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Special Edition

IDEA Yogyakarta in Open Up Contracting Program for Access to Clean Water for Poor Women and People with Disabilities in Bantul Regency

As the implementation of the Open Up Contracting Program is coming to an end, we want to share with you our partners' success stories. In this edition of Stores from Our Partners entitled "Clean Water for All", we proudly present the inspiring stories of **IDEA Yogyakarta** in carrying out the OC Program in the water sector.

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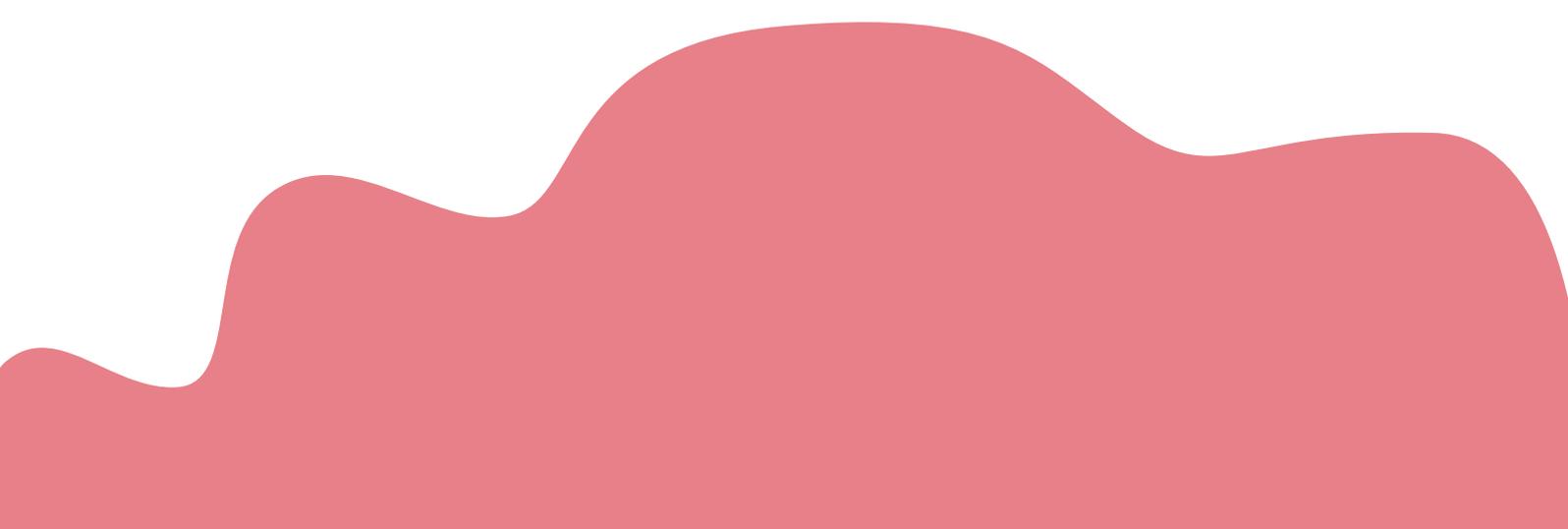




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The right to clean and safe water for every Indonesian citizen is guaranteed by the Constitution. Yet, in practice, this right has not been fully fulfilled.

Poor water quality, poor service quality from water companies, low level of transparency and citizen participation in water governance are some of the many problems experienced by the citizens in Bantul Regency, Yogyakarta Special Administrative Province. The groundwater that becomes the main sources of water for most people in the Regency contains high levels of e-coli bacteria and minerals such as iron (Fe), manganese (Mn) and chlorine (Cl). The customers of the Regional-Owned Drinking Water (PDAM) in Bantul Regency admit

that they often receive water with insufficient quality, quantity, and continuity. Several customers also state that the PDAM often does not address their complaints.

