



THE UNITED STATES AND INDONESIA

A Strong and Growing Partnership

“The partnership between our two peoples is strong and is growing stronger. In all that lies ahead, in the defense of freedom, in the advance of tolerance and democracy, Indonesia will have a firm ally in the American Government. And you’ll have the friendship and the respect of the American people.”

– President George W. Bush

The United States and Indonesia, two of the world’s largest democracies, are working together closely on regional and global issues. Our relationship is built on the shared values of democracy, pluralism, tolerance, and respect for human rights. Indonesia is a large and important country that plays a leading role in Southeast Asia.

INDONESIA’S IMPORTANCE

- Indonesia is the largest country in Southeast Asia; its population of 240 million is greater than all other Southeast Asian countries combined.
- Indonesia is the world’s largest majority-Muslim country.
- Indonesia sits alongside the straits of Malacca, one of the world’s most important shipping lanes.

INDONESIA’S DEMOCRACY

Indonesia achieved a major milestone in its ongoing democratic transition by successfully holding its first-ever direct Presidential election in 2004. With 155 million registered voters and more than 575,000 polling stations, the election was the largest single-day election in the world.

INDONESIA’S DIVERSITY

- Indonesia has more than 300 ethnic groups spread over more than 17,000 islands.
- Although more than 80% of Indonesians are Muslim, there are large numbers of Hindus, Buddhists, and Christians as well.

BUILDING A STRONGER INDONESIA

- The U.S. response to the December 2004 earthquake and tsunami, which killed more than 100,000 Indonesians,

ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA
(Fiscal Year 06)

- Education:** \$31.9 million
- Health & Water:** \$33.3 million
- Democracy:** \$36.3 million
- Economic Growth:** \$21.9 million
- Environment:** \$6.9 million

OTHER ASSISTANCE

- Tsunami Reconstruction:** \$400 million
- Avian Influenza:** \$11 million
- Peace in Aceh:** \$11 million

included emergency food assistance, relief supplies, temporary shelter, water, and sanitation for those affected. Ongoing programs are helping the region to “build back better.”

- The U.S. supports Indonesia’s efforts to build lasting peace in Aceh after decades of conflict.
- U.S. assistance is helping Indonesia reform its armed forces and improve its maritime security and disaster-response capabilities.
- Over half of all Indonesians live on

less than two dollars a day and lack adequate health services, food, and sanitation. The U.S. Government is working with the Government of Indonesia to improve these conditions.

- The U.S. Government is helping Indonesian Government and civic organizations build effective and accountable local governance, to address conflict and encourage pluralism, and to consolidate the democratic reform agenda.
- The \$157 million Indonesia Education Initiative, announced by President Bush in 2003, is a cornerstone of the U.S. Government assistance program in Indonesia for 2004-2009. The program reflects a joint Indonesia-U.S. commitment to revitalize education for the next generation of Indonesia’s leaders.

BUILDING A STRONGER REGION

- The U.S. supports Indonesia’s leading role in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which provides a framework for regional cooperation on political, economic, and social issues.
- The U.S. and Indonesia cooperate in the fight against terrorism and in promoting maritime security.