



Indonesia

Indonesia stands at a critical juncture in its pursuit of Golden Indonesia 2045. With agriculture [employing](#) 30% of the workforce and contributing over 12% of the nation's GDP, the country aims to strengthen its food systems, enhance water security, and accelerate a clean energy transition; key to achieving inclusive, climate-resilient development.

Despite economic growth, significant challenges persist. In 2024, almost 9% of the population lived in [poverty](#), and nearly 20% of [children](#) were affected by stunting. Environmental pressures are intensifying: 59% of [rivers](#) are heavily polluted, nearly 200,000 [hectares](#) of forest were cleared in 2024 alone, and more than 1,200 species are [endangered](#) due to habitat loss, illegal logging, and land-use change. Meanwhile, climate-related risks, including water insecurity, land degradation, and extreme weather, threaten vulnerable populations.

Since 2013, SNV has connected local innovation with national ambition to develop sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient agri-food, energy, and water systems. Together with partners, SNV has helped develop traceable supply chains for main agricultural commodities, strengthened area-wide sanitation and hygiene services in over 20 cities and districts, and enhanced water governance for basin-level resource management. In all its approaches, the organisation uses multi-stakeholder platforms, digital tools, and blended finance to strengthen capacity, promote local ownership, private sector engagement, and cross-sector coordination to catalyse change.



More than 4K smallholder farmers
skilled in sustainable land management



400+ female farmers
engaged in sustainable agriculture and inclusive supply chains



Over 200K households
gained access to safely managed sanitation, and 400K to improved sanitation



More than 180K households
secured better access to water and handwashing facilities

** 2024 achievements

Responding to the climate crisis

Climate risks are intensifying across Indonesia: deforestation and peatland loss in Sumatra and Kalimantan, coastal erosion and flooding in Java, prolonged droughts in Nusa Tenggara and parts of Sulawesi, and biodiversity loss throughout the eastern islands. These hazards disrupt agri-food systems, exacerbate unequal access to clean water, and hinder the transition to clean energy.

The government aims to reach net zero by [2060](#) and to establish a Forestry and Other Land Use Net Sink by [2030](#). Approximately €37 billion (IDR 728.9 trillion) has been mobilised for green financing and €17 billion (IDR 333 trillion) for clean energy. However, €171 billion (IDR 3,908.6 trillion) is required annually to meet the government's targets.

SNV collaborates with partners to strengthen sub-national climate governance, scale climate-resilient agriculture, invest in watershed protection, and unlock blended finance to accelerate the development of climate-resilient systems.

DFCD | Multi-country | 2019-27 | € 440M

The Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD) is a multi-country climate adaptation financing programme. In 2025, Forest Carbon, with support from SNV and the DFCD's Origination Facility, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop a Green Bond, an innovative blended finance mechanism. The initiative aims to protect over 300,000 hectares of peatlands, mangroves, and tropical forests in Kalimantan and Papua.

Forest Carbon has committed €502,750 (IDR 9.8 billion), which has been further supported by €492,000 (IDR 9.6 billion) from the DFCD Origination Facility, demonstrating strong private sector co-financing. The project aims to mobilise up to €100 million (IDR 1.9 trillion) in investments, reduce 4.2 million tonnes of CO₂ annually, and promote sustainable land use for 23,000 people.

Partners: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, FMO, SNV, Forest Carbon, and WWF-NL



SOLUSI | Three Provinces | 2023-28 | €2.7M

Solutions for Integrated Land-and-Seascape Management in Indonesia (SOLUSI) collaborates with local governments to reduce terrestrial and marine degradation by strengthening community and ecosystem resilience to climate change through inclusive green-blue economic approaches.

Nine district governments, Kebumen, Cilacap, Banyumas, Belitung, Belitung Timur, Sigi, Donggala, Palu, and Parigi Moutong, are collaborating with communities, the private sector, and financial institutions to build sustainable and inclusive value chains. To date, they have developed a national assessment, engaged in a multi-stakeholder validation of six innovative finance mechanisms, and undertaken inclusive value chain analyses. They have also initiated research into the behavioural patterns driving plastic waste to support resilience efforts further.

