Updating & Standardization of Laboratory Procedures for Diagnosis of
Opportunistic Parasite Infection in Indonesia
(an experience in implementation & dissemination
of DelPHE support project)

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ABSTRACT

The above project is a collaborative work between Dept. Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia and the Scottish Parasite Diagnostic Laboratory, funded by the Development Partnership in Higher Education (DelPHE). This project was approved in 2006 and was designed to help promote and establish standardized lab procedures for diagnosis of opportunistic parasites which, in many instances, are poorly diagnosed or not recognized by smaller laboratories across Indonesia. As these parasites can exacerbate illness amongst HIV-positive individuals and can have fatal effects, the establishment of standard procedures and disseminating knowledge on how to diagnose these parasitic infections will have a clear impact upon the health security of HIV-positive individuals in urban, rural and remote areas in Indonesia. The presentation will focus on the experiences of applying for DelPHE support to carry out the project and how the project has succeeded in disseminating skills and knowledge about parasitic infections and how communities have benefited as a result of the project.

Key words: DelPHE, parasitic infection, partnership

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