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MAMPU National Conference Puts Violence against Women in the Spotlight

On 27 November 2019, MAMPU hosted a national conference titled 'Multi Stakeholders Synergy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment' in Jakarta. The conference aimed to foster understanding amongst members of the executive and legislative for the 2019-2024 period and build their commitment to creating policies and regulations that are responsive to gender in all sectors of national development. The conference attendees discussed the issue of violence against women during a specially themed break-out session.

Six speakers from diverse backgrounds presented at the break-out session, namely Azriana Manalu from the National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan); Edy Wibowo from the Supreme Court; the Assistant Deputy for Protection of Women's Rights at the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Destri Handayani; Sri Dewi Indajati representing the Central Java Office of Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control and Urban Family Planning (DP3AP2KB); Veni Siregar from the Service Providers Forum (FPL) and Maria Ulfa Anshori of the Indonesian Women's Ulama Congress (KUPI).

Azriana highlighted the three core principles of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), namely non-discrimination, substantive justice and state responsibility. These principles, she said, are in accordance with the foundations of the Constitution of Indonesia which refers to the importance of the protection, fulfilment and enforcement of human rights. She explained that although there are 290 policies considered conducive to the elimination of violence against women have been developed by the state, there are still 381 regional regulations and 40 national-level policies that discriminate against women.

Edy spoke next and explained the efforts of the Supreme Court in relation to eliminating violence against women through the issuance of the Supreme Court Regulation (PERMA) No. 3/2017 regarding establishing Guidelines for Presiding Over Cases Involving Women Faced with the Law. He said the regulation focused on guiding judges during the trial, sentencing, and the examination of witnesses.

Destri Handayani spoke about the Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Ministry's five priority programs for 2019-2024. These priorities include: empowering women in the field of entrepreneurship, strengthening the role of women in children's education, reducing violence against women and children, reducing child labor, and preventing child marriage.

Sri Dewi Indajati from DP3AP2KB Central Java continued the discussion by speaking about her experience implementing the innovative Integrated Criminal Justice System for the Handling of Victims of Violence against Women (SPPT-PKKTP) in Central Java.





Meanwhile, Veni Siregar talked about FPL's experience in handling 3,500 cases of violence against women and children since 2017. FPL consists of 115 organisations that provide services to victims of violence against women in 32 provinces across Indonesia. Veni explained that the process of handling cases through legal channels was not always sensitive to the conditions of victims. Examples of this, she said, include the creation of police investigation reports which often present uncomfortable questions to victims, victims of violence not being accompanied by people they trust, and the tendency of law enforcement officials to initiate mediation to resolve cases. Cases of violence against women are still difficult to overcome because such cases are considered



private issues that cause family embarrassment if exposed in public.

Maria Ulfa Anshori from KUPI closed the session by talking about the role of women Islamic scholars, or ulama, in reducing violence against women. The ulama work as agents of change by educating their communities about the dimensions of violence against women and encouraging behavioral change in the community. The ulama also work to facilitate the recovery of individuals who have experienced gender-based violence — especially students of Islamic boarding schools. KUPI conducts policy advocacy by using religious knowledge to justify the need to prevent violence against women.

The following four recommendations were produced during the break-out session:

-  Disseminate information about PERMA No. 3/ 2017 throughout Indonesia by involving law enforcement agencies, especially the Prosecutors Office, Police, and DP3AP2KB.
-  Encourage the provision of comprehensive services for women victims of violence by involving all relevant institutions across geographic boundaries;
-  Involve religious leaders and institutions in the handling of cases of violence against women because they have the potential to promote systematic prevention through their work as social change agents;
-  Harmonise national and regional level policies and repeal policies that discriminate against women.

The session was designed as a forum where various actors could exchange thoughts and experiences and explore opportunities for cooperation to work towards the elimination of violence against women.

Savy Amira Teaches School Kids about the Importance of Respecting their Bodies

Savy Amira Sahabat Perempuan held training sessions at a number of primary schools in Surabaya on 25 November as a part of the 2019 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign. Sessions were held at Bahrul Ulum Primary School, Sememi I State Primary School and Sidotopo IV State Primary School. The training program was aimed at equipping students with knowledge and awareness to help prevent sexual violence.

