

# MAMPU KITA

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## Konferensi Perempuan Timur (‘Eastern Indonesia Women’s Conference’) Came Up with Recommendations to End Violence against Women

“Eastern Indonesia is blessed with abundant resources, cultures, and customs. The enormous wealth and potential must be balanced with empowered women. With collaboration between government, community organizations, business sector, and media, I’m convinced that we can empower women and encourage women entrepreneurs to keep innovating. We can also keep protecting women from stigma or stereotype disfavoring them”, said the Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, I Gusti Ayu Bintang Darmawati, S.E, M.Si, in her opening remark at the Konferensi Perempuan Timur 2020 (KPT2020), 26 August 2020.

KPT2020 was held on 26-27 August 2020 upon the initiative of Yayasan BaKTI, Service Providers Forum (FPL), and National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan) with full support from MAMPU Program, an Australia – Indonesia Partnership for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. Highlighting the theme of “Reaping the Fruit of Multi-Stakeholders Synergy for Equal Development in East Indonesia,” this conference was aimed at serving as a medium for sharing on collective actions and empowerment models used by women movement in Eastern Indonesia for sustainable development.



The minister further said, “I hope this conference would generate a lot of innovative ideas, thoughts and solutions so as to create the spirit and optimism that would result in emergence of more women leaders from the region. I’m convinced that Eastern Indonesian women are a force for the national development, toward empowered women and a developed Indonesia,” she continued.

During the two-day event, participants of KPT2020 shared lessons-learnt and experiences on various problems relating to violence against women, including best practices and multi-stakeholders synergy that were being or had been carried out at local to national level under several topics. The discussion on the various topics were summarized and developed as recommendations from the conference. At the end of the event, KPT2020 managed to produce 11 recommendations to be followed-up by various stakeholders, particularly the Government of Indonesia, ensuring that all development gaps, including violence against women, can be eradicated in the eastern part of the country.

“This recommendation came up from the experiences and challenges faced by various stakeholders who had made some good initiatives to address violence against women in Eastern Indonesia,” explained Lusia Palulungan - Head of Joint Committee of KPT2020. “We summarized this multi-stakeholders ideas into recommendations that we will submit to the government to be followed-up, so that the initiative



can be replicated in other areas,” she further added. The KPT2020 recommendations were submitted by the KPT2020 Organizer in a symbolic ceremony to Komnas Perempuan, represented by Veryanto Sitohang (Komnas Perempuan’s Commissioner for 2020-2024) to be forwarded to the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection and Ministry of

Home Affairs to keep up synergy with civil society organizations, media, universities, and other stakeholders who share concern and commitment to realize gender justice and equality.

Recommendation points of KPT2020 can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/MateriKPT20>



## MAMPU Webinar Discussing Women during Pandemic

COVID-19 pandemic has brought about serious social and economic impacts all across Indonesia, including on women and children. Women and children are proven to be even more vulnerable compared to others. The MAMPU Webinar Series entitled “Women and Pandemic” highlighted stories on the impacts of pandemic to women and their struggle in overcoming these impacts. The topic was raised and discussed in the webinar’s three sessions, namely on 16, 23, and 30 July 2020.

In her opening remark, Kate Shanahan, MAMPU Program Team Leader, expressed her hope that the webinar could serve as a medium for grassroots women and non-government organizations to share their perspectives and experiences regarding the pandemic. Through this platform, their experiences could be directly listened to by policy makers at local and national levels. She further added, “During the pandemic, MAMPU and its partners continued our efforts in various interventions while taking into account the needs of women and other vulnerable groups through gender-perspective and inclusive approach. MAMPU Partners strengthened women group organizing in villages, built community’s resilience, and engaged various stakeholders in addressing COVID-19.”

