



THE OFFICE OF DEMOCRACY, RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

eMpowering Access to JJustice (MAJU)

Promoting protection of citizen rights in Indonesia



Legal aid organizations, CSOs and human rights agencies work together to map and develop prioritized activities during the start-up of MAJU project.

Implementing Partner

The Asia Foundation, Indonesia

Other Partners:

LBH (Jakarta, Semarang, Bandung, Yogyakarta, Surabaya, Papua), ALDP, Arus Pelangi, Elsam, INCLE, MaPPI, Pusaka Foundation, YAPPIKA, WSD HANDA Center (Stanford University), Kemenkumham, Komnas HAM, Komnas Perempuan, BPHN

Activity Locations

West Java, Central Java, Yogyakarta, East Java, Papua

Period of Performance

March 2016 – March 2021

Total Funding

\$8,400,000

CHALLENGE

Indonesia has been successful to date in the transition from authoritarian rule and also has an advanced regulatory framework to uphold human rights, but faces challenges in implementation amid its full consolidation of democracy in progress. High level of poverty in marginalized groups is also attributable to stigma and discrimination, and human rights abuses including restriction on freedoms of association and expression, and lack of legal identity.

Government accountability and responsiveness, civil society organization (CSO) capacity and protection of citizen rights have all been identified as key constraints to democratic governance and equitable development.

INITIATIVE

MAJU project seeks to: (i) increase access to justice for poor and marginalized citizens; (ii) strengthen ability of Government of Indonesia and state-auxiliary bodies to protect citizen rights via evidence-based decision-making; and (iii) improve enabling environment for CSOs to effectively promote protection of citizen rights.

MAJU project will focus on four discrete target groups: (1) religious and ethnic minorities; (2) forest-dependent indigenous people in Papua; (3) marginalized individuals; and (4) discrimination and violence against women.

RESULTS

Working closely with human rights protection-related GoI agencies and twelve CSOs, including legal aid organization and university partner, MAJU project is looking forward to contributing to the improvement and sustainability of access to justice and human rights for target groups in prioritized provinces, and along with private sector to develop innovative strategies for successful growth and sustainability.



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