



SOLID ID

SOLIDIFYING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN INDONESIA

Despite being universally recognized as a widely tolerant country with extraordinarily diverse religions and ethnicities, many ideals of Indonesia's core identity, including religious freedom, are increasingly under threat with the rising number of religious freedom violations in recent years. The "Solidifying Religious Freedom in Indonesia" project (SOLID-ID) offers innovative approaches to address this issue. From inter-religious trainings to art residency and festival, this project brings diverse stakeholders together, including local and national governments, youths, and local communities. These diverse groups will collaboratively contribute to improving state protection for religious freedom and building a more cohesive and diverse society in Indonesia.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. Policy & Legal Framework Assessment and Public Perception Survey regarding religious freedom and interfaith tolerance in Indonesia.
2. Multi-Stakeholder Forum to develop working guidelines in responding to violent religious intolerance.
3. National policy discussions and local public consultation events to acquire and provide substantive input to the bill on the protection of religious freedom.
4. Trainings for religious leaders on tolerance, interfaith, and religious freedom.
5. Intra- and inter-faith dialogues on religious tolerance for religious leaders and their congregations, including youth and women leaders.
6. Media Content Analysis, Workshop on Peace Journalism, and Media gatherings for key national and regional media companies.
7. Social media literacy workshop for youths to counter cyber hate-speech and intolerance.
8. Common Ground Art Residency Program and Art Festival.

SOLID-ID HIGHLIGHTS



ART RESIDENCY

Search Indonesia in collaboration with Spektakel ID organized an Art Residency for young artists with art projects that support peace and religious tolerance. Search chose seven artists to receive a seed grant and brought them together in a workshop, where the artists discussed art, social change, conflict transformation, and diversity. The art projects range from a mural project to a participatory theatre.

7 

ARTISTS
(5 Female,
2 Male)

5 

CITIES
(Jakarta, Bogor, Bekasi,
Bandung, Yogyakarta)



COMMON GROUND ART FESTIVAL

On 9 – 10 February 2019, in collaboration with art and cultural organizations Serrum Studio and Spektakel, Search held a Festival under the name of #RAMAIDAMAI Festival (#PeaceOutLoud Festival) at the National Museum in Jakarta. This festival provided all 7 Artists under the Art Residency program the opportunity to showcase their artwork to the public, and brought together local CSOs, influencers, musicians, a stand-up comedian, and cultural organizations to educate the public on the importance of promoting peace and tolerance through art, creativity, and discussions.

1 

**NATIONAL
EVENTS**

4 

TALKSHOWS

5 

MUSIC PERFORMERS

12 

SPEAKERS

700 

ATTENDEES



“SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SOCIAL IMPACT” WORKSHOP

With the increasing power of social media to create social impact, Search worked with youth-based organizations such as Campaign and Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community (YIPC) to hold social media workshops to strengthen the youth's capacity on utilizing social media as a powerful tool to support positive social change, social movements and sustainable peace.

8 

WORKSHOPS

123 

YOUTHS

3 

CITIES
(Jakarta, Bandung,
Yogyakarta)

JOURNALISM & DIVERSITY WORKSHOP

To help media promote tolerant and diverse societies, Search hosted "Journalism and Diversity," a two-day workshop with journalists from well-known Indonesian outlets, in collaboration with Serikat Jurnalis untuk Keberagaman (SeJuK). The workshop covered various aspects of peace journalism and its impact on communities.

22 
JOURNALISTS



MEDIA GATHERING

The media plays an important role in shaping public opinion and perspectives, including on religious diversity and human rights. Under SOLID-ID, Search in collaboration with SEJUK, JAKARTAUB, and Yayasan Bani Abdurrahman Wahid Yogyakarta held media gatherings to build awareness and encourage the revival of the principles of tolerance or appreciation for minorities in the media industry.

12 
MEDIA GATHERINGS

248 
PARTICIPANTS

4 
CITIES
(Jakarta, Bandung, Bogor, and Yogyakarta)



MEDIA CONTENT ANALYSIS

Search conducted a Media Content Analysis to obtain a better understanding of the messages on religious diversity spread by the Indonesian media. The study discovered that the coverage of religious freedom in mainstream media, particularly online media, remains a cause for concern, although in most cases, the media sheds a positive light on interfaith tolerance through their stories.

60 
ARTICLES
(1 January 2017 – 1 January 2018)

10 
MEDIA
(5 Online Media & 5 Newspapers)

2 
REPORTS
(English and Bahasa Indonesia)

2 
FACT SHEETS
(English and Bahasa Indonesia)



TRAINING FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Realizing that religious leaders have an important and strategic role in providing a benevolent perspective of interfaith tolerance in the community, Search collaborated with local organizations such as Yayasan Satu Keadilan, LBH Bandung, and Lembaga Kajian Islam dan Sosial (LKIS) to hold trainings where more than 100 religious leaders learned and discussed religious freedom, human rights issues, conflict management, grievance mechanism, and advocacy strategies.

4 
TRAININGS

147 
RELIGIOUS LEADERS

25 
ACTION PLANS

5 
CITIES
(Jakarta, Bogor, Depok, Bandung, Yogyakarta)



SOLID-ID HIGHLIGHTS *(cont.)*

INTERFAITH AND INTRAFaITH DIALOGUES

In collaboration with Aliansi Nasional Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (ANBTI), Search held intrafaith and interfaith dialogues that involved high school students, university students, minority religious groups, and religious leaders. The dialogues focused on various topics, such as the rights to religion and belief, the prevention and management of violations against religious freedom, and the media's role in providing alternative narratives that strengthens freedom of religion and belief.

29 
**INTERFAITH &
INTRAFaITH
DIALOGUES**

1300 
PARTICIPANTS

6 
CITIES
(Jakarta, Bogor, Depok,
Bekasi, Bandung
Yogyakarta)



NATIONAL POLICY DISCUSSION

In collaboration with ANBTI, Search held national policy discussions with a focus on improving advocacy, practices, and regulations of religious freedom, particularly for indigenous belief communities whose religions were traditionally unacknowledged and subjected to systematic, state-sanctioned discrimination, including the design of advocacy strategies to protect their civil rights.

3 
**NATIONAL
POLICY
DISCUSSION**

95 
**EXPERTS &
STAKEHOLDERS**







ABOUT SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND

Search for Common Ground is an international humanitarian organization, established in 1982 with a focus on peacebuilding, transform the way the world deals with conflict, away from adversarial approaches, toward cooperative solutions with an emphasis on problem solving. Our mission is to build sustainable peace for future generations by working with all parties from conflict, providing the tools needed to work together and find constructive solutions.

Search works in 36 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. In Indonesia, Search works with local partners and organizations, supports the process of building a culture of peace through media, dialogue, strengthening community relations and capacity building since 2002.

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