

PROJECT FACTS

Multi-Donor Programme – Support for Indonesia’s Democratic Elections (Elections MDP)



• Total budget	: USD 15,000,000
• Available budget	: USD 12,158,979
• Unfunded budget	: USD 2,841,021 (Additional needs – USD 11 million)
• Project period	: 2008 - 2010
• Implementing partner	: The General Election Commission (KPU), National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas), and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)
• Location	: Nationwide

Background

This year has been a busy one for Indonesia’s electoral authorities. Not only have they been preparing for national legislative elections slated for April 2009, and two rounds of presidential elections to be held soon thereafter, but by year’s end they will have conducted more than 200 local elections. The intensive and compressed electoral timetable is just one of many challenges facing the General Election Commission of Indonesia (KPU) and other government agencies dealing with elections -namely the Ministry of Home Affairs – MoHA and National Development Planning Agency - Bappenas. In particular, the political parties, the media, and of course the public, have high expectations of the upcoming votes with respect to the integrity of the vote, and the level of popular participation.

The 1999 general elections and the 2004 presidential elections were landmarks in the political and democratic evolution of the country, but the KPU, MoHA, Bappenas and UNDP realize that they must build on the electoral momentum. Any setback or deterioration in the efficiency, integrity and credibility of



Indonesia enjoys a robust democracy, but key civic skills can still be bolstered.



Support to Indonesia’s elections helps to ensure the country’s continued democratic consolidation.

the forthcoming elections could have serious repercussions, not only in the consolidation of the democratic process in Indonesia, but also for the overall stability of the region. The UNDP and the rest of the international community remains fully committed to assisting the KPU, MoHA, and Bappenas in holding peaceful and credible elections.

This Multi-Donor Programme - Support for Indonesia’s Democratic Elections (Elections MDP) - consists of a 3-year technical assistance initiative that seeks to foster the professional capacities of the KPU, its Secretariat and its regional offices. It also seeks to increase awareness among voters of the importance of democratic processes that will lay the foundation for post-election engagement with elected officials. And finally, the programme aims to assist the Government of Indonesia in coordinating international support for its elections, in a way that is consistent with the principles contained in the Paris Declaration of Aid Effectiveness.

Objectives

The Elections MDP will give strategic support to the preparations for the 2009 elections, as well as build longer-term capacity of the KPU and more than 400 District Election Commissions across the country, as well as Government agencies involved in electoral processes. The programme will focus on three main components:

- Strengthening electoral management systems and voter registration;
- Promoting political participation and voters' education; and
- Supporting inter-ministerial and donor coordination.



CIVED goodwill ambassadors AB Three help to raise civic awareness among the youth.



Democratic participation extends to Indonesia's most remote areas through good voter education and awareness raising initiatives.

Priority Activities

The Elections MDP provides ongoing technical advice, support and assistance to the KPU and other Government agencies. Key activities will include:

- Support to the KPU's Media and Elections Results Centres;
- Development of a Voter Education and Information Guide to ensure the consistency and accuracy of all voter education and information efforts;
- Administration of the CSO Voters' Information and Education Grants Scheme;
- Assisting the KPU in establishing a multi-functional "Resource and Information Centre" to enhance the professional capacities and knowledge of the KPU staff at all levels;
- Assisting the development of a permanent voter registry; and
- Facilitating the Government of Indonesia in arranging a permanent donor coordination facility to support elections and other efforts to consolidate Indonesia's democracy.

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