Moreover, the involvement of the citizens, particularly the vulnerable groups such as underprivileged women and people with disabilities, in water governance remains low. Consequently, the water service and provision in Bantul Regency have not been inclusive and responsive to the needs of the vulnerable groups. Furthermore, the majority of poor women and people with disabilities have not been aware of their rights to clean and safe water and do not know that it is the obligation of the government to fulfill such rights.



IDEA Yogyakarta through the Open Up Contracting Program supported by Hivos sought to address the problems. IDEA Yogyakarta provided **capacity buildings** and **assistance to Bantul citizens**, including the poor women and people with disabilities, so **they understand their rights to clean water** and are able to voice their opinions and participate in the process of clean water provision by the government.

Their hard work does not go in vain. In 2021, Bantul Government, through the Public Works Agency of Bantul Regency will realize **Paguyuban Tirto Wening's** request for an additional water pipeline going through four villages. **Because of IDEA Yogyakarta's apt advocacy and communication strategy**, the Public Works Agency has allocated Rp12.7 billion for the pipe installation work.

With the savvy strategy, supported by their **analysis on clean water governance monitoring and evaluation**, IDEA Yogyakarta was able to reassure the government of Bantul Regency to immediately issue a regent regulation on the institution of clean water consumers' forum in Bantul Regency, which involve women groups and people with disabilities as actors in the service cycle of clean water governance (public service budgeting cycle), in order to improve clean water service quality in Bantul.

In line with the government's advocacy strategy, underrepresented groups of underprivileged women and people with disabilities **are now able to voice their requests for improvement** related to clean water provision to the related stakeholders in Bantul Regency.

