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Support to Indonesia Elections 2004 GoI/KPU/UNDP Programme

This report is the tenth of a regular series of newsletters intended to inform key programme partners of the progress of programme activities. If you are interested in further information on any activity, please contact the address below.

Update on Training

The KPU launched the training video and accompanying manual for KPPS (poll-workers), PPK (Kecamatan Election Committees) and PPS (Village Election Committees) on 14 June at the KPU Media Centre. Bapak Ramlan Surbakti, Deputy Chair of the KPU and Ibu Valina Singka Subekti, Member of the KPU in charge of Voter Education presented and distributed copies of the training manual and video to the press. Half of the video was played to the press. The stars of the video, Dedi Mizwar and Mat Solar, were also present. They stressed that the training materials and the entertaining and comic style of the video are important to inform people and to contribute to the success of the election. The KPU members also explained the programme of training targeting PPK, PPS and KPPS expected to take

place in the lead up to the elections.

The launch was successful and reported in five national newspapers and on one TV station the following day. The video will be shown twice on each of seven TV channels between 26 June and 3 July. It is hoped that the video will reach the electorate in general as well as the target of election staff.

Due to extra demand, another 75,000 manuals are being printed in addition to the 1.2 million copies already printed. The almost 1.3 million manuals and 100,000 VCDs are being distributed to each provincial and district capital to be used for training sessions and self-learning. Remote areas and areas with security issues such as Papua, Aceh and Maluku, have been given priority for distribution. The KPUDs at the kabupaten/kota level have been given training guidelines on showing the video and conducting question and answer sessions and voting and counting simulations (including filling-in the forms). The training materials have also been distributed to NGOs conducting both voter education and party witness training and to national observer



groups. English versions of the manual and video script have been provided to international observer groups and donors.

UNDP is providing Rp. 6 billion in funding for cascade training activities in 27 provinces (including the six provinces in which training is being run by the International Foundation for Election Systems, IFES). The Australian Electoral Commission is funding training in the remaining five provinces. The KPU requested that UNDP not send Training Advisers to the provinces for the purpose of monitoring as previously planned, because the KPU will now conduct the training themselves.

UNDP will monitor a sample of the training conducted in 440 districts. Eleven provinces are being closely monitored by IFES and the AEC. During the days around the election UNDP staff will monitor a sample of polling stations from different regions. UNDP staff will not be acting as official observers but will informally monitor the performance of election staff. Internal monitoring checklists will be used to determine if training materials arrived on time, if they were useful and if they had an impact on the performance of the KPU staff at each level.

In addition to this internal monitoring, a more comprehensive survey will be conducted shortly after the election to assess the effectiveness and shortcomings of the training materials and the performance of KPU staff at all levels.

Update on the Information Campaign

The KPU assisted by Fortune Indonesia has produced and distributed two additional posters containing information about the profiles of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates and the layout of the polling station. The KPU is also publishing in national and local newspapers an additional print ad regarding how to punch and what are valid and invalid votes.

Update on Activities of the KPU Media Centre

In addition to the media launch of the KPU training materials discussed above, the KPU Media Centre facilitated the signing of a plaque by the presidential and vice-presidential candidates indicating their commitment to accept the election results whether their pair wins or not. In addition to the candidates, the ceremony was attended by KPU Chairman Nazaruddin Sjamsuddin, KPU members Hamid Awaludin and Anas

Urbaningrum, cleric Abdullah Gymnastiar (AA Gym), the Chief of Police Gen. Da'i Bachtiar and DKI Jakarta Governor Sutiyoso.

The KPU Media Centre facilitated a national meeting between the KPU and 44 CSOs on 11 June at Le Meridien Hotel, Jakarta. The meeting enabled dialogue between the campaign teams and the CSOs and the KPU presented awards to 44 CSOs that have worked with the KPU. The CSOs attending included professional, youth, women's, religious, artist and family organisations.

Tabulasi Nasional Pemilu

The Tabulasi Nasional Pemilu (TNP) will be opened at the Borobodur Hotel on 4 July 2004 and will remain open until the 15th July 2004. This is a KPU activity that is being cost-shared by UNDP together with IFES.

