

Democratic Governance



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).

The UNDP's democratic governance will assist Indonesia to consolidate and advance the achievements of democratic reforms during the past decade. With the participation as its unifying theme, UNDP's democratic governance programme 2011-2015 will be delivering through three thematic areas: (1) participation and representation in political processes, (2) government capacity to deliver essential services, and (3) equitable access to justice for all Indonesian citizens.

1 Participation and Representation in Political Processes

After undergone three national elections of 1999, 2004 and 2009, Indonesia is currently regarded as a stable democracy by international standards. The Government of Indonesia is currently in a period of consolidating and advancing the achievements of its democratic reforms. 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 Programme of Participation and Representation in Political Processes, supporting Indonesia's efforts to enhance participation in political decision-making. 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 advance Indonesian democracy by:

- Support to the elections in the country through a series of technical assistance to the electoral commissions (KPU) and that responsible for transferring the knowledge to officials at provincial and district levels.
- 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;
- Supporting the Regional Peoples' Representative Councils (DPRDs) or local parliaments;
- 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 the process of policy and regulatory framework that further clarifies and strengthens role and functions of provincial government. UNDP is further helping to increase the sub-national government capacity to deliver essential services.

In Aceh and Nias, there are also continuing initiatives to develop the capacity of the sub-national governments to efficiently assume the responsibilities, functions, resources and assets inherited from the Aceh and Nias Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency (BRR) and to coordinate and implement rehabilitation and reconstruction work beyond the transition. UNDP is supporting the Government of Indonesia as it accelerates the pace and effectiveness of local government reform through:

- Enhancing provincial government role and functions through effective participatory policy making, regional development planning and public service delivery, leading to realization of national development objectives and the improvement of quality of life for the poorest;
- Reinforcing the ability of local stakeholders to plan and manage regional development through an integrated and participatory process that is open to international opportunities;
- Strengthening the policy-making and technical capacity of Aceh's provincial government to coordinate the transition process, to manage assets and projects transferred from BRR, and to implement ongoing recovery work.
- Facilitating a smooth transition from BRR to the local governments in Nias Islands in managing the ongoing rehabilitation and reconstruction and recovery activities, and supporting the development and implementation of pro-active disaster risk reduction mechanisms.

3 Strengthening Human Rights and Right Based Access to Justice

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, government and non government institutions responsible for securing access to justice as a basic human rights.

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 systems to bring access to justice closer to the poor and the marginalized.



UNDP supported general elections of 1999, 2004, and 2009. Women, first time voters, disabled and marginal groups, and communities in remote areas received election information through festivals, media campaigns, door-to-door outreach, art performance, and rock concerts.

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Projects

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

Total Budget : USD 15,000,000

Period : 2008-2011

National Partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
Donors: Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Department for International Development (DfID -UK), and AusAID, and AECID

Parliamentary Reform and Public Engagement Revitalisation (PROPER)

Total Budget: USD 5,985,000

Period: 2006 – 2011

National Partner: Secretariat General of DPR-RI

Donors: AusAID and AECID

Parliamentary Reform Initiative and DPD Empowerment (PRIDE)

Total Budget: USD 3,995,000

Period: 2006 – 2011

National Partner: Secretariat General of DPD-RI

Donors: AusAID and AECID

Indonesian Democracy Index (IDI)

Total budget : USD 1,650,000

Period : 2006 – 2011

National partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)

Donors: UNDP (DGTTF)

Strengthening Access to Justice for Peace and Development in Aceh (AJP)

Total Budget : USD 195,000

Period : 2007-2011

National Partner : National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas)

Donors : European Union – Support Justice Development

Legal Empowerment and Assistance for the Disadvantaged (LEAD)

Total Budget : USD 225,557

Period : 2007-2011

National Partner : National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas)

Donors : The Royal Netherlands Embassy, SIDA and UNDP

Provincial Governance Strengthening Programme (PGSP)

Total Budget: USD 8,000,000

Period: 2009 – 2012

National Partner: Directorate for Regional Autonomy, Bappenas

Donors: DSF

Art Gold Indonesia (AGI)

Total Budget: USD 3,000,000

Period: 2009 – 2011

National Partner: Directorate for Regional Autonomy, Bappenas

Donors: UNDP TF

Aceh Government Transformation Programme (AGTP)

Total Budget: USD13,976,165

Period: 2007 – 2011

National Partner: Governor of Aceh

Donors: Multi-donor Trust Fund

The Nias Islands Transition Project (NITP)

Total Budget: USD 3,890,000

Period: 2008 – 2011

National Partner: Ministry of Home Affairs

Donors: Multi-donor Trust Fund