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Valerie Julliard
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Dear readers,
As an archipelagic country with an ocean covering more than two-thirds of the country's area, building a sustainable ocean economy is vital for Indonesia. Indonesia is strategically positioned to lead and influence political and economic stability and ocean development in the region.

A sustainable and prosperous ocean-based economy could contribute to higher revenue activities that could channel back into conservation, encourage sustainable livelihoods for coastal communities, and preserve ocean biodiversity and coastal ecosystem.

In this edition, you will read how the UN team in Indonesia, together with the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment and development partners, fast-tracked the alignment of the National Blue Agenda Actions Partnership. With this Partnership, we are aiming to boost Indonesia's "blue agenda" and maximising Indonesia's untapped maritime resources in a sustainable manner, for the greater good.

As you flip through the pages, you will find stories about how UN agencies in Indonesia work to bring the UN closer to the people it serves. For example, UNFPA joint forces with BKKBN in responding to issues related to the severe fallout of COVID-19 pandemic to older persons; WHO and UNICEF accelerating the country's catch-up immunization to address backslide in childhood vaccinations, among others.

In the profile section, you will read an inspiring story from Pak Dekha Dewandana – a co-founder of the village tourism group in Buleleng, Bali – on how his hospitality business survived the pandemic with the help of the UN's intervention.

I hope you enjoy this latest newsletter edition.

Thank you, and happy reading,

Valerie

Climate and Innovation

Innovative green technology can help us overcome the climate crisis.

To decarbonise the economy, innovations in technology can play an important role.

By transitioning to electric technologies and renewable electricity generation, we can power vehicles, homes, and manufacturing without generating greenhouse gas emissions.

Smart city technologies can significantly increase the energy efficiency of urban services and decrease transport emissions.

Further innovations may help us store carbon from the atmosphere or mitigate the effects of droughts and floods on water availability and food production.

Innovative technologies alone, however, will not solve the climate crisis.

Without major political, economic and individual change, green innovations are unlikely to be used effectively nor to their full potential.

Taken from the climate science literacy series prepared by UNESCAP.
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Renewable energy sources account for almost 1/3 of global electricity generation

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Turning the Tide for Ocean Sustainability

Indonesia, the center of the world's marine biodiversity, is turning the tide on the sustainable use of the oceans with the support of the UN and other development partners. The United Nations and the Government of Indonesia will closely cooperate and complement each other in designing and implementing projects to protect and sustainably develop the oceans. The partnership will be signed at the margins of the G20 summit in Bali on 14 November.

Healthy and resilient marine and coastal ecosystems are fundamental to sustainable development. They are a source of food, energy and minerals, allow transport of goods across the globe and regulate the climate. However, coastal and marine ecosystems in Indonesia have begun to show signs of degradation from infrastructure development, extractive industries and pollution, threatening the livelihoods of ocean-dependent communities. Find out how the UN, together with partners, boosts Indonesia's "blue agenda" [here](#).





Binding Together UNOCHA's Humanitarian Goals and Youth Power

Shuyi Song (fourth from the right) stands with fellow volunteers of China Youth Volunteer Overseas Service Program - Serving UN Agencies project

Out of strong passion and craving for knowledge in social development and policy, Shuyi Song, an international UN volunteer, linked her volunteering interest to her professional research by turning to studying social science for her master's degree. During her graduate studies, Shuyi participated in poverty alleviation projects, research, and conferences, and gained opportunities to contact and cooperate with government departments and international organizations, like the World Bank, UNDP and UNICEF. This only strengthened her interest in working closely with these international organizations to observe the decision-making and policy implementation in social development.

In 2021, the China Youth Volunteer Association (CYVA) and United Nations Volunteers (UNV) jointly organized the 'China Youth Volunteer Overseas Service Programme - Serving UN Agencies' project, and sent 24 Chinese youth volunteers to 14 UN agencies around the world for six months. As one of the volunteers, Shuyi was deployed to UNOCHA Indonesia in September 2021. Her 6-months' volunteering assignment was fully funded by the China Young Volunteers Association. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the scheduled on-site assignment was changed to telecommuting.

