

Australian Volunteers Program in Indonesia

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'The support I received from the partner organisation was very good and enabled me to do the work I envisaged doing.'
 – Remote volunteer

In 2020-21 in Indonesia, the program supported:

30
 partner organisations

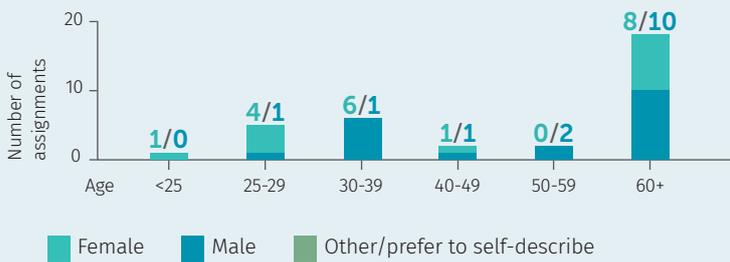
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 partner organisations with Impact Grants

35
 volunteers

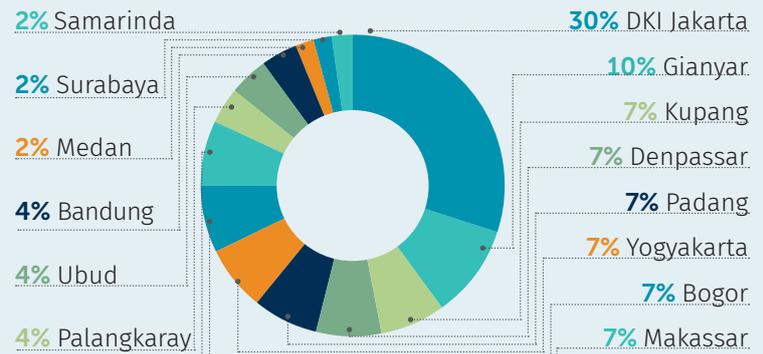
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 remote assignments

Gender and age of volunteers

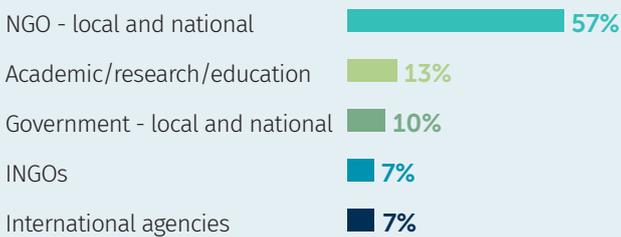
Women 57% Men 43%



Location of assignments



Most common types of partner organisations



Most common professions of volunteers



86% of partner organisations were satisfied or very satisfied with the volunteer assignment



88% of volunteers were satisfied or very satisfied with the program



* The above data is drawn from reports completed by volunteers and partner organisations. Responses were not received from all volunteers and partner organisations, and not all respondents provided a response to every question.

In 2020-21, in accordance with Australia's COVID-19 Development Response Plan, the Australian Volunteers Program supported partner organisations to implement their response and recovery efforts, aligned with Indonesia's local and national priorities. The program also continued to focus on addressing human rights, inclusive economic development and climate change in Indonesia.

Shifting solely to remote volunteering, the program supported 35 volunteers and 44 remote assignments with 30 partner organisations. The majority of assignments were in Jakarta and Bali with most partner organisations working in the education and government and civil society sectors.

Partner organisations adapted well to remote volunteering and the program improved connections through capacity building and learning activities.

In addition to strengthening its work in the education sector, the program delivered numerous webinars, training sessions and information-sharing events for partner organisations on gender equality, diversity, inclusion, child protection, and preventing sexual exploitation.

Eleven partner organisations in Indonesia received small grants through the Australian Volunteers Impact Fund, including Asia Justice and Rights, Celebes Global Act, the Coral Triangle Center, IPB University, Indonesia Planned Parenthood Association, Lembaga Pengkajian dan Pemberdayaan Masyarakat, PPMK (Empowering Women

to Fight Poverty), Yayasan Besipa'e, Yayasan Emas Hitam Indonesia, Yayasan Solemen and the Nurani Perempuan Women's Crisis Center.

During this time, the program celebrated and promoted international volunteering in Indonesia. The program hosted ten online events attended by 204 current and potential partner organisations. The events used real-time interpretation, closed captions, and sign language to maximise accessibility. The program also recognised and celebrated International Volunteer Day and International Women's Day.



Australian volunteer Peter Button volunteers as an International Cooperation Officer at LPTM (Lembaga Profesi Teknik dan Manajemen), Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. In this photo he is with LPTM staff Thauhuriah Adliah (wearing hijab) and students at LPTM workshop venue in Makassar. LPTM in English: Institution of Engineering and Management Profession. Photographer: Harjono Djoyobisono

Spotlight on The Nurani Perempuan Women's Crisis Centre

Nurani Perempuan Women's Crisis Centre works to eliminate all forms of violence against women and provides services for women who are victims of violence.

With support from the Australian Volunteers Program, the Centre has enhanced its capacity to record, manage and report on gender-based violence. It has also improved the quality and consistency of services provided to women and children.

Between 2012-2014, Australian volunteer, Alexa Duke, helped staff with providing counselling to women attending the Centre. Jenny Moore, another Australian volunteer, provided support in program monitoring and evaluation from 2014-2015. Alexa and Jenny also developed and implemented a suite of new procedures to handle harassment cases, including case management and data requirements.

This approach has significantly improved the Centre's capacity to record, track, and share data on gender-based violence, highlighting the extent of this issue to the community and decision-makers.

In 2018, Australian volunteer, Paul Grenda, assisted with building a website and database system for Nurani Perempuan, both key requirements for effectively managing case records and reporting. Paul continued supporting the Centre as a remote volunteer throughout 2021, developing the website and ensuring an online reporting system was accessible for anonymous reporting of all types of violence and advocacy support from the organisation.

In 2019 Australian volunteer Zoe Neill refreshed the Centre's business strategies and identified potential funding opportunities. With support from an Impact Fund Grant from the Australian Volunteers Program, the Centre is delivering a project focused on building a support group for sexual violence survivors.

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