The TNP will function as previously with press conferences being organised every day at 8:30pm and with discussions being organised between 1-3pm and between 7-8pm, also on a daily basis. The only exception to this will be election day when the KPU will appear in a Press Conference at the TNP at 8pm. It is expected that the electronic vote count will proceed faster than in the legislative election, due to the greater

simplicity in the election system and the counting and inputting of the votes. Extra measures have also been put in place to try to prevent any possible hacking of the electronic vote counting system.

Update on Voter Education

The focus of the Voter Education Programme has been on monitoring the activities of the 26 NGOs approved to conduct voter education activities for the presidential elections.

CEPDES, the Centre for Pesantren Studies, working in Jombang has been very active. Their activities have included political trainings, voter education seminars and four puppet shows or wayang kulit performances.

All their activities were met with enthusiasm and were very well attended. The crowd for the wayang kulit started gathering at noon with a local market but the performance itself started at 8.30pm. It began with gamelan, jokes and dancing interspersed with speeches from the village head and CEPDES. The main themes that were addressed included the date of the presidential elections, the importance of voting in the presidential elections and the need for peaceful elections. The performance then continued with

dancing involving the audience until about 11.30pm when the wayang was performed. The crowd remained until 6:30am the following morning.

One important new feature that has emerged among the NGOs is the strong co-operation that is taking place between UNDP-funded NGOs. This is especially true of the two NGOs based in Jombang. **LAKPESDAM Jombang**, also supported by UNDP, played an instrumental role not simply in helping CEPDES in organising the wayang kulit but also in incorporating it into their own community radio programmes and broadcasting it to the community.

Such co-operation is the result of one of the recommendations that emerged from the Evaluation Workshop held at the Aryaduta Hotel on 5- 6 May 2004 to assess the general performance of the Voter Education Programme. A number of recommendations emerged, many of which have been taken up both by the programme and grantees. The proceedings and results of this workshop will soon be sent to grantees and donors.

The monitoring of **Universitas Khaerun Ternate's** field activities showed that their work was also very successful. Part of their programme for the presidential

elections is to conduct 60 village discussions. UKT facilitators informed the public of their intention to hold voter education village discussions on the walk from the island's jetty to the activity site, which passed through the centre of the village. As a result, these village discussions attracted more participants than expected, even though only a third of those were women. Relations with the KPUD are very good and KPUD staff are involved in the activities acting as resource persons, as well as being invited to UKT's field trips to distribute their materials.

UKT is, however, experiencing some problems with transportation to some of the islands in their project area. This is due to unseasonably heavy seas making passages longer and more expensive.

The Training of Facilitators of **Gravitasi Mataram** was also monitored both in Bima and Sumbawa. In addition to relevant electoral information, facilitators were trained in methods of community organising and facilitation, communication and socialisation techniques.

UNDP Elections Programme staff were impressed by the skills of the local facilitators. Gravitasi Mataram opted to hire professional local facilitators that were not members

of Gravitasi Mataram. As a result the training was very culturally specific and tailored and adapted to suit the needs and the level of understanding of the societies they targeted. This was the case both in Bima and Sumbawa. Gravitasi Mataram's field activities in Lombok are currently being monitored.

An interesting and perhaps worrying feature emerging from the discussions held by Gravitasi Mataram were some participants' resistance to being exposed to alternative perspectives. They seemed fearful of new or different interpretations of old issues preferring instead to rely on tried and tested versions of 'the Truth'.

Finally, the performances of PERFIKI, the Association of Mobile Cinema, were monitored in Lampung and Banten. The first performance attracted almost 800 spectators and the second had over 1,500 people. PERFIKI played the KPU's training video, showed the KPU PSAs, distributed posters and leaflets and stressed the importance of peaceful elections.

