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Building trust across
the world's divides

"We cannot change the past, but we can work towards a better future by acknowledging the pain and trauma of history."

Angela Davis

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Message from Trustbuilding Program (TBP) Indonesia Manager



2021 - 2022 has been an incredible journey as a team where we have run a series of TrustBuilding Program (TBP) in four cities; Yogyakarta, Bandung and Makassar. We have successfully run four TBP Camps with follow up activities such as visiting Muslim and Christian leaders, TBP Alumni Gathering with Yoga for healing, Peace walk with group of Indonesian School of Peace and Bandung Lautan Damai with JAKATARUB community. In Makassar, the alumni of TBP Camp held some activities such as Gathering for Quiet Time and sharing, jogging for peace, playing Friends for Life cards & Pest Attack Board game as well as working in a group to design online content to promote peace and trust via social media.

We have also been promoting the ideas of creating a safe space for interreligious and intercultural dialogue using the Pest attack Board game and Friends for Life card as tools for conversations to engage more people to build trust and connections.

TBP year 2 has been successful thanks to the support of the IofC Indonesian team, Donors, facilitators, trainers, volunteers and partners like YIPC, KMAY, MIPG, JAKATARUB, SEKODI and many other individuals and communities. Special thanks to all the participants from the three cities who have joined the TBP.

The TBP enabled young people to be in a safe space to interact and share ideas in a respectful manner in the light of Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue to find healing of historical wounds.

Miftahul Huda
Manager of TBP Indonesia

About Trustbuilding Program

Indonesia is currently the 16th largest economy and headed towards being one of the top ten, stretching across 5,300 km, with the world's fourth largest population, with 1,340 recognised ethnic groups and 87% Muslim, 10% Christian, 3% other faiths population.

Indonesia's 65 million young people aged 10 to 24 comprise 28% of the population. It is a strategic country for economic growth and stability in the Southeast Asian region, but in the last ten years has experienced a number of violent extremist incidents. Intolerant actions such as the rejection of applications to establish houses of worship, violence against minority groups, and resistance towards those with different religious and cultural identities, can be found throughout Indonesia (CONVEY, 2021).

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To respond to those problems, Initiatives of Change Indonesia with the support of Initiatives of Change International and other local partners initiated Trustbuilding Program (TBP) with the goal of young people becoming active to build social cohesion and a culture of peace. In 2021-2022, the TBP was held in four cities [Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Bandung and Makassar]. We recruited 10 trainers, 40 facilitators and 20 volunteers to implement this project.



Indonesian youth involuntarily inherit memories of past violence through their family and community. Often, communal memories of violence stay latent, but are expressed by the dominance of prejudice and stereotypes against the “outgroups.” Although Indonesia is a diverse nation, many of its communities live in single-religious neighborhoods, send their children to single-religious schools and interact socially with people who share their religious identity. While it may seem peaceful, there is a lack of peaceful intercultural interaction as daily activities are conducted mostly in homogeneous settings.

These interlinked problems foster mistrust and marginalization at schools, community and government levels, which lead to alienating behavior and problematic passive tolerance. In several other parts of the community, the memories of violence manifest and escalate into violence which the youth experience first-hand. Segregation becomes a direct post-violence consequence and undermines any true security. If the wounds are left untransformed, a never-ending cycle of violence will persist.

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Problem Statement & Theory of Change:

There is a lack of safe space/place for youth to engage with diverse ideas in a respectful manner to heal historical wounds.

If a safe space for intercultural and interreligious dialogue, inner peace and healing historical wounds are facilitated individually as well as community using a creative media and reflective method. Then young people from different backgrounds of religion and culture will be inspired, equipped and connected and work towards peace and social cohesion.

