

PROJECT FACTS

Peace Through Development Programme for North Maluku, Maluku and Central Sulawesi (PTD)



- Total budget : USD 16,569,645
- Available budget : USD 9,898,809
- Unfunded budget : USD 6,670,845
- Project period : September 2005 – June 2010
- Implementing partner : National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas)
- Donors : The Embassy of the Netherlands, DFID, NZAID, SIDA

Background

The conflicts in Central Sulawesi, Maluku and North Maluku are generally characterized as ethnic/religious, but in fact have varied causes. Some of the most notable causes include the substantial changes to local administrative boundaries with the sub-division of districts into new administrative units; population shifts due to the arrival of large numbers of predominantly Muslim migrants from other parts of the country contributing to the perceived marginalization of local communities; and the economic crisis of 1997-1998 which brought about a sense of deprivation throughout the provinces, exacerbating feelings of differences and disparities among various ethnic groups, which until then had not been major issues of contention. These real or perceived gaps further sharpened the tension between the different communities along ethnic and religious lines, leaving society vulnerable to the violence of 1999.

PeaceThroughDevelopment (PTD), a five-year joint programme of the National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) and UNDP, has helped local governments hear the voices of conflict-affected communities and take their concerns into account when planning programmes and services. This is done through an annual, local, participatory planning consultation, called the Musrenbang. These planning meetings lead to decisions on resource allocation. And they are followed by capacity-building support to help governments staff and civil society organisations design policies and programmes for “crisis-sensitive” development.

Objectives

The PTD programme has two main objectives:

- Strengthen governance capacity for conflict sensitive planning to support long-term conflict prevention; and



A return to peace in the Malukus has also signaled a return to economic growth.

- Peace-building and improved livelihoods through peace-building efforts and increased economic opportunities, supported by an appropriate legal framework.

Highlights

The facilitation of the Musrenbang process began with focus group discussions at the sub-village level which directly affected the level and quality of community participation and resulted in a deeper understanding by villagers of the process of preparing development proposals and budgets. At the district and provincial levels, more focus is put on increasing the transparency and accountability of the government’s decision-making process in the allocation of funds in each development sector.

Conflict Sensitive Planning Workshops were conducted in all targeted provinces, districts and municipalities. For the first time the government publicly announced the available budget for each development sector, which was the basis for discussion between district representatives and respective SKPDs (technical agencies) forum.

Donors:



PTD has supported executive and legislative capacity building conflict-sensitive development planning.

Conflict Sensitive Planning Workshops were conducted in all targeted provinces, districts and municipalities in North Maluku, Maluku and Central Sulawesi. A total of 273 government staff (106 legislators and 167 executives), 67 of which are women, have been trained in conflict-sensitive planning.

Government offices in North Maluku and Central Sulawesi have started a **civil society out-reach programme** through talk shows that disseminate information about the Musrenbang process and related policies, legislation and regulations, as well as the outcome of the Musrenbang. A multi-stakeholder communication forum was also established in the 3 targeted provinces.

Provision of Grants for Peace Building Activities: To date 60 proposals from CSOs and NGOs have received grants for peace-building activities. Furthermore, the development of cross-communal economic opportunities and grants focusing on issues or needs that cut across villages, sub-districts and districts, potentially bind communities together though a stronger economic and social integration has been equally successful.

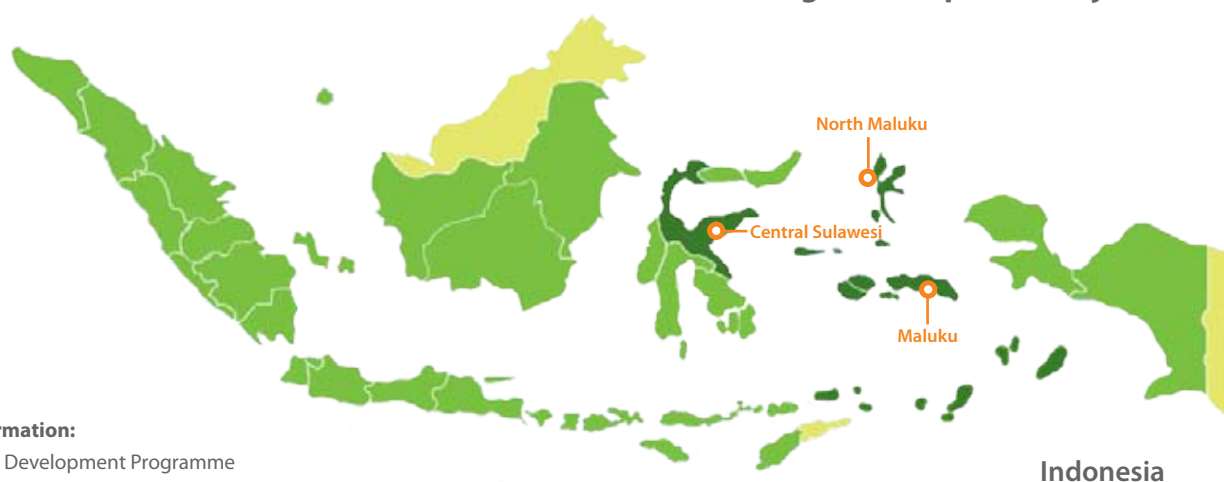
Peace education campaigns: A series of mass media activities have taken place successfully since 2007 until present in collaboration with local government, civil society and universities to produce a number of innovative initiatives to ensure that the peace-building message continued to be heard – through local radio, newspapers, billboards, banners and bulletins.

Preparation of a Bill on Conflict Management was initiated in 2007, and has included a series of activities such as meetings, focus group discussions, lobbying, seminars/workshops and initial drafting of the academic paper as basis for the development of the Bill. The final draft of the academic paper was submitted to national legislative body members in September 2008 and will be followed by lobbying activities to ensure that the Bill is included in the legislative agenda for 2009.

Developing and disseminating peace-building information through the media. PTD has been working with local government, civil society and universities, to produce a number of initiatives to ensure resonance of peace-building messages on local radio, in newspapers and bulletins, and on billboards, banners and bulletins. Activities include peace campaigns, peace festivals, interactive talk shows and increased media coverage on the subject of peace. Fun colossal activities such as peace education campaigns in Sula and West Halmahera, North Maluku, and the annual celebration of Legu Gam Festival in Ternate and North Maluku which celebrated cultural practices have served as practical reminders to communities' roots of harmonious and peaceful coexistence. Media training on peace-sensitive reporting and interactive radio talk shows have demonstrated the efficacy of communities constructively engaging in peaceful dialogues.

For more information, please see the PTD website at: www.ptd.or.id.

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