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Indonesia inks MoU with US to strengthen bilateral health cooperation

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The Indonesian Ministry of Health (MoH) and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have officially entered into a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop and strengthen bilateral health cooperation.

The new MoU reaffirms both countries' commitment to collaboratively advance clinical research, public health goals, and health systems to address emerging and chronic health conditions, as well as infectious diseases, including tuberculosis.

In November 2023, the United States and Indonesia marked a historic new phase in bilateral relations by elevating bilateral ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. On November 12, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto issued a joint statement welcoming the signing of this MoU that underscores both nations' unwavering commitment to collaborate to realise Indonesia's health transformation goals.

Building on a previous bilateral agreement and on the two countries' long-standing partnership in combatting infectious diseases and in strengthening public health systems, this MoU will support and enhance public health priorities such as emergency preparedness and response; health resilience, including climate impacts on human health; disease surveillance, prevention, and control; health research and development; human resources development, including health workforce and leadership; health technology, including digital health and biotechnology; and other areas of cooperation. Further, the MoU will foster cooperation through joint clinical research, capacity building, technical assistance, and other forms of information exchange.