TBP in Number

		Year 2021	Year 2022
	Direct Beneficiaries	687 people	995 people
	Participants Trained	130 people	165 people
	Activities	25	30
	Media Coverage	5	20
	Volunteers Hours	1415.5	1624.5
	Boardgames	1	2
	Video Documentations	22	13
	Media Learning (QT Book & Moduls, T-Shirt, & Bag)	3	3

Highlight Programs

TBP Camp Yogyakarta

Held in Hotel Wijaya 2 under the mountainous area of Mount Merapi on May 27-29, 2002, Yogyakarta marked its third batch. This time, Keluarga Mahasiswa Advent Yogyakarta (The Family of Yogyakarta Adventist Students, later abbreviated as K MAY) became the collaborator. This partnership was possible as three K MAY members were participants in the two previous batches who later joined the five other alumni as facilitators in this batch.

For this batch, the Yogyakarta team welcomed two Adventist pastors to join as observers. They are Gary Wagner from the United States and Jandri Tarigan from Magelang, Central Java. The Camp was mainly delivered in Indonesian. Hence, interpreter service was provided by the volunteers in order to bridge the language gap.

Although the K MAY members have individually interacted with people of different faith, this Camp marked their first official collaboration as an organization. The members had a huge role in organizing and acquiring fundings for the Program.

The third module, Engaging Everyone in an Honest Conversation, became the most favorite session as it was their chance to discuss sensitive matters.

“Interfaith dialogues are usually conducted among religious leaders in formal seminar-like events. The youth has little involvement in the events other than as audiences. This session is always my favorite as youth are able to actively participate and share each other’s concerns and experiences with honesty and mutual respect,” Zuliyah, a Muslim facilitator, shared his thoughts on the session.



Healing the Historical Wounds was the first runner-up in the most favorite session category. Just like the two previous Camps, the participants were asked to list the historical wounds of their respective community in Yogyakarta.

When presenting the list of events they had written, Stevenson, an Adventist Christian participant, got a chance to tell his experience on one of the listed events. In 2015, the Adventist community was confronted by an Islamic mass organization when they were about to hold a camp. The attackers demanded that they cancel the events even though many people from various cities were ready to attend. As a result, the event was canceled and the children were sent home.

The Quiet Time sessions, even though unable to be conducted as ideal as possible, left a huge impression for the participants as it came third in the category. Yemima, a Christian facilitator, shared that she had been practicing Quiet Time since she was introduced in the first batch. She adopted journaling as her habit as well which she found helpful in navigating her mental health.



TBP Camp Bandung

Following the Yogyakarta Camp, Bandung conducted their first batch on July 29-August 1, 2022 in Ciumbuleuit. Two local communities, Sekolah Damai Indonesia (School of Peace Indonesia, later abbreviated as Sekodi) and Jaringan Kerja Antar Umat Beragama (Interfaith Community Group Network, later abbreviated as Jakatarub), joined the collaboration to conduct the Program.

Compared to the previous cities, Yogyakarta and last year Jakarta, Bandung was more advanced in topics. Privilege was brought up in a more precise, contextual manner by identifying each factor which affected one's privilege. Usually, privilege was just an element which was naturally integrated in conversation without being addressed in a specific, conceptual way.

For some participants, privilege was a new concept. However, the introduction to privilege led to a deeper reflection on their situations. Some participants even expressed that they regretted not being able to do something with their privilege. This session becomes a starting point of reflection for the participants in growing deeper empathy for each other.





As stated in the beginning, this Camp was a collaboration of Initiatives of Change Indonesia with Sekodi and Jakatarub, implying that this kind of project is not new to Bandung. However, the Camp does not lose its color. Just like its tagline, the second module, Healing Historical Wounds, is what makes the Trustbuilding Program distinct.

Many movements in Bandung already talked about history. However, they are authority-oriented instead of personal and community-oriented. The global network of Initiatives of Change allows the reconciliation work in various levels, from personal to global level, which connect the global citizens to strive for peace while working with the local context.

Giving a strong foundation, the first module, Starting with Yourself, the Quiet Time and journaling practice, the Family Group combined with creative tools like board games and cards support a lot of reflection time, especially for personal growth.

