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Indonesia

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Country Snapshot

Population:	232 million
Life expectancy at birth:	70 years
Adult literacy rate:	91%
Access to improved water source:	80%
GDP per capita:	US\$3,712*
Infant mortality rate:	25 per 1,000 live births
Maternal mortality rate:	420 per 100,000 live births
HIV prevalence:	0.2%

Sources: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2009, *UNDP Human Development Report 2009

Program Overview CARE has been operating in Indonesia since 1967, initially working in food distribution, small infrastructure projects, health, the environment, and water and sanitation. In the wake of a series of shocks in the late 1990s that included the 1997 financial crisis and widespread drought, CARE Indonesia redirected its focus towards emergency programming. Today, CARE's core activities in Indonesia include emergency response and disaster risk reduction; environment, natural resource management and climate change; health; livelihoods; water, sanitation and hygiene; and child rights.

Disaster Risk Management (Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response)

Indonesia is a disaster-prone region, suffering from recurrent shocks such as earthquakes, drought and internal conflict. By incorporating disaster risk reduction methods into our programming, CARE helps people develop sustainable methods to prepare for, respond to and reduce the impact of disasters. In a country with one of the highest rates of avian influenza in the world, CARE also works with communities and local governments to improve their capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to the disease.

CARE provides emergency food, relief supplies, water and sanitation, and shelter to survivors of natural disasters and conflicts. After the emergency phase has passed, CARE works with communities to rebuild in the long term. CARE has extensive experience in responding to emergencies in Indonesia, most recently earthquakes in Central Java (2006) and West Sumatra (2007 and 2009), and yearly flooding in Jakarta. CARE provides ongoing humanitarian assistance and resettlement support for large displaced populations in West Timor. After the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004, CARE provided assistance to more than 350,000 people and helped communities rebuild. CARE Indonesia is also leading the way in providing psychosocial support to survivors of disasters through community activities such as sport, cultural events and art therapy.

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Natural Resource Management, Environment, and Climate Change

CARE works closely with farmers to increase their crop and livestock yields through activities such as planting new seed varieties, animal husbandry, home gardening and irrigation, and provides education on how to preserve the environment for future generations. CARE works with communities to raise awareness of how to protect vulnerable ecosystems in South Sulawesi, and restore peat swamp forests and limit environmental degradation and CO₂ emissions that result from forest fires and degradation of peatlands in Central Kalimantan.

Health and Nutrition

CARE's projects in health focus on women and children, who often are the most vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. CARE's interventions include family planning, tuberculosis control and treatment, malaria reduction, prenatal and neonatal care, therapeutic feeding during emergencies, health and hygiene promotion, and capacity building for local partners and health care providers. In the poorest parts of the country such as West Timor, where children suffer from chronic malnutrition, CARE works to improve access to nutritious food and raise awareness of balanced nutrition. CARE supports the Government of Indonesia's strategy to reduce HIV transmission through prevention messages, training and advocacy.

Livelihoods

CARE works to ensure families have sustainable, resilient livelihoods, by providing skills training and assistance with small business projects. CARE also works with existing financial institutions to provide loans for poor entrepreneurs, and micro-credit programs allow poor communities to organize and pool their resources in order to increase financial security and purchase goods for their families. CARE works with small-scale farmers to reduce transaction costs

and establish market access through private sector partners.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

CARE helps communities build, plan and maintain clean water sources and sanitation systems in order to reduce the rate of waterborne diseases and increase access to clean and safe water. CARE's Aman Tirta program is working to stimulate the commercial sector to manufacture, distribute and market Air Rahmat, an inexpensive, locally-made water purification solution. Air Rahmat is also a fast and cost-effective way to deliver clean water to survivors of disaster.

Child Rights and At-Risk Youth

CARE's work in advocacy and child protection focuses on eliminating the worst forms of child labor and providing rehabilitation for child domestic laborers in Indonesia. The CANTRIK program (Combating and Addressing Not-acceptable Treatment of Children by Reforming Indigenous Knowledge) focuses on providing more appropriate education opportunities for children at risk of child labor; eliminating the worst forms of child labor (which include pornography, prostitution, children forced into armed conflict or being used in illicit or hazardous activities); and increasing public awareness and community participation to end the worst forms of child labor.

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