

# Colors of Asia 2015

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## Women in Struggle—paving the way for the future



### YOUNG MOTHER ON VAI THAI PEAK

**Vietnam** Red Bridge × Temjin

Hill tribes in northern Vietnam still retain the custom of marrying - as young as 14 or 15 years old. 16 year-old La got married 2 years ago and now has a 10 month-old daughter. La loves singing and once dreamed of being a professional singer. No longer, though. Her husband is a 2nd year junior high school student. He was very nice to her in the early days of their marriage. Now he ignores any of her requests for help. La still loves him, but she sadly wonders why she had to get married so young.



### SUNDAY CINDERELLA

**Philippines** Voyage Studios × Documentary Japan

Hong Kong is home to 190,000 Filipino maids. One working couple hires a maid to prepare meals and take their child to school. Another maid looks after an old man who lives alone. Filipino maids are in demand in Hong Kong.

On Sundays, the maids congregate in a square and reminisce about their families back home. A beauty contest for maids is held each June. They dress in their finest in hopes of winning the crown. What dreams lie in the hearts of these Filipino maids?



### RISING FROM SHADOWS

**Malaysia** Lensa Srikandi × Tokyo Video Center

Indonesia is home to the world's largest Muslim population. It's also home to Masriyah Amva, the head teacher of an Islamic boarding school. She fights male skepticism about women playing a leading role in society. Her weapon is her interpretation of the Koran. RISING FROM SHADOWS' director, Norhayati Kaprawi, is a Muslim woman from Malaysia who has a deep admiration for neighboring Indonesia's tolerant version of Islam. As she follows Masriyah closely throughout her day-to-day life, Kaprawi explores how Islamic societies should approach women's rights.



### Serving Up Success

**India** Theme Entertainment × IMPLEO

Having been forced to consume inferior and unpalatable grain for centuries, some downtrodden and marginalized women in Central India have, over generations, evolved a unique bread recipe. The bread is called Randani Roti. The robust flavor of this bread has won high acclaims. They now bake this bread through a women-led business that contributes to their economic prosperity. However, wealthy local merchants are trying to gain a foothold into their business. But the women are steadily and successfully resisting them. How long can they keep up the fight?