



Highlights

Accessible, and just legal systems, services, and decision-making

TAF is advancing justice system mechanisms that focus on protecting the rights of marginalized communities, including promoting the restorative justice approach, incorporating disabilities into correctional facilities, using technology in criminal justice, promoting non-custodial options to alleviate prison overcrowding, and drug policy reform.

Improving strategies, approaches, and mechanisms to mitigate conflict and misinformation

TAF provides training on recognizing and countering mis- and disinformation in four provinces.

Enabling women and youth to play more significant role in forest and land-use decision-making

TAF provides training programs for women, youth, and the local community on forest management and economic development in 14 provinces.

Improving forest and land governance to protect forests and communities in Indonesia

TAF supports local communities and vulnerable groups to help strengthen sustainable forest management, and support economic growth.

Reduce gender-based violence and safeguard freedom of expression

TAF supports women leaders and activists across the program countries to reduce gender-based violence and safeguard freedom of expression.

Strong and inclusive democratic society

We engage young people and marginalized communities in democratic discussions on governance by organizing training workshops for community leaders.

The Asia Foundation established an office in Indonesia in 1955 and has since fostered strong connections with a wide range of Indonesian institutions. This includes collaboration with numerous civil society organizations, the Indonesian government, and other partners to improve public service delivery, advance justice sector reform, support environmental and democratic resilience, and foster economic growth and broader social opportunity.

2024 Snapshot



500+ women received training on social forestry and how to benefit from non-timber forest products



718+ case assistance services were provided to individuals who have experienced violence



1,500+ micro business owners received digital training skills to grow small businesses



2,150+ state civil servants joined capacity building programs in good governance



8,092+ youth and marginalized communities received trainings on democratic resilience



10,800+ Let's Read books available in 62 languages, including Bahasa Indonesia and five local languages: Java, Sunda, Batak Toba, Minang, and Bali



Flagship Initiatives



Promoting democratic resilience

Indonesia's democracy stands firm at a time when democracy is declining worldwide. However, it faces a deepening polarization that puts it at risk. TAF collaborates with civil society partners, journalists, and local communities to foster unity and strengthen the community against divisive narratives.

Strengthening environmental governance

TAF supports the government in enhancing transparency and accountability in the land use and forestry sector to prevent deforestation and land degradation. We involve civil society and local communities in making decisions about forests and land use and we advocate for policies that protect forests, and our partners support the government in implementing the social forestry program.

Improving public service delivery

TAF implements ERAT (Effective, Efficient, and Strong Governance) to collaborate with central and subnational governments to enhance policy implementation and service provision at the local level. This initiative aims to harmonize national and subnational policies, improve access to public service, and strengthen budget management and implementation standards.

Supporting survivors of gender-based violence

We support local governments and civil society service providers in Papua to enhance support services for women who have faced gender-based violence. We collaborate with civil society partners to raise awareness and improve access to these services and also work on strengthening community and legal frameworks to prevent violence against women.

Advancing prison reform

TAF has collaborated with the Directorate General of Corrections for more than ten years to modernize prison systems and simplify the parole processes. The database has improved monitoring and protocols for handling prisoners with disabilities, minors, women, and high-risk inmates, such as those found guilty of terrorism. We have also assisted the government in reinforcing the integrated criminal justice system and advocating for alternative sentencing options to imprisonment.

The Asia Foundation is an international nonprofit organization working to solve the toughest social and economic challenges in Asia and the Pacific. Informed by more than 70 years of experience and deep local knowledge, we work with partners across more than 20 countries through 17 offices to improve lives and expand opportunities.