

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Small Grants to strengthen Civil Society Dialogue in the Context of the Belt and Road Initiative

– Indonesia –



People's livelihoods in Southeast Asia have been fundamentally affected by *Belt and Road Initiative* (BRI) projects. Foreign investments carry both opportunities and risks for host countries and their societies. BRI projects' far-reaching social and environmental implications are indisputable. In this context, civil society dialogue on a local, national and transnational level needs to be strengthened from the *bottom-up* in order to address the enduring challenges for affected communities.

It is necessary to develop effective strategies for civil society organisations to enter a critical dialogue with BRI stakeholders. Chinese civil society experience can be a crucial component to achieve this goal. Peer-to-peer exchange on the development trajectory of foreign investment projects can open up pathways to a more environmentally sustainable and socially just BRI.

Therefore, the China Programme of Stiftung Asienhaus invites civil society organisations from Indonesia to conduct small scale fieldwork projects on foreign investments in the country with a focus on BRI projects.

Fieldwork projects may include the following:

- Short term field research
- Community campaigns
- Information publications
- Stakeholder exchanges
- Video and social media advocacy
- ...

We invite grantees to enter a dialogue on the environmental and social implications of the BRI with trusted Chinese civil society representatives from Stiftung Asienhaus's NGO network. There will be opportunities for digital capacity and network building for Chinese and Indonesian civil society organisations. Eventually, fieldwork project results will be published in a joint bilingual publication.

Applications for fieldwork grants in the amount of EUR 7.000 / approx. IDR 100.000 should be supported by a civil society organisation, identify one main staff representative with a good command of the English language, include a first activity and budget plan draft as well a timeline ending mid-October 2022 at the latest. The call is open for fieldwork projects on any topic related to the environmental and social implications of overseas investments in Indonesia in the context of BRI.

Please submit your two page (A4) application to [china-programm@asienhaus.de](mailto:china-programm@asienhaus.de) until **30 May 2022** at the latest.

A template for the application can be found here:  
<https://www.asienhaus.de/china/bri-in-civil-society-dialogue/>.