The dialogue-driven program allows the participants to connect with themselves as well as with fellow participants in a safe space. For many, the Camp was their first time to open their vulnerabilities up to other people.

“This Camp allows us to explore and show our true self. There is no other Camp like this,” Hobie, a facilitator who is also an active member of Sekodi, shared in an interview.

TBP Camp Makassar

Makassar was the last stop of The Trustbuilding Program 2022. Partnering with Mahabbah Insititute for Peace and Goodness (abbreviated as MIPG) which has been consistently working for interfaith peace in Makassar, the Trustbuilding Camp was successfully held for three days on October 14-16, 2022 in Pantai Wisata Gelasong.

In Makassar, interfaith peace is not a new topic. Many organizations dedicate their works in this area. They even have a local association of interfaith communities which MIPG is a member of.

Since many people are already involved in this area, MIPG's main concern was finding participants outside Makassar, especially those who were personally affected by interfaith violence and those who did not know this issue before at all. It was no surprise that they managed to get a participant who came from Palopo which is located about 370 km away from Makassar.

Even though the prominent theme of the Camp was interfaith peace, according to Aneesah, a Muslim facilitator, the actual highlight was mental health issues. There were some talks on communal historical wounds. However, the mental health element was stronger. It was actually the theme which attracted the participants to join the Camp—and it was executed that way. For example, the Quiet Time guiding question focused on personal historical wounds. The Trustbuilding Camp took all the participants to talk with their inner true self and reflect our life journey.





“Many participants expressed their appreciation and excitement for the mental health theme. At the same time, they also wished to explore the wounds at the communal level deeper. Because of that, they suggest that we have two different Camps with two different themes,” Aneesah added.

In order to make up for the lack of discussions on communal historical wounds, follow-ups were conducted after the Camp ended. One of the follow-ups was Scriptural Reasoning, a method of interfaith dialogue done by reading and reflecting on verses from Abrahamic scripture (in this occasion, the Bible and Quran) of the same topic.

When Riska, one of the participants, shared this activity on her social media as a part of the follow-up program, she received positive feedback from her friends. Some expressed their interest in joining similar activities as her. This feedback made her think of a plan to spread interfaith peace in her college with MIPG as she reflected that prejudice against people of different faith and culture still remains.

Riska's story marks the success of content production as a follow-up program in Makassar. In fact, the facilitators have been working hard in meeting all required outputs. In the beginning, they managed to receive a lot of essays which were required for registration. It was such an achievement considering that Makassar people, according to Aneesah, would rather not write essays to register for such a program, especially when they have to pay to participate.

They also managed to collect Stories of Change from all facilitators and participants which the other previous cities did not make. Despite having no proper guideline in content production, the Makassar team did their best in facilitating, which eventually resulted in a good promotion and campaign for them.

For this, the Makassar has such a strong teamwork. They build a structure which allows a solid coordination among them. While the other cities struggled in collecting outputs, Makassar made sure to always update the list of individuals who already submitted and those who had not. Every facilitator also reached out to their Family Group members to get every name checked. This strategy works as Makassar becomes the only team with lively follow-ups and complete output collection in 2022.

Tools & Media



One word about TBP Camp



Location	TBP's topic is relevant to my needs	Participation and interaction during TBP camp has run well	TBP camp experiences is useful for my life
Yogyakarta	77%	71%	77%
Makassar	95%	94%	97%
Bandung	93%	90%	94%

Most Significance Story of Change



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Documentation & Media Coverage



The TBP Indonesia has been covered by 25 media sources, including on national TV.
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Financial Statement

Fundraised

Grant Writing:	IofC International	USD 17,766.51
	The Netherlands	USD 2,492.37
	Sweden	USD 6,905.73
Training		USD 683.86
Merchandise		USD 562.30

Expenses

Program Expenses	USD 13,948
Program Support Expenses	USD 11,511

In Kind Contribution	USD 616,88
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