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With the theme 'Advance Women, Advance Indonesia,' the National Conference for Multi Stakeholders Synergy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment brought together more than 200 stakeholders from various sectors and regions to discuss pressing issues and search for solutions to challenges facing women across the country. Executive Secretary of the National Development Planning Ministry Dr. Himawan Hariyoga Djojokusumo opened the proceedings on 27 November 2019 in Jakarta.

The conference — which was the result of cooperation between the Government of Indonesia and the Government of Australia through the MAMPU Program —

aimed to build synergy and strengthen relationships between civil society, members of regional and national parliaments, local government, private sector actors, and the media, to bring about positive changes for Indonesian society, and especially women.

In his opening speech, Dr. Himawan explained, "Our strategy to improve women's quality of life is to increase protection of women, empower women in various fields of development and improve coordination between all parties to ensure women gain access to, participate in, and have control over development. This strategy is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The Government of Indonesia is committed to realising more inclusive economic growth and ensuring 'no one left behind', as stated in Presidential Regulation (Perpres) No. 59/2017 regarding the Implementation of Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. One of the mandates set out in the Perpres is the involvement of non-governmental actors such as philanthropic organisations, business actors, academics and social organisations".

Four themes were discussed during the one-day conference, namely: 1) The reach of social protection and reproductive health

programs and women's access to these programs; 2) Women and Politics; 3) Elimination of Violence against Women; and 4) Women in the World of Work. Representatives of civil society organisations, businesses, the central and local governments, higher education institutions, and the media were involved in the vibrant discussions. A number of specific recommendations were produced during each of the thematic discussions, the recommendations were centred around harnessing multi stakeholders synergy to reduce inequality.

MAMPU Hosts a Multi Stakeholders National Conference for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls Dr. Sharman Stone provided an opening speech and stated, "I am very excited to come back to

Indonesia and meet with women leaders, policymakers, business people and civil society activists who work to advance gender equality in Indonesia. Australia is proud to be able to work with Indonesia to achieve better outcomes for women and girls, to create economic growth and better living standards for all."

Participants of the conference produced a number of important recommendations for policymakers, including: 1) Strengthen women's, especially poor women's, access and opportunities to become actors of change in gender-equality based development; 2) Push for cooperation and synergy between the Women's Parliamentary Caucus and other organisations, including MAMPU Partners, to work to address priority issues for women; 3) Encourage innovative IT-based protection and empowerment efforts for women informal workers and migrant workers, by utilising good practices, and involving all relevant stakeholders; 4) Push for the harmonisation of national and regional regulations, especially the regulations which discriminate against women and children (333 regional regulations have been found to directly discriminate against women).

FPL, Komnas Perempuan and the Women's Empowerment Ministry sign an MoU for an Integrated Documentation System for VaW cases

The Service Providers Forum (FPL), the National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan), and the Semarang Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (Dinas PPPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the Utilisation of an Integrated System for Documenting Cases of Violence against Women. The signing of the MoU in Semarang, Central Java on 21 December, was part of the Exhibition of Indonesian Women's Works held by the Semarang Dinas PPPA to celebrate Hari Ibu — a day that commemorates the founding of the Indonesian women's movement. The MoU aims to provide for the collection of comprehensive data and facilitate the creation of joint reports each year that detail the multi-faceted situation regarding the handling of cases of violence against women. The MoU was created to advance the fulfillment of Indonesian women's rights.

"FPL appreciates the commitment of Semarang Dinas PPPA and Komnas Perempuan to work together through this MoU to align tasks and resources amongst state institutions and service provider organisations to realise an integrated documentation system for cases of violence against women in Indonesia," said Veni Siregar, FPL National Secretary.

In addition to upholding women's constitutional rights that are guaranteed in Article 28 D (1) of the 1945 Constitution, the MoU also ensures Indonesia's consistent commitment to implementing the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ratified through Law No. 7/1984.

Collective Action by MAMPU Partners Supports Reproductive Rights and Child Marriage Prevention through the 2019 Youth Health Awards

Throughout November - December 2019, the MAMPU Program provided support to selected Partners in three provinces to work on issues related to young women's health and nutrition. After a comprehensive selection process, the three most promising projects in Aceh, Yogyakarta and East Java were selected to receive financial and technical support.

Aceh Educamp 2019 was initiated by Bayu Satria from the Sabang City Children's Forum. The Forum is assisted by Flower Aceh — a sub-partner of the MAMPU Program supported by PERMAMPU. The camp involved 20 youth aged 15-22 from nine districts and cities in Aceh province; camp activities were held over three days in Sabang Municipality. Participants enthusiastically took part in the various activities that focused on gender equality, valuing diversity, and creating positive, educational material for social media. Discussing sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) in relation to stunting was also a primary focus of the camp.

