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VOCATIONAL TRAINING ALLIANCE FOR ACEH

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

When the 2004 SouthEast Asia earthquake and tsunami struck Indonesia's Aceh province, livelihoods were swept away along with the flood waters. Homes, businesses, and schools were decimated, leaving young people without options for the future. In the aftermath of the disaster, employment and opportunities for youth were scarce in poverty-stricken Aceh.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Chevron Corporation is Indonesia's largest oil producer and an active member of the community. By investing in vocation education in Indonesia, the company is not only generating goodwill within the community, but it is grooming the next generation of skilled workers.

APPROACH

In 2005, USAID and the Chevron Corporation came together to support long-term economic development in post-tsunami and post-conflict Aceh by improving technical education. Working in two phases, the alliance partners first provided short-term, three-month training courses to 350 young people in vocational skills needed to support immediate reconstruction activities, such as electrical installation, welding, automotive repair, and basic accounting. Then, in 2007, the Government of Aceh joined the partnership to help partners realize the goal of building a vocational training institution in Aceh. The school, Politeknik Aceh, accommodates up to 600 students and offers degrees in disciplines that are essential to the industrial sector – electronics engineering, robotics, engineering, information technology and accounting.

PARTNERS



RESULTS

- Construction of the 8,350 square meter Politeknik Aceh school was completed in August 2008.
- In September 2008, the first class of 240 students at Politeknik Aceh began their studies in electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, information technology, and business accounting.
- In 2009, total enrollment increased to 410 students and will expand to reach 570 in 2010 and 600 by 2011.

FAST FACTS

START: 2004 END: 2009

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS:

USAID: \$5 MILLION

CHEVRON: \$5 MILLION

GOVERNMENT OF ACEH: \$2.5 MILLION
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