

WHV – Borobudur Village Camp Borobudur Temple Compounds, Indonesia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1991 10/08/2021 - 23/08/2021

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 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, 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 in the villages surrounding the property 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 raising awareness about the Borobudur Temple Compounds. They will provide information to the visitors about the Village Project, aiming at supporting the cultures and livelihoods of the communities living in and around the property. They will also be involved in cleaning activities at the temple and in making pottery with the locals, promoting the value of the traditional Gotong Royong idea of communal work.

Partners:

Borobudur State of Conservation, Borobudur Temple Compounds, Government of Karanganyar, PKBI Jawa Tengah.

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