PROFILE
Andrew Japri’s Journey to Deliver Personal Protective Equipment for Midwives

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New: DOMES & OURS for Improved Document and Outreach Discovery
Memorial Record of 40 Years History of the AIDS Epidemic
Partnership to Greening the Economic Recovery

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Instagram takeover for International Women’s Day
Zero Discrimination Day
Ring the Bell for Gender Equality
Dear readers,

Welcome to the first UN in Indonesia newsletter of 2022!

To kick off this edition, I would like to thank you for all your comments in response to the survey we distributed in February. This refreshed version of our newsletter incorporates your feedback and embodies our shared commitment to transparency and accountability.

Over the past two years, our editorial team has brought you the latest updates on UN programmes and UN work with the Government across Indonesia. However, the resurgent COVID-19 crisis meant that the UN’s response and recovery efforts were often at the forefront of our monthly correspondence. This year, we want to give a more comprehensive view of the UN’s activities by bringing you closer to the people we serve on the ground. That means examining the socio-economic fallout from COVID-19 in detail. It means a reinvigorated focus on the SDGs. And it means bringing you more stories from the field. In 2022, each newsletter will highlight an SDG of the Month, with data related to its achievement. Each edition will also introduce the names, faces, and voices at the heart of our work. This month we bring you the story of young graduate Andrew Japri, who organised twelve-hour convoys from Jakarta to East Java to deliver Personal Protective Equipment to hundreds of midwives.

Finally, we want to hear more from you: our editorial team has added a column for you to pitch articles, blogs, and photo stories for each month.

Thank you, and happy reading!

Valerie Julliand
UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia

FROM THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR’S NOTEPAD

Leaving No One Behind Means Leaving No One Uninformed

In this golden age of digital information, access to information – credible information – becomes critical. Further, with the current COVID-19 pandemic, misinformation has become a common public enemy, halting progress to our efforts in recovering better.

The UN team in Indonesia remains committed to pushing greater universal access to information – whether it’s combatting COVID-19 misinformation or mainstreaming the Organisation’s initiatives in delivering results together with the Government of Indonesia in advancing the SDGs – without leaving no one behind.
Meet DOMES and OURS

DOMES – the online publication bank of the UN (https://microsite.un.or.id/domes/) – is developed to promote a reliable, evidence-based publication and research linked with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Users can navigate the website and customise their search – based on thematic areas, specific Goals, publishing agency – and so on. Whether you are students searching for thesis/dissertation references or policymakers, the website’s flexibility will optimise your research experience.

To promote higher visibility of UN – Indonesia collaboration – OURS (https://microsite.un.or.id/ours/) – serves as an online repository, featuring activities or outreach conducted or planned by the UN, together with the Government of Indonesia, academe, private sector, civil society and other stakeholders.

Empower everyone with better access to information.
Sustainable Development Goal of the Month

**ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**BEFORE COVID-19**

DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS, FULL GENDER EQUALITY REMAINS UNREACHED

- FEWER GIRLS ARE FORCED INTO EARLY MARRIAGE
- MORE WOMEN ARE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

**COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS**

LOCKDOWNS ARE INCREASING THE RISK OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

- PHYSICAL
- SEXUAL
- PSYCHOLOGICAL

CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAVE INCREASED BY 30% IN SOME COUNTRIES

**WOMEN**

MUST BE REPRESENTED FAIRLY IN PANDEMIC-RELATED LEADERSHIP ROLES

- 25% IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS (2020)
- 36% IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT (2020)

**WOMEN ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS**

- WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR 70% OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORKERS

**WOMEN BEAR ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD BURDENS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

- WOMEN ALREADY SPEND ABOUT THREE TIMES AS MANY HOURS IN UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK AS MEN

Indonesia has experienced stable economic growth over the past decade, transforming the country into one of the largest economies in Asia, however, further action is still needed to address poverty, inequality, unemployment and environmental degradation. In 2018, Indonesia joined the UN Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) to support the implementation of the Government of Indonesia’s Low-Carbon Development Initiative (LCDI). The LCDI approach is to achieve low-carbon development, sustainable natural resource management and poverty alleviation while maintaining economic growth.

