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## IMPROVING LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN PAPUA

Despite large fund transfers from the national government, including the Special Autonomy (*Otsus*) Fund, Papua continues to score second lowest or lowest among Indonesian provinces in all development indicators, including government effectiveness and accountability. Weak local governance and lack of citizen participation, particularly from the Papua Indigenous People (OAP) to local governance processes, remain challenges. The United States and Indonesia are committed to improve the functioning and accountability of the government in Papua.

### **PAPUA COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE (USAID KOLABORASI)**

The USAID Kolaborasi program assists Papua and West Papua to make better use of *Otsus* funding through training and technical assistance for officials in Papua, the national government, and students in such areas as planning, budgeting, and monitoring to improve efficient funds management and respond to the needs of Papuans through accountable and responsive basic public services.

USAID Kolaborasi improves the capacity of local governments to engage OAP in local governance processes while aligning development priorities and leveraging local resources that can benefit local residents.

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In the next five years, USAID Kolaborasi will train and provide coaching on planning and budgeting to provincial planners and will establish a National Working Group (*Pokja*) to strengthen local government's management and public services and accelerate implementation of Papua Development Master Plan (RIPP). USAID Kolaborasi will develop modules for and establish policy boot camps for *Orang Asli Papua*/Indigenous Papuans (OAP). The policy boot camps will improve knowledge and skills of OAPs in planning and budgeting around Papua special autonomy implementation.

USAID Kolaborasi will partner with Cendrawasih University and University of Papua to establish learning centers to train local planners and policy makers in Papua to support the implementation of the newly released RIPP.

## ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Through our work, USAID expects to see improvements in key public services and capacity of the local governments in planning, budgeting, and implementing accountable and responsive public services signified by the following:

- Improved quality of key public service delivery as a result of increased accountable and responsive spending of the Otsus Fund;
- Significant number of indigenous Papuans (*Orang Asli Papua*/OAP) reporting increased satisfaction regarding the quality of public services; and
- Increased number of local government agencies with improved technical skills for drafting annual work plans and overseeing budget allocation and execution

USAID Kolaborasi expects to significantly expand successful initiatives to other areas including new provinces recently established by the Government of Indonesia.

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