IMPROVING LOCAL GOVERNANCE
AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN PAPUA

Despite large fund transfers from the national government, including the Special Autonomy (Otsus) Fund, Papua continues to score second lowest or lowest among Indonesian provinces in all development indicators, including government effectiveness and accountability. Weak local governance and lack of citizen participation, particularly from the Papua Indigenous People (OAP) to local governance processes, remain challenges due to insufficient service delivery monitoring and supervision. As a result, local governments fail to deliver adequate public services. The United States and Indonesia are committed to improve governance in Papua.

PAPUA COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE (USAID KOLABORASI)

The USAID Kolaborasi program helps Papua and West Papua better make better use of Otsus funding by providing training for officials in Papua, the national government, and students in such areas as planning, budgeting, and monitoring to manage funds efficiently and respond to the needs of Pupuans, in particular, through accountable and responsive basic public services.

USAID Kolaborasi improves the capacity of local governments to ensure engagement of OAP in the local governance processes while strengthening collaboration among development stakeholders by aligning priorities and leveraging local resources that can benefit local residents.
ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Increased spending through the Otsus Fund to improve key public services delivery;
- Significant number of indigenous Papuans (Orang Asli Papua/OAP) reporting increased satisfaction regarding the quality of public services;
- Increased number of local government agencies with improved technical skills for drafting annual work plans and overseeing budget allocation and execution; and
- Significant expansion of project initiatives outside Kolaborasi intervention areas.

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