



RESOURCING STRENGTHENING  
*of Feminist movements*  
IN ASIA and THE PACIFIC

A FEMINIST FUNDING MANIFESTO

The first edition in a unique convergence, Revolutionising Philanthropy was organised to facilitate a shared vision for feminist funding that is flexible and transformative in the Asia and the Pacific region. The Convergence was organised by eight members of Prospera - The International Network of Women's Funds from the Asia & Pacific region. In late September 2019, almost 130 activists, funders, and other allies committed to the realisation of women, girls, and trans\* human rights in the region gathered in safe and political space for open and dynamic discussions.

We gathered the six most important highlights spanning the three days and put together a manifesto for feminist funding. These highlights are featured on pages with blue borders

and are accompanied by some glimpses into key moments of discussion during the course of the Convergence.

Given the diversity in the room of languages, cultures, and identities, an inclusive and participatory methodology was adopted by the facilitators. Innovative methodologies were used such as dance parties, Lego Serious Play for building communication and creative thinking, as well as "Cosy Corners" for participants to recharge and relax. These were combined with panel discussions, plenaries, group work, and table discussions to enhance experience-sharing.

A big thank you to all the participants who came together to interact and learn from one another with open minds and hearts, and thank you to the donors who made this dream possible.



\*Trans is a term that covers a diversity of gender identities and forms of gender expressions, including transfeminine, transmasculine, non-binary, and gender non-confirming people, as well as intersex people.

USING A  
framework of  
intersectionality  
TO GUIDE  
feminist WORK.





INCREASING THE SCOPE OF  
resources BEYOND MONEY BY  
SUSTAINING A CULTURE OF sharing  
AND RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF  
knowledge networks, people  
AND in-kind donations.