The session began with a body awareness session in which body parts and diverse body types, including in relation to disability, were discussed. The session was designed to ensure that students understand and respect their own bodies and the bodies of others. The children were also introduced to various techniques that can be used to respond to verbal harassment or catcalling in public places and given the opportunity to practice these techniques. Participants were encouraged to 'say no' to any unwanted attention. How to have empathy for victims of violence was the final lesson in the workshop.



The high-level of enthusiasm of participants was evident from the number of questions they put forward. A number of the students shared their experiences of experiencing verbal harassment, which included having their parents insulted.

While the children learned from Savy Amira, in turn Savy Amira was able to learn lots from the students about the latest developments in the kids' world.

BaKTI is Supporting Judicial Institutions to Implement the Increased Minimum Marriage Age

On Wednesday, 4 December 2019, BaKTI — a MAMPU Partner and member of the Stop Child Marriage Coalition — held a training program to provide information about Law No. 16/2019, which amended Law No. 1/1974 regarding Marriage. The program also included information about the Supreme Court Regulation No. 5/2019 regarding Guidelines for Presiding over Applications for Marriage Dispensations.

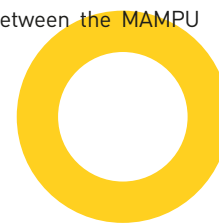
Deputy Director of BaKTI Zusanna Gosal opened the training with a speech that highlighted the long advocacy process involved with the Elimination of Sexual Violence Bill (RUU PKS) — which has yet to be passed into law. Zusanna underlined the importance of RUU PKS to prevent sexual violence and provide protection for victims of violence. She explained that advocacy must continue until the bill is passed into law.

Although the passage of RUU PKS has been delayed, an important breakthrough was achieved in 2019 with the revision of the Marriage Law, which increased the minimum age at which women can marry from 16 to 19.

The training was officially opened by Dr. Aisyah Ismail, the Head of the Makassar Religious High Court. In her address, Aisyah explained that since Law No. 16/2019 was passed, many requests for marriage dispensations have been lodged with Religious Courts in South Sulawesi. In very pressing circumstances, dispensations can be granted for individuals younger than the marriable age to marry. Dr. Aisyah explained that judges must study Supreme Court Regulation No. 5/2019 regarding Guidelines for Presiding over Applications for Marriage Dispensations. This regulation places children as important actors who must be listened to in relation to requests for dispensations.

Speakers including Theodora Putri from the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Justice (AIPJ2); Dr. Nirwana Pananrang, a senior judge and member of the Supreme Court's Women's and Children's Working Group; and Nur Anti from the South Sulawesi Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Agency's spoke at the workshop, which was moderated by Husaima Husain.

The activity was the result of cooperation between the MAMPU Program and the AIPJ2 Program in Makassar.



Family Health Walk: Bringing Diverse Groups Together to Strive for the Elimination of Violence against Women in Central Java



A coalition of civil society organisations in Central Java — which included MAMPU Partner LRC-KJHAM — hosted a 'Family Health Walk' to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign and Mother's Day — which fell on 22 December. The activity was held during the weekly Car Free Day event that takes place at Simpang Lima, Semarang. Over 10,000 participants took part. The Governor of Central Java, Ganjar Pranowo, attended the event along with representatives from the Family Welfare Movement (PKK), the Provincial Police Chief, local military commander, civil society organisations, and students from various universities in Central Java. A number of community groups such as Semarang Runners and women's groups active in campaigning against gender-based violence also took part.

Ganjar Pranowo opened the proceedings by starting the 5km Fun Run; the Semarang Runners enthusiastically took part in this event, which was organised to support the elimination of violence against women. A number of prominent community figures, including the Chairperson of the Provincial PKK Board, the Chair of the Police Wives Association (Bayangkari), as well as women's rights activists Fathkurazzi and Kuriake spoke at the event. The activists invited all participants present to take part in and support efforts to reduce violence against women. A flash mob of dancers also sparked the enthusiasm of the crowd.

