

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



New partnerships with North Kalimantan and East Nusa Tenggara

In late 2017, INOVASI's Australia – Indonesia partnership was launched in both Sumba, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) and North Kalimantan. The Sumba MoU signing took place on 2nd November at the Governor's Office in Kupang, NTT, between the NTT Governor Frans Lebu Raya, and the Head of the Research and Development Agency (Balitbang) Dr.Totok Suprayitno. The signing was witnessed by Michelle Lowe, Counsellor for Human Development from the Australian Embassy in Jakarta. Meanwhile, the North Kalimantan MoU signing took place in Jakarta on 12th December at the Ministry of Education and Culture, between the North Kalimantan Governor Dr.Irianto Lambrie and Dr.Totok Suprayitno. The signing was witnessed by Fleur Davies, Minister Counsellor of Governance and Human Development from the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.



Jakarta Post article, NTT MoU Signing



North Kalimantan fact sheet (Bahasa Indonesia only)



Education Innovations in East Java

In East Java, INOVASI is adopting a different approach to other provinces. INOVASI will instead build on an education innovation stock-take study conducted in late 2017 and early 2018, which investigated over 180 individual initiatives across the entire province and identified 24 promising practices worthy of more detailed study. From these initiatives, INOVASI will jointly select the most promising for support in 2018. The stock take aims to document innovation and promising basic education practices, and understand in what context the innovations are successful and sustainable.

The documentation of the top six practices took place in December 2017, and results were shared at the co-hosted Jambore Inovasi forum in Surabaya on 4th December with KOMPAK, JawaPos and GLZ.



East Java Stock take videos (Bahasa Indonesia only)



East Java Stock take promising practices booklet (Bahasa Indonesia only)



Temu INOVASI in NTB

During the November 2017 – January 2018 period, district level Temu INOVASI forums were held in Bima, Dompu and Central Lombok, three partner districts in NTB. Selected teachers from INOVASI pilots, including Guru BAIK, were invited to share their innovative ideas and teaching practices with local government stakeholders.

Watch the videos to learn more about their classroom ideas:



Bima promising practices video



Dompu promising practices video



Central Lombok promising practices video

NTB Pilot Updates

The latter half of 2017 was a key period for INOVASI, with five pilots in planning and design phase across six NTB partner districts. From 13-14 February 2018, INOVASI stakeholders at the district and provincial level gathered in Mataram at a Dissemination Workshop to learn more about the findings and learnings from the pre-pilot phase. The pre-pilot is a small-scale program (e.g one class, a small number of schools or cluster), which is conducted over 3 months. Ideas and solutions are tested and tried out, prior to the full pilot design and implementation. Earlier in February, INOVASI also presented a pilot update from SETARA (children with learning disabilities) to central and regional stakeholders in Jakarta.

Read more NTB pilot updates:

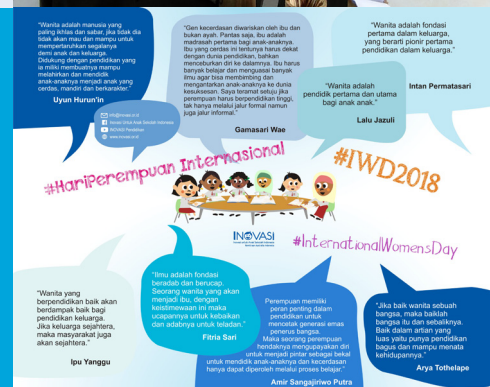
-  NTB Dissemination workshop story
-  SETARA validation and reflection workshop story
-  Featured Jakarta Post article on PERMATA pilot, foundational numeracy
-  Featured Sydney Morning Herald article on Ibu Dewi, Guru BAIK teacher



Celebrating International Mother Language and International Women's Days

INOVASI marked International Mother Language Day (21st February) with some reflections from our GEMBIRA (transition from mother tongue) pilot. For International Women's Day (8th March), we ran a mini digital drive on our Facebook page, asking our online teacher audience why educating women and girls is important.

-  IWD responses on Facebook
-  GEMBIRA pilot DevPolicy blog



Media Engagement in Sumba, NTT

To support pilot implementation, we place sharing and dissemination at the core of program activities. Local media stakeholders play a key role in helping to spread promising education practices and learnings experienced by teachers at the classroom level. From 20-21 February 2018, key journalists and government public relations staff from across all districts of Sumba Island and from provincial level publications and government in Kupang, came together at an INOVASI Media Engagement Workshop. At the end of the workshop, a new media education community of practice was formed ('SPJ2-NTT'), with two journalists volunteering as group leaders.

-  Media Engagement workshop story



Stories from the Field

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

-  Formative Assessment in NTB
-  Bulungan uses BOSDA funding to supply reading books
-  Exploring local challenges and solutions in East Sumba
-  Local facilitators learn a new way of problem solving in North Kalimantan



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