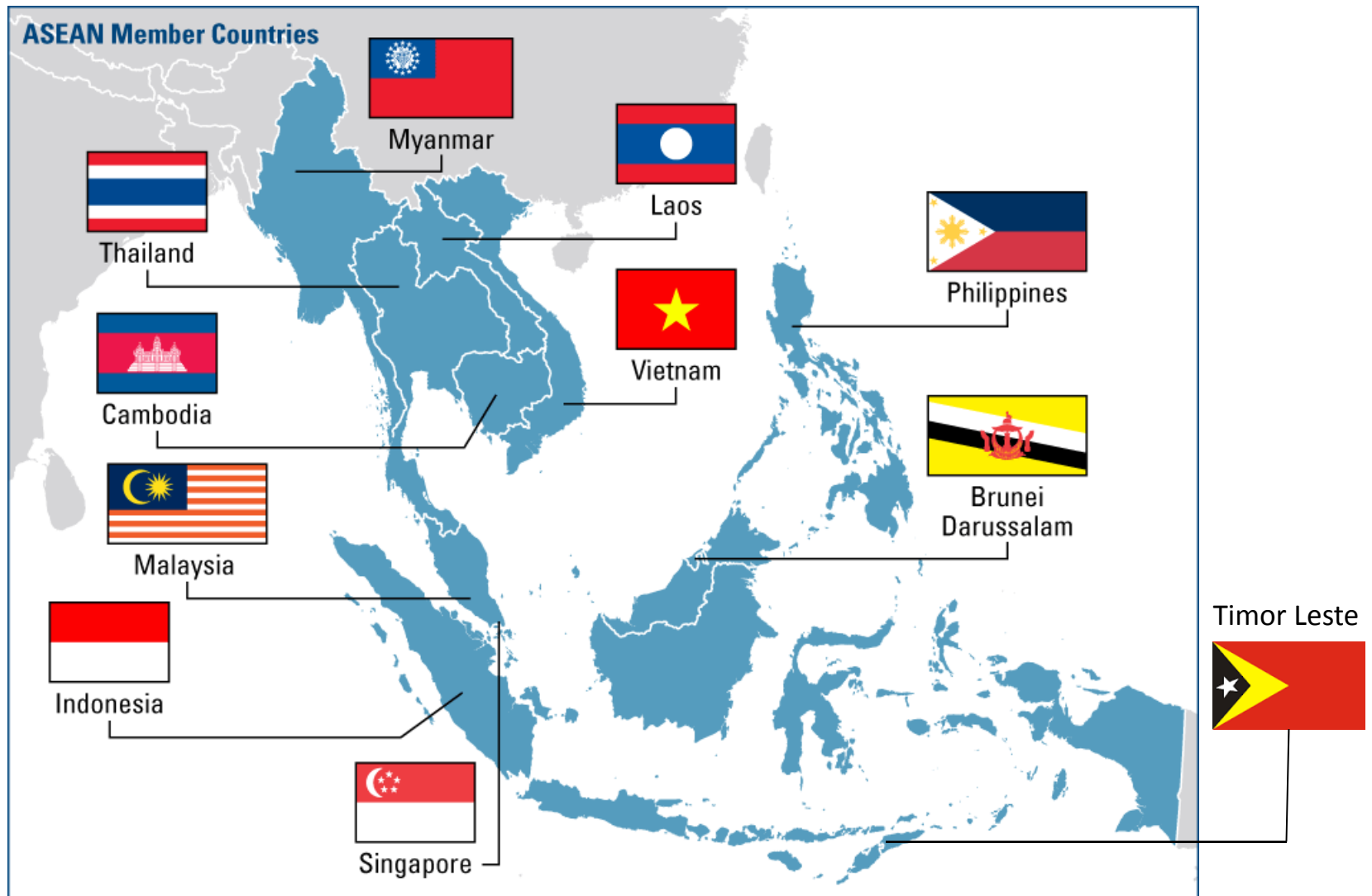


# **COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRES IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION**

