

WHV - Borobudur Village Project

Borobudur Temple Compounds, Indonesia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1991

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The Borobudur Temple Compounds is one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in the world, built in the eighth and ninth centuries AD. The main temple is a stupa built in three tiers around a hill that was a natural centre: 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, that has taken place every year since the beginning of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative in 2008, is now enlarging its scope, aiming at a wider outreach and a greater involvement of local communities, targeting in particular young people in the villages surrounding the site and stimulating their active participation in preserving the environment of the Temple Compounds.

Project activities:

The volunteers will run heritage workshops with the local communities and schools focusing on awareness-raising about the Borobudur Temple Compounds. They will provide information to visitors about the Village Project, aiming to support the livelihoods of the communities living in and around the site through traditional arts and craftsmanship, and will be directly involved in making pottery and Batik learning activities with the locals.

Partners:

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

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