These initiatives are advancing biodiversity conservation, strengthening climate resilience, and improving the livelihoods of vulnerable communities.

Partners: BMUV, The Ministry of National Development Planning Indonesia, SNV, GIZ, KEHATI, and CIFOR-ICRAF

BIPOS | North Sumatra | 2021-31 | €4.2M

Biodiverse and Inclusive Palm Oil Supply Chain (BIPOS) works with the Labuhanbatu District Government to help smallholder palm oil farmers adapt to climate change and protect ecosystems.

Through regenerative agriculture practices such as composting, cover cropping, and improved soil management, farmers have reduced CO₂ emissions, lowered input costs, and enhanced carbon sequestration, while decreasing their chemical use by up to 30% and increasing productivity by 20%. Furthermore, by integrating agroforestry crops alongside palms, they have diversified income streams and built resilience against climate and market volatility. Over 1,500 of the 2,900 participating farmers, nearly half of whom are women and youth, have strengthened their sustainable land management skills.

BIPOS demonstrates how inclusive, climate-resilient production can drive transformation at scale, benefiting both farmers and the environment.

Partners: L'Oréal, Danone, MARS, L'Occitane, SNV, Livelihoods Funds, Musim Mas, and CIFOR-ICRAF

Accelerating inclusive development

Indonesia's progress towards inclusive development faces persistent disparities. Home to approximately 50 to 70 million [Indigenous Peoples](#), over the years, communities have faced persistent conflicts, primarily driven by inadequate protection of their land rights. At the same time, remote eastern regions face energy poverty and inadequate WASH infrastructure, further marginalising isolated communities. Over 16% of youth are [unemployed](#), with limited green job opportunities in rural areas. Meanwhile, women, people with disabilities, and older people experience restricted participation in decision-making. Despite government inclusion initiatives, including increased budgets and gender-responsive planning across over 30 ministries, implementation remains inconsistent.

To catalyse equitable and inclusive service delivery, SNV works with partners to strengthen skills and gender awareness across sectors, promote regenerative farming, and improve access to WASH services and safe practices.

HORAS Hub | North Sumatra | 2023-28 | €4.3M

The Smallholder Regenerative Agriculture and Sustainable Palm Oil (HORAS) Hub strengthens sectoral inclusivity by connecting local governments with farmers, businesses, and CSOs across seven North Sumatran regencies. The Hub has engaged local CSOs and companies as implementing partners, trained over 6,000 smallholder farmers in regenerative practices and gender awareness, and helped over 2,000 smallholders achieve Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil certification. Eleven women's groups were formed to strengthen their regenerative practices and financial literacy.

This inclusive model promotes agricultural practices that increase farmers' incomes and protect the environment while breaking down participation barriers, enhancing supply chain equity, and supporting shared benefits for communities, businesses, and ecosystems.

Partners: Unilever, SNV, and seven CSOs and companies

KARTINI | West and East Java | 2021-23 | €277.3K

Kartini Peternak Indonesia (KARTINI), a women's economic empowerment initiative to advance inclusive development in West and East Java's dairy sector, dismantled structural barriers and strengthened resilient, inclusive dairy value chains.

Implemented through three cooperatives, the initiative reached 1,564 smallholder farmers. Of the participants, 96% completed gender training, while 98% graduated



from entrepreneurship courses. As a result, KARTINI contributed significantly to strengthening women's roles in dairy farming: 64% reported increased awareness of gender dynamics in decision-making and income management, 89% recognised shared household and farm responsibilities, and 78% gained confidence in business development.

By fostering gender equity, leadership, and economic opportunity, Kartini Peternak Indonesia transformed livelihoods and challenged local norms around gender and women's empowerment.