Update on the Activities of the Consortium for VICI (C-VICI, Voters Information Campaign for Indonesia)

Solidaritas Perempuan (SP) and CEIA have proceeded with their

activities. SP has selected eight regions (Jakarta, Karawang, Kendari, Pekanbaru, Bojonegoro, Makassar, Klaten, and Aceh) to implement radio, village discussions and public discussions. In each region, SP plan to hold four village discussions, two radio discussions and two public discussions. By the end of June, SP will have completed most of their activities.

In addition, SP also has conducted television talkshows in Jakarta and Makassar. SP in cooperation with National TVRI has produced two episodes of talkshows. The first one was aired on 25 June 2004, and the second one was aired on 27 June 2004. They are planning to air the third episode on 30 June 2004, which will be re-broadcasted the following day on 1 July 2003. SP Makassar in their talk show on TVRI Makassar on 27 June 2004 has managed to present one presidential candidate, Dr Amien Rais who happened to be scheduled to run his campaign in Sulawesi. Other candidates were only represented by their regional campaign teams. All SP television programmes focused on their theme "Choose President with Women Agenda."

CEIA has been implementing their activities in nine regions in five Eastern provinces, which are: Ende, Waikabubak and Kupang (East Nusa

Tenggara), Ternate (North Maluku), Tual and Saumlaki (Maluku), Jayapura and Biak (Papua) and Manokwari (West Irian). In each region, CEIA will have been holding one seminar and one public discussion. CEIA has been making efforts to involve the regional and local media in the activities so that more people are aware of the activities. The central theme of the activities is the presidential candidates and the regional interest.

At the national level, CEIA has managed to produce and broadcast five episodes of television talkshows, which featured the five vice presidential candidates. The programme was produced in collaboration with Trans TV, which broadcasted the show between 23 and 27 July 2004 at night. TVRI rebroadcast the show between 24 and 28 July 2004, in the afternoon. During the breaks, the shows aired KPU produced PSAs.

INSIDE with assistance from UNDP and FNS has been coordinating with KPU media advisers in developing the script for the production of a semi-documentary. C-VICI and INSIDE made a decision to proceed with the shooting despite the ongoing process of the script development between C-VICI and KPU and the absence of KPU's final approval of the script.

KIPP has been conducting radio discussions at the provincial level. By the end of June, each provincial KIPP will have concluded one radio discussion.

EU Visibility Campaign

Activities have nearly been completed under this communication campaign to improve EU visibility of its support to the elections and promote awareness of democratic values. The project was intended to run for six months but was extended to eight months due to the nature of some of the activities and the process of agreement and approval of activities by the EU delegation.

During June, "Democracy on Tour" went to Makassar and Yogyakarta, with seminars held on 1 and 5 June respectively. In Makassar, the half-day seminar was co-organised by the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of Hasanuddin University. In Yogyakarta, the one-day seminar was co-organised by the Faculty of Law of the University of Gadjah Mada.

The article about EU enlargement was published in Tempo magazine on 14 June. A further article regarding sport and democracy will hopefully be published in Bola magazine in July.

The TV campaign which started on 16 May is continuing to air PSAs focusing on the EU and democracy until the end of June.

Update on Training for the Panitia Pengawas Pemilihan Umum (Panwas) or Election Supervisory Committee

The Panwas Training Programme has continued to focus on development of supplementary trainings for Panwas staff across the country on the presidential elections process, the gathering of reporting information and information dissemination through the Panwas website.

Supplementary training: Beginning on 13 May (in North Sumatra) and ending on 9 June (in Southeast Sulawesi), the Panwas Training Programme implemented a supplementary training programme for Panwas staff in all provinces except for Maluku and Jakarta. Over 3,000 Panwas staff attended these trainings, including representatives from every provincial and district/municipal Panwas office and many representatives from Panwas sub-district offices. Remaining staff - at the sub-district level - have received materials produced as part of this training programme (31,450 booklets have been produced with UNDP support). Trainings focused on discussion of

recent laws and regulations relating to the presidential elections process, and lessons learned from supervision of the 5 April legislative elections.

