

INOVASI Insights is a digest of updates, highlights and content from the Innovation for Indonesia's School Children (INOVASI) program. Partnering with the Ministry of Education and Culture, INOVASI is finding out what does and doesn't work to improve student learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy across Indonesia






## Partnerships for Learning Seminar, Bali

In the spirit of knowledge sharing and learning, in May INOVASI hosted a three-day 'Partnerships for Learning' education seminar in Bali, Indonesia. Held during Indonesia's National Education month, and attended by more than 200 education practitioners, NGOs and government stakeholders from across Indonesia, the seminar featured a range of key education innovators who shared their experiences and approaches to improving the quality of literacy and numeracy in basic education.

Key presenters included Indonesia Mengajar, Tanoto Foundation, Australian based organisation Indigenous to Indigenous (I2I), The Asia Foundation, Room to Read, Rainbow Reading Gardens, InIBudi, Save the Children, Yayasan Sulinama, and local Bali based organisations YLAI and the Green School.

The seminar clearly demonstrated the strength and diversity of the non-government sector, along with the readiness of organisations to support government in improving basic education. Nearly 400 organizations responded to a call for expressions of interest issued by INOVASI in January 2018. Of these, 48 were short-listed for the small grant program and invited to attend the seminar. 18 organisations have now been selected for the grant program, to commence in the second half of 2018.

-  Partnerships for Learning reflections article
-  Event photo album
-  Speaker vox pops

-  Highlights video
-  Kompas news article (Bahasa Indonesia only)
-  Interview with Pratham's Devyani Pershad, hosted by the Semua Murid Semua Guru network



## Temu INOVASI in Surabaya and Jakarta

INOVASI held well attended Temu INOVASI education forums in Surabaya on 26th April, and Jakarta on 24th May. Both forums focused on the sharing of promising education practices explored during the education innovation stock-take study conducted in late 2017 and early 2018. This study investigated over 180 individual initiatives across the province and identified 27 worthy of more detailed study and documentation.

The events were well supported by provincial and national government. In Surabaya, attendees included the Governor of East Java Bapak Soekarwo, Head of the Education Assessment Centre under the Research and Development Body (Puspendik, Balitbang) Moch. Abduh, Australian Consul-General in Surabaya Chris Barnes, Head of the East Java Education Office Saiful Rachman, and Head of the East Java Regional Development Planning Agency (Bappeda) Budi Setiawan

-  East Java stock take videos
-  Temu INOVASI East Java vox pops
-  East Java Stock take promising practices booklet (Bahasa Indonesia only)
-  Temu INOVASI East Java highlights video
-  Kompas.com news article (Bahasa Indonesia only)





## BOSDA in North Kalimantan

As a district partner, INOVASI has been working with Bulungan since late 2017 to support the growth of this literacy movement. As activities have progressed, so too has Bulungan's support for building a stronger reading culture. Recently, the district became the first region in Indonesia to fund student reading books with BOSDA, local funding under the School Operational Assistance program. The funding allocation has been factored into Bulungan's regional budget planning.

Under this new district policy, each school is required to purchase a wide range of books, including novels, story books, comics, and books on history, literature and general knowledge topics. Schools are required to spend the BOSDA budget to provide at least five new books with five different titles each year. The availability of these books is expected to foster a reading culture for 24,094 Bulungan students in 778 primary schools and 245 junior high schools.

INOVASI is now continuing this policy discussion with government stakeholders at the national level.

-  Bulungan uses BOSDA funding to supply reading books in schools
-  Devex article on INOVASI's literacy work in North Kalimantan and language transition pilots in Bima and East Sumba

## Educator Community of Practice Launch

During National Education Month, we launched a new digital educator community of practice (COP), in the form of an interactive Facebook group. This group reflects INOVASI's aim to become a knowledge broker and partner in the sharing of education resources and ideas. The purpose of the COP will be to create a channel that can better enable two-way dialogue and the cross sharing of content and ideas between educators and practitioners in Indonesia, particularly in promoting innovation in learning. This includes district and classroom level innovation born from local context and challenges.

To ensure collaboration and sustainability, INOVASI has arranged for the COP to be 'co-facilitated', meaning that nominated representatives from relevant education organisations act as group administrators. Confirmed co-facilitators include MOEC ICT Centre (Pusat Teknologi dan Komunikasi, or Pustekkom), Save the Children Indonesia, Rainbow Reading Gardens, IniBudi, The Asia Foundation, and Indonesia Mengajar.

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## NTB Innovations Drive

Following the high level of interest in the 2017 NTB Innovations Drive, we have now launched the competition for a second time in NTB. Submissions are open to primary school teachers in all 10 NTB districts. We are calling for innovative teaching ideas in literacy, numeracy or socially inclusive education. Submissions must be practical, scalable, and locally driven and close on 31st August. A judging panel will shortlist and then select final winners, prior to the announcement ceremony in November. The judging panel will include both INOVASI education technical representatives, and local government. Winners will be chosen based on clear selection criteria, including demonstrated results and positive impact, potential for scale up and use by other teachers, and cost effectiveness. Following the announcement in November, INOVASI will run a dissemination campaign, documenting the winning education practices.

 [NTB Innovations Drive submission page](#)

 2017 winner: Amiruddin, Dompu

 2017 winner: Husni, Bima

 2017 winner: Dewi, West Sumbawa











## Building local capacity

Growing local capacity and ownership is key to the long-term outcomes of INOVASI. In all partner provinces, various local actors (including teachers, principals, supervisors, NGO members, journalists and local government public relations representatives) have been selected and trained as local facilitators (FasDa). These facilitators support key program functions at the district level, including pilot workshops, monitoring and evaluation data collection, and communications documentation. Since January 2018, more than 200 local facilitators have been trained and engaged in partner districts. Training has covered key areas like the PDIA approach, pilot themes, GESI and child protection.



## Pilot Updates: Stories from the Field

Catch up on some of our latest stories from the field:

-  Active learning in East Sumba
-  Learning more about inclusive education in Central Lombok
-  Early grade teachers in Southwest Sumba make innovative new learning tools
-  Innovating to develop student literacy skills in North Lombok
-  Primary school inspires a reading culture in Bulungan
-  Exploring literacy problems and learning solutions in North Kalimantan
-  INOVASI supports Dompu government to develop education roadmap
-  INOVASI shares good education practices at IDF in Solo






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