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Indonesia East Nusa Tenggara Province: Little Progress in Implementation of Freedom of Information Act

In a recent report entitled "Fulfilling the Right to Information: Baseline Assessment on Access to Information in East Nusa Tenggara", researchers from ARTICLE 19 and Tifa Foundation found that despite having had more than two years to prepare for the implementation of the Indonesian Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) No.14/2008 since it was passed in 2008, local governments and public bodies in East Nusa Tenggara province have not put in place mechanisms to publish information proactively and upon request. There is also continuing delay in the establishment of the Provincial Information Commission. This assessment was conducted by ARTICLE 19 and TIFA Foundation in collaboration with East Nusa Tenggara Local Development and Planning Agency (BAPPEDA) and Kupang-based NGO PIAR Foundation, with full funding from the Australian government through the Australia-Nusa Tenggara Assistance for Regional Autonomy (ANTARA).

For more information:

- Fulfilling the Right to Information: Baseline Assessment on Access to Information in East Nusa Tenggara:
 www.article19.org/pdfs/publications/fulfilling-the-right-to-information.pdf
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