Partners: Friesland Campina, SNV, and Frisian Flag Indonesia

HBCC | Five Provinces | 2020-21 | €1M

SNV partnered with 10 local governments across West, Central, and East Java, Yogyakarta Special Region, and West Nusa Tenggara under the Hygiene and Behaviour Change Coalition (HBCC) to strengthen COVID-19 prevention through inclusive, community-based approaches.

In collaboration with CSOs and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), HBCC developed accessible hygiene campaigns specifically tailored for schools and public spaces. Over 100 schools participated, and more than 1,340 teachers received training. Meanwhile, improved hygiene protocols were observed across 119 healthcare facilities, transportation hubs, and markets, with 55% of users recalling key hygiene messages; information which reached over 25 million people nationwide through various media channels.

By prioritising women, children, and people with disabilities, this initiative demonstrated how inclusive communication can effectively drive behaviour change and improve health outcomes.

Partners: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom, Unilever, SNV, OPDs, and local CSOs

Strengthening governance and institutions

Indonesia navigates a complex governance landscape. Transparency and accountability concerns persist, with informal networks shaping decision-making processes.

The government's Grand Design and Roadmap for Bureaucratic Reform envisions a professional, accountable, and digitally enabled civil service, achieved through initiatives such as the expansion of Corruption-Free Zones, the streamlining of regulations, and the utilisation of digital platforms to enhance service delivery.

CSOs, public institutions, and businesses are crucial for accountability, innovation, and service delivery. SNV promotes collaboration, capacity building, and participatory governance to foster inclusive, transparent institutions that ensure fairness for all.

WASH SDG | Multi-country | 2017-24 | €67M

Under the WASH SDG Sustainable and Inclusive Cities initiative spanning seven countries in Africa and Asia, SNV partnered with utility companies, local universities, and governments to develop inclusive, sustainable, and climate-resilient sanitation services in Bandar Lampung, Metro, and Tasikmalaya, Indonesia.

The partnership strengthened institutional and governance capacities while enhancing sanitation treatment, disposal, and reuse systems. As a result, each local government enacted wastewater management policies and advanced cross-sectoral learning and stakeholder collaboration to improve coordination and service outcomes. Results have shown significant impact: access to safely managed sanitation increased by 27%, while access to handwashing stations with soap and water rose by 7% across the three cities.

Partners: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, SNV, WAI, and Plan International

PAHALA | Bogor, West Java | 2023-25 | €690K

Led by the Bogor District government, the Pangrango-Halimun-Salak (PAHALA) initiative aims to restore the Upper Cisadane Sub-Watershed. Taking a landscape-based governance approach, reforestation efforts are complemented by strengthening local institutions and building local capacity for alignment, coordination and accountability.

PAHALA promotes regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, and Payment for Environmental Services as sustainable land use incentives. Over 600 farmers have benefited, with more than 7,000 seedlings distributed, four regenerative demonstration plots established, and four farmer-led businesses launched, generating €5,247 (IDR 100 million) in profits and creating over 40 jobs.

By embedding governance reform within ecosystem restoration, PAHALA empowers communities to lead climate-resilient development, demonstrating how integrated approaches can deliver environmental, economic, and social benefits.

Partners: Danone Ecosystem, SNV, and Rekonvasi Bhumi

WASH SDG highlights (2017-24)



Three faecal sludge treatment plants optimised to increase operational capacity.



Three multi-stakeholder forums and task forces established



More than 50 masons trained for compliance with Indonesian standards for septic tank construction



14 healthcare centres invested in improved and inclusive WASH facilities

SNV is a global development partner deeply rooted in the African and Asian countries where we operate. With 60 years of experience and a team of approximately 1,600 people, we strengthen capacities and catalyse partnerships that transform agri-food, energy and water systems. Working on the core themes of gender equality and social inclusion, climate adaptation and mitigation, and strong institutions and effective governance, we tailor our approaches to different contexts to achieve large-scale impact and create sustainable and more equitable lives for all.

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