



Trilateral Cooperation with Indonesia

Context

Within the framework of Technical Cooperation (TC) measures to promote regional solidarity, and based on the Joint Declaration of Intent signed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, dated May 3, 2007, cooperative measures are to be implemented for trilateral cooperation between Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Objective

Activities aim to jointly consolidate efficient and effective Development Cooperation (DC), in particular, projects which promote democracy, respect for human rights, good governance and environmental protection.

Approach

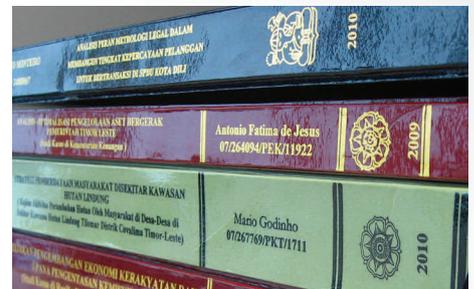
Cooperation primarily targets areas in which trilateral DC can help efficiently deal with development/policy challenges. Project funds are being used to promote joint cooperation activities on specific development measures that have been agreed upon by all sides: to support trilateral DC projects and programmes, within the framework of the relevant side's capacities and to generate synergy around bilateral TC programmes in both Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Current achievements

Along with the establishment of a taskforce consisting of all three parties, cooperation with five reputable public universities in Indonesia has been set up, enabling the project to make commitments for 52 scholarships for Timorese officials. At the present time, about 41 scholarship awardees have successfully graduated with Diplomas, Bachelor or Masters degrees.

Future prospects

Upon successful conclusion of the studies, the project endorses the reintegration of the officials into the workplace in the respective ministries in Timor-Leste. The capacity enhancement through studies results in better qualifications of the selected government officials and enhances their expertise in the fields studied.



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