



WOMEN-LED COMMUNITY BASED PROTECTION IN CENTRAL SULAWESI AND BANTEN PROVINCES INDONESIA

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Project overview:

In Indonesia, the main challenge to women's protection is their limited capacity to mobilise and organise, knowledge of their rights and levels of engagement with government and policymakers. Emergencies such as conflict, the 2018 earthquake and tsunami, and the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbate their vulnerability. These crises place greater economic strains on women and their families and increase instances of gender-based violence.

This project aims to strengthen disaster-affected communities by equipping women and young people with the mechanisms and capacity to develop women-led community-based protection to sustain and grow their livelihoods. Through strengthening women's protection mechanisms and economic and political activity, this project works to build communities that can integrate successful disaster management plans, local wisdom, and ecology and recognise the value and leadership of women.

Key project activities and outputs:

The primary goal of this project is to strengthen women-led community-based protection and sustainable livelihoods through:

- Increasing the capacity of women and young people focal points in protection, sustainable livelihoods, disaster risk reduction, food security, and environmental sustainability,
- Creating women's and young people's forums to share knowledge and engage in advocacy,
- Forming economic groups to train women and young girls on business management and savings and loans,
- Developing disaster risk assessments and risk reduction strategies and conducting response training,
- Training local partners and community organisations on strengthening protection referral mechanisms, disaster risk reduction policies, and engagement with government officials and policy.

"I never imagined I could be like I am now, having my own business, being part of the women's community and being a role model for children. Nothing is impossible. Their future is my aspiration and I am ready to make the most of what I have for them." - Lilis, a single mother and survivor of violence.

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Location: Central Sulawesi and Banten Provinces Indonesia

Project objectives:

- Strengthen women's protection mechanisms and sustainable livelihoods at village and district levels
- Build and enhance partners' and community organisations' capacity to implement inclusive protection mechanisms.

Impact:

- Over 2,100 people engaged, including 1,170 women and girls.
- 13 economic groups with 101 women members established, with 10 groups building networks with regional governments 4 village governments in Banten integrated community-based protection mechanisms led by women and adolescent girls.
- 37 women and young people appointed as coordinators and Village Protection teams to address gender-based violence
- District-level technical offices have developed disaster risk reduction action plans.
- Strengthened community networks with government and district stakeholders on protection, economy, and disaster risk reduction. Worked with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection to scale up the project to and adopt the Women-Led Community Based Protection model at the national level.