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EU AND KAS WILL LAUNCH PROJECT TO SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN ACEH AND PAPUA

The European Union (EU) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) will launch a one-year project to enhance Democratic Participation and Representation in the two Indonesian provinces of Aceh and Papua through Capacity Building for Local Civil Society Organisations (CSO). The project, funded by the EU under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) – Country-based Support Scheme and by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), will be implemented in three Acehese and three Papuan Regencies.

The project will consist of six major activities. The first one will be to develop different training curricula that correspond with the needs of the CSO from the respective Regencies. The second activity will be the development and publication of training handbooks that shall function as guidelines for future CSO-training activities in Papua and Aceh. Based on the training curricula, resulting from the first activity, the third activity will be the training of local trainers, who then will assist in the frame of the Basic CSO trainings, which will be the fourth activity. The six Basic CSO trainings will take place in six different Regencies in Papua and Aceh. A special focus will be given to the enhancement of women. Two trainings dedicated for women from Papua and Aceh will thus be the fifth component of the activity. The training modules will cover aspects such as Human Rights, Civil Society and participation, Leadership in democracy, Conflict resolution, Gender mainstreaming and women's rights. A project website, to be understood as the sixth element of the project, will cover all major activities of the project. The website will serve as key tool for disseminating information on the project and its outcomes to the public as well as for the distribution of the developed educational and training material.

In order to contribute towards the enhancement of democratic participation and representation at the local government level as well as to the resolution of conflicts in the Indonesian provinces of Aceh and Papua, the project tries to achieve one key result, which is to increase the capacity of members of CSO by providing training and tools to better advocate their interests.

In implementing the project, KAS – a German political foundation that promotes democracy, good governance and rule of law – will work in partnership with Yayasan Kesatuan Pelayanan Kerjasama (SATUNAMA). The project will be launched on 31 January 2011 during a workshop at SATUNAMA in Yogyakarta.

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