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# The Attorney General's Office Trains Prosecutors to Improve Public Information Services



C4J staff interviews a representative from the local prosecutors' office in Surabaya on ideas relating to implementing Guidelines on Public Information Service and to improve public access to information in the local prosecutors' offices in Indonesia.

As part of its ongoing reform agenda, the Attorney General's Office of Indonesia (AGO) is adopting transparency and accountability principles to better serve the public interest and properly implement the Guidelines for Public Information Service mandated by Decree No. PER-032/A/JA/08/2010.

To further these goals of improving public accountability and reducing the potential for misconduct that lack of transparency engenders, the AGO has enlisted the support of the USAID *Changes for Justice Project* (C4J) to conduct multiple training sessions on public information services.

The first of these C4J supported AGO trainings was held July 7-8, 2011 at Surabaya, East Java, and included prosecutors from 37 district prosecution offices. Four additional trainings will be held in 2011 covering all provincial prosecution offices in South Sumatra, South Sulawesi, East Nusatenggara, and Maluku, with additional provinces planned for inclusion over the course of the C4J Project.

Mr. Abdul Taufiq of the East Java Provincial Prosecutors Office described the importance of transparency principles and good governance. "After this training, all prosecutor offices in East Java must be ready to implement public information services, to perform good governance, and to improve the public's trust toward the prosecutors."

Mr. Noor Rahmad, Head of the AGO Information Center, stated that this training enables prosecutors to "not only....build castles in the air when talking about public information, but also to implement these regulations in real life."

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