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NEW ZEALAND'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

NZAID snapshot

- NZAID is the Government's international aid and development agency.
- In 2008/09 New Zealand will spend \$471.3 million on overseas development assistance
- NZAID will spend close to \$52 million in Asia in 2008/09.
- NZAID's bilateral programme of assistance to Indonesia in 2008/09 will total \$14 million.

The facts

- Indonesia is made up of 17,508 islands.
- With a population of 237,500,000, Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous country.
- There are around 300 different ethnic groups.
- Indonesia has recently regained middle-income status after regressing to low-income status in the economic crisis in 1998. However, increasing rice prices have seen poverty increase since 2005, and a large number of people just above the national poverty line remain vulnerable to poverty
- 2004 marked the first time the Indonesian public directly elected their president. Recent years have seen major social and political transformations, and brought greater social openness and debate.

The issues

- The progress of development and the distribution of wealth are uneven across the country. Both within and between different regions, there are large poverty disparities. Numbers living below the poverty line are highest in Aceh, the eastern provinces of Nusa Tenggara Timur, Nusa Tenggara Barat, Maluku, and in the Papua region

- The government faces many challenges as it works towards effective decentralisation. Instituting further investment climate reforms, enhancing the quality and coverage of social programmes, improving public financial management and infrastructure, and eradicating corruption are all issues that must be addressed.



Children outside a traditional village near the Gunung Rinjani National Park, Lombok

NZAID's focus

Indonesia is NZAID's largest bilateral programme in South East Asia. Assistance is targeted to the poorer regions in the eastern islands and focuses on the following areas:

- Education
- Sustainable rural livelihoods
- Governance
- Human rights
- Conflict prevention and peace building

NZAID also supports reconstruction and rehabilitation in Aceh and Nias following the 2004 tsunami.

Future focus - strategy development

In partnership with the Government of Indonesia, during 2009 NZAID will develop a new country programme strategy to guide

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bilateral Official Development Assistance to Indonesia.

The development of the new ten-year strategy (2009-2019) will be influenced by:

- NZAID's central focus on poverty eradication
- commitment to the MDGs and the Paris/Accra Action Agenda
- a need to reduce the number and increase the quality of partnerships to ensure a well focused strategy
- recognition that NZAID is a small donor in a large, middle income country.

Education

Recognising the importance of basic education as a key tool in alleviating poverty, NZAID supports a long-term programme with the Ministries of National Education and Religious Affairs to improve primary education quality. The Creating Learning Communities for Children (CLCC) project is implemented by UNESCO and UNICEF.

Through promoting school-based management; community participation in the operation of schools; and interactive, child-centred learning, CLCC is assisting teachers to use a competency-based curriculum rather than the traditional rote-learning system.



School children study art as part of the Creating Learning Communities for Children project

NZAID is also working through Save the Children in post-conflict areas in Maluku where many children don't have access to quality education.

Ecotourism takes the stage

Ecotourism can be an effective contributor to sustainable livelihoods for the local population.

Following on from the Rinjani Trek Ecotourism Programme in Lombok, a scoping study has

looked at the development of an eco-tourism corridor in eastern Indonesia, where tourists will be encouraged to visit a series of national parks and other protected areas. Support will focus on encouraging the parks to work together and share good practice.

Community forestry programmes with the Leuser International Foundation in central Aceh will help communities in buffer zones to build livelihoods that conserve rather than encroach on protected forests. This will set the foundations for a multi-year water catchment protection and afforestation initiative.

NZAID also supports local NGOs in empowering poor communities through micro-finance and micro/small business development. This is a key element in increasing local economic growth.



Gunung Rinjani National park – Indonesia is a country of rich resources and natural beauty

Promoting human rights

Supported by NZAID, an Indonesian NGO, Lembaga Penelitian, Pendidikan and Penerangan Ekonomi dan Sosial is working with local civil society organisations in districts of Sumbawa, Flores and Papua to promote the right to education, health and water. This work builds on a previous NZAID-supported project, as a result of which one district led the way as the first in Indonesia to pass a regulation guaranteeing free basic education for all.

NZAID and Indonesia's Ministry of Human Rights and Justice are working together on a human rights training programme which saw Indonesian government officials and NGO staff visit New Zealand to compare experiences in human rights policy and promotion. Follow-up seminars will support participants to implement human rights projects.

Strengthening Indonesian governance

NZAID has supported a programme to combat human trafficking run by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), which trained

key police officials, legislators, judiciary and staff from the Attorney General's Office.

In March 2007, an Anti-trafficking Bill was passed into Indonesian law, criminalising all forms of human trafficking and setting out much stricter penalties for traffickers.

NZAID also contributes to the UNDP-led "People-Centred Development Programme" for the Papua region. Development indicators in Papua are among the worst of any region in Indonesia. The programme aims to strengthen local government and civil society capacities to develop, implement and monitor human development, toward achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. This includes work in education, health and livelihoods.

Conflict prevention and peace building

The Maluku Economic Recovery Programme, run by Mercy Corps, aims to support the return and reintegration of 2500 displaced families in Seram island, through intensive support for economic recovery and peaceful dispute resolution.

Village Economic Recovery Councils will be established to identify and implement interventions that will fast-track local economic recovery through livelihood associations and the development of economic infrastructure and services, benefiting both returnees and those that never left. The programme builds on the Road to Return project, funded by NZAID in 2005.

The Centre for Security and Peace Studies at Gadjah Mada University (UGM) in Yogyakarta is working to strengthen the capacity of the Indonesian police in non violent conflict resolution and community policing. Fifteen police officers have received scholarships for graduate study in conflict resolution at UGM, and community policing and conflict management workshops for police have been run by students and staff in Papua and other parts of Indonesia.

As part of the Aceh Police Support Programme, the New Zealand Police and Banda Aceh Police conducted Community Policing Training Project. Nine Indonesian National Police officers from

Banda Aceh were involved in a New Zealand based training course on Community policing, disaster and emergency management, human rights and ethics. Follow up training was provided by NZ Police trainers in Aceh.

Assistance in post-disaster reconstruction – Aceh and Nias

As a result of the earthquakes and tsunami that caused wide-spread devastation in Aceh and Nias, a programme has been developed to support recovery. NZAID's key ongoing contribution (\$12 million in total) is through the Multi-Donor Fund for Aceh and Nias (MDF). The MDF supports the reconstruction programmes of the Aceh-Nias Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency (BRR).

NZAID is providing long term support to SurfAid International (an NGO formed and run by NZ doctors) for a community health programme on the island of Nias. SurfAid works to improve the communities health and reduce mortality rates by improving clean water availability, hygiene, sanitation, malaria reduction and health services.



Children are usually the most vulnerable in times of disaster. SurfAid is focusing on reducing child mortality by 30% within five years, through improving access to clean water, nutrition and hygiene, reducing malaria and improving health services.

NZAID is also funding work by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to support women-led enterprises by providing training in basic business management and marketing. The booming construction sector in Aceh does not automatically generate jobs for women, who often lack skills or knowledge and may be constrained by their domestic responsibilities.

The ILO is currently working to improve access to markets as well as business development support for women entrepreneurs.

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