

GIZ INDONESIA AND ASEAN 2025 ANNUAL REPORT





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INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT

Collaboration is at the heart of meaningful progress. The complex challenges facing our world today cannot be addressed by a single actor alone. Lasting solutions require partnerships that bring together diverse expertise, resources, and perspectives, united by a shared commitment to creating positive change.

Fifty years of GIZ's partnership with Indonesia and ten years of German-ASEAN Development Cooperation are not a short time; they demonstrate the enduring value of working together. These milestones reflect decades of trust, shared learning, and collective action. They serve as a testament to how long-term cooperation can strengthen institutions, foster sustainable development, and create opportunities for communities to grow and thrive together.

This Annual Report highlights the power of working together. Throughout the year, GIZ collaborated with governments, regional institutions, development partners, civil society, and local communities to translate policies and commitments into tangible results. These partnerships have helped turn ambitious goals into practical actions that improve lives, strengthen resilience, and support sustainable development.

The stories and achievements featured in this report demonstrate what impactful international cooperation looks like in practice. They reflect a collective effort to deliver solutions that are locally relevant, inclusive, and sustainable. By fostering collaboration across sectors and borders, we help build.

ABOUT US

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FOREWORDS



RALF BESTE

German Ambassador to Indonesia,
ASEAN and Timor-Leste

50 years ago, the GIZ opened its office in Jakarta and has since then played a crucial role in filling the relationship between Indonesia and Germany with life as an implementing organisation of the German government. Since 2016, when Germany formalised its “Development Partnership” with ASEAN, this cooperation has been expanded by reaching into all of South-East Asia.

Our partnership with Indonesia and ASEAN thrives because it extends beyond government cooperation—bringing together people, institutions, businesses, and communities working towards a shared future.

GIZ-supported projects have a tangible impact across a range of sectors, from labour mobility to renewable energy. For example, the Triple Win

programme, lives up to its name by creating benefits for German healthcare institutions facing labour shortages, for skilled Indonesian nurses gaining new opportunities and for Indonesia through knowledge exchange and remittances. Similarly, the Solar Ice Maker initiative combines renewable energy and local innovation.

Looking at the partnership today, I find it broader, deeper, and yet more ambitious than ever before. In times of global uncertainties, the German-Indonesian partnership is built to last. 50 years of GIZ work in Indonesia and ten years of German-ASEAN development partnership represent not only an important milestone, but also the promise of a shared ambition to build a more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive future to the benefit of both Germany, Indonesia and ASEAN.

FOREWORDS



HANS-LUDWIG BRUNS

Country Director
GIZ Indonesia & ASEAN

Half a century is a long time to walk alongside a partner. When GIZ first established its presence in Jakarta, Indonesia was a different country and so was the world. What has remained constant, through decades of change, is the spirit of genuine collaboration that has defined this relationship from the very beginning.

Fifty years of shared work leaves its mark, not in reports or statistics alone, but in the lives of real people. A young nurse from Surabaya who builds her career in Germany while sending knowledge and remittances back home. A fishing community in a remote island that now preserves its catch with solar-powered ice, no longer at the mercy of unreliable fuel. A village leader who was trained and able to provide electricity to his village. These stories are the true measure of what this partnership has built, and they multiply across Indonesia and, increasingly, across the whole of South-East Asia as our cooperation with ASEAN continues to grow.

What makes this journey remarkable is not any single programme, but the breadth of who has been part of it. Governments set the direction, but it is nurses, technicians, educators, community leaders, youth and local entrepreneurs who turn policies into tangible results. It is their trust that was earned slowly, maintained carefully that gives this partnership its depth.

That is why the next chapter excites us. As we deepen our engagement with the private sector, we open the door to partnerships that can scale what governments and communities alone cannot. Businesses bring investment, innovation, and reach. When aligned with development goals, they become powerful partners in building the inclusive and sustainable economies that Indonesia and ASEAN deserve.

Fifty years in, the ambition has never been greater. We are grateful for every partner who has walked this road with us and look forward to all those who will join us on the journey ahead.



GERMAN – INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



German Priorities

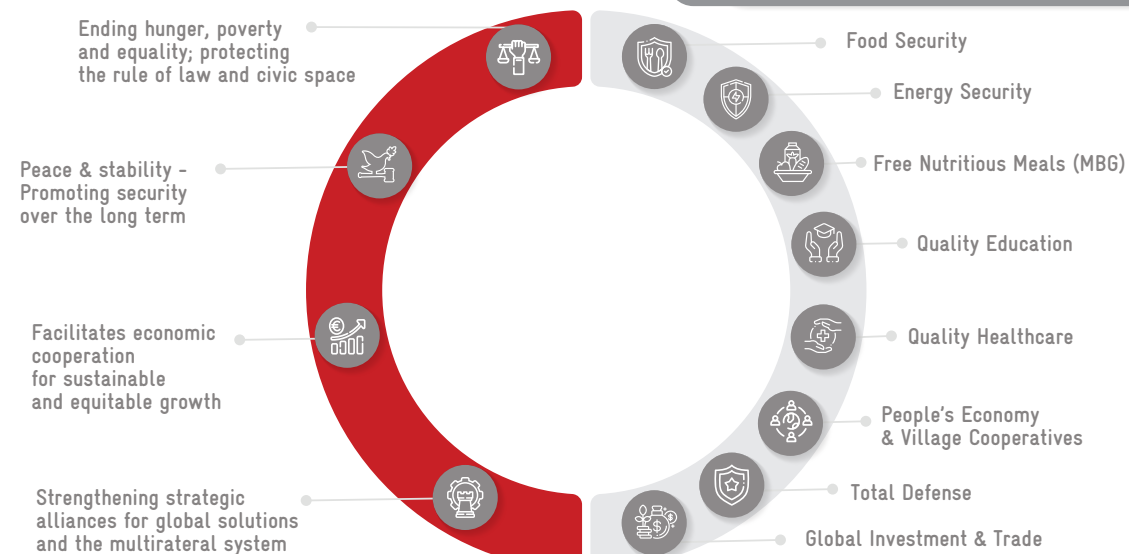
Cooperation on climate, the environment & clean water, and on economic cooperation & democracy.