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**625 million people**  
World's **third-largest** labour force

Combined GDP **2400 billion USD**  
GDP average growth **5.1%** (2000-2013)

# ASEAN

Vast disparities and development divide between member countries (2013 figures)



**GDP per capita**  
52,743 USD / 1,193 USD



**Population**  
255 mil / 0.4 mil



**Urban population**  
100% / 23%



**Adult literacy rate**  
97.2% / 79%



**Infant mortality rate**  
1.7/58.7  
(per 1000 live births)



**Internet subscribers**  
720 / 41  
Internet subscribers /1000 (2011)

**Diversity also extends to language, culture, religion and politics**

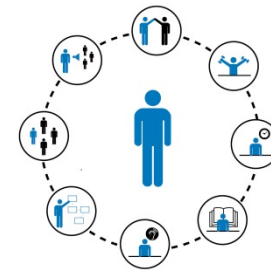
# Diverse Lifelong learning focuses



**Literacy and  
basic skills**



**Income  
generation  
and job skills**



**Quality  
workforce  
development**

# Adult Education?

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

CONTINUING EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE NON-FORMAL AND  
INFORMAL EDUCATION

NATIONAL DIRECTORATE FOR  
RECURRENT EDUCATION

**SINGAPORE:**

Institute for Adult Learning,  
funded by Government

# Lifelong learning focuses

## Literacy, vocational & income generation

Basic education

Literacy

Skills development and  
vocational training

Income generation skills

Entrepreneurship

Community development

Culture, recreation and sports

Civics and practical knowledge

## Lifelong Employability

Technical skills,  
mindset, attitudes  
People management,  
problem analysis,  
communication skills

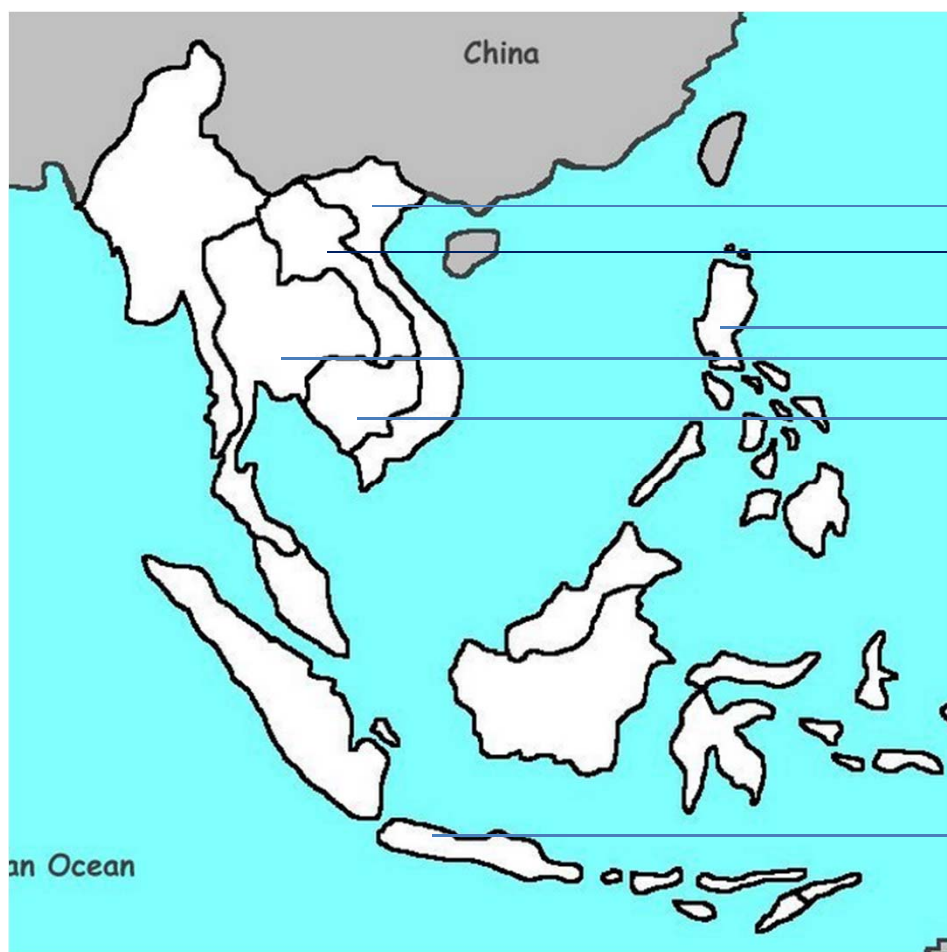
# Community Learning Centres (CLCs)