Three years on, PAGE focused on technical inputs for Indonesia's Green Recovery Roadmap, focusing on the COVID-19 impact mitigation and targeted green economy recovery activities, such as:

- Supporting Green Finance in West Java Province
- Food Loss and Waste Policy Scoping
- Launch of Inclusive Green Economy Modelling Course

PAGE brings together five UN agencies — UNEP, ILO, UNDP, UNIDO, and UNITAR to support countries on inclusive green economy. PAGE work in Indonesia is currently aligned to the following SDGs:

Learn more about the 2021 highlights of PAGE in Indonesia in its annual report.
The COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia is scary because many people do not follow the protocols ... It is scary out there and we can only depend on ourselves to prevent the infection.”

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential for health workers, including midwives. Andrew Japri, a public health nutrition graduate, is taking great strides to deliver PPE with UNFPA for midwives to remote communities in Indonesia.

Since 2020, Andrew and his colleagues have been working to deliver PPE to 546 midwives in Jakarta, West Java, and East Java province. Together with his colleagues, he organized twelve-hour convoys with the delivery truck to East Java, carrying a container full of PPEs. The logistics of delivery equipment were made more challenging by the safety measures. From delivering in bulk at a time, complying with health protocols to reduce the risk of getting infections, and bringing the supplies over narrow and impassable roads.

Despite all the hurdles, Andrew knows that the efforts are making a difference. He says the midwives were grateful to receive the PPE packages because for them it is considered an expensive item. Midwives are on the frontlines of providing lifesaving services - including maternal health care for pregnant mothers. UNFPA staff and volunteers like Andrew continue to provide supplies and protection equipment to front-line health workers to help them do their jobs and stay safe. Read more about Andrew’s journey here.
UNAIDS Indonesia Country Director, Krittayawan Boonto, said that every year UNAIDS holds World AIDS Day commemoration events.

This year we are again making reflections as well as recording historical memories about AIDS. Starting from the first time HIV was known in the world to current events and experiences. Both good and bad moments over time.”

In the exhibition room, the exhibition begins with a timeline in 1981, which tells about the first reported case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Each year, until 2021, tells about critical progress, issues, and phenomena that occur both in Indonesia and the world. The exhibition also features 30 works by photographers from the HIV-positive community and key vulnerable HIV populations.

Valerie Julliand, the UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia said, “Our work, our task together, is to confront the inequalities and stigmatization that allow the AIDS epidemic to persist. Because when we say nobody, today, should be dying of AIDS-related illnesses, we must in turn acknowledge that we bear collective responsibility for those who do.”

The public can visit to see this exhibition which will be permanently displayed at the UNAIDS Indonesia Office in South Jakarta on weekdays with prior reservation. The UNAIDS team will facilitate community visits as well as provide comprehensive education about the history of HIV and AIDS, globally and nationally. An exhibition Virtual Tour is also accessible for the public outside of Jakarta in UNAIDS Indonesia’s YouTube channel: Virtual Tour Pameran 40 Years of AIDS

For more information, click here.
Indonesia’s Peace Festival Reaffirms Commitment to Women, Peace and Security

In February 2022, the Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection and the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with UN Women Indonesia and the Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN) Indonesia, organized Peace Festival as a renewed commitment to protecting and empowering women and children in social conflict.

The Festival brought together stakeholders to accelerate the implementation and coordination of the country’s second five-year National Action Plan (NAP) for the Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children in Social Conflict (2020-2025). The second generation of NAP on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) highlights the importance of preventing violent extremism, and other specific security issues that women and girls face in the current context, such as land disputes and conflicts over natural resources, disinformation and hate speech.