Indonesia Priorities

Golden Indonesia 2045 Vision: Competitive Human Development, Sustainable Economy, Inclusive Development, Strong, Democratic Nation.

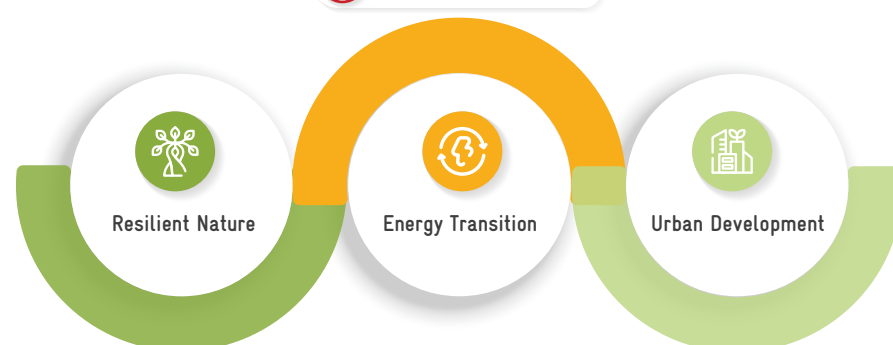
Current Government Priority Programmes under ASTACITA:



Core Areas of German – Indonesian Development Cooperation



giz Cooperation Areas



Our Cross-Cutting Expertise

Digital Transformation | Green Jobs and Skills | Mobility | Circular Economy | Cooperation with the Private Sector | Skilled Labour Migration | Demand-Driven Solutions



GERMAN- ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



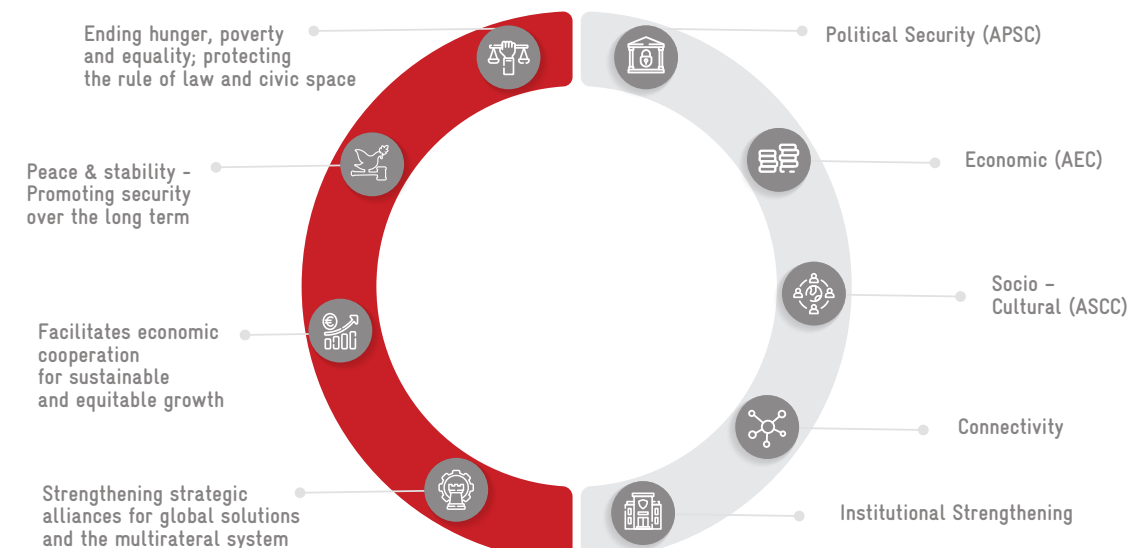
German Priorities

Cooperation on climate, the environment & clean water, and on economic cooperation & democracy.



ASEAN Priorities

ASEAN Community Vision 2045: Our Shared Future



German – ASEAN Development Cooperation



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Our Cross-Cutting Expertise

Digital Transformation | Green Jobs and Skills | Institutional Capacity Building | Cooperation with the Private Sector



INDONESIA

Protecting biodiversity starts with understanding how deeply connected we are to nature. Indonesia's forest, oceans and its biodiversity are not only ecological assets, but part of the communities, culture, and livelihoods that shape the future.

ENERGY TRANSITION

POWERING CHANGE: INDONESIA'S ENERGY TRANSITION IN MOTION

Indonesia's shift towards cleaner energy is no longer just a plan, it is taking shape on the ground. This year, progress has come through close collaboration between ministries, local governments, businesses, and international partners. Through the long-standing partnership between Indonesia and Germany, the GIZ Energy Programme helps turn big ideas into practical steps across the energy system.