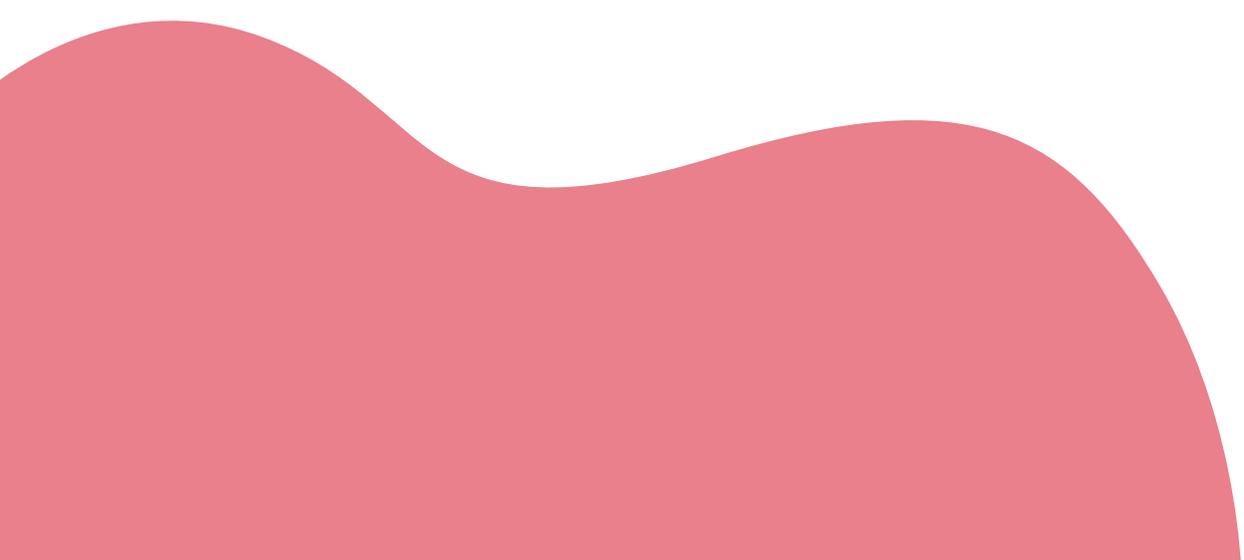


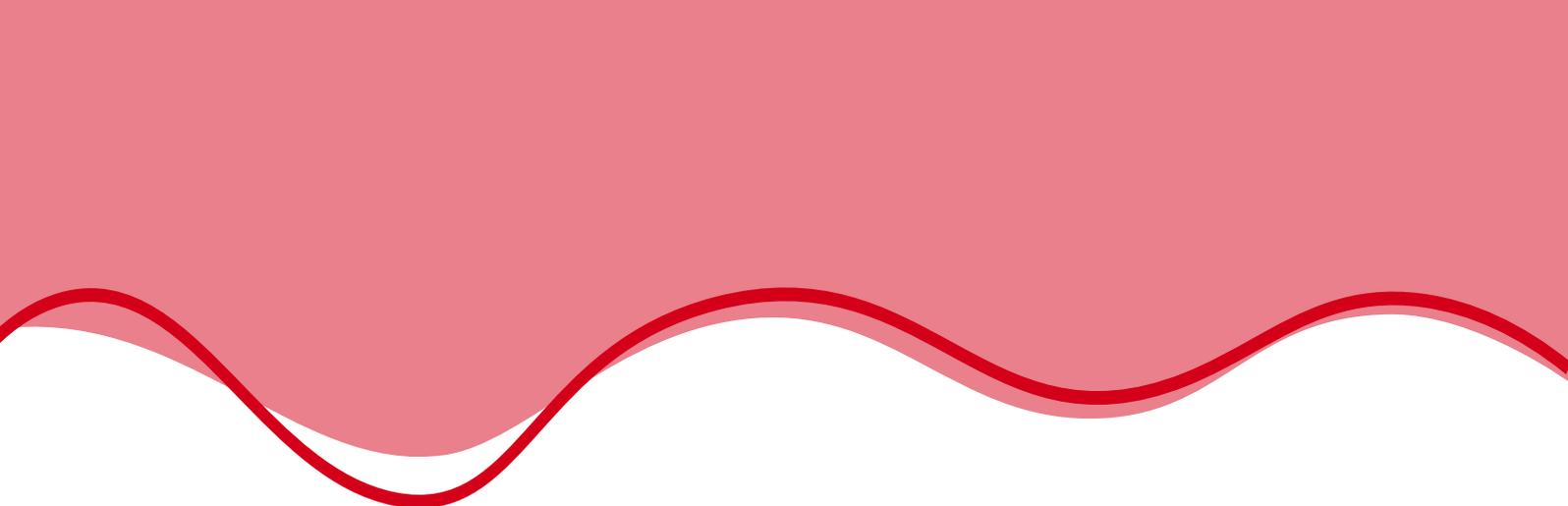


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The work will continue

Even though the implementation of the Open Contracting Program is coming to an end, the work of IDEA Yogyakarta to encourage the fulfillment of people's right to clean water and improve their participation in water governance will continue.

Related stakeholders on the water community proposed the issue on water governance to be adopted by the Government of Indonesia to be one of the national commitments for the national Open Government Partnership Action Plan. IDEA Yogyakarta will harness the opportunity to continue promoting the improvement of water service and water governance in their working areas.



Let's support IDEA Yogyakarta to ensure the fulfillment of people's right to clean water in the Bantul Regency and ensure the participation of the citizens, particularly vulnerable groups such as poor women and people with disabilities, in water governance. **Share IDEA Yogyakarta's success stories below to inspire more people.**

- [Creativity in the Time of Pandemic](#)
- [Clean Water for All](#)
- [Small Steps Towards a Better Water Governance](#)

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- [Policy Brief on Building Public Participation in Clean Water Governance in Bantul Regency](#)
- [Policy Brief on Institutionalizing Clean Water Governance Monitoring and Evaluation in Bantul Regency](#)

To support their effort to increase the awareness of the citizens in Bantul Regency, IDEA Yogyakarta developed several campaign products such as:

- [Video: The importance of advocacy](#)
- [Video: How to conduct an advocacy](#)
- [Comic and Infographic: Public Budget for Water Management](#)
- [Public Service Ads:](#)
 - [Use Clean Water Wisely](#)
 - [Water Governance Monitoring in the Village](#)
 - [Reporting Problems in Clean Water Provision](#)