



Indonesia

Realizing Minimum Living Standards for Disadvantaged Communities through Peace Building and Village Based Economic Development

Background information

Amidst severe economic challenges, Maluku, one of Indonesia's poorest provinces, grapples with heightened infant mortality rates, limited access to clean water and sanitation, and insufficient livelihood opportunities. Since 1999, ethnic conflicts have claimed numerous lives, displaced communities, and exacerbated poverty. The aftermath includes a fragile state of peace and a significant number of internally displaced people, who face housing challenges and limited financial resources. In addition, the lack of income-generating opportunities and weakened economic security constitute a breeding ground for conflicts at the community level. The programme applies the human security framework to design interventions that break the cycle of poverty and fragility, and comprehensively address the multifaceted issues faced by the communities of Maluku.

Goals and objectives

The programme aims to contribute to stabilizing the fragile peace and fostering poverty reduction in Maluku province. The key objectives of the programme are to: (i) promote participatory project planning and monitoring at the village level; (ii) enhance sustainable livelihood development through education and technology transfer; (iii) foster peacebuilding and conflict management; and (iv) improve overall living conditions and health security.



DURATION

February 2009 – September 2013



UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

UNIDO, ILO



OTHER KEY PARTNERS

Maluku Provincial Government



BENEFICIARIES

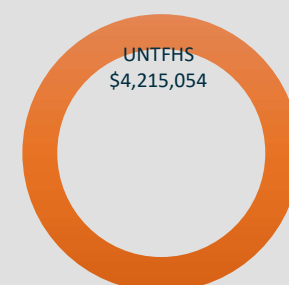
The population of the Maluku province



TOTAL BUDGET

US\$ 4,215,054

POOLING OF RESOURCES



Beneficiaries

The programme reaches the population and community-based organizations of the Maluku province, who benefit from enhanced health security, improved livelihood opportunities, and strengthened conflict-management mechanisms. In addition, community-based organizations and the Maluku Provincial Government indirectly benefit from capacity-building interventions.

Applying the Human Security approach

In the context of Maluku province where a legacy of conflict is compounded by significant socioeconomic challenges, promoting sustainable development must be anchored in addressing the underlying drivers of insecurities and addressing them in a comprehensive yet highly targeted manner. Using the human security lens, the programme gathers and analyzes data related to social, economic and conflict indicators, including through conducting the Participatory Rural Assessment (PRA) to evaluate levels of poverty as well as the economic potential of each participating village.

Conducting an assessment that captures the interconnections between conflict, poverty and inequality provides powerful information for designing a holistic and sustainable strategies to chart a course toward stability and sustainable development. The results of the PRA helps pinpoint how poverty reduction efforts can incorporate conflict sensitivity as well as how actions to enhance social cohesion can also benefit economic progress. These multisectoral activities include strengthened village-based economic development, upgraded access to vocational training and education, natural resources preservation, and improved health security at the community level. Such an approach strengthens conflict prevention and community resilience by rebuilding the local economy in a way that bridges social divides and leaves no one behind.

Overcoming the obstacles to sustainable peace and development requires transforming the conditions that create disadvantage and building the capacity of local actors to define and create their future. As such, the programme promotes community-based planning, actively involving diverse stakeholders in Maluku to tackle structural inequalities and formulate context-specific and inclusive solutions. This enables local knowledge to be incorporated into interventions and creates avenues for capacity building on participatory planning and implementation among local actors. As a result, the programme tailors its activities to the local realities, resources, and specificities to offer concrete and sustainable benefits to vulnerable communities.



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