During her six months at UNOCHA Indonesian, Shuyi participated in various humanitarian coordination work activities, regularly attended the Humanitarian Country Team and inter-cluster coordination group meetings, and supported OCHA's regional work on climate change. Read her full story [here](#).





Dekha Dewandana is the co-founder of the village tourism group, Buleleng, Bali, Indonesia, and is the owner of Esa di Kubu Homestay in Sudaji Village.

How My Tourism Business Survived COVID-19: Profile of Dekha Dewandana

Dekha Dewandana is the co-founder of the village tourism group, Buleleng, Bali, Indonesia, and is the owner of the Esa di Kubu Homestay in Sudaji Village. He said:

"Despite the difficulties during the pandemic, I didn't give up. I followed what I was taught during the ILO training: to be the owner and host of our own village.

My career started in the tourism sector. I graduated from Bali's tourism vocational school in 1997. Afterwards, I worked as a housekeeper on a local cruise ship for four years, before I found a job at a hotel in the capital of Bali.

When my parents passed away, I followed their wish for me to take care of our family home in Sudaji Village and set up my own business." Read the full story [here](#).



Older persons in Indonesia most vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic brought widespread, adverse impacts to all populations, including older persons. In the first quarter of 2022, persons aged 60 and over made up 12 percent of the total COVID-19 confirmed cases in Indonesia. Nearly half of the victims of COVID-19 were from among the elderly, one of the most vulnerable groups in the pandemic.

To develop inclusive development programmes and policies for older persons in the pandemic context, BKKBN and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) conducted a national study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on older persons, including those with disabilities. "This study informs us of the critical need of adopting the life cycle approach as one of the ways to address population ageing and to mitigate the harmful impacts of COVID-19 on older persons," Anjali Sen, UNFPA Indonesia Representative, explained in her opening remark at the national study launch.

Read [here](#) for the full article.



A "Routine" Activity That Goes a Long Way

During the last 6 months, the current INDOBATT - Indonesia's peacekeeping battalion - medical team has seen and treated more than 300 patients in their area of operations in south Lebanon. While INDOBATT's and most other contingents' main task consists of patrolling the south and maintaining peace and stability, a small medical team continues to help where they can, as will the teams that will follow in their footsteps.

1st Lieutenant Dr. Ario, of INDOBATT's medical team, is proud to be helping the local population.

Apart from saving the villagers the cost of a doctor's fee, receiving free medicine is an even greater aid, given the fact that Lebanon has essentially run out of most kind of medicaments due to the financial crisis.

Read [here](#) for more.



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It is an obligation for a doctor to help others, and being a doctor who is part of UNIFIL's peacekeeping mission is an honour for me", said Ario.

As Indonesia's catch-up immunization campaign ends, urgent efforts still needed to address backslide in childhood vaccinations

At the close of Indonesia's nationwide catch-up immunization campaign in early October, UNICEF and WHO are calling for continued action to urgently address the country's backslide in childhood vaccinations.

The nationwide catch-up immunization campaign (known locally as BIAN) aimed to vaccinate some 36.5 million children through one dose of measles-rubella immunization for children under age 15 in all provinces except Bali and Yogyakarta, where immunization rates have already met national targets. It also aimed to provide routine immunization for children under age five in all 34 provinces.

Read the full press release [here](#).



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Calendar Highlights

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- 10 | World Mental Health Day
- 11 | International Day of the Girl Child
- 13 | International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

About the UN in Indonesia

The United Nations (UN) is an international organization founded in 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the United Nations are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter. In Indonesia, the UN is committed to supporting the Government of Indonesia in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The UN Country Team is led by the UN Resident Coordinator (RC for short), the highest-ranking representative of the UN development system at the country level. RCs led UN Country Teams in consultations with the Government to define and agree on the UN strategic response to the Government's development priorities in implementing the 2030 Agenda. The Resident Coordinator is the designated representative of – and reports to – the UN Secretary-General.


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