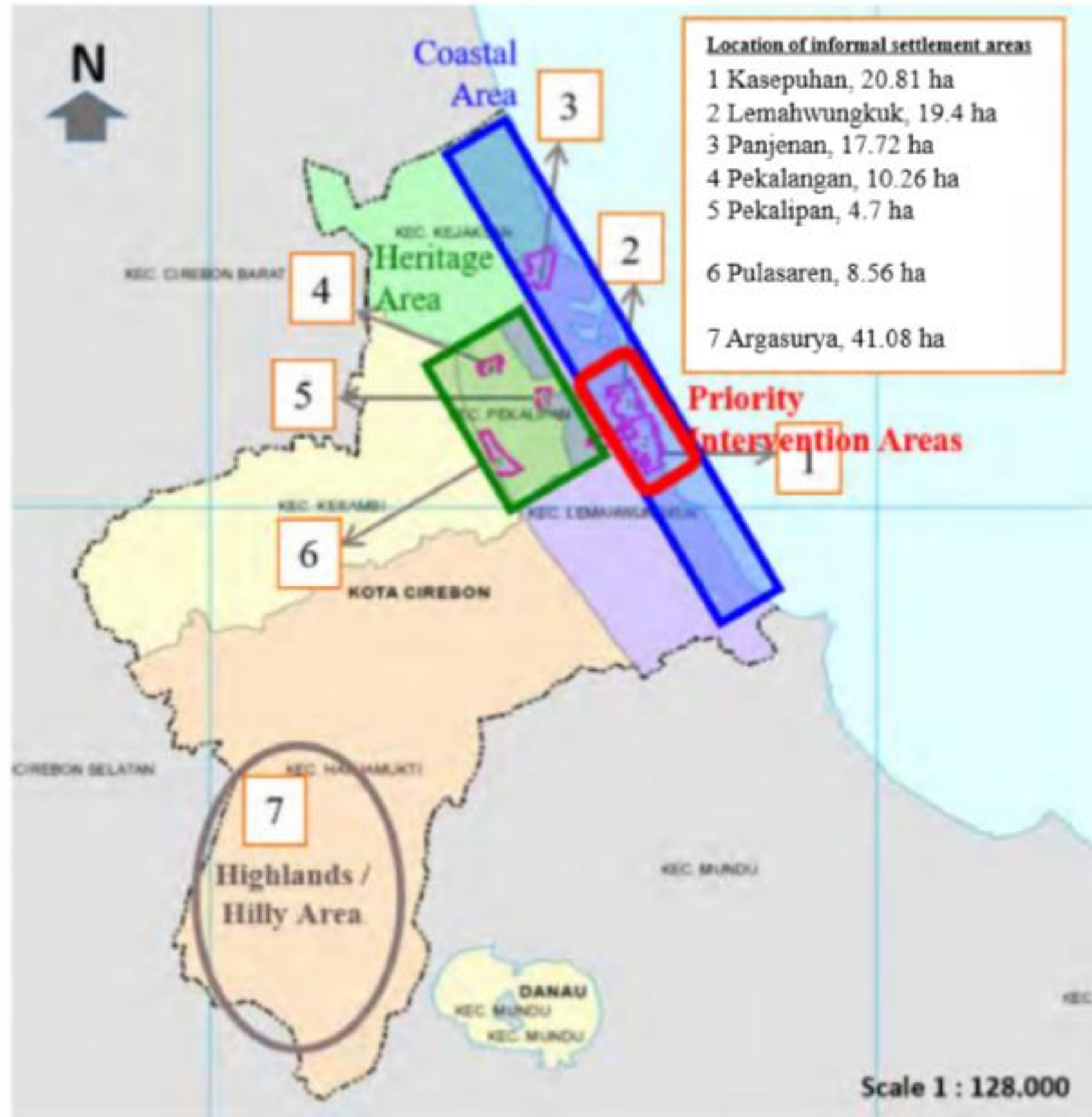
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“YOUTH FOR LIVABLE CITIES” *design challenge*

- ❖ City of Cirebon located in the north part of the island of Java
- ❖ Divided into five kecamatans (districts) and 22 kelurahans (sub-districts) with a total area of 3,735.80 hectares.
- ❖ Population 313,000 (or 83,700 HH)
- ❖ 25% of population aged 15 – 24.



