

# DESBUMI

## Village that Cares for Migrant Workers

MAMPU Project Brief

### WHAT IS DESBUMI?

DESBUMI, or Village that Cares for Migrant Workers (Desa Peduli Buruh Migran) brings together Migrant CARE their network of local CSOs, and village governments to assist prospective and former migrant workers and their families through guidance on migration options and rights, case handling and referral, post-migration skills training and developing alternative forms of income. MAMPU is working in partnership with the Indonesian Ministry of Labour to pilot a village-based service provision model that helps migrant workers access information about safe migration and their entitlements and rights.

### HOW DOES DESBUMI INCREASE WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS' ACCESS TO SERVICES?



According to data from the Agency for the Placement and Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers (BNP2TKI) almost 10 million Indonesians were working overseas in 2017; and around 60% of these are women. Female migrant workers, the majority who work as domestic workers, are vulnerable to human trafficking, exploitation, underpayment, long-working hours, extortion and violence. MAMPU supports the formation of village-level migrant worker groups as a means for providing training, empowerment and community organising.

Through direct cooperation with village governments, DESBUMI helps migrant workers in the following ways:

#### 1. Information services

DESBUMI established the Integrated Information Service Centre (PPIT/Pusat Pelayanan Informasi Terpadu) to capture data on migrant workers, information related to safe migration and DESBUMI activities.

#### 2. Document handling

DESBUMI provides legal and other relevant documents to potential migrant workers that they will need to go abroad, to reduce the prevalence of undocumented migration which leaves migrant workers vulnerable to exploitation.

#### 3. Case management services

DESBUMI provides information on how overseas migrant workers can make complaints if their rights have been violated.

#### 4. Economic empowerment services

DESBUMI facilitates meetings between groups of former migrant workers and their families. Former migrant workers are empowered to develop business enterprises that will allow them to financially support themselves. It encourages them to develop partnerships through their shared experiences and resources.

#### 5. Socialisation

DESBUMI undertakes socialisation on how to migrate safely through official avenues.

#### 6. Data collection

DESBUMI regularly collects data to ensure that accurate information is used to create suitable programs. DESBUMI records information of citizens who have migrated overseas, including those who have returned home to their villages.



## HOW DOES MAMPU SUPPORT MIGRANT CARE?



Established in 2004, Migrant CARE is a civil society organization that focuses on strengthening the migrant workers movement. It does this by organizing and strengthening critical awareness of migrant workers, policy advocacy, case handling and legal assistance for migrant workers who experience injustice. Migrant CARE also focuses on strengthening the protection and services provided by government institutions to migrant workers.

With the support of MAMPU, Migrant CARE has expanded their network to conduct advocacy from the grassroots, villages, districts, to the central government and national parliaments to improve protection for migrant workers. DESBUMI has been implemented in **36 villages** across **8 districts** in **5 provinces** (NTB, NTT, East Java, Central Java and West Java).

- More than **90 migrant worker groups** have been formed, consisting of over **3,000 migrant workers**, former migrant workers, and their families.
- More than **4,000 people** have accessed DESBUMI's information centre to get information on safe migration, report cases that occur to family members who are working abroad, and learned skills to start a micro business.

## HOW HAS GOVERNMENT RESPONDED?



- All 36 villages have issued Village Regulations on the Protection of Migrant Workers and budget allocation for the implementation of DESBUMI.
- 8 districts have developed an integration service centre with SOPs for handling cases, budget allocation for village funds and mechanisms for referral to hospitals, safe houses, P2TP2A, police, Workforce and Transmigration Agency (Disnakertrans), BP3TKI and BNP2TKI.
- Key aspects of the DESBUMI model have been reflected in the **Indonesian Migrant Workers Protection Act (No. 18/2017)**, which was passed by the Indonesian Parliament in 2017.
- The DESBUMI model has influenced the Ministry of Manpower's **DESMIGRATIF (Productive Migrant Village)** initiative launched in May 2017.



“After receiving training, I have a desire to voice opinions at the group meetings. Through training, I learned about safe migration and our rights as migrant workers. I don't want others to experience unsafe migration like I did.”

**HUSNUL HIDAYAH**

Former Migrant Workers, DESBUMI Gemel Village, Central Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara

## ABOUT MAMPU

MAMPU - The Australia - Indonesia Partnership for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment is a joint initiative between the Government of Australia and the Government of Indonesia. MAMPU supports the Government of Indonesia in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by building women's leadership and empowerment to improve their access to essential government services and programs. MAMPU works with 13 organisations and their networks of over 100 local partners in over 1,100 villages across 27 of Indonesia's 34 provinces. Through MAMPU, our Partners support 35,000 women organised in 1,600 villages groups to develop their collective capacity to influence decision making at multiple levels, from the village to national parliament.

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