Industry decarbonisation | Island energy solutions | Just energy transition | Power system transformation | Sustainable energy financing



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Much of this progress starts behind the scenes. Analytical studies, policy engagement, consultations, and technical cooperation have helped prepare the electricity system for more renewable energy and support more systematic energy management in industry and buildings. At the same time, the transition is becoming more people-centred and practical, with efforts to protect workers, mobilise finance, and bring clean energy solutions closer to communities.

POWER, INDUSTRY, AND WORKERS

One important focus has been getting the electricity system ready for change. As renewable energy grows, Indonesia is exploring how battery energy storage

systems can support a more flexible and reliable **power system**, helping integrate more renewable energy while maintaining grid stability.

In the **Industry Decarbonisation** area, implementation of PERMEN ESDM (Energy Ministry Regulation) 8/2025 on Energy Management moved forward through public consultations and outreach. These efforts helped stakeholders in the energy, industrial, and building sectors better understand the new requirements and begin translating energy management from regulation into daily practice.

The transition also needs to work for people whose livelihoods may be affected. In East Kalimantan, five coal mining companies and their trade unions signed five bilateral agreements, including two

collective bargaining agreements and three joint or bilateral agreements. These agreements include just transition provisions and establish Just Transition Committees to support worker participation in planning and overseeing transition measures.

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Financing remains a critical enabler. Through the **Sustainable Energy Finance** theme, the Energy Transition Mechanism Country Platform secured USD300 million in transition funding to support coal phase-down and the reallocation of resources towards sustainable energy priorities. By aligning financial structures with national priorities, the platform helps move planning closer to implementation.



FOCUS

CONNECTING SKILLS, TECHNOLOGY, AND INVESTMENT

A successful energy transition depends on strong collaboration. GIZ works with businesses, government, and international partners to pilot clean energy solutions and connect private investors with public institutions, helping turn ideas into real projects.

Digital tools are also supporting better planning. The Solar Energy Estimator for Rooftop in Indonesia platform uses satellite data and artificial intelligence to estimate rooftop solar potential across Java, Madura, and Bali.

At the same time, skills development remains essential for a **just transition**. Practical training programmes on solar and hydropower are being developed with PPSDM KEBTKE, alongside new courses at polytechnics, universities, and a cooperation framework with PLN to strengthen future technical skills.

For island communities, a partnership with the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet mobilised USD700,000 to expand the Solar Ice Maker initiative in Maluku Province, supporting renewable-powered cold storage for fisheries, reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and strengthening local livelihoods.

Together, these efforts show how regulation, finance, technology, and workforce engagement are advancing in parallel. Indonesia's energy transition is not a single reform, but a series of practical steps across the system. As the Indonesia-Germany partnership continues, the goal remains clear: a cleaner, more resilient energy system that supports people, communities, and sustainable economic growth.

Success Story

TURNING SUNLIGHT INTO OPPORTUNITY

For many coastal communities in Indonesia, access to ice has been a persistent challenge, forcing fishers to sell their catch quickly at lower prices. In villages such as Sulamu in East Nusa Tenggara and Kawa in Maluku, solar-powered ice makers now produce up to one tonne of ice daily using solar energy, helping preserve fish longer and improve incomes.

The initiative has supported four villages, with Kawa alone supplying 35 fishers and producing over 176 tonnes of ice in its first year, while also reducing carbon emissions and plastic waste. "With longer-lasting ice, our fish stay fresh for longer, allowing us to spend more time at sea and increase our catch."

Unyil
Handline Fisher

RESILIENT NATURE

WHEN NATURE AND PEOPLE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER IN INDONESIA

Indonesia spans more than 17,000 islands, forming one of the world's most biologically rich archipelagos. Its dense rainforests, vast peatlands, coral-rich seas, and productive agricultural landscapes are not only defining features of its geography, but also the foundation of livelihoods, food systems, and cultural identity for millions of people.

Agriculture | Biodiversity | Climate change | Forestry | Marine ecosystems and wetlands



Mangrove Rehabilitation Site in Tolongano Village, Donggala, Central Sulawesi

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For decades, economic growth in Indonesia has relied heavily on the use of natural resources. Consequences of this approach is reflected in environmental degradation which exposes the country to the impact of climate change. Today, long-term prosperity depends on managing these resources sustainably. As one of the world's most biodiverse countries, Indonesia plays a critical role in climate stability, biodiversity conservation, food security, and global resilience.

A COLLABORATIVE PUSH

Through its Resilient Nature cooperation area, GIZ plays a strategic role in supporting this transition. Working closely with the Government of Indonesia and ASEAN, it connects ministries, regional governments, private sector partners, civil society organisations, and local communities towards a shared goal: strengthening ecosystem resilience while improving livelihoods and well-being.

Instead of operating through isolated interventions, the approach combines policy advice, technical assistance, capacity development, and financial support into interconnected actions that bridge national and local levels while linking public and private actors. At the same time, GIZ facilitates knowledge exchange across sectors, helping turn experience into practical and scalable solutions.

FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE

Efforts under this programme converge across five interconnected areas: **biodiversity, climate change, agriculture, forestry, and marine ecosystems**. Together, these areas address the drivers of environmental degradation while strengthening the economic systems that depend on nature.

