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EQUIPPING YOUTH WITH IN-DEMAND SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Graduates of vocational education are the biggest contributors to Indonesia's unemployment rate because they lack the skills they need to meet job market demands. The United States helps equip youth with skills in technology, leadership, and communication to boost employability and on-the-job competence.

Indonesia's booming digital and service economy requires a skilled young workforce that can meet growing consumer demands. Enhancing the ability of local vocational schools to graduate alumni with relevant and marketable skills will put more young people on a pathway to success, benefiting them as individuals and the economy as a whole.

ACCELERATING WORK ACHIEVEMENT AND READINESS FOR EMPLOYMENT 3 (AWARE3)

Through AWARE3, USAID works with local government partners in Jakarta and Surabaya to support 25 vocational high schools to establish and grow partnerships with businesses and improve their curricula. AWARE3 equips teachers with proven soft skills teaching methods and materials so that they can be

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more effective in the classroom. The project also organizes virtual work readiness training and industry classes as well as internships in high-demand industries, including manufacturing, information communications, technology, maritime, creative industries, and tourism.

RESULTS

USAID, through AWARE3, has achieved the following:

- Equipped 300 teachers with virtual teaching tools, such as training modules and teaching strategies, and soft skills to implement work readiness learning curricula (incorporating distance learning);
- Reached 2,700 students with work its readiness curriculum and industry classes through a digital classroom platform; and
- Facilitated collaboration between schools and industry partners for 2,000 students to take up virtual internships.

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