

Mercy Corps Indonesia

Who We are:

Mercy Corps Indonesia helps people turn the crises they confront into the opportunities they deserve. Driven by local needs, our programs provide communities across Indonesia with the tools and support they need to transform their own lives. In Indonesia, Mercy Corps has improved more than 1,000,000 lives across the country's vast expanse of islands since 1999.

Mercy Corps Indonesia is helping communities prepare for and recover from natural disasters and the impact of climate change. We provide both immediate aid and long-term programs to "build back better" by improving community infrastructure, resiliency, and economic opportunities in Indonesia's most challenging urban and coastal areas. Mercy Corps Indonesia in Java, Sumatera and Maluku.

Our Focus:

1. Increasing Economic Opportunities and Access to Financial Services

Mercy Corps Indonesia seeks out creative, market-based solutions that provide economic benefits to individuals and communities. By implementing programs focused on micro-enterprise solutions, making markets work approaches and financial literacy, Mercy Corps helps create effective, functioning market systems to address income poverty. Our urban programs include strengthening value chains in the tofu/tempe sector, and setting up enterprises addressing urban sanitation and nutrition. In a rural context, Mercy Corps is assisting farmers in Maluku to improve production, access markets and develop sound financial practices.

2. Improving Health and Nutrition

Mercy Corps' programs for mothers and children focus on the first 1,000 days of life and target the most vulnerable to become better nourished and healthier by raising awareness and educating health care providers and mothers to promote exclusive breastfeeding. Mercy Corps has set up networks of mothers support groups across the country with health worker and peer-to-peer learning for pregnant and breastfeeding women. In addition, Mercy Corps is working on information communication technology solutions to improve health data management and information in remote areas.

3. Water and Sanitation

Access to clean and safe water, sanitation and solid waste disposal is necessary to reduce the incidence of Infectious disease, one of the main underlying causes of malnutrition and child mortality. We work with local government and private sector partners building improved private and communal sanitation facilities as well as hand washing stations, cultivating community awareness around sanitation, and forming strong economic relationships to facilitate access to affordable, adequate solutions.

4. Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

Indonesia often faces regular landslides, flooding, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes along with the tsunamis the can cause. The region is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change with extreme weather events and rising sea levels posing a substantial threat to a country largely inhabited along its coastlines. Urban slum dwellers and those living in coastal areas are especially vulnerable as many families lack the safety net to survive, the services to recover, and the funds to rebuild.

We are helping to reduce the impact of such disasters through and innovative program that brings together communities, government, and the private sectors to identify and map areas at risk and to plan, train and practice how to respond when disasters occurs. Our climate change adaptation (CCA) programs aim to catalyze attention, funding, and action at the city and national government levels around climate change to build the resilience of poor and vulnerable urban communities. With disaster risk reduction (DRR) work Mercy Corps aligns and coordinates closely with the Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB). The aim is to design DRR interventions and tools that can easily be adopted and scaled by BNPB while simultaneously building capacity of BNPB team members.

5. Emergency Response

Our Indonesia Response Team (IRT) consisting of 30 staff members' bases throughout Indonesia, is trained to deploy quickly and provide immediate relief to survivors during the critical first months after a disaster strikes. Mercy Corps also helps communities rebuild by restoring livelihoods and incorporating strategies for increased resiliency into future disaster management and planning. We are also an active member of the Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) initiative in Indonesia-a group of International NGOs that train together to build mutual skills for disaster response and coordinate response activities to maximize impact and efficiency.

