Mansour Fakih (10 October, 1953 – 15 February, 2004)

Mansour Fakih passed away in Indonesia on February 15, 2004, leaving behind his wife Nena and his sons, Farabi and Fariz. He was a highly respected social activist in Indonesia and at the time of his passing he was a member of the Indonesian NationalCommission for Human Rights (Komisi HAM).

While at the CIE, Mansour obtained both a Masters degree (1990), and a Doctoral degree (1995) in Education. His Doctoral dissertation was entitled "The Role of NongovernmentalOrganization in Social Transformation: A Participatory Inquiry in Indonesia". During 1993-1996, he served as the Country Representative for OXFAM-UK/I in Indonesia, and later as a senior consultant at Resources Management and Development Consultants (REMDEC)

Jakarta 1997-2002. In September 2003, he worked with the Institute for Training and Development (ITD), Amherst, on a program for a group of Indonesian leaders of Pesantrans. Mansour was also the founder and director of the Institute for Social Change and Transformation (INSIST) in Jogjakarta.

Mansour's many roles and accomplishments include that of author, translator, and public speaker. Examples of his intellectual contributions on the issues of gender, globalization and human rights are "Born in the wrong era: Amidst globalisation, can East Timor still be a people's alternative?" and "Analisis Gender dan Transformasi Sosial (gender analysist and social transformation". In her tribute to Mansour, Karen Campbell-Nelson wrote: "Pieter [Elmas] realized that Mansour was like a book that is always open, will always be open, that welcomes anyone to read and draw valuable lessons from experience working for shared goals".

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