The event was brought to a close with the signing of a document that demonstrated the participants' commitment to working towards the elimination of violence against women and the protection of women victims of violence in Central Java. This document was signed by the participants, including the Provincial Police Chief, the regional military commander and the chairpersons of the regional PKK and Bayangkari branches.



University Students Raise Support to Push for the Resolution of Sexual Violence Cases on Campus



To mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence Campaign, MAMPU Partner Sapa Institute and the Women's Studies Center (WSC) of the Sunan Gunung Djati State Islamic University held a rally and public discussion on 4-5 December 2019 at the Sunan Gunung Djati campus in Bandung Municipality, West Java Province. The events were designed to foster the academic community's awareness and support for the resolution of sexual

violence cases that occur on campus. Students from across all faculties were targeted by the campaign, which aimed to introduce the topic of gender-based violence and raise awareness about sexual violence from the perspective of education and the law.

Bangli District Supports the Elimination of Sexual Violence



"Many cases of violence against women continue to occur in Bali. According to our notes, 309 cases occurred in 2018, and this increased to 571 cases in 2019," said Ni Luh Putu Nilawati, director of MAMPU Partner LBH Apik Bali. She made these remarks during an event to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign in Penglipuran Village, Bangli District, Bali on 30 November 2019.

In line with the spirit of the campaign, Ni Luh Putu Nilawati invited the district government and people at the village level to play an active role in combatting violence against women. LBH Apik Bali has educated cadres and formed task forces to empower women and children at the village level. Furthermore, LBH Apik hopes that in the future, all village governments will allocate funds for programs to prevent violence against women and children.

The Regent of Bangli, I Made Gianyar, voiced his appreciation for the event aimed to prevent and reduce violence against women and children. "We are now gathering support for an anti-violence declaration encourages the passage of the Elimination of Sexual Violence Bill (RUU PKS). The passage of the law would demonstrate the state's commitment [to combatting sexual violence]," he said. Gianyar also explained that he had instructed agencies working at the village level to cooperate with LBH Apik to provide assistance for victims of violence.

The University of Indonesia is Fighting Sexual Violence on Campus



Ideally, university campuses are places for students to learn and develop, free from all forms of violence. However, in reality, campuses are often locations at which acts of sexual violence occur. This concern prompted the University of Indonesia's Legal Faculty (FHUI) Student Board to —with support from the MAMPU Program — host a series of events to commemorate the 16

The university campaign was held on 25 November - 6 December 2019 and began with a launch of the 'Guidelines for Handling Sexual Violence on Campus' handbook, which contains information on what should be done if sexual violence occurs on campus. The FHUI Student Board also created an exhibition that displayed replicas of the clothes worn by victims of sexual violence to dispel the myth that sexual violence can be caused by the victim's choice of clothing. The campus-based campaign was brought to a close on 6 December with a talk show titled 'Voices of Women.' The talk show featured a number of women speakers who shared their experience fighting against various forms of sexual violence in their respective fields.



Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign and increase awareness about sexual violence that occurs on campus.

Nurani Perempuan Visits the Padang Administration to Discuss the High Prevalence of Gender-based Violence

On 28 November 2019, Nurani Perempuan Women's Crisis Center (NPWCC) Padang — a MAMPU Partner that works in West Sumatra — had an audience with the Mayor of Padang, who was represented by the Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control and Family Planning Agency (IP3AP2KB). NPWCC Padang representative Rahmi Meri Yenti explained that the meeting was designed to push for increased government commitment to fulfilling victim's rights to recovery, reparations, and guarantees of non-repetition.



The participants of the audience — which was held to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign — provided a number of recommendations to the Padang City Government and especially to the P3AP2KB. It was recommended that the local government and P3AP2KB should:

- 🛡️ Develop a violence prevention and women's protection program;
- 🏛️ Create a policy to speed up the handling of violence against women cases;
- 🏠 Prioritise the allocation of funds for the prevention, handling, and recovery of victims of violence against women, especially sexual violence; and

- 🗣️ Launch a capacity building program to increase the capacity of government officials in regards to handling cases of violence against women.

The high levels of violence against women and children in West Sumatra and especially in Padang City meant the audience was very important. In 2017, 75 cases of violence against women occurred in Padang. In the same year, 132 cases were documented in West Sumatra and this figure increased to 154 in 2018. In Padang, 61 cases of violence against women had been recorded as of October 2019.

