

TI IPP STRONGG IN INDONESIA

Inclusive and Accountable Public Procurement

Launched in 2000, Transparency International Indonesia (TI Indonesia) is part of the Transparency International global coalition against corruption. The TI Movement brings together chapters operating in more than 100 countries worldwide with an international Secretariat based in Berlin, working towards a shared vision: a world free of corruption.

With support from the *TI Indo-Pacific Partnership for Strong, Transparent, Responsive & Open Networks for Good Governance (TI IPP STRONGG) 2020 – 2023*, TI Indonesia seeks to engage various actors, particularly women and youth, and facilitate collaboration initiatives with state institutions to both increase social accountability at the local level and strengthen national anti-corruption policies and institutions. The *Strengthening Integrity for an Inclusive and Accountable Public Procurement (SIAPP)* project aims primarily to reduce corruption in public procurement in two local areas, Tangerang City and Jember Regency, through empowering local youth groups.

Project At A Glance

- Topic of focus:
Meaningful citizen engagement in public decision-making, procurement monitoring, and corruption reporting mechanisms
- Project timeframe:
1 June 2020 – 31 August 2023
- Locations & project outreach:
Tangerang City and Jember Regency.
- Budget: 150,000 EUR

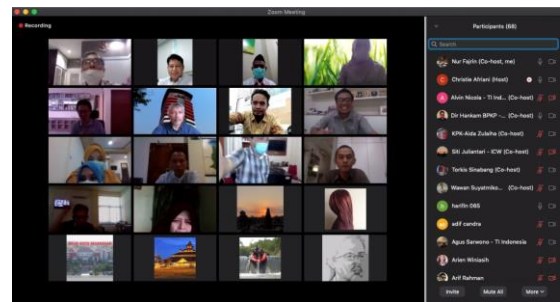


Through the project, TI Indonesia aims to strengthen and expand its existing youth networks / Picture:

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BACKGROUND

In Indonesia, corruption remains endemic in many sectors, including in the bureaucracy, the judiciary, and the police. Despite this worrying picture, Indonesia improved its score in [Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index \(CPI\)](#), rising from 37 points in 2017 to 40 in 2019, which may be linked to the government's attempts to reform the business environment, as well as the outstanding performance of the country's Anti-Corruption Agency, the Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (KPK), which enjoys strong support among the public. However, [Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer – Asia 2020 \(GCB\)](#) reveals that half of the population in Indonesia believe that corruption levels have increased in the 12 months prior to the survey. It also indicates a fairly high bribery rate with a third of people surveyed admitting that they paid a bribe to access a public service over the 12-month period.



TI Indonesia conducts COVID awareness advocacy activities, including training to government officers on the public procurement of COVID funds / © Transparency International Indonesia

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Objectives

1. Increase participation of diverse groups, particularly women and youth, in public decision-making processes to enhance good governance and promote anti-corruption at the local level
2. Reduce corruption in public procurement in Tangerang City and Jember Regency through empowering local youth groups
3. Strengthen national anti-corruption policy and institutions through increased cooperation between citizens and state actors

Main Activities

Activities under this project include:

- Empowering four local CSOs and four youth-led groups that will develop a **sustainable network of over 100 youth** who are expected to independently drive public participation in budget advocacy and social audits of public procurement processes through coherent monitoring and advocacy strategies.
- Facilitating cooperation between youth groups and local CSOs to relevant state agencies, notably the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), National Public Procurement Agency (LKPP), the Public Information Commission (KIP), and the Ombudsman, complementing grassroots accountability, with improved national policy and institution strengthening. Participation of local civil society organisations and youth groups include technical inputs on **public procurement, open contracting, open tender, right to information, and public monitoring**.

TI Indonesia's response to the COVID crisis

Ensuring that citizens can meaningfully engage in public resource allocation and policy decision-making, procurement monitoring and corruption reporting mechanisms is especially relevant in the current pandemic context as emergency procurement must be transparent and equal access to services ensured. In the first year of the project, TI Indonesia and its partners will conduct and launch a study on local public procurement on COVID-related goods and services.