



Indonesia

Plan to help persons with psychosocial disabilities live in the community

What was happening



In Indonesia, the **Persons with Disabilities Act** was passed in 2016.

But people with psychosocial disabilities still did not have the right to make their own decisions.



These people were moved to mental hospitals and social care institutions even though they didn't want to go.

In 2022, the **Indonesian Mental Health Association** wrote '**The Forgotten People**' report. It said how people in these places were abused and treated very badly.

Who made this happen?

The **Indonesian Mental Health Association** was set up in Indonesia 2008 to look after the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities.



The **Indonesian Mental Health Association**, the **Indonesia Women's Coalition** and **ARK** worked together to tell other people about the abuse and make sure all people were treated fairly.

What was done 2018 to 2022



The **Indonesian Mental Health Association** and the **Ministry of Law and Human Rights** set up a Working Group called **Pokja** to look at how these institutions treated people.



When people from the government visited the mental hospitals and social care institutions, they saw the abuse that was happening. In 2021 the **Ministry of Law and Human Rights** set up a special group called **Respect, Protection, Fulfilment, Enforcement and Advancement on the Rights of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities**.



In December 2022, **Pokja** wrote a plan, called **Roadmap 2023-26**. It explains how people living in social institutions can leave them and move back to the community.

Why is this important



The Working Group helps people with psychosocial disabilities have a say in what happens to them. It has helped stop unfair treatment of people with psychosocial disabilities.

How did DRF and DRAF help?



DRF/DRAF have supported the **Indonesian Mental Health Association** with money to do the work that made these changes happen. They worked with the **Centre for Human Rights and Law Studies** at The **Islamic University of Indonesia**.