ETHNO-NATIONAL RELIGIOUS  
FUNDAMENTALISM

HOW CAN FEMINIST FUNDING

**RESIST**

NON MONETARY RESOURCES  
GROW A RESILIENT MOVEMENT

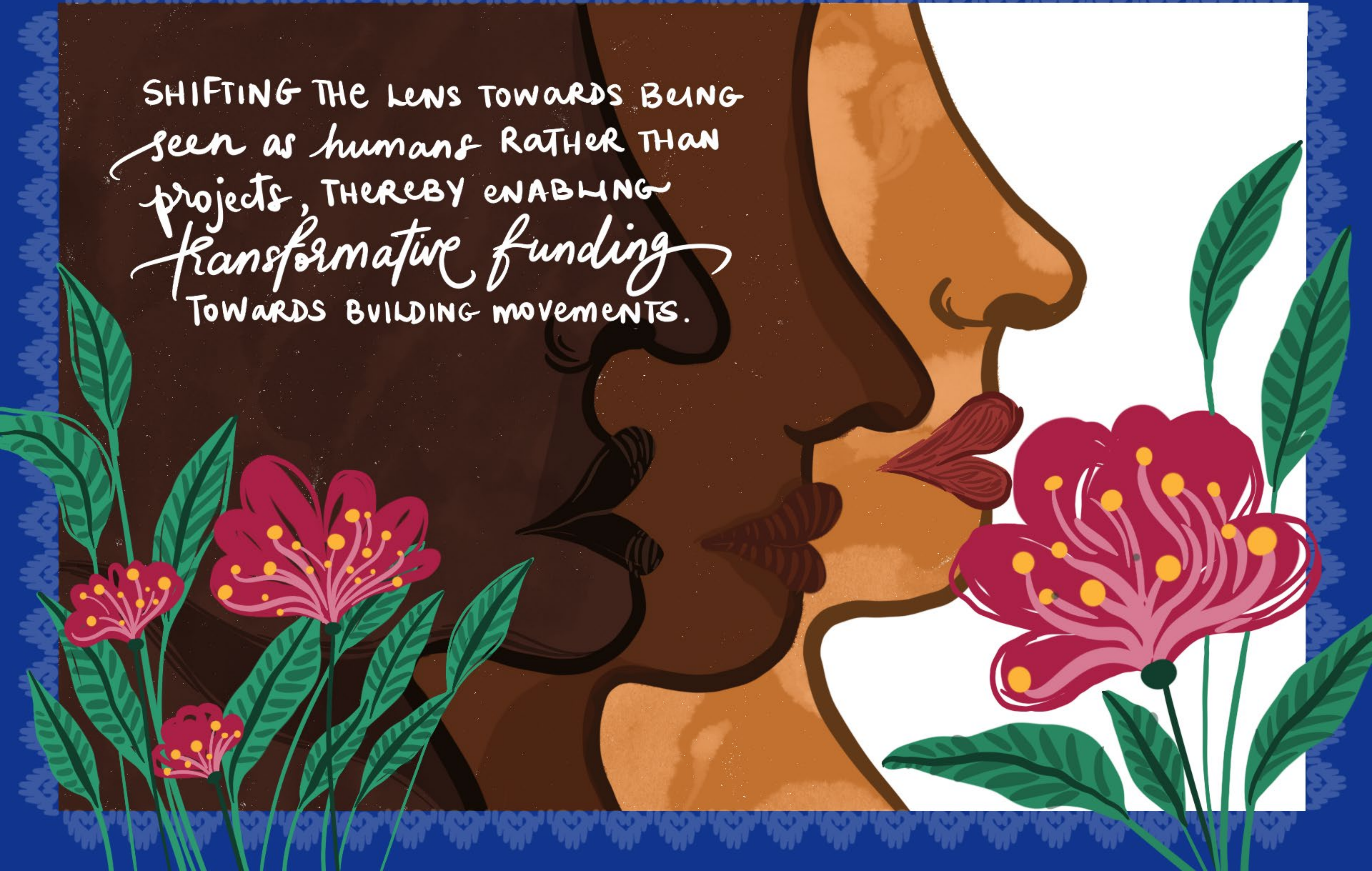
our  
LANGUAGE BEING  
CO-OPTED

WHAT ARE WAYS TO  
influence + respond

“ WHEN  
WE TALK  
about  
THE MOVEMENT,  
we talk  
ABOUT  
people.”

PARTICIPANT FROM CAMBODIA

SHIFTING THE LENS TOWARDS BEING  
seen as humans RATHER THAN  
projects, THEREBY ENABLING  
*transformative funding*  
TOWARDS BUILDING MOVEMENTS.



POWER  
BACK INTO

FEMINIST  
movements



WHO IS  
NOT  
in the  
ROOM



HOW DO WE  
galvanize  
COLLECTIVE  
POWER?

“

WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING  
FOR A LIFE, WHETHER YOU

BURN UP

OR

BURN OUT  
YOU'RE IN.”

PARTICIPANT FROM THAILAND



NEGOTIATING  
with people who  
DON'T SHARE YOUR  
WORLD VIEW

NON  
FINANCIAL  
POWERS

ORGANISE  
MOBILISE

ACKNOWLEDGING THE power  
DYNAMICS AND patriarchal  
VALUES PRESENT WITHIN THE  
movement, AND CONSISTENTLY  
CHALLENGING THESE STRUCTURES  
WHILE BEING accountable  
TO EACH OTHER.





