

SCS Indonesia: MADANI

Overview

The MADANI project (March 2019 – February 2024, \$19.8 million) is a USAID/Indonesia-funded initiative to strengthen government accountability and communal tolerance by strengthening the capacity and sustainability of Indonesian CSOs. CSOs play a critical role to promote and strengthen democratic processes, including elections, ensuring government accountability and protection of human rights. By supporting sub-national CSOs, MADANI provides assistance directly to the organizations best positioned to positively effect decentralized democracy and good governance. MADANI is active in 32 districts and cities in the provinces of Lampung, West Java, Central Java, East Java, West Nusa Tenggara, Central Kalimantan, South Sulawesi and Gorontalo.

Indonesia Context

After two decades of decentralization in Indonesia, sub-national service quality remains low, and citizen needs and poverty targets have often failed to shape government plans and priorities. There is a lack of access to frontline services in disadvantaged areas, and low quality in general. This is especially prominent for maternal and newborn health (MNH), where Indonesia is still far from reaching Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets and where the decline in neonatal mortality has stalled in recent years. Intolerance in the country is also on the rise. To curb these trends and reassert progressive liberality and good governance, civil society must be at the frontlines of encouraging greater accountability and tolerance at local levels.

Major Program Components

Strengthen organizational capacity of targeted CSOs through:

- Mentoring and technical assistance to help CSOs better understand their missions, develop organizational strategies, interpret local budgets and monitor public expenditures, and support local government activities that align with their missions

- Organizing Learning Forums for CSOs focused on improving organizational capacity

Improve legitimacy of target CSOs by:

- Facilitating mentorships, staff exchanges between national and local NGOs, and Learning Forums for CSOs on networking, learning, alliance-building, and outcome mapping
- Supporting CSOs to conduct citizen feedback perception surveys and social media and outreach campaigns to better understand and represent community issues and more effectively participate in community planning activities
- Providing technical assistance to local government officials so they better understand benefits of CSO engagement, support a self-regulation system, and better understand government funding and procurement mechanisms

Improve sustainability of targeted CSOs in bringing about change in policy and practice at local levels through:

- Organizing mentorships for CSOs on how to map resource mobilization possibilities, plan for diversification, and develop a finance strategy
- Trainings for CSOs on regulations and requirements for local government funding opportunities

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