



Fast Facts

Country: Indonesia

Duration: March 2002 to July 2005

Implementing UN Agencies: UN-HABITAT

Other Implementing Partners: UNICEF; Departments of Agriculture and Public Works; World Vision; local Governments; NGOs; community-based organizations

Budget: \$1,416,603.79

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BACKGROUND

Following the fall of the Suharto government in 1998, several parts of Indonesia experienced a rise in inter-communal violence. The sub-districts of Tobelo, Galela and Tobelo Selatan in Maluku and North Maluku saw the fiercest fighting in the area, resulting in widespread poverty, degradation of infrastructure and disruption in basic social services. When the conflict was settled in 2000,

these communities were faced with the challenges of resettlement and the return of internally displaced persons (IDPs). Notwithstanding, communities in these areas expressed their desire for reconciliation. This opened a unique opportunity to promote coexistence and consolidate peace.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the project was to promote community reconciliation and overcome mistrust among different ethnic groups in Tobelo, Galela and Tobelo Selatan. The project aimed to establish social and economic linkages between communities by (i) creating employment through labour-intensive public works; (ii) increasing

productivity in the local economy; and (iii) rehabilitating joint community infrastructure and services. By involving a range of local stakeholders from different ethnic groups, the project worked to promote joint decision-making and participation and to create a sense of ownership at the community level.

BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries included the residents in Tobelo, Galela and Tobelo Selatan, who were targeted through inter-community activities.

Beneficiaries for the labour-intensive activities were selected with a particular focus on the most vulnerable community members.