



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) works to support democratic development and the promotion and protection of the rule of law in Indonesia. Democratic governance provides the necessary enabling environment to reduce inequalities, alleviate poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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1 Deepening Democracy

The Government of Indonesia is currently in a period of consolidating and deepening its democratic progress, after the holding of national elections of 1999 and 2004. This effort is reflected in the continued reform of the electoral system, which effectively makes all executive and legislative offices to be elected directly by the people, as well as in the efforts to improve public participation in decision making process. There are also continuing initiatives to develop the capacity of the national and local parliamentarians, while improving the level of transparency and relations with the constituents among the parliamentarians. UNDP supports Indonesia's democratic consolidation through the Deepening Democracy Programme, providing support to institutional and procedural reform as well as consensus building, fostering dialogue and bringing together key stakeholders.

UNDP is supporting the consolidation of Indonesia's election processes, building the capacity of election management bodies, and enhancing the capacity of national and local parliamentary bodies. Further, the programme seeks to increase civic awareness among Indonesian citizens, and support Government efforts to measure democratic progress and regression both at the national and local levels. The programme supports the enhancement of interactive collaboration between the state and civil society organizations (CSOs) and improving the capacity of Indonesia's media.

UNDP is working to help deepen Indonesian democracy by:

- Support to the elections in the country through a 3-year technical assistance initiative that will give strategic support to the preparations for the 2009 elections, build longer-term capacity of the General Election Commission and the over 500

District Election Commissions across the country, as well as government agencies involved in the electoral processes. The programme also promotes political participation and voters' education, focusing on youth and first-time voters, women, poor and the differentially-abled groups. It also supports inter-ministerial and donor coordination on electoral support;

- Revitalizing the Peoples' Representative Council (DPR) and its public engagement in the Indonesian political process;
- Reforming the Regional Representative Council (DPD) and strengthening its secretariat;
- Strengthening governance reform and empowerment of the Regional Peoples' Representative Councils (DPRDs);
- Strengthening the "Partnership for Governance Reform" to catalyze Indonesia's governance reform agenda;
- Supporting journalists to better serve as watchdogs for democracy through the School for Broadcast Media; and
- Supporting the development of the Indonesian Democracy Index (IDI) to measure democratic progress and setbacks at the national and local levels, and to provide a tool for government agencies in policy planning.

2 Decentralisation and Local Governance

Indonesia's Government is in a period of rapid decentralisation of political power from the central government to provincial and local authorities. As this process takes shape, UNDP is supporting Indonesia's democratic and participatory development processes for the achievement of the MDGs through measures to ensure that development planning and budgeting are rightly targeted to address poverty-related issues. UNDP is further helping to increase the capacity of local governments and local parliaments, as well as civil society, to improve public service delivery. Support for policy and legislative frameworks is an essential component of this work, with special emphasis on clarifying the role of provincial government in the whole decentralisation framework. UNDP is supporting the Government of Indonesia as it accelerates the pace and effectiveness of local government reform through:

- Building and reinventing decentralised governance by strengthening the participation of multi-stakeholders in planning and implementing key public services;
- Developing inter-governmental cooperation to optimise regional autonomy and synergise regional development;
- Supporting the development of provincial-level Human Development Reports as a tool for consensus-building in the regional development planning agenda and monitoring progress measured by the Human Development Index;
- Strengthening the development of research-based policy and its implementation, such as an evaluation study on the proliferation of the regions; and
- Developing tools that support provincial governments to more effectively assume new roles and responsibilities in light of the rapidly changing context of decentralisation.

3 The Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Strengthening Rights Based Legal and Justice Sector Reform

Access to justice is the ability of people from disadvantaged groups to prevent and overcome human poverty, through formal and informal justice systems, by seeking and obtaining a remedy for grievances in accordance with human rights principles and standards.

UNDP is helping to ensure people across Indonesia have access to justice through a rights-based legal framework. As a partner of the Government of Indonesia and civil society organisations in this work, UNDP is striving to empower citizens to better utilise the law and realise human rights, while simultaneously strengthening legal institutions responsible for securing access to justice as a basic human right.

UNDP is promoting and protecting human rights and strengthening rights-based legal and justice sector reform by:

- Conducting comprehensive assessments of access to justice in key areas throughout Indonesia;
- Improving the legal framework in support of access to justice as a basic human right through assistance provided to the nationally owned and developed strategy on access to justice for inclusion in the National Medium Term Development Plan 2010–2014;
- Increasing legal awareness and the ability of the most vulnerable and marginalised to obtain access to justice through legal awareness campaigns and the establishment of free legal aid facilities;
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of formal and informal justice delivery systems to provide access to justice, uphold the rule of law and protect human rights;

- Strengthening the capacity of civil society to monitor and advocate for the rights of the most vulnerable and marginalised, disseminate legal and human rights information and ensure justice sector accountability;
- Enhancing public participation in legal reform processes through advocacy and the strengthening of access to information; and
- Assisting reform efforts within the Office of the Attorney General, Supreme Court, the National Police, and the Department of Law and Human Rights in order that these institutions can be more responsive to the needs of the poor, disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised.

Projects

Multi-Donor Programme: Support to Indonesia's Democratic Elections (Elections MDP)

Total Budget : USD 15,000,000
 Available Budget : USD 12,158,979 (Additional needs: USD 11 million)
 Unfunded Budget : USD 2,841,026.61
 Period : 2008-2010
 National Partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
 Donors : Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Royal Netherlands Embassy, U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), and AusAID.

Parliamentary Support Projects

Total Budget : USD 5,160,000
 Available Budget : USD 2,857,193
 Unfunded Budget : USD 2,302,807
 Period : 2006-2009
 National Partners : Secretariat General of the DPR, Secretariat General of the DPD, Ministry of Home Affairs
 Donors : UNDP, AusAID, and UNDP Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund

Indonesian Democracy Index (IDI)

Total budget : USD 900,000
 Available budget : USD 779,851
 Unfunded budget : USD 120,149
 Period : 2006 - 2009
 National partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
 Donor : UNDP

Legal Empowerment and Assistance for the Disadvantaged (LEAD)

Total Budget : USD 9,699,800
 Available budget : USD 7,734,104
 Unfunded budget : USD 1,965,696
 Period : 2007-2010
 National Partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
 Donors : The Royal Norwegian Embassy, The Royal Netherlands Embassy, The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and UNDP

Enhancing Communication, Advocacy and Public Participation Capacity for Legal Reform (CAPPLER)

Total Budget : USD 1,530,732
 Available Budget : USD 1,530,732
 Period : 2006 - 2009
 National Partner : Ministry of Law and Human Rights (MLHR)
 Donor : UNDP

Building and Reinventing Decentralised Governance (BRIDGE)

Total Budget : USD 4,520,199
 Available budget : USD 3,076,651
 Period : 2005-2008
 National Partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
 Donors : UNDP, UNDP - ART GOLD, and Decentralisation Support Facility (DSF)

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