




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 (MoEC) and Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA), INOVASI is working to strengthen learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy across Indonesia, and address Indonesia's current teaching and learning crisis. It does this by co-designing and piloting solutions to the challenge of improving teaching and learning outcomes in local contexts. An investment in basic education is an investment in economic stability and a healthy and productive generation and workforce.

Temu INOVASI in Jakarta: multi-grade teaching and learning

INOVASI hosted its second national Temu INOVASI forum in Jakarta on 15 May 2019. With more than 80 attendees from a cross section of the education community and national government, the event was held in partnership with MoEC's Research and Development Agency (Balitbang) in the ministry library.

Held in acknowledgement of National Education Day (falling on 2 May 2019), our May topic explored the challenges and opportunities for multi-grade teaching and learning in Indonesia. We reflected on emerging evidence and policy support from INOVASI's multi-grade pilot in Probolinggo, East Java – as well as sharing stakeholder perspectives from other remote areas like Sumba Island, where multi-grade teaching is often necessary but without adequate guidance.



Presenters, including teachers, local and national government representatives, and the Technical Assistance for Education Systems Strengthening (TASS) program, shared promising education practices, and their ideas for how to better support and implement a multi-grade approach across Indonesia.

-  Probolinggo multi-grade video (Bahasa Indonesia)
-  Kompas news article, May 2019 (Bahasa Indonesia)
-  Temu INOVASI PPT materials

INOVASI launches seven new pilots with prominent Islamic associations

In late 2018, INOVASI signed partnership agreements with prominent Islamic associations Ma'arif Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) Educational Institute and Muhammadiyah. The agreements represent new partnerships to broaden and sustain activities that strengthen educational quality and improve Indonesian student learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy – particularly in the early grades. At the primary school level, Muhammadiyah runs a large number of primary schools under the Ministry of Education and Culture, while Ma'arif NU works with madrasah under the Ministry of Religious Affairs.




In March 2019, INOVASI commenced seven new grant funded pilots with both organisations in East Java. These new pilots focus on early grade literacy and numeracy and were formally launched at two events in Surabaya in May.

-  Muhammadiyah launch press release
-  Ma'arif NU launch press release

Policy change in Batu, a literacy city

In a recently published report, we explore the case of policy making in Batu City, East Java. As an INOVASI partner district, Batu recently implemented its Mayor regulation for literacy – the Peraturan Walikota Literasi. The report describes and analyses the key conditions around the policy making process, including government influence and engagement, stakeholder involvement, policy drafting, and guidelines for implementation.

The Mayor showed her ongoing support at a district level Temu INOVASI in May, where students, teachers and local government representatives were invited to celebrate National Education Day and attend an INOVASI led literacy talk show.

-  Report on Perwali Batu, the Mayor's regulation on Batu as a literacy city
-  Batu literacy promising practices pilot video (Bahasa Indonesia)
-  Batu Temu INOVASI press release



Inclusive education in East Sumba

In September 2018, INOVASI commenced 27 grant-funded pilots, with 18 new grant partners. This grants initiative is a key part of our approach to expanding and strengthening engagement with Indonesia's non-governmental education sector. One of these grant partners is CIS Timor, working to strengthen school capacity and inclusive education in East Sumba, an INOVASI partner district in East Nusa Tenggara province. Working with nine schools in Rindi sub-district, the CIS program focuses on training in inclusive education, inclusive community involvement, and coalitions for change.

In a recent series of articles and videos, CIS partner teachers and community members share their pilot experience so far.

Said May Nggiri, grandmother to 10-year Marvel, "I have cared for my grandson Marvel since he was a baby. He is now 10 and has always had a speech and hearing disability. We live in Rindi village, and I am so happy that we were able to join this CIS Timor pilot to learn more about parenting and learning for children with disabilities. This is very relevant for us."

 CIS Timor videos

 CIS Timor stories from the field



Government commitment to scale out in East Nusa Tenggara

At the June provincial Steering Committee in Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, sustainability and scale out were key agenda items. INOVASI district partners from Sumba Island shared pilot progress so far, including positive changes for teaching and learning at the classroom and teacher working group level.







Said the head of the ministry's assessment centre, Pak Moch. Abduh, "The INOVASI team will provide direction on how the Sumba District Government can take over the pilot program results into routine operational tasks in Schools, Teacher Working Groups (KKG), Principal Working Groups (KKKS), and Education Offices in each district. The Ministry of Education and Culture is still one of the main partners ready to facilitate and support this process."

 NTT Steering Committee meeting press release



Pilot Updates: Stories from the Field

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

-  Improving numeracy learning outcomes in Sumenep
-  Making reading fun in Kalamok Village, North Kalimantan
-  A reading culture emerges in a remote school in West Sumba
-  Building a movement of innovative teachers in West Sumbawa
-  The role of parents in the learning process
-  Learning to read in North Lombok



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