

# 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 three local areas, Aceh Province, Jember Regency and Kupang 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:  
Banda Aceh City, Jember Regency and Kupang Regency
- Budget: 194,961 EUR



*Through the project, TI Indonesia aims to promoting proactive youth networks to monitoring public procurement/ 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 believes 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 Aceh Province, Jember Regency, and Kupang 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 includes 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.

## SUMMARY OF PROGRESS & KEY ACHIEVEMENTS – 2022

Despite the prolonged implications of the Covid-19 pandemic, TI Indonesia has further strengthened its work on social accountability by engaging various actors, particularly women and youth, and facilitating collaboration with state institutions to support local and national-level anti-corruption policies. These measures were manifested in the involvement of youth groups and civil society networks in monitoring the procurement of public goods and services in the Aceh, Kupang, and Jember regions. In 2022, TI Indonesia conducted a series of public consultations with civil society groups and, together with Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW), proposed an action plan for Indonesia's open government. In addition, the Chapter served as the co-chair of the C20 Anti-Corruption Working Group and played an active role in C20 dialogues and events around the G20 in Indonesia.

TI Indonesia's SIAPP project highlights for 2022 include:

- More than **1040 people from 20 cities and districts** actively monitored public procurement - more than half came from networks of youth groups, student organisations, and journalists. **Around 38% of the people who participated in 2022** were women and vulnerable groups in strategic positions as resource persons, policy designers, and focal points in advocacy and campaign activities.
- **Built mutual awareness within the local government and community through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Aceh Provincial Government.** The governments adopted necessary proposed regulations, including regarding transparency in e-procurement, inclusivity in the public policy-making process, and transition from a local government procurement unit, which remains ad hoc, to a structural (independent) unit.
- Established **regular multi-stakeholder engagements and social audits for local governments**, especially in the procurement unit, civil society groups, and youth groups, on the importance of involving the public's role in monitoring the public procurement process. **Around 15 problematic public procurement projects have been observed, consulted, and followed up on by the relevant institutions.**
- Submitted **the draft Amendment to Presidential Regulation Number 16 from 2018 on Government Procurement of Goods/Services.** The advocacy also includes participation in global and regional spaces, such as UNCAC, UNGASS, G20, and Open Government Indonesia (OGI) forums.
- Commenced the **implementation of the ICRAT pilot.** In collaboration with TI Australia, the chapter held workshops to introduce the ICRAT tool to relevant project stakeholders from government and civil society organisations.



*Youth Monitoring Committee in Banda Aceh assessing advocacy planning based on social audit findings/ © TI Indonesia*



*During the International Anti-Corruption Day 2022 celebration, the youth committee led a peaceful protest in the public plaza/ © TI Indonesia*

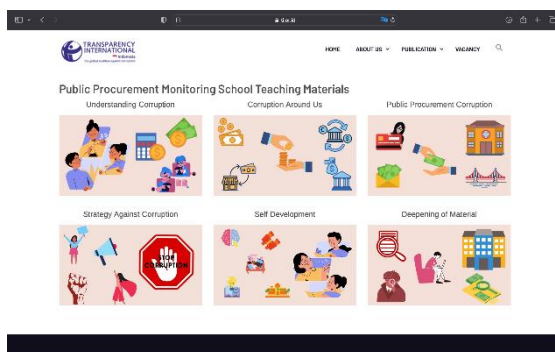


*Youth Monitoring Committee in Kupang Regency has collaborated with local primary schools to teach integrity values/ © TI Indonesia*

# ANTI-CORRUPTION TRAINING PLATFORM: EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF YOUTH ACTIVISTS

TI Indonesia is currently developing an [e-learning portal](#) for young activists. The platform will provide comprehensive online training for understanding corruption in different sectors, including corruption in public procurement, and offers various mechanisms for citizens and youth groups to counter corruption. The course curriculum is organised into six clusters:

- Corruption 101: Understanding Corruption, Corruption in Indonesia, and Global Anti-Corruption Movements
- Corruption in Everyday Life: Corruption in Politics, Private, Health, Education, and Law Enforcement
- Corruption in Public Procurement: Understanding, Analysing, and Monitoring State Budget
- How to Fight Corruption: Collective Movement, Accessing Public Information, Using Social Audit, Citizen Journalism, Successful Anti-Corruption Campaigns, and Monitoring Village Funds
- Self-Improvement: Critical Thinking, Adaptive Leadership, and Digital Security
- Special Courses: Fraud, Patterns of Irregularities and Complaints in Public Procurement, and Identifying Beneficial Ownership



## LOOKING AHEAD

In 2023, the project implementation will focus on:

- Advocating for social audit monitoring reports with relevant stakeholders.
- Continuing the joint action plan with the Aceh Provincial Government and pursuing strategic relationships with the Jember and Kupang Regency Governments through MoUs.
- Consolidating civil society input to accelerate the Public Procurement Law legislation.
- Implementing the Infrastructure Corruption Risk Assessment tool (ICRAT).
- Monitoring and evaluation of the project.



*ICRAT workshop by TI Australia and TI Indonesia. The tool will be used to assess corruption risks in the infrastructure sector/ © TI Indonesia*