

WHV – Prambanan Temple Compounds

Prambanan Temple Compounds, Indonesia

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 1991

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Built in the 10th century, it is the largest temple compound dedicated to Shiva in Indonesia. Rising above the centre of the last of a series of concentric squares are three temples decorated with reliefs illustrating the epic of the Ramayana, dedicated to the three great Hindu divinities (Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma) and three temples dedicated to the animals who serve them. With over 500 temples, Indonesia's largest Buddhist complex of Sewu, Prambanan Temple Compounds represents not only an architectural and cultural treasure, but also a standing proof of past religious peaceful cohabitation.

Project objectives:

The project, identified as a global best practice in the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative, has a strong focus on restoration, an important step to rebuild the temple and reveal its history, and is progressively integrating more outreach activities to involve young students from the schools and communities in the area.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate actively in the restoration activities at the temple, learning to use different techniques and tools and working in teams to locate, clean and assemble the stones of the buildings heavily damaged by the 2006 earthquake. They will also conduct educational activities on the theme of heritage, targeting the students at the schools nearby the property.

Partners:

Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia, UNESCO Office Jakarta, Central Java Archeological Site Management, Elementary and Junior High Schools of SD Kokosan 2, SD Bugisan Lor, SD Sanggrahan, MTs Prambanan, MI Maarif.

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