Indonesia is advancing biodiversity management through the Indonesia Biodiversity Strategy and Action

Plan (IBSAP) 2025–2045, supported by improved data systems and stronger inter-ministerial coordination. Evidence-based approaches help integrate conservation priorities more effectively into national and sectoral development agendas.

On climate change, the focus has shifted from commitments to implementation. Integrated low-carbon development planning tools now connect national climate registries with fiscal policy and budgeting frameworks, ensuring that mitigation and adaptation are reflected in public investment and programme delivery.

In agriculture, transformation is becoming increasingly tangible at the community level. Through collaboration involving nine public institutions and fourteen private sector partners across five provinces, more than 20,000 smallholder farms have gained market access and legal certainty. At the same time, over 30,000 farmers have strengthened their capacity to adopt sustainable

production methods, reducing pressure on forests and ecosystems while strengthening rural livelihoods and economic resilience.

Forestry initiatives advanced policy reform with national and provincial partners by operationalizing multi-stakeholder forums, expanding social forestry by 45,000+ ha, protecting 1+ million ha of forest holding 500+ MtCO₂eq carbon stocks, and training 2,500+ forest workers in sustainable management and biodiversity conservation.

Meanwhile, marine and wetland ecosystems have become a growing focus of recent efforts. A comprehensive peat ecosystem inventory has mapped more than 859,000 hectares in Borneo, integrating peat protection into 23 sub-national development frameworks. Restoration efforts include planting nearly 23,000 mangroves to strengthen coastal resilience. Under the Coral Triangle Initiative, new marine protected areas in Wetar and Belu now cover more than 337,000 hectares.



FOCUS

FROM SKILLS TO SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting Indonesia's natural resources requires collaboration among farmers, companies, and local institutions. Since mid-2024, GIZ has worked with private sector actors, NGOs, and civil society organisations across five provinces to strengthen sustainable agricultural supply chains through co-financing, technology support, and market access.

At the same time, GIZ supports a greener workforce through vocational education and practical training. A forestry workforce framework maps 123 green jobs, while partnerships such as KADIN's TERA programme help local entrepreneurs, including women, access markets and build sustainable livelihoods.

Success Story

FORESTS FOR CHOCOLATE

Without rainforests, there would be no chocolate for our kids. Cocoa sourced from forest landscapes like Poso sustains the chocolate industry through partnerships supported by GIZ. Mama Nia, a 55-year-old widow, wakes before dawn to tend her cocoa farm and keep that fragile chain alive. Through collaboration between GIZ and its three cocoa-sector partners, she now trains fellow women farmers.



Mama Nia
Cocoa Farmer

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

CREATING LIVEABLE CITIES TOGETHER

Today, around 60% of Indonesia's 284 million people live in urban areas and will continue to rise each year. Rapid urbanisation has transformed cities into engines of growth, but it has also stretched their systems to the limit.

Circular economy | Mobility



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Waste accumulates faster than it can be managed. Plastics slip into rivers and oceans, while recycling remains largely informal and fragmented. On the streets, congestion drains productivity and worsens air quality. In Jakarta, traffic jams cost an estimated USD 6 billion annually, while air pollution cuts average life expectancy by more than four years.

These challenges intersect and form a complex urban puzzle. Recognising this, Indonesia is shifting its approach. Together with Germany, through GIZ, the country is investing in long-term, systemic solutions to build cities that are more liveable, efficient, and resilient for future generations.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TAKING SHAPE

Since 2021, GIZ has supported Indonesia in preparing green infrastructure projects across three sectors: waste management, water, and urban transport. This team effort was steered by the Coordinating Ministry

of Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Public Works, and regional governments. The German side, KfW and GIZ, worked together in this process: GIZ prepared the bankable projects, KfW can provide financing.

A €300 million pipeline of 18 bankable projects has been prepared across six provinces, with the potential to benefit 2.4 million people. One example is the drinking water project in Greater Solo, designed to address water loss, limited supply, and declining quality. Another is the Rebana regional waste system in West Java, which proposes a facility capable of processing 1,400 tonnes of waste daily across multiple districts.

MOVING CITIES FORWARD

Cities across Indonesia are exploring **sustainable and low-carbon transport solutions** with electric buses, bus rapid transit (BRT), and improving public transport systems. Learning with and from international peers has accelerated this shift.

In 2025, Indonesian stakeholders from Bappenas and Ministry of Transportation joined global discussions and visited Berlin's public transport system, gaining insights into integrated, efficient urban mobility solutions that prioritise accessibility, sustainability, and user experience.

PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE

Urban transformation is not only about infrastructure, but also about people. Community-based initiatives are strengthening local systems, especially in waste management.

Women, long active in informal waste sectors, are now gaining greater recognition. In six pilot cities across Sumatra, Java and Bali, women made up 70% of participants, improving waste sorting and reducing emissions by around 753 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent annually. This shows how inclusive approaches can deliver meaningful environmental and social impact while strengthening local ownership.

CLOSING THE LOOP

Indonesia is also advancing towards a **circular economy**. Through Bappenas and the National Plastics Action Partnership, GIZ supports the government's efforts in the development and implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging waste—a transformative policy that shifts responsibility on producers to manage the lifecycle of their products, creating sustainable financing for waste systems. It marks an important step in **reducing and managing waste streams throughout the value chain**, while encouraging innovation in packaging and recycling industries.

