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Citi Indonesia and Plan Indonesia Foster Food Security Program in East Nusa Tenggara through Youth-Led Agri-Food

Soe, 1 March 2024 — In an effort to support food security and economic recovery amid global challenges, Citi Indonesia, in partnership with Plan Indonesia, announced the launch of the Youth-Led Agri-Food program to support young people in improving food security in remote areas, especially Soe, which has the highest stunting rate in East Nusa Tenggara at 48.3%.

Ensuring sufficient food supplies has becoming a challenge in Indonesia as one of the countries with the largest population in the world. According to data from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2022, there were approximately 16.2 million people in Indonesia who still experienced hunger or food insecurity. The Study on Nutritional Status in Indonesia (SSGI) in 2022 also highlighted a high national prevalence of stunting at 21.6%.

Puni Ayu Anjungsari, Country Head of Public Affairs Citi Indonesia, said “Citi is committed to actively contribute to the communities where we work, including Indonesia. In line with Indonesian Government’s roadmap to achieve sustainable Indonesian food security toward 2025 and reduce the prevalence of stunting to 14% by 2024. Through this program we will help build a more robust food system by strengthening the capacity of the youth in Soe to produce sustainable and nutritious food, while simultaneously enhancing the economic capacity of young farmers in Soe.”

The program will run until 2025 and provide training for 400 young farmers in 25 villages in the South Central Timor Regency, the majority of whom are women. The training will cover sustainable farming and livestock methods, providing young people with the knowledge and skills needed to establish environmentally friendly food supply businesses.

A study from Citi Global Perspective & Solutions found that the estimated economic impact of malnutrition on the global economy could be as high as \$3.5 trillion per year— stemming from record high food prices and other macro-economic. Citi and Citi Foundation are actively contributing to address this challenge by leveraging our business, human resources, and philanthropic to support innovative global solutions. These efforts involve mobilizing capital and financing the global food systems, including the Youth-Led Agri-Food program in Soe.

“Plan Indonesia has been working for over 20 years in the South Timor Tengah Regency, including Soe, to improve the lives of the local communities. Through the support of Citi Foundation, we aim to enhance the quality of life, strengthen the economic capacity of young farmers, especially women, in the South Central Timor region. We have collaborated with experts from local universities and the Green Skill committee, enabling the youth in Soe to lead healthy lives and contribute to the income and economy of their families,” said **Dini Widiastuti, Executive Director of Plan Indonesia**.

The Youth-Led Agri-Food program aims to increase food availability and improve the quality of life for local communities, enhancing the capabilities of young farmers to produce healthy agricultural products and addressing the issue of stunting in the Soe region.

Furthermore, Plan Indonesia and its partners are committed to optimizing less productive land to enable young farmers to shorten food production processes, making it more accessible to local communities.

About Citi Foundation

The Citi Foundation works to promote economic progress and improve the lives of people in low-income communities around the world. We invest in efforts that increase financial



inclusion, catalyze job opportunities for youth, and reimagine approaches to building economically vibrant communities. The Citi Foundation's "More than Philanthropy" approach leverages the enormous expertise of Citi and its people to fulfill our mission and drive thought leadership and innovation. For more information, visit www.citifoundation.com.

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In 2024, Citi Indonesia received prestigious recognitions as Digital Bank of The Year, Best Bank for Sustainable Finance, Best Bond Adviser, Best Green Bond, and Best Convertible Bond from The Asset Magazine.

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About Yayasan Plan International Indonesia (Plan Indonesia)

Since 1969, Plan International has operated in Indonesia; in 2017, it changed its name to the Yayasan Plan International Indonesia (Plan Indonesia). We seek to advance girls' equality and realize children's rights. We also work with young people to enable meaningful engagement in life decisions.

Plan Indonesia, a subsidiary of Plan International Inc., runs a major child sponsorship program. In East Nusa Tenggara, Plan Indonesia has fostered 36,000 boys and girls with five pledges to uphold their fundamental rights: the right to birth certificates, essential vaccinations, clean water, sanitation, and cleanliness, as well as education.

Plan Indonesia operates in eight provinces through seven thematic programs, including Climate Resilience Led by Youth, Disaster Preparedness and Gender Responsive Humanitarian Response, Youth Health, Elimination of Violence against Children and Youth, Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, and Resilient Schools.



These initiatives seek to strengthen the ability of social movements to engage and focus on 3 million girls to have equal representation, equal power, and equal freedom. For further details: plan-international.or.id

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