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From The UN Resident Coordinator's Notepad

Dear readers,

Greetings, and welcome to the first edition of the UN in Indonesia Newsletter in 2024.

While we welcomed 2024, we also looked back at the past year with a very worried and heavy heart: 2023 has been confirmed as the warmest calendar year on record, with temperatures averaging 14.98 degrees Celsius, or 0.17 degree higher than 2016. Climate change is occurring at a much faster rate than anticipated, and its impacts will undo a lot of the development progress made over the past years.

We need to act.

This edition highlights the Sustainable Development Goal #13, Climate Action. One of the stories featured is the story of Sudirman, who turns non-recyclable plastic waste into building materials, and with the help of the Blue Finance Accelerator, aims to positively impact the environment and local communities.

We can all act. Let's do it!

Thank you and happy reading.



Valerie Julliand

UN Resident Coordinator in
Indonesia (until 31 March)

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We're noticing a concerning trend that is becoming more and more apparent.

According to the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, the climate is rapidly warming, with temperatures surpassing 1.5 degrees Celsius for the first time in early 2024. Accelerated warming means more heatwaves and other extreme weather events such as floods, droughts, and storms that lead to food insecurity and extinction.

Urgent, transformative actions are crucial. Doing nothing will end up costing us a lot more than if we take action now. Discover what you can do for climate action at:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-change/>

To find out more about Goal #13 and other Sustainable Development Goals, visit: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>



Project Highlight

Conplas' journey in transforming waste and empowering communities

At the heart of Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara, Sudirman is troubled by Indonesia's polluted shores. "It was the opposite of my childhood memories of the clean shores I enjoyed. I worry that future generations may never witness the extraordinary beauty of Indonesia's shores due to human carelessness," he said.



Driven to preserve the beauty of Lombok, Sudirman took action by founding Conplas, a waste management startup. Conplas specializes in converting non-recyclable waste into valuable products, such as eco-blocks and eco-grease.

These eco-blocks serve as eco-friendly infrastructure materials for paving and pot blocks. Similarly, eco-grease, derived from processed plastic waste, functions as a solid lubricant, commonly used in vehicles. By changing perceptions of waste sorting, Conplas has contributed to

a 40% increase in income through waste bank contributions.

Sudirman and his colleagues underwent transformative training with UNDP's Blue Finance Accelerator, deepening their knowledge, business confidence, and connections within the blue sector.

[Read how Conplas turns waste into building materials and contributes to sustainable development.](#)



A former migrant worker dedicates herself to ensuring safe and fair labour migration for others

To fulfill her dream of throwing a big ceremony for his son’s religious circumcision, Parjiyati migrated to Saudi Arabia as a domestic worker 19 years ago. However, her agency rushed her to sign an employment contract without allowing her to read it thoroughly. Parjiyati’s agency became unresponsive as soon as she arrived in Saudi Arabia, and her employer withheld her salary for three years while threatening to forfeit it if she returned to Indonesia.



In 2019, the National Agency for the Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers (BP2MI) recorded 278 cases of labour rights violations and gender-based violence against women migrant workers from Cirebon. Parjiyati reflects, “Back at the time, formal information on safe migration was not easily accessible. My only source of information was my friends and family.”

Now a network leader, Parjiyati works with the Integrated Gender Responsiveness-One-Roof Integrated Service (LTSA-MRC) to equip Indonesian migrant workers with the information they need and protect them from potential risks.

[Read how the ILO-backed programme prevents history from repeating, empowers migrant workers, and offers support to survivors of violence.](#)



News & Updates

BERANI II Programme Launched to End Maternal Deaths, Gender-based Violence, and Harmful Practices in Indonesia

Every woman and girl have the right to health, autonomy, and a life free from violence and discrimination. To ensure the fulfillment of these rights, the Government of Indonesia, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women, with support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), launched Phase II of the “Better Reproductive Health and Rights for All in Indonesia” (BERANI II) programme in Jakarta on 25 January.

Implemented from August 2023 to December 2027 at the both national level and in 26 districts/cities in 14 provinces, BERANI II will continue the important work of ending maternal mortality, gender-based violence, and harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation/cutting—as reflected in the National Medium Term Development Plan (RPJMN) 2020-2024.

Phase I of BERANI, from 2018 to 2023 in 28 cities/districts in 13 provinces, led to significant improvements in women and young people’s quality of life. For example, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) decreased from 305 to 189 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births between 2015 and 2020.



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Media plays a crucial role in shaping public perceptions and responses to climate change, as highlighted by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel of Experts on Climate Change (IPCC) report. Despite increased global coverage, misinformation from organized counter-movements poses a significant challenge, leading to polarization and hampering effective climate policy.

To address this, the UN in Indonesia partners with Radio Republik Indonesia (RRI) to host interactive dialogue sessions featuring UN experts. This year's first session involved as speakers Verania Andria (UNDP), Johan Kieft (UNEP), Dwi Yuliawati Faiz (UN Women), and Nofiyatul Chalimah, the recipient of the UN in Indonesia's Climate Change Media Fellowship.

The talkshow was broadcast through RRI's network of 68 stations across Indonesia. Unlike a regular radio show, the discussion took place in front of an audience of school and university students, who also took part in the conversation. [Watch the whole session here.](#)



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Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution

It is essential to urgently address climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, as they pose significant threats to our environment, economy, health, and well-being. Climate change leads to extreme weather, sea-level rise, and ecosystem damage. Biodiversity loss undermines our natural support systems, and pollution endangers our air, water, and soil. We must focus on collective action, innovative ideas, and sustainable practices to ensure the protection of our planet for future generations.

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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 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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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	International Day of Education 24			25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	National Nutrition Day	2	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Feb	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	29	30	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation 6	1	2	World Wetlands Day	4
	5			National Press Day 9		10	11
	World Radio Day 13		14	15	16		International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
	19	20	21	World Childhood Cancer Day	23	24	25
	26	World Day of Social Justice	28	29	1 Mar	2	3
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