CAPACITY of ORGS. not just ACTIVITY

DEFICIT mindset  
STRENGTH ↓

POSITIONALITY shapes PERSPECTIVE

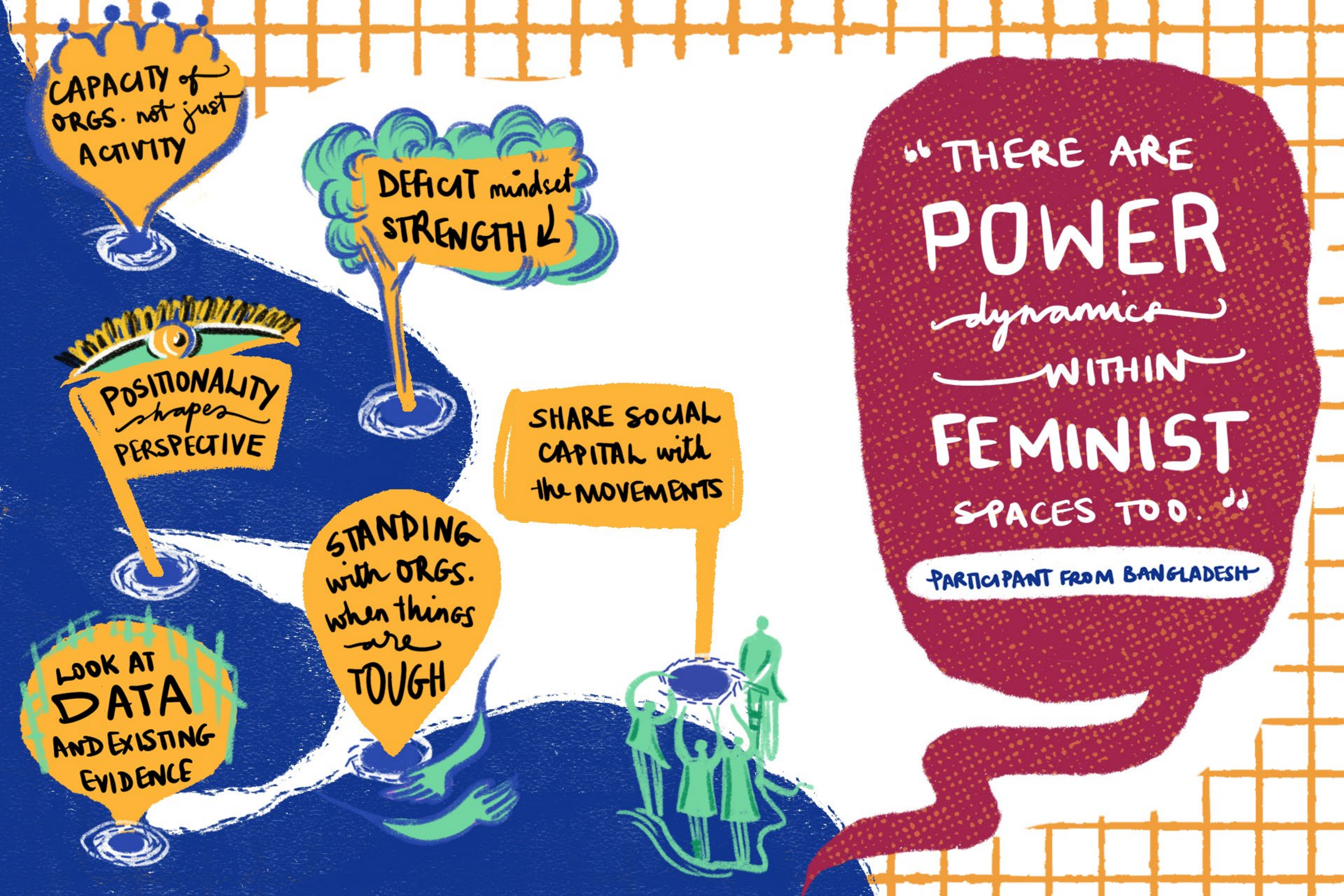
SHARE SOCIAL CAPITAL with the MOVEMENTS

STANDING with ORGS. when things are TOUGH

LOOK AT DATA AND EXISTING EVIDENCE

“ THERE ARE POWER dynamics WITHIN FEMINIST SPACES TOO. ”

PARTICIPANT FROM BANGLADESH



MOVING FROM A deficit  
MIND-SET TO A  
*strength* MINDSET THAT  
IS BASED ON *sharing*  
*power* AND CREATING  
MEANS OF PARTICIPATION





MAKING  
INCLUSION  
PRACTICE  
NOT JUST  
TOKENISM.

to be able  
to  
FACILITATE  
CHANGE



BE  
given  
A  
SEAT



FUNDING  
has to be  
LONG  
TERM

SOLIDARITY  
BE ALLOWED  
in a  
SPACE

“  
I FEEL  
that  
I AM  
everywhere,  
BUT I FEEL  
that I am  
NOWHERE.  
”

PARTICIPANT FROM FIJI

NEGOTIATING  
the  
POWERS



IMPROVING THE  
*Transparency*  
FUNDING DATA TO  
FACILITATE A MORE  
INFORMED *and*  
INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE

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DON'T WORK IN SILOS,  
*work in*  
INTERSECTIONAL  
*spirit*



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Strengthening resources for feminist movements