An effective **community-based non-formal education** mechanism

**A provider of various learning opportunities.**

- a) education and training,
- b) community information and resource services,
- c) community development activities,
- d) co-ordination and networking.

# Community Learning Centres (CLCs)



**11,000+** (VIETNAM)

298 (LAO PDR)

843 (PHILIPPINES)

**7,424** (THAILAND)

**347** (CAMBODIA)

4,513 (INDONESIA)

MORE THAN **25,000** CLCs in  
ASEAN countries\*

\*2013 data from national reports to UNESCO



# CLCs in Southeast Asian countries



## Target groups

**Children and youth;**  
**Adults and the elderly;**  
**Marginalised and**  
**disadvantaged**  
**individuals**

## Programmes offered:

Literacy  
Income  
generation/vocational skills  
Practical knowledge  
Community development

## Funding:

Some are established by  
government, others by  
NGOs  
**Inadequate funding/  
sustainability issues**

# CLC Challenges



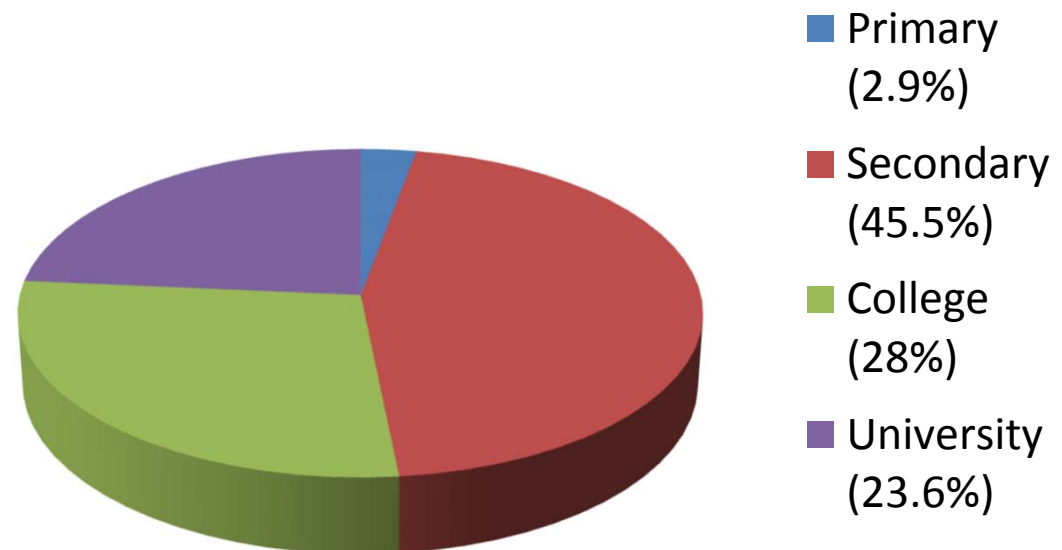
None have training in adult education.

**22.7%** are local incumbent/retired teachers from local schools

**77.3%** are volunteers from sectors such as agriculture, health, political organisations\*

**Huge demands but limited resources:  
Funding, facilities, quality programmes, quality  
teachers/facilitators**

## CLC teachers' background\*



*\*survey data of Vietnam CLCs (UNESCO Vietnam 2010)*

# Recommendations

**1**

**Policy, Legislation and Financing**

**2**

**Professional Support**

**3**

**Human Resources and  
Capacity Building**

**Thank You**