During one of the sessions, Flower Aceh Founder and women's rights activist Suraiya Kamaruzzaman said the participants learned how to become more influential. "I invited all participants to develop their SRHR advocacy strategies through persuasive speaking techniques. The voice of the youth must be heard," she said. At the end of the event, the participants voiced their aspirations that they



had worked to develop over the previous two days of the camp in a dialogue with the Village Head and representatives from the Gampong Village Social Services and Community Empowerment Agency.

In Yogyakarta, Rumah Sehati was supported by MAMPU Partner 'Aisyiyah in cooperation with the Muhammadiyah Students Association to provide SRHR services to senior vocational high school (SMK) students during a roadshow visit to SMK Muhammadiyah 4 Yogyakarta. Coordinator of Rumah Sehati Ahimsa Wardah explained, "Although Yogyakarta is known as a student city, there are still many students who have yet to develop the courage to access reproductive health services. The high rates of unintended pregnancies each year proves that teenagers require services that are more accessible and information in accordance with their needs. Therefore, it is important to bring reproductive health services to teenagers, free from stigma."

Three hundred female and male students took part in the event which featured a series of activities including a talk show aimed at reducing the stigma associated with SRHR; blood testing; Body Mass Index (BMI) measuring; reproductive health and psychological counselling; free dietary supplements; and the screening of the film "Really?". The students also took part in various educational games





and at the end of the event the organisers presented SMK 4 Muhammadiyah with a Health Aware School Award for their active participation in the roadshow and for providing students with education about reproductive health.

Meanwhile, in Ponorogo, East Java Laskar Remaja Ponorogo — an organisation supported by the Women's Health Foundation (YKP) — designed a project to focus on the prevention of violence against women and children. The two-week project was themed "Together we inspire" and consisted of three main activities, namely: Reproductive Health Rights Seminars held simultaneously at three Schools — SMPN 2 Ngrayun, SMPN 2 Sooko, SMPN 1 Puduk — on 19 November 2019; a short film competition themed: "Teenagers

Aware about Sexual and Reproductive Health"; and an 'Inspirational Dialogue' titled "Awaken the Enthusiasm of Ponorogo's Youth to Prevent Violence against Women and Children."

The Inspirational Dialogue on 23 November represented the pinnacle of the campaign and 80 participants attended. The Ponorogo District Head of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection presented the opening address. Representatives from the Ponorogo Friends of Children Association, the Ponorogo Chapter of the Forum for Indonesia, and Duta Genre Ponorogo 2019 spoke at the dialogue. "This activity was designed to share knowledge and spread awareness, not only to teenagers but also to parents and teachers, regarding the importance of good communication with children, especially in relation to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health," said Rhoudatul Esa, the chairperson of the event's steering community.

Swara Parangpuan is Working to Prevent and Handle Violence against Women and Children through Village Government Work Plans

Swara Parangpuan North Sulawesi and the Service Providers Forum (FPL) engage in various efforts to increase services for women victims of violence in Minahasa, North Sulawesi. The two organisations have made services for women victims of violence more accessible at the village level through the development of community-based services (LBK) in 5 MAMPU supported villages. Through LBK, Swara Parangpuan fosters communities' enthusiasm, empathy, and cooperation to tackle issues related to violence against women and children.

Over the last two years, these five LBK have engaged in advocacy to influence Village Government Work Plans (RKPDDes). However, the recommendations put forth by the LBK have yet to be accommodated in village work plans and budgets; therefore, Swara Parangpuan saw the need to hold a workshop titled "Preparing

Budget Allocation and Activity Proposals for the Prevention and Handling of Women and Children Victims of Violence in RKPDDes"

The training was held on 2-3 December 2019 in Manado City. Fifteen participants consisting of five representatives of Village Governments, five representatives of the LBKs, and five staff of Swara Parangpuan North Sulawesi took part in the workshop.

The results of the training were proposed activities and budget allocations focusing on the prevention and handling of violence against women and strengthening the LBKs as institutions through RKPDDes 2021 in the five villages supported by Swara Parangpuan. It was also agreed that joint plans between LBKs and the Village Governments would be created to ensure the programs and budget allocations proposed are prioritised in the 2021 RKPDDes.

MAMPU Holds Pitching Training and a DEVI Speed Date to Support Program Sustainability

MAMPU worked with Saraswati to facilitate Pitching Training and DEVI Speed Date activities with the theme 'Data for Empowerment.' DEVI Speed Date is a meeting between civil society organisations (CSO) — including MAMPU Partners and other organisations active in women's empowerment initiatives — private sector actors, research institutes, media, and data and technology experts who work to process data for policy formation, especially in relation to women's issues.

