WHV – Borobudur Village Project
Borobudur Temple Compounds, Indonesia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1991

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The Borobudur Temple Compounds is one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in the world, built in the 8th and 9th centuries AD. The main temple is a stupa built in three tiers around a hill which was a natural center: a pyramidal base with five concentric square terraces, the trunk of a cone with three circular platforms and, at the top, a monumental stupa. The walls and balustrades are decorated with fine low reliefs. The vertical division of Borobudur Temple into base, body, and superstructure perfectly accords with the conception of the Universe in Buddhist cosmology.

Project objectives:

The project, running every year since the beginning of the World Heritage Volunteers initiative in 2008, is now enlarging its scope aiming at a wider outreach and involvement of local communities, targeting in particular young people and their active participation in preserving the environment of the Temple Compounds.

Project activities:

The volunteers will implement a heritage awareness-raising campaign at different sites within the inscribed property, where they will also participate in hands-on cleaning activities to prevent moss from damaging the ancient stones. They will specifically target youth in different local communities, visiting schools and communities and running creative heritage education workshops.

Partners:

Borobudur Conservation Office, Taman Wisata Candi Borobudur, UNESCO Gallery/Jakarta.