Case reporting: A team of reporting staff supported by UNDP has been assisting the Panwas members to compile data relating to reports of violations during the presidential election campaign period received from the Panwas provincial offices. As reported at a press conference at the Panwas headquarters on 23 June 2004, Panwas has received a total of 190 case reports from the campaign period: 159 administrative violations, 31 criminal violations and no disputes. The most common criminal cases relate to the involvement of public officials in campaign activities. In total, for both the legislative and presidential elections periods, approximately 500 cases that Panwas has forwarded to criminal investigators have resulted in punishment through the courts.

Panwas website: The Panwas website, www.panwaspemilu.org, received less hits in May than in April - not surprising given the surge in interest in the website during the April legislative election period - but remains a useful tool for broadcasting information about Panwas and engaging the public directly in Panwas activities. The

site received 1,070,667 page hits during the month of May - an average of approximately 35,000 hits per day - from 11,398 unique points of access (different users). By the end of May 2004, the Panwas website had received 462 reader comments, 78 informal reports of possible election violations, 153 formal reports of violations (involving completion of an on-line reporting form) and 199 SMSes (short message services via handphone).

Update on Election Monitoring Activities

UNDP reviewed approximately 50 proposals for election monitoring activities for the presidential elections. Four organisations were selected based on the technical merits and financial competitiveness of their proposals. The selected organisations are the Centre for Electoral Reform (CETRO), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the Indonesian People's Electoral Observation Network (JAMPPI) and the Institute for Social and Economic Research, Education and Information (LP3ES).

CETRO and JAMPPI will carry out election observation of voting and counting on 5 July and will continue to monitor the counting of the ballots at the regional and sub-

regional levels after election day. Combined, they will mobilise approximately 29,000 observers in 31 provinces. LP3ES will conduct a Parallel Vote Tabulation of the presidential balloting. Based on a nation-wide statistical sample, LP3ES will deploy monitors to polling stations throughout the archipelago and will derive a predictive vote total for each of the five candidate pairs within hours after counting has finished at the polling station level. NDI in collaboration with JAMPPI will carry out a Voter Registration Audit which will seek to assess the quality of the official KPU voter registration.

All four organisations have already conducted the first of several cascading training sessions, and will continue to do so at the provincial, regional and sub-regional level until shortly before election day. UNDP has already attended these training sessions in Jakarta, South and West Kalimantan, Central Java and South Sulawesi and intends to carry out similar monitoring visits in other locations throughout the programme.

Update on Facilitation of International Observers

Invited by the KPU, a total of 555 international observers are expected to observe the presidential elections on 5 July. The

international observers are from Australia, New Zealand, United States, Thailand, Japan and Canada. The governments of Mozambique, Norway, Switzerland and Bosnia-Herzegovina will also deploy observers. The total number of observers includes 230 people sent by the European Union Election Observation Mission. Eight observers from Switzerland and Norway will be integrated in the EU EOM mission. Eight international organisations will take part in the observation endeavour, including IFES, NDI, The Asia Foundation and The Carter Center.

The international mission includes 110 long-term observers. Besides observing on election day, LTOs will assess the pre-election environment such as the campaigns and the coverage of candidates by the media as well as the counting of the ballots and post-election events.

The number of national election monitors for the first round of the presidential elections is 161,000, a sharp drop down from around 300,000 for the legislative elections.

The IORC has held weekly meetings for national and international observer groups, which have included presentations by PANWAS and Transparency International. A series of background briefings for observers commenced on 23 June.

These briefings are delivered by IORC partners: IFES (on election framework, laws and regulations), NDI (on Parallel Voter Tabulation) and The Asia Foundation (on polling and counting procedures).

The IORC has prepared and distributed over 500 briefing kits. These include the IFES booklet on Presidential Laws, an Observers Manual prepared by The Asia Foundation, a database on CD-Rom and a contact list. Each observer team is provided with an Indonesian Transportation Atlas and a series of provincial maps for each specific destination of deployment.

The IORC has enjoyed close cooperation from many organisations and embassies. For example, in early June representatives of the EU EOM delivered presentations to national monitoring groups and other interested professionals on the methodology of election observation and media monitoring.

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