In collaboration with Tempo Institute, the DEVI Speed Date was made a part of Tempo Media Week 2019 which took place at the National Library on Saturday, 7 December 2019. The activity was also part of MAMPU's Sustainability Pathways program to support MAMPU Partners to develop strategies to increase their organisational sustainability. The day before DEVI Speed Date, MAMPU Partners participated in "Pitching Training" to prepare them with the skills and knowledge needed to promote their institutions and activities in an interesting and effective manner.

DEVI (www.devi.id) is a social networking platform developed by Saraswati that aims to connect development actors and allow them to easily share information and collaborate to produce wider social impacts for the community. DEVI Speed Date is a routine event held to introduce DEVI members to institutions and individuals who are active in certain fields of development.

Thirteen MAMPU Partners — 'Aisyiyah, BaKTI, BITRA, FPL, KAPAL Perempuan, Indonesian Women's Coalition (KPI), Komnas Perempuan, Migrant Care, PEKKA, PERMAMPU, TURC, Yasanti, and Women's Health Foundation (YKP) — took part in the activities. It is hoped that after taking part in the DEVI Speed Date, MAMPU partners will be inspired to use data for organisational decision making and to network with other institutions that conduct research and process data to support advocacy efforts. It is also hoped that through participating in the activity, the MAMPU Partners will be encouraged to exchange information and collaborate on issues and campaigns related to gender equality and women's empowerment with other organisations.

The Women's Political Caucus Meets to Increase Women's Representation in Politics

"There is no true democracy without women's representation," said Labour Minister Ida Fauziah when she opened the Indonesian Women's Political Caucus Consolidation Meeting (KPPI) in Jakarta on 28 November. "Women play a large part in accelerating the development of potential human resources. This meeting is needed to increase the human development in Indonesia and realise 30% women's representation in parliament in 2024," she explained.

Dian Kartika Sari from Indonesian Women's Coalition (KPI) was one representative of MAMPU Partners in attendance at the meeting. Speaking at the main session Dian said that women legislators must strengthen women's perspective about issues related to gender equality and women's rights. "The themes worked on by the

MAMPU Program can be championed by women in the political arena to reach out to constituents", said Dian.

Currently, women only occupy 20.5% of seats in the House of Representatives (DPR) which amounts to 119 seats from a total of 575 seats. KPPI is a forum for women politicians that was founded in 2000 by representatives from all major political parties. KPPI aims to ensure that the democratic process in Indonesia leads to the protection and fulfillment of women's rights, including political rights.



The Central Lombok District Government is Spearheading Efforts to Promote Safe Migration



The Government of Indonesia has made efforts to transform the way in which the deployment and protection of migrant workers are managed; one breakthrough was achieved by passing Law

No. 18/2017 regarding the Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers (UU PPMI) — which amends the earlier Law No. 39/2004. However, policy reform at the national level needs to be accompanied by local government initiatives to harmonise regional regulations; this principle forms the basis of MAMPU Partner Migrant Care's migrant worker protection program. On 12 November 2019, Migrant Care held a seminar and workshop in Mataram, Nusa Tenggara Barat to inform participants about UU PPMI and to collect input from stakeholders regarding the formulation of implementing rules for the law.

Sixty participants representing various organisations and government agencies, including the Labour Ministry, District Government, civil society organisations, migrant workers, academics and law enforcement agencies produced a number of recommendations at the workshop. Participants recommended a clear division of roles between the provincial government, district government, and village government in providing for the protection of migrant workers. Cooperation and alignment between central and regional governments in terms of policies and management of protection systems are crucial for the implementation of UU PPMI. Some recommendations from the workshop included: 1) Disseminate information about relevant laws and safe migration to people at the village level, 2) Establish a one-stop integrated task force and service centre for prospective migrant workers, 3) Encourage the revision of local regulations related to migrant workers, and 4) Update data on migrant worker data.

The East Java Homeworkers Network Discuss Their 2020 Work Plan

Twenty-seven organisers of the Indonesian Women's Home Workers Network (JPPRI) from six regencies across East Java held a consolidation meeting in Malang Municipality on 9 December 2019. The activity was held to evaluate the work of JPPRI in 2019, share updates about the developments of work programs in each region, and discuss JPPRI East Java's 2020 Work Plan.

"Throughout the year, we have been helped by support provided by the MAMPU Program, especially computer use training. Now we can create reports more systematically and archive and store data," explained Wuwun from JPPRI East Java. The consolidation meeting

is expected to improve JPPRI East Java's capacity and assist the network to become an independent, sustainable organisation when MAMPU's assistance to the organisation finishes in mid-2020.

In 2020, JPPRI East Java plans to revive the activities of the Women's Home Workers' School (SPPR), implement organisational management practices, engage in strategic advocacy, and revitalise the Bangkit Sejahtera Abadi Cooperative (BSA). To support these goals, the MAMPU Program will work to increase the capacity of JPPRI East Java members in entrepreneurship.

About MAMPU

Australia - Indonesia Partnership for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

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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