CITIES THAT WORK

Indonesia, Germany, and Switzerland are working together to shape cities that are cleaner, more inclusive, and more resilient. The direction is clear: cities that not only grow but truly work for the people who live in them, offering healthier environments, better services, and stronger economic opportunities.



FOCUS

GERMAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR A CIRCULAR FUTURE

GIZ strengthens Indonesia's circular economy through the mapping of circular economy occupations, identifying skills gaps, and supporting vocational education and training providers in delivering practical training. GIZ also assists ministries and the private sector in shaping green skills and green industry strategies and frameworks.

In partnership with EKONID, the Circular Economy Forum was founded to open pathways for collaboration and investment and supports innovation through grants, including electric micro-mobility solutions for urban livelihoods.

Success Story

FROM ACTION TO IMPACT

On 13 October 2025, GIZ joined Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono (AHY), and Bali Governor, I Wayan Koster, in a clean-up and mangrove planting event at Batu Lumbang Mangrove Area, Bali, in order to celebrate the joint successes in improving green infrastructure. The initiative underscored a clear message: real action matters more than rhetoric.



Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono (AHY)
Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development



ASEAN

Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, meeting German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Reem Alabali Radovan, during the Secretary-General's visit to Germany.

OUR WORK WITH ASEAN

ASEAN–GERMANY PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

As ASEAN advances toward Vision 2045, regional cooperation remains essential to address shared challenges from climate pressure to shifting economic dynamics, which require working together and collective action. This is where the ASEAN–Germany Development Partnership plays an important role.

Circular economy | Climate | Resilient nature and energy | Sustainable economic development | Regional security

Germany through GIZ works closely with ASEAN and its Member States to promote and strengthen **climate action, energy transition, sustainable economic development, and regional security**. Beyond programmes and frameworks, this partnership is ultimately about people, collaboration, and progress.

GIZ facilitates policy dialogue, strengthens regional platforms, and supports capacity development to translate regional priorities into action. Ultimately, this cooperation is about fostering collaboration and progress for people across the region.

STRONG PARTNERSHIP FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

In a region as dynamic and vulnerable as Southeast Asia, resilience is part of everyday life. The ASEAN–Germany partnership continued to grow as a steady and trusted force, bringing together governments, institutions, and communities to address challenges that go beyond borders.

In 2025, collaboration continued to expand across climate resilience, **circular economy**, sustainable trade, renewable energy, and disaster preparedness. One notable milestone was ASEAN’s first Pavilion at COP30 in Belém, which strengthened ASEAN’s visibility in global climate discussions through collaboration with European partners.

The partnership supports businesses on both sides to connect, trade, invest, and grow together. It strengthens rules-based economic cooperation, e-commerce, consumer protection, and support for vulnerable groups, while advancing MSME



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development, including women-led enterprises and youth participation in the digital economy.

Climate-smart agriculture, sustainable fisheries, and circular economy approaches help strengthen resilience, support low-carbon value chains, and create new opportunities for innovation, trade, and technology exchange.

The partnership also supports enabling frameworks, including interoperable green taxonomies, and helps mobilise private capital for green investment between ASEAN and the EU. At the regional level, Germany works closely with the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on the AEC Strategic Plan 2026–2030 and beyond.

Across Southeast Asia, these efforts are taking shape in practical ways. Small businesses are gaining better access to regional markets, farmers are adopting climate-smart practices, and Member States are strengthening cooperation on sustainable fisheries and consumer protection.

With support from the German Federal Foreign Office, GIZ works closely with ASEAN to strengthen technical capacities, facilitate expert exchanges, and develop practical tools such as a Regional Roadmap to combat arms smuggling. Joint activities also include capacity-building for law enforcement authorities, regional workshops, policy dialogues, and knowledge-sharing on legal frameworks and enforcement practices.

Progress is also evident in **regional security** and disaster response, where stronger institutions and coordination, including through the AHA Centre,

are helping ASEAN respond more effectively to crises. Platforms such as the ASEAN Media Forum, ASEAN Entities Forum, and ASEAN Think Tank Summit further strengthen dialogue and regional cooperation across Southeast Asia.

These efforts tell a broader story: resilience is not built through a single initiative, but through consistent, collective action, step by step, across the region.

DRIVING REGIONAL IMPACT

GIZ continues to work closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and Member States to advance shared regional priorities. The partnership helps strengthen resilience and sustainability across Southeast Asia, while deepening ASEAN ties with Germany and the European Union. More than formal cooperation, it reflects a shared commitment to navigating regional and global challenges together.



FOCUS

CONNECTING SOLUTIONS ACROSS ASEAN

Germany is strengthening regional cooperation across ASEAN through initiatives that turn shared ambitions into practical action. The ASEAN Climate Leadership Programme supports a new generation of climate professionals, while collaboration with Urmatt Ltd. in Thailand transforms rice straw into a valuable resource through circular agriculture. Meanwhile, the ACTFor initiative combats illegal timber trade and promotes sustainable forest products, while SEA-VET.net connects thousands of users to vocational learning opportunities. Together, these efforts strengthen capacity development, innovation, and regional resilience across ASEAN.

