



Increasing Victim Identification and Improving Access to Criminal Justice in Human Trafficking Cases in Indonesia

Formal identification as a victim of human trafficking is the first step in victims' ability to access assistance and secure access to justice. And yet many Indonesian trafficking victims are never officially identified as victims of human trafficking abroad or once home. Many trafficking victims return home to live in their home communities and never benefit from identification and protections to which they are entitled by law.

The overall goal of this project is to increase the identification of trafficking victims at a village level, to increase their referral into the criminal justice process and access to assistance. The project has two objectives – 1) to build the capacity of police and other front-line actors at the village level in West Java to screen and identify potential trafficking victims in their communities and 2) to enhance the identification and referral of trafficking victims for access to assistance and the criminal justice system.

This project will be implemented in 3 pilot communities in West Java to work with village-based frontline responders and duty bearers to identify potential trafficking victims and refer them to the relevant institutions for formal identification and criminal justice procedures. In each village multi-disciplinary teams will be formed, comprised of frontline responders, like local police officers, village leaders, social workers, teachers, volunteer community workers (TKSK - *Tenaga Kesejahteraan Sosial Kecamatan*), teachers, medical personnel at local health clinics (*puskesmas*) and so on. These teams will be trained and mentored in victim identification and referral so that they are better able to assist victims in gaining access to the protections they require.

The project will also increase communication, cooperation and competency among police and village actors to effectively and appropriately refer trafficking victims for formal identification.

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