“YOUTH FOR LIVABLE CITIES” *design challenge*



Informal settlement areas located in the coastal areas have been growing on land reclaimed from the sea, originating from

- (i) a high rate of sedimentation
- (ii) backfilling with garbage and soil implemented by the informal settlement areas dwellers with limited control from the city authorities

Our HIGHLIGHTS



- ❖ *5 DEDICATED HOURS* working in group of 4 – 7 youth with different backgrounds and nationalities on solutions for livable cities in Cirebon
- ❖ *30 MINUTES QNA* with Cirebon project's representatives
- ❖ *1 HOUR MENTORING* with ADB experts
- ❖ *10 YOUTH-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS* based on design and monitoring framework
- ❖ *5-7-MINUTE PITCHES* delivered to ADB and development experts



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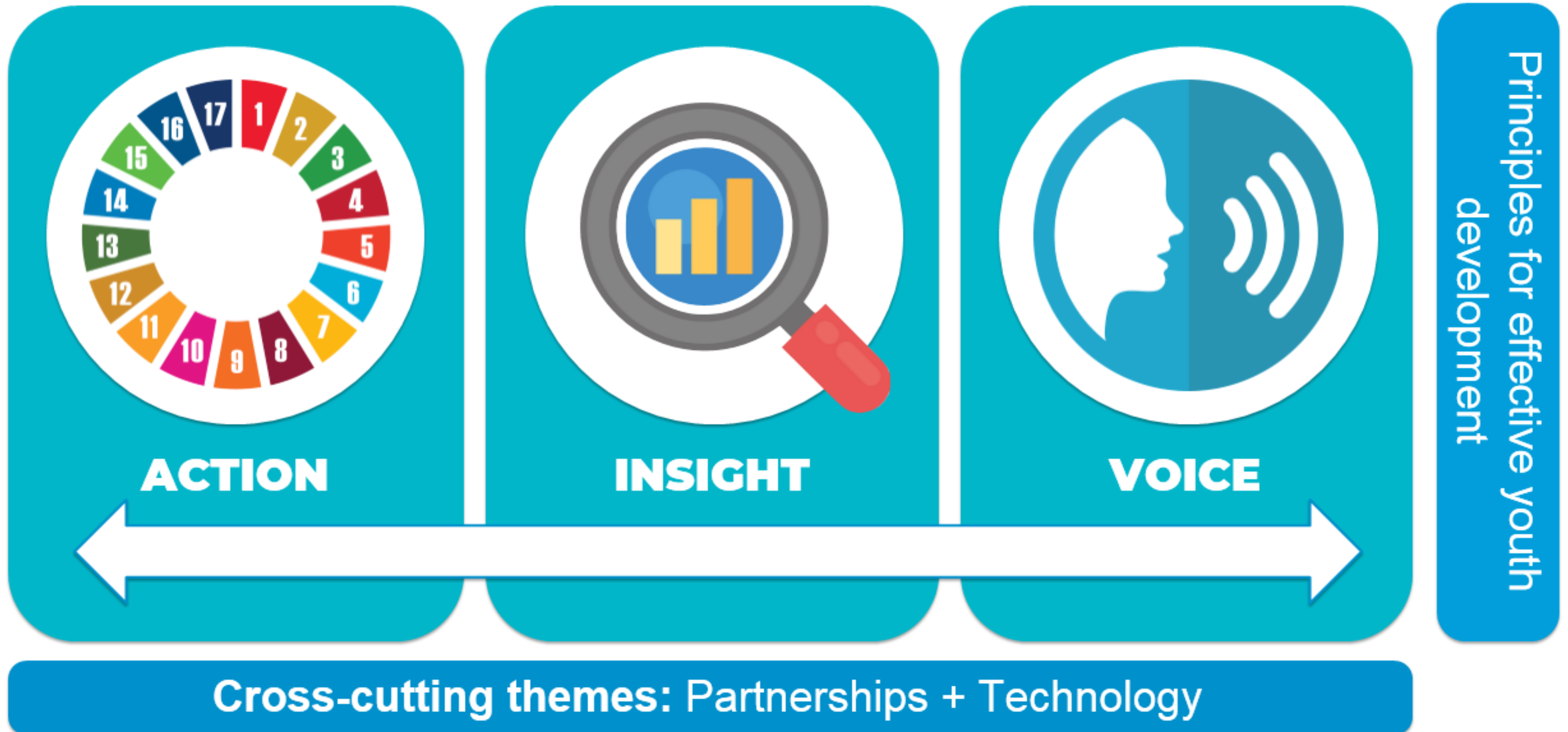
The group youth participants from Malaysia, the Philippines, PRC and Taiwan representing Youth for Livable Cities design challenge to share their final solution to the plenary: **“BUILDING A LIVABLE CITY THROUGH SIM-CIREBON – GAMIFYING URBAN PLANNING”**



A large group of young people, mostly of Asian descent, are gathered in a large hall with high ceilings and arched windows. They are all holding and pulling on colorful strings (yellow, orange, green, blue) that are crisscrossing the air, creating a complex web. Many are smiling and looking up at the strings. In the foreground, a person is wearing a white t-shirt with the text "ADB YOUTH FOR ASIA" in blue. The overall atmosphere is energetic and collaborative.

Youth for Asia in a glance

Youth for Asia operating models



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of their dreams

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