Success Story

GROWING BEYOND BORDERS

Nuraizah Shamsul Baharin, CEO and Founder of MADCash and Madcat World in Malaysia, encourages women entrepreneurs to embrace technology and expand their visibility through platforms like ASEAN Access. As an ASEAN Access Ambassador, she urges businesses to think beyond borders, build for global markets, and focus on impact-driven and sustainable enterprises.

Nuraizah S. Baharin
CEO and Founder of MADCash
and Madcat World in Malaysia



giz 50th Supporting Indonesian-German Partnerships For a Future worth investing in



MILESTONES OF PARTNERSHIP



50 YEARS OF GIZ'S JOURNEY IN INDONESIA (1975–2025)

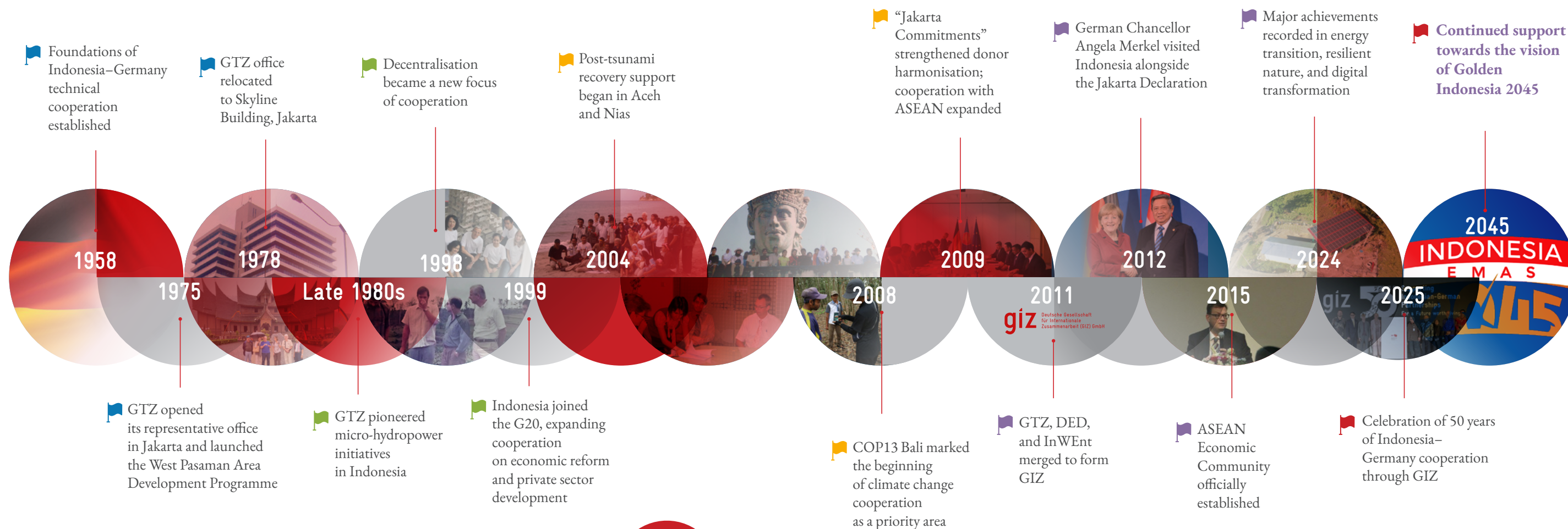


Over the past five decades, the partnership between Indonesia and Germany through GIZ has evolved alongside changing development priorities and global challenges. Beginning with the foundations of technical cooperation in the late 1950s and the establishment of the GTZ office in Jakarta in 1975, the partnership has expanded from rural development, governance, and economic reform to strategic areas such as energy transition, climate action, digital transformation, and regional resilience.

This journey has also been shaped by major milestones — from post-disaster recovery efforts in Aceh, Yogyakarta, and Padang, to decentralisation reforms, the emergence of climate cooperation following COP13

in Bali, and increasingly close collaboration with ASEAN and the private sector. Across each phase, the nature of cooperation has continued to evolve: from conventional development projects towards more collaborative, innovative, and long-term partnerships.

The following timeline highlights key moments from 50 years of GIZ's journey in Indonesia — a story that reflects not only the enduring partnership between the two countries, but also a shared commitment to supporting Indonesia's vision of Golden Indonesia 2045.



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50 years is a long time. Over this period, not only the content but also and especially the nature of our cooperation with Indonesia has been constantly evolving. Our relations developed from traditional forms of development cooperation to a partnership, in which we jointly tackle global challenges, especially climate change and its consequences.

THORSTEN SCHÄFER-GÜMBEL
Chair of the Management Board, GIZ



Note:

- Foundations and Establishment (1958–1970s)
- Expansion and Innovation (1980s–1990s)
- Disaster Response and Consolidation (2000s)

- The GIZ Era and Strengthened Partnerships (2011–2024)
- The Future (2025 and Beyond)



