

## Effect of Social Inclusion & Reintegration Activity on Food Security & Nutrition & Health Security

The BRA-KDP program in Aceh, Indonesia had a small effect on health outcomes.

**Geographical region:** East Asia & Pacific

**Effect:** Small effect ( $g = -0.027$ )

**Confidence in study findings:** low (1 study with 2 effect size)

### Short Summary

The study evaluated the Community-Based Reintegration Assistance for Conflict Victims Program (BRA-KDP) provided block grants to 1,724 conflict-affected villages in Aceh to support community well-being and reintegration. A quasi-experimental study found only a small effect on health outcomes, with no significant difference in sickness incidence between intervention and control villages. Limited program duration and the community-driven approach contributed to this small effect.

### Long summary

#### *The intervention*

BRA-KDP implemented **community-driven development (CDD)**, providing block grants to conflict-affected villages, particularly in high-conflict areas. Program activities included infrastructure development, livelihood support, and participatory decision-making designed to respond to local priorities.

#### *How the intervention is expected to work*

The intervention aimed to reduce community tensions and support well-being by fostering collaboration on shared projects, promoting inclusive decision-making, and distributing resources equitably. These measures were intended to build trust, address local grievances, and indirectly support health and nutrition security.

#### *The evidence base*

The cell contains one primary study, which was conducted in Indonesia. There is a low to medium degree of consistency in the findings.

#### *Evidence findings*

The BRA-KDP program had a small effect on health outcomes, with no significant improvements in sickness incidence. Limited impact is attributed to the short duration of the program and its community-driven focus.

#### *Included studies:*

The cell includes one primary study. the details summary thus provided here

**Barron (2009):** The study evaluated the Community-Based Reintegration Assistance for Conflict Victims Program (BRA-KDP) in Aceh, Indonesia. This intervention plans to support conflict-affected communities by providing block grants directly to villages. The evaluation used a quasi-experimental design to compare treatment villages that received the program with control villages that did not. Initially planned for two phases across Aceh, only the first phase was completed. Conducted from August to the following year, the program targeted 1,724 villages—about one-third of Aceh's total—across 67 rural sub districts chosen for their conflict impact and success in fund disbursement, ensuring all villages in these sub districts received block grants. To address selection bias, the researchers utilized matching

techniques, where treatment villages were matched with control villages based on factors like conflict exposure and village characteristics to ensure comparability. An instrumental variables approach addressed non-compliance and confounding factors, isolating the program's effects. Alternative specifications were used to test the robustness of the findings. The study observed that sickness incidence does not show any significant difference in health outcomes between communities that received the program and those that did not. There is no evidence that intervention communities experience better or worse health outcomes than control villages. There is also limited evidence of improvements in health within project areas. The study is rated as a low confidence study.

*Confidence assessment*

Overall, the cell is rated as low due to the small (n) in the cell and also rated low confidence in the findings.

**The other outcomes assessed in the study**

**Social cohesion**/Feeling of trust & acceptance of diversity. Sense of belonging

**Human security**/Economic security, Education security, Health security,

**Community & state governance**/Government performance,

**Violence or atrocity prevention**/Nature and scale of violence or atrocities