INCREASING INDONESIANS’ ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Indonesia is committed to improving the quality and competitiveness of its workforce. *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan*, or the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) includes $8 billion from the Indonesia endowment funds for education to attend the world’s top universities for scholarship and/or research opportunities. The United States and Indonesia are working together to increase opportunities for Indonesia’s future leaders and professionals to attend top U.S. universities and gain skills needed to advance global prosperity.

Attending top tier U.S. graduate and non-degree programs will strengthen the competitiveness of the Indonesian workforce. Presently, only 3.4 percent of all LPDP scholarship recipients benefit from U.S. universities due to students’ limited information on available programs and challenges in meeting U.S. university application and admission requirements.
USAID TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT (USAID TEMAN) SUPPORT TO INDONESIA SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS

The Government of Indonesia has mandated LPDP to collaborate with technical ministries and government agencies, including the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (Kemdikbudristek), the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Kemenag), and National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) (scholarship providers) to expand opportunities for Indonesian to benefit from GOI endowment funds in education. To accommodate this new decree and Indonesia’s priority of increasing Indonesian access to quality education, the USAID Teman program supports scholarship providers as they work to increase the number of Indonesians benefiting from the U.S. higher education institutions as a means to strengthen Indonesia’s workforce.

To achieve this, USAID Teman promotes networking with universities in the United States and provides technical assistance to scholarship providers for planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating scholarship programs that will help students smoothly transition into the U.S. university education system.

USAID Teman also offers technical assistance needed to enhance the grant management process to improve the efficiency of their scholarship program. More importantly, USAID Teman works to enhance scholarship providers’ recruitment efforts to include more scholars from disadvantaged populations (including persons with disabilities).

USAID Teman works with scholarship providers to strengthen their existing university networks and seek opportunities to increase the number of U.S. universities collaborating with the Indonesia scholarship program. In coordination with the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section and on an as-needed basis, USAID Teman also provides counseling sessions for scholarship provider’s applicants who are interested in studying in the United States.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

With USAID support, by the end of 2026, Indonesia scholarship providers that utilizes the endowment funds, such as LPDP, Kemdikbudristek, Kemenag and BRIN recruit and send 1,160 Indonesians to study in the United States for graduate and non-degree training programs.

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