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STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Indonesia's vast higher education system serves more than 7 million students, but it does not produce enough graduates with the skill sets needed to meet international standards and employer demand. The United States facilitates partnerships between U.S. and Indonesian universities and the private sector to equip students with world-class education and in-demand skills.

Indonesia's incredible progress graduating more students from high school is sparking greater demand for high-quality tertiary education.¹ Increasing the quality of universities to meet world-class standards will make them more competitive, prepare students to be productive members of the workforce, and contribute to the country's economic growth. To achieve these standards, Indonesia's higher education institutions are seeking global collaboration and partnerships.

¹<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/20024/893010WP0P12940olicy0Paper0June2014.pdf>

HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (HEPI)

In partnership with Arizona State University through HEPI, USAID strengthens partnerships between U.S. and Indonesian institutions to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs of study in select Indonesian higher education institutions (HEIs) to meet international standards and industry demand. HEPI supports Indonesian HEIs through a consortium of university, government, and industry partners working to improve industry-relevant curriculum, meet international accreditation standards, and increase course credit recognition between U.S. and Indonesian universities.

EXPECTED RESULTS

By early 2027, USAID through HEPI seeks to increase the number of fresh university graduates who are able to secure good-paying jobs upon graduation. This will be achieved by increasing the number of Indonesian universities teaching curricula that meet industry-based certification requirements and by increasing the number of Indonesian science, technology, engineering, and math programs meeting U.S. quality accreditation standards. These gains will make Indonesian course credits more transferable to U.S. and other international universities.

Progress in these areas will help Indonesia consolidate the incredible gains it has made in recent years to improve education access by developing an education system that supports the needs of the economy in its transition towards high-income status.²

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² <https://www.adb.org/publications/reviews-national-policies-education-indonesia-rising-challenge>