The WPS agenda is vital to addressing the pressing and growing non-traditional security challenges in Indonesia, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The NAP remains the basic reference point for strengthening three pillars of prevention, mitigation, and empowerment and participation. Together with civil society, UN Women will continue to provide technical and coordination support to the Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection as secretary of the NAP on WPS. Find out more here.
Meet Rahma (Dhina) Maulidhina, a twenty-year-old student at Bogor Agricultural University. Like many students worldwide, she found that the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on her studies. However, in 2021, she attended FAO’s “Forests and Transparency under the Paris Agreement” three-week online course. Through the online session, she learned more about the efforts made by Indonesia to monitor national forests in the context of climate change. This course was another step in her goal of conserving the valuable forest resources and the services they provide in her home country. Dhina believes that everything connects to forestry. With quality forestry education made accessible, it helps build a new generation of students like Dhina to adapt local knowledge and practices to a changing world. [Read more here](#).

**Broadening Forestry Education to Tackle the Climate Crisis**

Immense and rich in biodiversity, the Indonesian rainforest is considered one of the more important of Earth’s forests.

**With over 92 MILLION hectares of forest, Indonesia ranked EIGHTH GLOBALLY in terms of country forest area in 2020.**

On the other hand, it ranked third as the country with the largest average annual net loss of forest area between 2010 and 2020. The future of Indonesia’s forests lies in the young generation and their knowledge to respond to the changing climate.
After a series of earthquakes struck the island of Sulawesi in 2018, about 300 children were estimated to be separated and unaccompanied while 118 were reported missing. A team of four social workers in the province was tasked with finding these children and reuniting them with their families.

According to social worker Robby Saputra, family tracing and reunification was the most challenging aspect of their work after the earthquake. The team, along with 48 other social workers from neighbouring provinces, participated in a training led by UNICEF on child protection in emergencies three days after the earthquake. They learned how to determine whether a child was missing, separated or unaccompanied and recommend the correct course of action. They were also instructed on how to use social media to monitor information on missing children.

The training has left the team in Central Sulawesi in a better position to provide services for separated families following a disaster. Indonesia's vulnerability to natural disasters means that the team must be ready to deal with child protection cases during potential emergencies in the future.

"We don't hope for another earthquake," said Robby. "But we feel prepared and confident because we will know what to do."

Read more here.
Supporting the Victims of Terrorism for a Better Livelihood

Since 2018, the UNODC Programme Office Indonesia and the National Witness and Victim Protection Agency (LPSK) have been working collaboratively to support survivors of terrorism. After years of continuous advocacy, it was when the Government of Indonesia inaugurated Government Regulation 35/2020 was signed officially to serve as the regulation that protects the survivors of terrorism in which they are entitled to receive compensation from the country.

To support this endeavour, UNODC, LPSK, and Yayasan Inspirasi Indonesia Membangun (YIIM) worked together to provide vocational training for 61 survivors as one of the means of providing psychosocial rehabilitation. The training sessions offer a variety of entrepreneurial and vocational skills training such as barista classes to extend their compensation and manifest sustainable livelihood. Aside from training, UNODC, LPSK, and YIIM also provided equipment for survivors to support their businesses.

UNODC support for survivors of terrorism is part of the Guyub Project, supported by the UN Human Security Trust Fund. One of the project’s objectives is to break the cycle of violent extremism and enhance the human security of those affected by terrorism.

For more information, click here.
Calendar Highlights

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- 3 | World Wildlife Day
- 7 | Building forward better: Securing inclusive, resilient and green development in Indonesia national workshop
- 7-23 | International Women’s Day interagency campaign: Instagram takeover
- 8 | International Women’s Day, SDG Center Inauguration at Airlangga University
- 9 | Ring the Bell for Gender Equality
- 14-25 | Commission on the Status of Women
- 21 | International Day of Forests, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 | World Water Day
- 23 | World Meteorological Day

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- 7 | World Health Day
- 22 | International Girls in ICT Day
- 24 | International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace
- 28 | World Day for Safety and Health at Work
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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