

Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa, Chair of AWAW was featured in the Forbes article “Women Peace Builders Are Essential for Sustainable World Peace” written by Jackie Abramian

View full article - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jackieabramian/2020/11/19/sustainable-world-peace-can-be-a-reality-with-women-peace-builders-as-negotiators/?sh=1c9875b97207>

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collaborations with first responders aware of “humanitarian corridors, able to negotiate access, and who know the real needs of the Yemeni population.”

Visaka Dharmadasa, Founder of Sri Lanka’s Association for War Affected Women (AWAW) knows, “No one funds anything for nothing—it is how best we use the funding that matters, but some donor agencies can ruin countries’ agriculture, health systems, etc., so we have to be very careful in those areas.”



Visaka Dharmadasa, Founder of Sri Lanka's Association for War Affected Women (AWAW) - VISAKA DHARMADASA

International aid can negatively hinder locally sustainable socio-economic opportunities, leading to aid dependence—elevating the rich, further oppressing the poor, and fueling corruption cycles. In his *Guardian* article, *Haiti and The Failed Promise of US Aid*, Jacob Kushner investigated failures of foreign aid to Haiti over four decades of Hillary and Bill Clinton’s involvement in “combining foreign aid with diplomacy.”



France Bognon, ICAN's Program Director, Innovative Peace Fund

“While local NGOs lack resources and funds for major projects, large aid organizations don’t necessarily always succeed,” ICAN’s Program Director, Innovative Peace Fund, France Bognon says INGOs’ cumbersome grant application process hinder local NGOs’ funding because of their limited resources.

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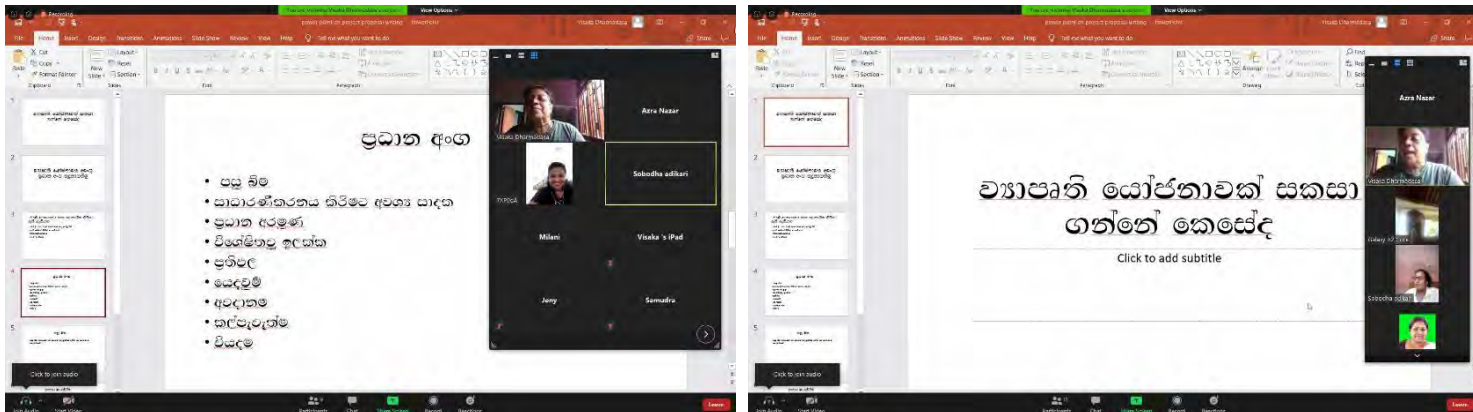
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Zoom meeting on proposal writing for SMART75 members was hosted by AWAW on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa facilitated the session



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**The Team**

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