Women with Disabilities Continue to Experience Violence

"Many women with disabilities who become victims of sexual violence do not receive adequate legal assistance or access to services. This means that perpetrators often re-offend and repeat their actions, which results in women with disabilities becoming repeat victims of violence," said Ibnu Sukoco, the Director of the Center for Improving Qualified Activity in the Lives of People with Disabilities (CIQAL). CIQAL is a member of the Service Providers Forum (FPL) and a MAMPU Program Partner based in Yogyakarta. Ibnu made these remarks during an event to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign. The event was held on 29 November 2019, at Aula Joglo ATEKPI in Bantul, Yogyakarta and themed "Increasing Protections for Women Human Rights Defenders and the Elimination of Sexual Violence." Hundreds of participants from around Yogyakarta and surrounding districts took part.

Based on data collected by CIQAL from January 2014 - November 2019, 144 cases of violence against women with disabilities were reported in Yogyakarta. From these 144 cases, 102 constituted sexual violence, 36 were cases of domestic violence, and six cases involved violence against children.

Ibnu explained that these figures only represented the cases that had been reported and didn't include the cases that had been discontinued, which sometimes happens when victims accept 'peace offers' from the perpetrators. "Normally, the victims' families accept these peace offers because they lack support from



the community, the government, and law enforcement officers, especially because it is often difficult for people with disabilities who experience violence to access legal aid and government services," she said.

"In addition to legal aid, disabled women who become victims of violence need medical assistance, psychological assistance, and economic support. So far only 14 cases have progressed through the courts and resulted in punishments for the perpetrators," said Ibnu, who went on to voice CIQAL's hope that the government would provide a more comprehensive legal umbrella to provide justice for victims of violence, without discriminating on the grounds of whether they are disabled or not.

Schools and Churches in Ambon Work with Yayasan GASIRA to Campaign against Violence against Women



On 12 December 2019, at the pinnacle of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, Yayasan GASIRA Maluku inaugurated the Maluku Protestant Church (GPM) Klasis Lease Community Empowerment and Service Center in the Lease Archipelago, North Maluku. The inauguration of the community empowerment center was planned to mark International Human Rights Day, which falls on 10 December. The establishment of this center was the result of advocacy that has been carried out since 2017— with support from the MAMPU Program. The center aims to reduce violence against women in the area.

The Klasis Lease Community Empowerment and Service Center offers a number of integrated services, including the "Ina Marta" service center for victims of violence against women and children, an environmental innovation class, and a youth empowerment class.

GASIRA also worked with a number of middle-high schools in Ambon City to hold a poster making competition on 5 December 2019. The competition was themed 'Stop Sexual Violence against Children' and took place at the Aula Pertemuan State Junior-High School (SMP) 6. Five schools — State SMP 2, State SMP 6, State SMP 19, SMP Muhammadiyah, and SMP Xaverius in Ambon City — joined in the activity. Through this event, the students learned from



their teachers and GASIRA representatives about the need to increase awareness and vigilance with regard to sexual violence, especially sexual violence against children.

WCC Jombang Assists Schools to Fight against Sexual Violence



From October 2016 to October 2019, the Women's Crisis Center (WCC) Jombang documented 266 cases of violence against women in Jombang District; sixty-five percent of these cases involved sexual violence against school-aged girls. In response to this alarming pattern, WCC Jombang launched a 'Jombang Against Sexual Violence' campaign in three schools, namely the State Middle High School (SMP) 1 Peterongan, State Primary School 1

Mancar, and State Primary School 1 Kepuhkembeng. The campaign was aimed at improving understanding amongst students and teachers about sexual violence against children and how to prevent it. The theme was chosen to commemorate the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign and invite educational institutions in Jombang to join in the fight against sexual violence that affects women and children everywhere.

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The MAMPU Program (2012 - 2020) is joint initiative between the Government of Australia and the Government of Indonesia. The Program supports the achievement of Government's of Indonesia's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by developing women's leadership and empowerment, ultimately so that they have increased access to essential services and government programs.

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