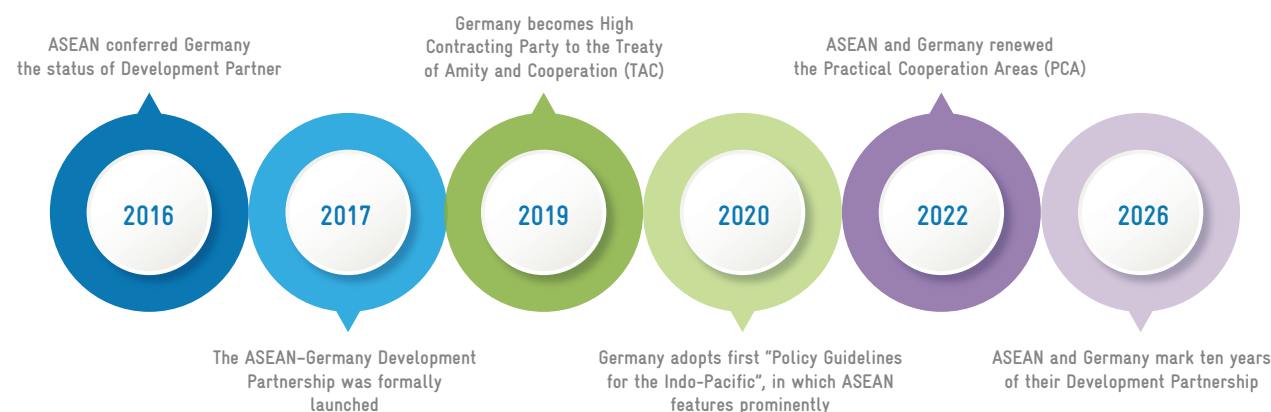
TOWARDS 10 YEARS OF ASEAN GERMANY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

A DECADE OF PARTNERSHIP: ADVANCING ASEAN–GERMANY COOPERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Over the past decade, the ASEAN–Germany Development Partnership has grown across areas such as climate action, digital transformation, health resilience, maritime security, and inclusive growth.



Milestones in the ASEAN–Germany Partnership



In 2025, the partnership advanced through concrete initiatives, including Germany’s EUR 5 million for regional decarbonisation, circular economy collaboration, and stronger private sector engagement. ASEAN also marked a milestone with its first Pavilion at COP30, strengthening the region’s voice in global climate discussions.

As the partnership deepens, cooperation continues to expand into emerging priorities such as workforce transformation and regional security. Reflecting this growing partnership, Thorsten Schaefer-Gümbel, Chair of the Management Board of GIZ, noted: “Global migration flows, climate change, and technological competition demand coordinated responses. We must expand cooperation across regions and continents, including between the EU and ASEAN.”

Success Story

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

Since becoming an ASEAN Development Partner in 2016, the partnership supports sustainable development, strengthens resilience, and contributes to a more stable Indo-Pacific.

Voices from the field further reflect this momentum and amplifying regional narratives through media. It highlights a shared commitment to a more sustainable and connected future.



RALF BESTE

German Ambassador to Indonesia, ASEAN and Timor-Leste



Our partnership with ASEAN is grounded in shared values, including multilateralism, mutual respect, and a rules-based international order. As ties continue to grow, the partnership advances through dialogue and practical cooperation that improves people’s lives.



Dr. KAO KIM HOURN

Secretary-General of ASEAN



The partnership has delivered tangible results across the three ASEAN Community pillars, supporting ASEAN’s peace, prosperity, and people. Moving forward, ASEAN looks to Germany as a trusted partner in advancing ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future.



FOCUS

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

The ASEAN–Germany partnership continues to grow through a shared commitment to sustainable development, regional resilience, and long-term cooperation across Southeast Asia.

Three cross-cutting pillars shape this collaboration: vocational education (TVET) and skills development, private sector engagement, and digitalisation. Together, they support innovation, sustainable business practices, and regional solutions to trade, climate, and circular economy challenges.

Implemented by GIZ, the partnership reflects forward-looking cooperation that strengthens resilience and shared prosperity across the region.

ASEAN–GERMANY COOPERATION AT A GLANCE



EUR
175.7 M

ASEAN–Germany cooperation (2016–2026) Estimated total value of ongoing, completed, and planned projects across all implementing agencies.



38,094 people trained

Participants who joined training and capacity-building activities since 2019.



772 regional initiatives

Since 2019, a range of capacity-building initiatives, regional exchanges and study visits have strengthened regional collaboration across ASEAN Member States.



EUR
175.7 B (2024)*

Trade (Germany–ASEAN)

EUR
1.51 B (2024)*

Foreign Direct Investment

Sources:

- ASEAN Statistics Division (Trade, FDI, Tourism data)
- ASEAN Statistical Highlights 2025
- ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) Study, November 2024
- ASEAN–Germany Development Partnership, July 2025

All figures converted from USD to EUR (September 2025).



