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Guyub Project

Mempercepat pemenuhan Tujuan Pembangunan Berkelanjutan (Sustainable Development Goals/SDGs) dengan menangani akar permasalahan ekstremisme kekerasan di Jawa Timur dan sekitarnya, bersama dengan Pemerintah Indonesia

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Key details

The Guyub Project is a partnership between:

- the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC),
- the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and
- UN Women.

Together, we are supporting the Government of Indonesia to tackle the threat of violent extremism in East Java and throughout Indonesia. We are doing this by working at the community level to deliver prevention-focused, people-centred activities that build peaceful communities, while strengthening the capacity of government to promote inclusiveness and engender resilience against violent extremist narratives.

Most of our activities address one or more of the following areas:

- Supporting **community-leaders** and **civil society organisations** to build inclusive and cohesive societies, particularly through the Peace Village concept;
- Helping **youth, teachers** and **religious leaders** to promote positive narratives in their community and in the online space, which will dissuade at risk individuals from harmful narratives of violent extremist groups;
- Building an integrated **school-community resilience** model by strengthening social cohesion and cooperation of teachers, parents, local government, and authorities;
- Facilitating high-quality **research** on the push and pull factors of violent extremism in Indonesia; and
- Partnering with **law enforcement** and **government agencies** to enhance prevention efforts that break cycles of hatred, protect society and meet the needs of victims and witnesses of terrorism.

The Project is currently funded for East Java until September 2021. However, we are actively seeking funding partners to build on successes already identified under the Project and to expand its reach in East Java and in other provinces of Indonesia who could benefit from the Guyub approach.



In more detail: The Guyub Objectives

The Guyub Project is contributing to the successful achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Indonesia. By building resilience against violent extremist ideology, the Project supports all 17 SDGs. It also directly contributes to quality education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), reduced inequalities (SDG 10) and strong justice institutions (SDG 16). At the same time, the Project advances the UN Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism and it supports the priorities of the Government of Indonesia.

To do this, we are working towards the following objectives:

- Stopping perceived grievances, marginalisation and distorted beliefs from pushing individuals towards violent extremism;
- Preventing violent extremists from using the internet to radicalise individuals in East Java, particularly young people;
- Strengthening the social compact between individuals, the community and the police so that it provides strong protection for individuals from the recruitment efforts of violent extremists;
- Empowering the criminal justice system to proactively prevent violent extremism;
- Breaking the cycle of extremism among vulnerable individuals and groups; and
- Improving our understanding of the push and pull factors behind violent extremism, drawing knowledge to be applied in the region and beyond.

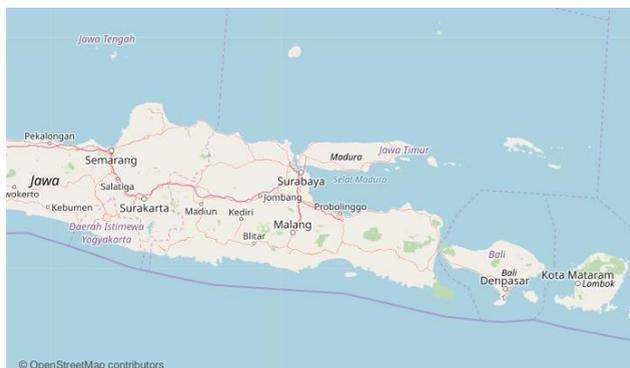


Target area: East Java

The Guyub Project primarily works in East Java, although we have some discrete, complimentary activities at the national level to enhance impact and support the application of lessons learned to other parts of the country.

East Java is the second most populated province in Indonesia. It has witnessed acts of violent extremism in recent years, including coordinated attacks in May 2018 as well as 'lone-wolf' attacks in more recent months. Detailed consultations with local experts, academic institutions and government officials has identified increased intolerance within certain communities, vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system and opportunities to enhance resilience among religious and educational institutions.

Working in East Java presents an opportunity to partner with proactive, forward-thinking actors on the ground, both within government as well as civil society and academia. Indeed, the Government of East Java passed the landmark Regulation no. 8/2018 on Community Tolerance that aims to preserve and maintain harmony between different religious, races, tribes, social and economic groups in the province.¹ We are building on this momentum to incorporate lessons from other parts of the world as well as international best practice standards.



¹ Article 2, East Java Provincial Regulation no. 8/2018 on Community Tolerance

Lead agencies

The Guyub Project is implemented by three United Nations agencies under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator.

UN Women is responsible for engaging with communities at the grassroots level, supporting interventions led by women and community-leaders. To do this, UN Women is partnership with the Wahid Foundation and building on the success of the Peace Village Concept.

The UN Development Programme (**UNDP**) is working directly with youth, religious leaders, educators and communities around education institutions. UNDP's partners include, among others, Peace Generation and PUSHAM Surabaya.

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (**UNODC**) is supporting government officials on criminal justice aspects of preventing violent extremism, including community policing best practices and meeting the needs of victims and witnesses of terrorism.



All three agencies have built strong relationships with our counterparts at central and local government, including the National Agency for Combatting Terrorism (BNPT), the Victim and Witness Protection Agency (LPSK), the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Provincial Government of East Java and the Directorate-General of National Unity and Politics (Kesbangpol) of East Java Province.

Seed funding for the Guyub Project comes from the UN Human Security Trust Fund (HSTF). This Fund supports projects on a range of topics throughout the world and provides both strategic oversight and the sharing of knowledge and international best practices.



The Peace Hub

We are delivering the Guyub Project through the Peace Hub. The Peace Hub is a co-working space and integrated platform in which all UN experts on preventing violent extremism and building peaceful communities are able to come together, both in person and online. It provides a forum to collaborate, brainstorm innovative approaches, develop joint-programming and deliver results together.

The goal of the Peace Hub is to maximise synergies, generate a multiplier effect and enhance our impact.



The first of its kind in Jakarta, the Peace Hub also provides a single point of contact for UN partners, supporters and beneficiaries.

You can contact the Peace Hub at peacehub@un.or.id



Partner with the Guyub Project

We welcome opportunities to partner with like-minded actors and organisations taking a preventative approach to violent extremism and terrorism.

We would also like to hear from potential beneficiaries and stakeholders.

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