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Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial is an Indonesian organization, born out of an active collaboration between Netherlands based Hivos and several like-minded Indonesian academics and civil society leaders who subscribe to the values and mission of Hivos. The agenda for such a collaboration was set in the context of Hivos’ desire to phase out its direct presence in Southeast Asia by promoting sincere decentralization and local ownership. As the name itself suggests, the purpose underpinning establishment of the new entity is to promote humanistic values in the social, health, and cultural fields which is defined in terms of the ability for each individual to assess and decide independently and responsibly, the right to freedom, dignity and a passion to create a just and tolerant society.

Given the above outlined context, Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial will conduct the foundation’s launch event on 30 March 2021 which aims at introducing the foundation establishment to all stakeholders.
Vision
Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial firmly believes in humanistic values. We also believe that every person’s right to live in freedom and dignity, to enjoy equal opportunities, and to influence decisions made regarding the changes they want to see in their lives, communities and country. We envision a world in which individual differences and backgrounds are respected and used to strengthen communities. A world in which people join forces to challenge the power imbalances that allow economic and social injustice, environmental degradation and propel climate change; that condone exploitation, oppression and exclusion; and that perpetuate gender inequalities.

Mission
Our mission is to promote humanistic values, amplify and connect voices that promote social and environmental justice and challenge power imbalances. We particularly empower marginalized rightsholders to raise their voice and demand freedom of choice. We support the development of alternative solutions to deep-seated problems in the economic and social sphere so that individuals and communities can make responsible and equitable choices within political and economic systems that serve their needs and preserve the planet. We connect people and organizations offering alternatives to those looking for solutions in their fight for social, economic and environmental justice.
CORE VALUES

We believe that human life in its many forms is valuable; that all people deserve to achieve their full potential, while bearing responsibility for sustaining our natural environment. Living a life in freedom and dignity, with respect for each other and the planet, leads to greater individual well-being and fair, vibrant societies.

Every human being has the right to live in freedom and dignity, regardless of their sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion or socio-economic position. People should have the freedom to believe what they want and be who they are, voice their opinions, and challenge and influence the established order.

People have rights as well as duties and responsibilities. We must respect and take care of other people, nearby and far away, and live life without damaging the common good, including nature.

People are not the same, but we are equal. We should be treated and treat others as such. Equality should be reflected in the way our social, economic and legal systems work.

We only have one planet, with a rich but fragile biodiversity, and vast but finite resources. If we want current and future generations to prosper, sustainable use of the earth and living in balance with nature are paramount. We must move beyond reducing negative impacts and work actively to restore and preserve the environment, its biodiversity, and the planet’s natural resources. The future of every living creature depends on this.
Our Boards Members are:

- **Board of Trustees:**
  - Dewi Suralaga, Chairperson
  - Edwin Huizing, Member-1
  - Endy Bayuni, Member-2

- **Board of Management:**
  - Tunggal Pawestri, Director
  - Irma Sakul, Secretary
  - Giam Be Be, Treasurer

- **Board of Supervisors:**
  - Emmanuel Ndebele
  - Anita Wahid
  - Zainal Abidin Bagir
WHAT WE DO

IMPACT AREAS

Our three impact areas are:

1. Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
2. Civic Rights in a Digital Age
3. Climate Justice

Under the impact areas, we currently manage and implement 8 programs:

1. On Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion area: The Civil Society and Governance in Timor Leste and VOICE
2. On Civic Rights in a Digital Age: Creative Youth for Tolerance program (CREATE)
3. On Climate Justice: Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS), Towards Indonesia’s Low Carbon Energy (MENTARI), The Indonesian Domestic Biogas Programme (IDBP), and Amplifying Voices for Just Climate Action, and Loes Watershed
1. GENDER EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Civil Society and Governance in Timor Leste
The Civil Society and Governance in Timor-Leste project is a project supported by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that is currently in its fourth phase. It is a continuation of a previous Hivos initiative which supported gender based violence (GBV) victims and governance issues in Timor-Leste from 2014-2016, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019. This project aims to strengthen the capacity of five local CSOs in Timor-Leste to better and effectively advocate for the rights of its citizens. The project has two expected results:

1. Increased awareness of and commitment to the gender based violence survivors groups and the promotions of women leadership and good governance among communities and key stakeholders.

2. Improved the capability of four CSOs in the area of public outreach and organizational sustainability.

VOICE
Voice is an innovative grant facility to support rightsholders and groups facing marginalisation or discrimination in their efforts to exert influence in accessing productive and social services and political participation. Voice operates in a context where civic space and power is shifting at a fast pace, and often closing rather than opening. Where the narrative is negative and underlining marginalisation and vulnerability, rather than the dreams and successful steps made towards a better, more inclusive world. Voice is implemented in ten countries in Africa and Asia.