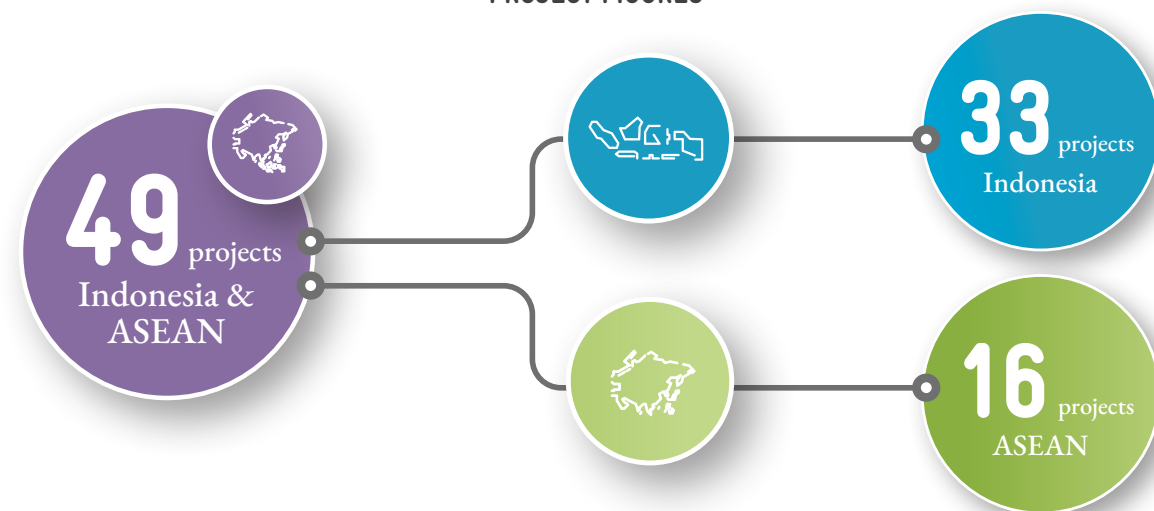
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OUR BUSINESS FIGURES

THE GIZ INDONESIA & ASEAN TEAM

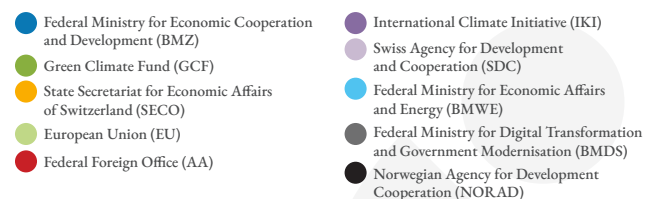
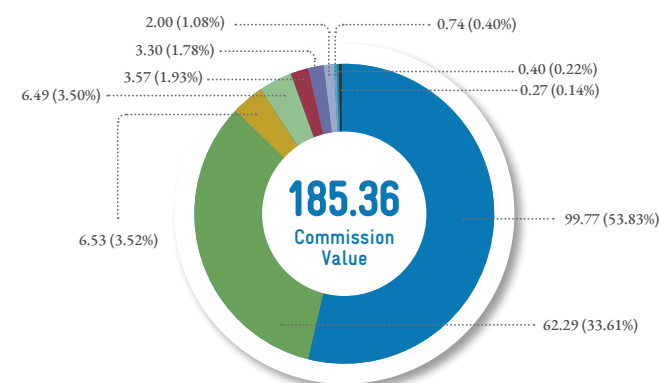


PROJECT FIGURES



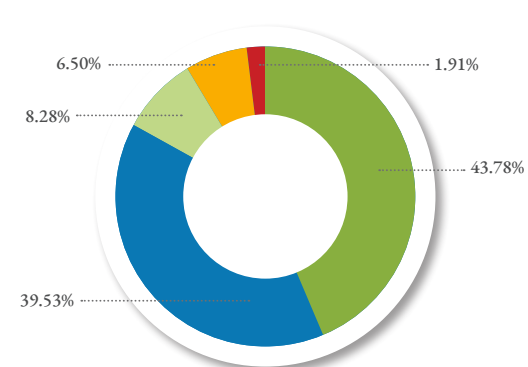
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in million EUR



FUNDING PER COOPERATION AREA

in percentage



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We work with government, businesses, civil society, universities and think tanks on topics like clean and renewable energy, climate and nature, green jobs and skills, digital transformation, good governance, and gender equality.

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- ▶ Co-design of pilot projects and simple paths to scale
- ▶ Access to Indonesia National-level and ASEAN Regional - level policy dialogues
- ▶ Practical advice, trainings, and research
- ▶ Platforms to share knowledge and gain visibility
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Why team up with us

- ▶ Align with Indonesian national and ASEAN regional priorities
- ▶ Combine strengths and networks to move faster
- ▶ Focus on clear, measurable results
- ▶ Build solutions that last and are locally owned

Ways to work together

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Governments and ASEAN bodies

- ▶ Turn policies into action
- ▶ Coordinate regionally and set standards
- ▶ Build skills through training and peer learning

GLOSSARIUM

ASEAN	: Association of Southeast Asian Nations
Kementerian Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional/Bappenas	: Ministry of National Development Planning/ National Development Planning Agency
COP30	: 30th Conference of Parties – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
EKONID	: The German-Indonesian Chamber of Industry and Commerce
IBSAP	: Indonesian Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
KADIN	: Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
PERMEN ESDM	: Regulation of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources
PLN	: State Electricity Company
PPSDM KEBTKE	: Center for Human Resources Development in Electricity, New and Renewable Energy, and Energy Conservation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources
Renstra (Rencana Strategi)	: Strategic plan

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Under the Coral Triangle Initiative

New marine protected areas in Wetar and Belu

Community-based marine conservation

Multiple Districts

1,400 tonnes of waste daily

Waste Collection

Recycling

IN SIX PILOT CITIES ACROSS SUMATRA, JAVA AND BALI

70%
of participants
women

**Improving
Waste Sorting**

**Reducing
Emissions**

**753 tonnes of CO₂
equivalent annually**

farmers and regional actors trained in financial literacy, crop insurance, and climate risk finance.

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Crop Insurance

Climate Risk Finance

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560+
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providers on the platform.

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