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INDONESIAN CAMPAIGN UPDATE

LION and APHEDA have signed a MoU for the 2022/23 FY which will take our collaboration through to the end of our 3-year Agreement.

This year LION is focusing on strengthening grassroots organizations as a base for advanced advocacy about asbestos related diseases. They have set themselves the objective of national asbestos policy reform through strengthened public and victim awareness, willingness, and participation in the Ban Asbestos movement. They will achieve this by increasing awareness of policymakers that dust is harmful to public health and pressure will be applied to the policymakers with active involvement of cross-sectoral organisations from victims, workers, consumers, universities, and society in the campaign to ban asbestos in Indonesia.

APHEDA's Asbestos Campaign Coordinator undertook a monitoring visit to Jakarta and Bandung. He was warmly welcomed and accommodated by LION staff and volunteers. The project, whilst experiencing some Covid 19 related hurdles, has progressed well and the monitoring found that while there are a few skills gaps which APHEDA will assist with, otherwise they are operationally, financially, and programmatically on track.



In addition to LION's project and financial monitoring, the Asbestos Campaign Coordinator met with the Dean of Health Sciences at Binawan University to discuss a possible pilot project. The Dean of Health Sciences is very keen to facilitate a pilot study using the Uni as the test subject (the Uni is riddled with asbestos) and they would also be prepared to establish an "asbestos centre" in their medical clinic. They need technical experts in the field of radiology to help set up. APHEDA will explore possible AVI collaboration and the Dean, with the assistance of Dr. Anna Suraya and LION's Chairperson, Mr. Darisman, is drafting a concept note for APHEDA to help pursue funding opportunities.

Further, the Asbestos Campaign Coordinator met the Australian Embassy's Deputy Ambassador and the Head of Infrastructure along with the Programme Director of LION, Mr. Surya Ferdian, to discuss the potential of the Embassy to provide in-kind support to help raise up the process of establishing an Indonesian National Asbestos Profile and Roadmap to ban asbestos. Discussions continue and another meeting is scheduled in September. Further, the Embassy raised the issue of the proposed new capital city – Nusantara. Indonesia envisions its future capital of Nusantara to be a sustainable city. According to the Embassy, Australia will be playing a role in planning and designing infrastructure. We will continue discussions with the Embassy and other civil society actors about any opportunities.



LION also submitted their annual report for 2021/22. It was another Covid impacted year, however LION still managed to achieve a number of results and undertake important activities. In 2021-2022, LION Indonesia started implementing the program strategy "Improving Asbestos Policy Through Public Recognition". This theme was chosen

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from the results of an evaluation of LION Indonesia's external environmental conditions and internal resources. The strategy of this program was divided into 3 sub-programs:

1. Protection Policy for Worker and Consumers in OSH, Asbestos and Pandemic Covid-19 Situation

In addition to INABAN coordination meetings, LION Indonesia initiated cooperation with other INABAN members, including:

- Joint participatory research such as sampling and testing potential asbestos containing materials



Sampling & Testing Potential ACM (Asbestos Containing Materials)



National Workshop Indonesia - Asbestos National Profile and Roadmap of National Action Plan (NAP) on Elimination of Asbestos Related Diseases (ARDs) (June 21, 2022)

- Research on asbestos related diseases and asbestos containing material.
- Joint Seminars and training facilities
- Drafting National Action Plan (NAP) on Elimination of Asbestos Related Diseases (ARDs) and drafting Indonesia National Asbestos Profile
- Joint Advocacy on Asbestos Exposed Workers and Consumer Lawsuits
- Joint Campaigning

2. Act Together to strengthen advocacy from victims, workers, and the public

In 2021-2022, LION Indonesia will focus on developing victim organizations in the cities of Karawang and Bekasi in West Java and Demak in Central Java. For example, they targeted PT NBI, a national private company which is engaged in industrial building material products such as symmetrical corrugated asbestos chrysotile cement fibre sheets. PT NBI has been operating since 2003 and employs 1,378 workers.



Photo inside the PT NBI factory, workers are moving raw white asbestos (chrysotile)

LION did an assessment via a field survey and in-depth interviews, then they raised awareness of the dangers, developed a cooperation network of unions and specialists, and undertook medical examination of 3 workers from the factory. The results of the examination at the hospital will be brought to an occupational health specialist and a pulmonary specialist. This fact finding activity prompted social dialogue and will be used to encourage policies to eliminate asbestos-caused diseases by controlling the use of asbestos in the workplace and transitioning to substitutes materials.

LION also held several OSH and occupational asbestos exposure advocacy training for workers unions and the public as well as paralegal training for unionists and a seminar with the theme "Unionized for a safe and healthy workplace" attended by 47 unionists. LION mobilised OSH victims and workers to commemorate IWMD at events in Central Java.

3. Knowledge Management and Resource Centre

To promote solidarity, LION Indonesia and FPK3 (Forum for Survivors of Work Accidents and Occupational Diseases) took the initiative to build COVID 19 "Solidarity Posts". These posts are centered in 3 places: the LION secretariat in Bandung, as well as Bekasi and Karawang cities which are managed by FPK3.

The Solidarity Posts raised funds and various other materials aids such as PPE, vitamin supplements and rice distributed to the surrounding community and especially workers and trade union members who were self-isolating due to exposure to COVID 19. In addition, LION Indonesia also distributed posters and flyers containing information related to health protocols to prevent the spread and management of COVID-19.

Websites Audience Profiles (July 2021 – June 2022)

Website	Users /Reach	Demographic			
		Female		Male	
www.lionindonesia.org	11,209	45.85%	5,139	54.15%	6,070
www.inaban.org	5,526	42.72%	2,361	57.28%	3,165
Total	16,735		7,500		9,235

Social Media Audience Profile, Reach and Demographic (July 2021 – June 2022)

No	Social Media	Account Name	Qty	Views /Reach	Page Likes/ Follower	Demographic	
						Female	Male
1	Facebook	Local Initiative for OSH Network - Indonesia	47	8.328	739	137	601
		Ban Asbestos Indonesia	6	647	866	255	611
2	Instagram	@local_initiative	55	14.596	1.317	245	1.072
3	Youtube	LION Indonesia	5	565	112		
Total			113	24.316	3.034	749	2.284

SELARAS (Grassroots Advocacy School) activism training was held at the end of July 2022 for 8 days in 2 weeks. This training was attended by 13 participants from various representatives from trade unions, activists from legal aid institutions and social movement organizations from various cities in West Java. The follow-up plan of this training is a commitment to cooperation as a strategic partner between LION Indonesia and individuals from each agency representative in campaigns and advocacy related to occupational health and safety issues and the elimination of asbestos related diseases in Indonesia.



Activism training activities - advocacy schools for grassroots networks

Direct Beneficiaries

This relates to direct beneficiaries from specific activities supported within the project. It includes those directly reached from social media by specific project focused activities.

	Total Direct beneficiaries in the reporting period										
	Men	women	Boy	Girl	Men with disability	Women with	Boy with disability	Girl with disability	Total	Urban	Rural
Planned	10,000	10,000			50	50			42,500	42,500	
Actual	13,499	9,163							43,993	43,993	

NB : Social media does not provide full information on the number of audiences with gender or disability information. The number of beneficiaries by gender is obtained based on the website information and the number of followers from social media