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IOM SUPPORT TO THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL POLICE REFORM PROGRAM FUNDED BY EUROPEAN UNION (2006 – 2012) DRAWS TO A CLOSE

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The support to Indonesian National Police (INP) Reform Program is drawing towards the end of an six-year partnership between the INP and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). With funding from the European Union, the INP Reform Program for the period of 2006 – 2012 will officially close on 31 July 2012. To mark the conclusion of the INP Reform Program, a final event was held on 11 July 2012 in Jakarta.

The Chief of Indonesian National Police stated his highest appreciation toward European Union, The Royal Netherlands Embassy and the IOM, “EU, RNE and IOM have been continuosly support the reform within the INP. I requested all INP personnel from headquarter to local precincts to keep up strong commitment to maintain the current achievement which have established through the cooperation. And even though the EU support will be ended, the mutual relationship shall continue in the future when possible, as the INP still need further external support to accelerate its reform process to strive for excellence.”

For the successful implementation of the projects, the Chief of Mission of IOM thanked the Chief of INP and in particular all the chief of provincial police, by stating that “their commitment has made the program implementation possible.”

IOM in this event also presented its program achievement in the framework of EU funded IOM-INP cooperation for the period of 2006 - 2012.

Key accomplishments of the INP Reform Program include the provision of human rights and community policing training to more than 100,000 police officers nationwide; integration of community policing and human rights as part of the INP training curricula for police-brigadier; and support for the issuance of INP regulations regarding community policing implementation, human rights and gender equality.

“The INP has already much achieved over the last decade towards building a trusted partnership with the people of Indonesia and it is encouraging that despite challenges the reform momentum is still there. Embracing the RANHAM strategy and also the community policing concept are important building blocks, adequate gender policies are progressing. The EU is glad to have contributed together with IOM over the last 7 years to this successful
transformation process in Aceh and throughout the archipelago, which is critical for safety, fairness and community stability," said Andreas Roettger, the Head of Economic and Regional Cooperation/Good Governance of the EU Delegation to Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam and ASEAN.

BACKGROUND

One of the milestones of Indonesian’s democratic process is the separation of the Indonesian National Police (INP) from the Indonesian Military (Tentara Nasional Indonesia - TNI) in April 1999, acknowledging civilian supremacy over internal security matters. Since then, the INP has made genuine efforts to reform and adapt to the norms and expectations of a rapidly democratizing and modernizing Indonesian society.

The INP’s reform efforts revolve around three aspects: Structural, Instrumental and Cultural. Structurally, they are centered on building a police force grounded on: a strong institutional identity as an independent organization; compatibility with professionalism and universal police standards; a modern organization based on science and technology; and an orientation to serving the public. Instrumentally, the INP has been working towards formulating a guide to police reform consisting of a sound philosophy, principles, vision and mission, and a code of conduct of the police force. Culturally, efforts have been made in enhancing police force performance in line with the structural and instrumental reforms, thus produce a ‘new culture’ of Indonesian National Police.

In the efforts to reform these aspects, in particular the cultural aspect, since 2004 the INP has been in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to accelerate its reform objectives. The cooperation of INP and IOM has entered its 8th year with generous funding from The Royal Netherlands Embassy and The European Union and will have its closure on 31st July 2012.

The continuous support and cooperation were implemented through one program consisted of several linked projects commonly called as the IOM Police Project or Support to the INP Reform Project. It is divided into three stages:

- **Phase I: Year 2004 to 2005**, the INP and IOM agreed upon the establishment of 3 pilot projects with the District Police of Situbondo (East Java Provincial Police), Municipality Police of Bogor (West Java Provincial Police) and the City Police of Pontianak (West Kalimantan Provincial Police) to implement the Community Policing or Perpolisian Masyarakat (Polmas).

- **Phase II: Year 2005 to 2009**, 3 additional project sites were covered, targeting the District Police of Jakarta, the City Police of Denpasar (Bali Provincial Police) and the City Police of Barelang (Riau Islands Provincial Police). Additionally, in year 2006, the Chief of INP asked IOM to assist with the acceleration of Police Reform in Aceh Province. In Aceh, IOM supported the police reform through the “Support to the Police Reform in Aceh” funded by The European Union and the Royal Netherlands Embassy.

- **Phase III: Year 2010 to 2012**, funded by The European Union, IOM implemented “Support to the Consolidation of Police Reform in Aceh” and a nation-wide
The implementation of "Support to the Indonesian National Police (INP) to implement its national community policing strategy (Polmas) in the context of the National Action Plan on Human Rights (RANHAM)" projects.

The IOM support to INP in the acceleration of police reform were principally implemented through the introduction and training of Human Rights for Law Enforcement Officers according to the international standards, and the Community policing as philosophy and strategy to reform. The program implementation covered various technical and expertise supports as well as equipment supports to facilitate the INP to implement Community policing as its grand strategy.

IOM has assisted the INP in i.e. the human rights and community policing training of more than 100,000 police officers nation wide in total; to integrate the community policing and Human rights to the INP curricula and training materials of police-brigadier; monitoring and evaluation; the development of Chief of INP regulation (Perkap) number 7 year 2008 on the Polmas strategy; development of Chief of INP regulation regarding human rights implementation in INP’s duties (Perkap 8 year 2000); the development of Chief of INP regulation in Gender Equality (year 2012) which now is waiting for Chief of INP official signing; assistance in capacity building of INP Education Institute; training of INP members to support peace process in Aceh as well as the provision of 23 fully-equipped Training Center in Aceh in year 2009, et cetera.

Remarkable quantitative and qualitative achievements have been made through this excellent cooperation among INP, IOM and other key-stakeholders in Indonesia. All parties involved in this program expected the cooperation outcomes were significant to help to accelerate the INP reform toward a democratic police. The 11th July 2012 event aimed to present the list of achievements of the mentioned cooperation, which will be presented by IOM Police Project to senior leadership of INP and other key-stakeholders.

IOM and donor countries (in particular the European Union) look forward to a sustainability of the program way forward, in the framework of a continued acceleration of INP reform. The objective of the event is also to identify and seek commitment from key stakeholders: the civil society, media, academicians, etc, to continue the provide support to the INP to sustain the reform efforts in the future. (*)