

PRESS RELEASE



Goethe-Institut and the German Federal Foreign Office offer International Relief Fund for organizations in culture and education

The Goethe-Institut and the German Federal Foreign Office are offering an International Relief Fund in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The relief fund is intended for cultural and educational organizations outside Germany, including Indonesia, whose commitment is key to artistic freedom and pluralistic society.

The International Relief Fund was initiated in the summer of 2020 with the support of other intermediary organizations. It contributed to maintaining the structures of cultural partners outside of Germany and to strengthening social diversity and local cultural life.

A jury selected 141 projects for funding from more than 440 applications from 75 countries. Projects from the African continent, the Near and Middle East, Central and Southeast Asia as well as Eastern and South-eastern Europe and South America were supported.

Due to its huge success in 2020, the German Federal Foreign Office, Goethe-Institut and its consortium partners have agreed to continue the funding in 2021. The German Federal Foreign Office has doubled the funds to around €6 million (approx. IDR 105 billion). This allowed the maximum individual funding to be increased to €30,000 (around IDR 525 million). Goethe-Institut is again managing the entire coordination of the fund. Other members of the consortium in 2021 include the S. Fischer Foundation and the Robert Bosch Foundation, which provides additional funds.

Application in Indonesia

Applications can already be submitted to the International Relief Fund and will be accepted until 7 May 2021. Applications are possible by applying via Goethe-Institut Indonesien through the following email: relieffundindonesia@goethe.de. The funding period is from September 2021 to February 2022.

“Most Indonesian cultural organizations rely on income that was lost in the pandemic. With this relief program we hope to preserve fragile structures and thus the richness of the Indonesian cultural landscape,” says Dr. Ingo Schöningh, Head of Cultural Programs at Goethe-Institut Indonesien, Friday (16/4/2021).

Fundable organizations must meet numerous criteria. These include, among other things, the following: experience in contributing to safeguarding artistic freedom and pluralistic society; working successfully as an organization for at least three years; work restricted due to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic; other sources of funding are unavailable for developing into the future.

The organizations must already be known to the Goethe-Institut, the German Embassy, the S. Fischer Foundation or the Robert Bosch Foundation through previous collaboration. This must be established and confirmed in the “Institutional Statement” of the application for funding.

The decision on funding will be conducted by several juries comprised of representatives of the consortium of the International Aid Fund 2021 and external jurors with regional expertise.

For more detailed information on the International Relief Fund, visit www.goethe.de/indonesien.

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