

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

LAMPUNG AND NUSA TENGGARA TIMUR, INDONESIA



Experiences in childhood can shape the outcome of a child's life. Yet in Indonesia, children don't always receive the care and protection they need. Some children are exposed to violence in their home, while up to half a million children grow up in orphanages – the highest proportion of any country in the world – where they are more likely to experience abuse and neglect. Almost 90% of these children have at least one living parent.

Save the Children is working closely with the Indonesian Government and communities to change how children are protected at home and in institutions. We've helped families and policy-makers understand child protection and child rights, and how to report cases of child abuse.

We've helped increase government investment in family and community care to keep children out of orphanages. And we've trained more social workers so they can support children and families. Referral systems for children have also been introduced – linking children to healthcare, counselling and legal services, and strengthening the ability of families to overcome challenges and care for their children at home.

1. BUILDING BETTER PROTECTION SYSTEMS



Established **30 REFERRAL SYSTEMS** to protect children.

Linking social services with the police, hospitals and organisations so children who need protection and care can access it more easily.


2. TRAINING SOCIAL WORKERS



Provided training to **180 SOCIAL WORKERS.**

These social workers now have better skills in child protection, case management, child safeguarding and family mediation.

3. WORKING WITH PARENTS



Provided training for **99 ADOPTIVE AND FOSTER PARENTS.**

Learning more about child development and parenting gives adoptive and foster parents better skills to look after children in their care.

4. CHANGING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM



Provided training to **59 LAW OFFICERS.**

Police, lawyers and judges were trained in child rights and child justice so children are heard and can be better protected.


5. MORE QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS



231 SOCIAL WORKERS received coaching and mentoring.

This allowed them to pass a competency test and receive a license from the Indonesian Government.

6. PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



Provided internships for **118 SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AND 8 TEACHERS.**

Across six universities, local students learnt about case management and working with children.

 **288**

children remained with families instead of being placed in institutions.

 **210**

children were reunited with their families or placed in family-based care.

OUR PARTNERS

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