

CASE STUDY: SURABAYA



SURABAYA URBAN PILOT PROJECT

Urbanisation is a global megatrend that is changing the aid and development landscape. The world's population is already over half 'urban', with more than one billion people living in slums.

World Vision has established a Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming that is leading urban pilot projects in six countries. The pilots are testing innovative, locally-driven urban poverty solutions such as securing urban land rights, influencing municipal policy implementation, and creating livelihood opportunities – with children and youth leading change in their communities.

The Surabaya Urban Pilot Project contributes towards the development of pro-child policies in Surabaya through the promotion of child voice and participation in the urban context.



Project name:

Urban Surabaya Transformation and Research (U-STAR)

Start date:

July 2009

Direct project participants:

1,200 children and youth

Surabaya metro total population:

5,622,259 (2010)

Proportion of national urban population in slums:

26.3% (2005 est.)

Annual urban population growth rate:

4% (2001 est.)

Projected national urban population by 2030:

192,805,100

(Source: UNDESA Population Division, 2008)

BACKGROUND - CHILD FRIENDLY VILLAGE AND CITY

"The underlying issue is that our voices are not being heard. We need to have our voices heard." – This was the clear message from the children of Pegirian and the motivation for World Vision's urban pilot project in Indonesia. The project is based in the village of Pegirian, in Surabaya, Indonesia's second largest city. Located close to Surabaya's main shipping port and the Madura Strait, Pegirian attracts many migrants seeking better economic opportunities.

Poor sanitation and environmental conditions, early marriage, violence and school drop outs were identified by children as some of the major issues affecting their community. However the primary concern expressed by the children was their lack of voice and participation in decisions that affect their lives.

The development of the "Child Friendly Village" concept has been selected by the children as the vehicle for opening up opportunities to engage with decision-makers and promote child rights.

PROJECT APPROACH

The project works at two levels to develop the foundation for pro-child policies:

- Village-level (Pegirian): 1 village in 1 Sub-district of Surabaya, covering the whole slum neighborhood, consisting of 11 sectors of 99 clusters. Approximately 4,702 households are considered poor.
- City-level (Surabaya Municipality): A city-wide network called Surabaya Kota Layak Anak has been formed, consisting of 9 NGOs and 10 government departments.

At the village level, World Vision is working with children's groups to support their ability to express their opinions and contribute to the development of Pegirian as active citizens.

Adults and community leaders are encouraged to support the meaningful participation of children through raising awareness about child rights, and assisting local authorities in the development of a Child Friendly Village framework for Pegirian. The children have identified seven indicators of the Child Friendly Village:

1. Environment is clean, healthy and free from tobacco
2. Environment is safe for the children. Children are free from being abused (verbally and physically), not forced to work and enter early marriage
3. Children are respected and allowed to be involved in decision-making
4. Parents support their children in their education
5. Parents pay more attention to children's needs
6. In the community there are people that have creative minds and are open towards innovation
7. The village level government supports the development of a Child Friendly Village and ensures that it happens

At the city level, World Vision is working with the Municipal coordinating body for Community Planning to implement the Child Friendly City framework and develop pro-child policies in Surabaya.

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PROJECT GOAL: To contribute towards the development of pro-child policies in Surabaya through the promotion of child voice and participation in the urban context.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

1. Effective pro-urban poor policies are developed for an urban Child Friendly City.
2. Children become agents of change.
3. Increased community mobilisation on promoting a Child Friendly City and Village.
4. World Vision Indonesia approach to urban programming is relevant, adaptive and responsive.

PROJECT PHASE: June 2010 - July 2012

PROGRESS TO DATE

- The project has created opportunities for children to present their thoughts and ideas to local leaders. For example, children were trained in using digital cameras to take pictures which expressed who they were, their place in their local community and hopes for the future.
- A Child Rights Bill has been passed in the Surabaya legislative body, following many months of lobbying by local NGO groups with the support of the WV Indonesia project. The legislation includes social welfare protection for children affected by trafficking, children that are neglected, victims of sexual exploitation or child labour, and street children.
- A Surabaya Child Friendly City working group has been established by regulation that includes roles and responsibilities of government line ministries.



Homes along the railway track in Pegirian.

"Me and my friends" - Children's photography from Surabaya.



KEY LESSONS LEARNED

- Equipping children with skills in public speaking has helped them to confidently express themselves and led to adults being more attentive to their concerns and ideas.
- Linking children and community leaders to other contacts and networks has encouraged their growth of confidence and reduced dependency on World Vision.
- Involving community representatives in the recruitment of a development facilitator has led to a greater level of community ownership of the project and trust.
- Other World Vision urban programs in Surabaya, Jakarta, and Sulawesi have adopted the Child Friendly City concept into planning with government agencies.

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