Voice is an initiative of and financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands as part of their overall policy framework ‘Dialogue and Dissent’ (future Power of Voices) and is executed by a consortium between Oxfam Novib and Hivos. Hivos is the coordinated body in four countries: Indonesia, Philippines, Kenya and Tanzania, while Oxfam coordinates Voice in six: Laos, Cambodia, Uganda, Niger, Mali and Nigeria.
2. CIVIC RIGHTS IN A DIGITAL AGE

Creative Youth for Tolerance program (CREATE)

Creative Youth for Tolerance program (CREATE) is a new initiative designed to improve pluralism and tolerance in schools using art and cultural approaches as an entry point. The objective of CREATE is to improve tolerance and pluralism in schools by strengthening tolerance and pluralism among students and enhancing the role of parents and school committees in supporting tolerance practices. CREATE aims to target seven state high schools in each of the target provinces: West Java, East Java, South Sulawesi and three Islamic senior high schools in one of the above provinces. CREATE is implemented by Hivos who is inspired by humanist values with the support of The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Washington New Partners Initiative (NPI): Conflict Prevention & Recovery Program (CPRP) that focused on collaboration and partnerships that address the issues of the improvement of interreligious and interethnic harmony.
Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS)
Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) Myanmar is a research collaboration program between Hivos and Loughborough University, UK, that aims to provide cost effective modern energy cooking that leads to improved choice of affordable and reliable energy cooking services for consumers. The pre-MECS assessment showed that Myanmar is poised to demonstrate the multiple ways in which battery electric cooking, known as eCook, can be a value-add development intervention. The MECS initiative, therefore, will play a critical role in working on further action research and stakeholder engagement to assess the opportunity to scale up the potential of electric cooking in Myanmar. It also encourages active involvement of local civil society organizations (CSOs) that are leading the movement for renewable energy solutions. MECS is implementing a strategy focused on including the cooking needs of households into the investment and action on ‘access to affordable, reliable, sustainable modern energy for all’.

Towards Indonesia’s Low Carbon Energy (MENTARI)
MENTARI (Towards Indonesia’s Low Carbon Energy) is a four-year programme, officially launched in July 2020. The programme aims to deliver inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction in Indonesia by supporting low carbon energy uptake, focusing on eastern Indonesia. Led by the British Embassy Jakarta, MENTARI works closely with the Government of Indonesia and other stakeholders to improve the enabling environment and drive investment. Hivos delivers small scale renewable energy projects through Demonstration Strand located on Sumba Island, promoting Collaboration and Networking, and Gender and Inclusion throughout all activities. MENTARI is a consortium programme with Palladium International Indonesia and Castlerock Consulting.
The Indonesian Domestic Biogas Programme (IDBP)
The Indonesian Domestic Biogas Programme (IDBP) or known as Biogas Rumah (BIRU) programme is a program managed by Hivos since 2009. In the first year of implementation, this programme was managed and implemented by Hivos with Technical Assistance from SNV - Netherlands’ development organization. IDBP is also supported by the Indonesia Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) as a program that promotes and facilitates the utilization of household biogas by the community through the market mechanism. In 2012, Hivos engaged with Yayasan Rumah Energi (YRE) as the implementer and built cooperation with national as well as local stakeholders, public as well as private entities, interested in taking on essential functions. The IDBP aims to promote the use of biodigesters as a local, sustainable energy source by developing the market while working towards the development of a commercial, market-oriented sector, leading to the creation of jobs. The IDBP seeks to disseminate renewable energy programs through the use of biogas reactors as an energy source and the use of bio-slurry (biogas pulp) as natural fertilizer that can be used to improve soils and crop yields and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers in the farm, which usually poses environmental problems in the long run.

It aims to unite and inspire civil society coalitions for a positive and innovative just transition agenda which needs a new level of civil society leadership by women and youth in East, Southern and Northern Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. The program is implemented by an alliance of 6 organizations: WWF NL, Hivos, SouthSouthNorth, Akina Mama wa Afrika, Shack Dwellers International, Fundación Avina. During the 5 years’ program period the alliance aims to increase ownership of the program by local CSOs. The program is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the “Power of Voices” framework.

Loes Wathershed in Timor Leste
Loes watershed – Sustainable Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project is a 26-month project implementation in 3 municipalities of Liquica, Ermera, and Bobonaro. The project collaborates with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Dili – Timor Leste to empower 180 farmers groups. The project facilitates the farmers group to receive technical trainings about agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and livestock. Farmers are also being empowered to use the available technology as well as the farm management.

Amplifying Voices for Just Climate Action
The five-year strategic objective of the AVJCA program is “By 2025, local civil society groups have claimed a central role as empowered innovators, facilitators and advocates of climate solutions”. The program is about climate justice with intention to build wide societal support for locally shaped climate solutions through an inclusive and rights-based approach. This includes building a broad-based climate alliance at country level, bridging divides (urban-rural, gender, youth), that amplifies voices in new, unusual ways.
FIVE STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

Together with Hivos, our five strategies for change to promote the voices and choices of marginalized people, while strengthening civil society are as follows:

- Supporting frontrunners
- Forging multi-actor initiatives
- Influencing policies and practices
- Moving the middle
- Boosting local ownership

Which strategy we apply, and when, greatly depends on the context and the local organizations we work with. What all our strategies have in common is our expertise in grant making, enabling organizations and movements to reach their goals by distributing funds to them from larger donors and donor countries. This includes ensuring that these funds are spent effectively, transparently and accountably.
WHERE WE WORK

We are an Indonesian national foundation based in Jakarta, Indonesia. Our working area covers four countries: Indonesia, Philippines, Timor Leste and Myanmar.
WORK, COLLABORATE, INNOVATE!