



- USAID helped develop an automated case tracking system for all Indonesian district courts, enabling improved transparency and access.
- USAID is helping to improve primary and secondary education for more than 220,000 students.
- USAID improved management and protection of 15 million hectares of marine protected areas, covering roughly the size of Illinois.
- USAID introduced medical technology to Indonesia that diagnoses tuberculosis in hours instead of weeks.

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Country Profile

Indonesia has the largest economy in Southeast Asia and hosts some of the world's most diverse natural resources spread across more than 17,000 islands. Yet, almost half the population lives on less than \$2 per day. Indonesia's growing economy, young democracy and strategic location in the region make it an important trade and security partner to the United States.

USAID works with the Indonesian government, local leaders, academia, the private sector, civil society and development partners to help Indonesia realize its national development goals and emerge as a stronger partner in addressing fundamental global challenges. The close bilateral relationship is reflected in the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership signed in 2010 to deepen ties between the two nations.

OUR WORK

Indonesia, the world's third largest democracy, is an important regional and global force. Its location among key international maritime straits makes it a linchpin for regional security. Indonesia's biodiversity — the second greatest in the world — has helped fuel economic growth, transforming it into a middle-income country and positioning its economy to be amongst the world's top performers in the coming decades. However, the benefits of democratization and economic growth have yet to reach the country's poorest and most vulnerable populations.

One of Indonesia's biggest challenges is the development gap between eastern and western regions and between urban and rural areas. This gap is evident and widespread, from basic infrastructure to the availability of public services such as education. In addition, Indonesia as a whole lags behind most of Southeast Asia in quality health care access.

Through targeted investments, USAID partners with the Government and people of Indonesia to strengthen a just and accountable democracy that is politically and socially stable. We help Indonesia meet the basic needs of its most marginalized citizens through the expansion of education, health, water and sanitation services. USAID works jointly with Indonesia to tackle development challenges of global consequence — such as infectious diseases and the impacts of global climate change — by harnessing the power of science, technology and innovation.

GOVERNING JUSTLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY

Following a rapid decentralization of government to local authorities in 2001, Indonesia has transformed itself into a more vibrant democracy that is now over a decade old. USAID supports the Government of Indonesia's efforts to combat corruption, promote accountability and protect citizen rights. Sustaining and deepening Indonesia's justice sector reforms is an important area of mutual collaboration. USAID also strengthens local governments' capacity to provide basic public services to citizens and supports civil society organizations in promoting accountability.

SUPPORTING THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE

The poorest and most vulnerable — which represent nearly half of the population — may be left behind in Indonesia's growing economic prosperity if their basic needs are not addressed. USAID supports the Government of Indonesia and local government authorities in efforts toward long-term improvements to the well-being of the poor. USAID helps improve the education and health care systems in addition to tackling the barriers to accessing basic public services, such as safe water and sanitation. In the health sector, USAID supports the national and local governments in ending preventable maternal and newborn deaths. USAID also provides support for primary and vocational education programs.

ADDRESSING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

USAID serves as a long-term partner in helping Indonesia tackle global development challenges such as infectious diseases, and the degradation of natural resources. Given Indonesia's experience and growing desire to support other countries in addressing issues of global consequence, USAID's partnership with Indonesia is evolving beyond the traditional donor-recipient model into a strategic partnership that includes coordinated, joint and targeted foreign assistance to other countries in areas of mutual interest. This includes programs to strengthen disaster preparedness, improve community resilience to climate change and address governance challenges. One example is the partnership in Papua New Guinea to address gender-based violence.

PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

USAID partners with the Indonesian government to improve the quality of scientific research, education and evidence-based decision making at all levels, utilizing new and innovative approaches to achieve Indonesia's development goals. This includes scholarship opportunities and joint research between Indonesian and American scientists and researchers to confront global challenges in the fields of health, marine conservation, biodiversity and climate change. USAID also facilitates partnerships between the Indonesian government and private sector to adopt advanced technologies for development.

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The knowledge gained through USAID-supported scholarships enables Indonesians to tackle serious global issues. Photo credit: USAID/Indonesia



USAID support helps equip Indonesians with the needed skills and technology to combat the spread of diseases. Photo credit: USAID/Indonesia