

Memoir of the Ford Foundation in Indonesia, 1953-1973

The Ford Foundation played a significant role in Indonesia's development during the two decades following its independence from the Netherlands in 1949. This memoir, written by a former Ford Foundation representative in Indonesia, provides a first-hand account of the Foundation's work in the country. It offers insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by the Foundation, as well as its impact on Indonesian society.



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Education

One of the Ford Foundation's primary areas of focus in Indonesia was education. The Foundation provided grants to universities and research institutions, supported the development of new educational programs, and helped to train Indonesian teachers. The Foundation's work in education

helped to lay the foundation for Indonesia's rapid economic growth in the decades that followed.

One of the most successful Ford Foundation-supported education programs in Indonesia was the University Development Program. This program provided grants to universities to help them improve their teaching and research facilities, as well as their curricula. The University Development Program helped to strengthen Indonesian universities and make them more competitive on the international stage.

The Ford Foundation also supported the development of new educational programs in Indonesia. For example, the Foundation provided grants to establish the Faculty of Economics at the University of Indonesia and the Faculty of Agriculture at the Bogor Agricultural University. These programs helped to meet the growing demand for trained professionals in Indonesia.

In addition to supporting universities, the Ford Foundation also provided grants to teacher training colleges in Indonesia. These grants helped to improve the quality of teaching in Indonesian schools and to increase the number of qualified teachers.

Agriculture

Another area of focus for the Ford Foundation in Indonesia was agriculture. The Foundation provided grants to support research on new agricultural technologies, helped to establish agricultural cooperatives, and provided training for Indonesian farmers. The Foundation's work in agriculture helped to increase Indonesia's food production and to improve the livelihoods of farmers.

One of the most successful Ford Foundation-supported agricultural programs in Indonesia was the Food Crops Intensification Program. This program provided grants to farmers to help them adopt new agricultural technologies, such as high-yielding varieties of rice and fertilizer. The Food Crops Intensification Program helped to increase Indonesia's rice production by more than 50%.

The Ford Foundation also supported the establishment of agricultural cooperatives in Indonesia. These cooperatives helped farmers to market their products and to obtain inputs, such as seeds and fertilizer. The agricultural cooperatives also provided farmers with training and technical assistance.

In addition to supporting farmers, the Ford Foundation also provided grants to agricultural research institutions in Indonesia. These grants helped to fund research on new agricultural technologies, such as disease-resistant crops and drought-tolerant varieties.

Population Control

The Ford Foundation was also involved in population control efforts in Indonesia. The Foundation provided grants to support research on family planning, helped to establish family planning clinics, and provided training for family planning workers. The Foundation's work in population control helped to reduce Indonesia's birth rate and to improve the health of mothers and children.

One of the most successful Ford Foundation-supported population control programs in Indonesia was the Family Planning Program. This program provided grants to family planning clinics and to community-based

organizations to provide family planning services to Indonesian women. The Family Planning Program helped to increase the use of contraception in Indonesia and to reduce the birth rate.

The Ford Foundation also supported research on family planning in Indonesia. This research helped to identify the factors that influenced Indonesian women's fertility and to develop more effective family planning methods.

Democratization

In addition to its work in education, agriculture, and population control, the Ford Foundation also played a role in democratization efforts in Indonesia. The Foundation provided grants to support the development of independent media, the strengthening of civil society organizations, and the promotion of human rights. The Foundation's work in democratization helped to lay the foundation for Indonesia's transition to democracy in the late 1990s.

One of the most successful Ford Foundation-supported democratization programs in Indonesia was the Media Development Program. This program provided grants to independent media outlets and to journalists to help them produce objective and balanced news coverage. The Media Development Program helped to strengthen Indonesia's media and to promote freedom of expression.

The Ford Foundation also supported the development of civil society organizations in Indonesia. These organizations played a vital role in promoting democracy and human rights. The Ford Foundation provided

grants to civil society organizations to support their work in areas such as legal aid, human rights education, and environmental protection.

In addition to supporting independent media and civil society organizations, the Ford Foundation also provided grants to promote human rights in Indonesia. These grants supported human rights education programs, legal aid clinics, and research on human rights issues.

The Ford Foundation played a significant role in Indonesia's development during the two decades following its independence from the Netherlands. The Foundation's work in education, agriculture, population control, and democratization helped to lay the foundation for Indonesia's rapid economic growth and its transition to democracy.

The Ford Foundation's memoir of its work in Indonesia is a valuable resource for scholars and policymakers interested in Indonesia's development. The memoir provides insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by the Foundation, as well as its impact on Indonesian society.



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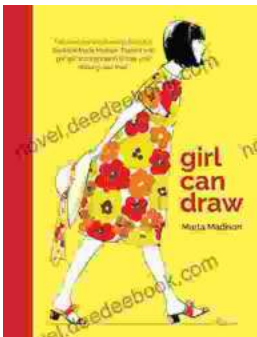
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