The first webinar was held on the topic of “Double Burden of Women Workers during Pandemic”, which highlighted how COVID-19 pandemic has brought significant impacts to jobs and income in sectors with high rate of women workers participation, such as service, SME, and informal sectors. Women working in informal sector, such as home workers, are some of the most-affected. “511 TURC’s beneficiary women workers or 68.42% were hit by the impacts and lost their jobs. The situation is exacerbated by their illiteracy and limited access to gadget, which prevent them from accessing the ‘pre-employment card’, as registration to the services have to be done online,” explained Dede Rina, the Coordinator of Informal Workers Division, TURC (Trade Union Rights Center), a MAMPU Partner to improve decent work condition for homeworkers.

“To foster economic recovery among homeworkers, we carry out several activities such as sensitization on COVID-19 prevention, mapping of economic potentials, urban farming training, promoting cooperative as a leverage to the economy, and facilitating homeworkers in accessing government programs,” she added.

Furthermore, during the event they also discussed about several measures that the government has taken in areas where MAMPU

Partners work to assist women from the grassroots. Ety Subiyarti, Village Chief of Rogojati, Wonosobo District, explained about her activities with DESBUMI group in her village. “Before the pandemic, the business groups run by DESBUMI, such as tailors, batik crafter, and culinary were doing fine. When the pandemic started to hit, however, these business almost shut down as customer orders plummeted. Fortunately, the tailor group received the Economic Safety Net (Jaring Pengaman Ekonomi/JPE) Program which enabled them to produce and sell face masks. We bought their products and distributed them to the community.”

The second webinar entitled “Optimization of Civil Society’s Roles in Social Protection & Essential Services for Vulnerable Group during Pandemic” featured Bappenas (National Development Planning Agency) representative, Mr. Maliki, Director of Poverty Handling and Social Welfare, and Ministry of Social Affairs, represented by Said Mirza Pahlevi, Head of Database and Information. In his presentation, Said Mirza argued about the importance of updating the Social Welfare Integrated Data (DTKS) to mitigate COVID-19’s impacts. DTKS improvement became critical in distributing social assistance, such as staple food and direct cash transfer particularly for vulnerable groups such as elderly and person with disability (PWD).

With regard to provision of services to vulnerable group, Nani Zulminarni, Director of Yayasan PEKKA, also a MAMPU Partner, highlighted the importance of community engagement in improving the DTKS currently implemented by the government. “There have been ongoing innovations by the community in improving the DTKS. In 94% of villages we surveyed, the village apparatus conducted data verification and validation in the village deliberation forum (Musdes), allowing them to fix the data. We also found that 32% of village apparatus said that they engaged poor women in the village deliberation to ensure that the voices of elderly women and PWDs could be heard.”

In the last webinar series held on 30 July 2020, entitled “COVID-19’s impacts on Handling Cases of Violence against Women”, Woro Srihastuti Sulistyaningrum, Director of Family, Women, Child, Youth and Sport, Bappenas, delivered an opening remark. Woro explained about the massive impacts of COVID-19 to women, and ongoing government’s responses to ensure that the country’s economy could still run amid the ‘New Normal’ situation. “The Government of Indonesia has been focusing on harmonizing different strategic elements in its National Mid-Term Development Plan (RPJMN) to decrease the overall



cases of violence against women. The pandemic will change many aspects of our lives, including development policies which now have to be adaptive in responding to various challenges that the changes have brought.”

During the same occasion, Alimatul Qibiyah from Komnas Perempuan presented the commission’s study results on the Dynamic Changes in Households during COVID-19. The study involved 2,285 respondents. “66% of the respondents reported that they had to endure bigger household chores, as the majority of such chores are undertaken by women. Our record shows that

the most affected segment is women of age 31-40 group which earn less than IDR5 million, and work in informal sector.”

Woro concluded the webinar discussion by emphasizing the importance of multi-stakeholders collaboration to curb the rate of violence, since the government cannot address the problem alone. “We can collaborate with the national government, local governments, NGOs, and academics to prevent and address violence against women. Data serve as our basis to take actions, and thus data strengthening is crucial”, she concluded.



## MAMPU Supports Bappenas and Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (MWECP) to Synergize and Collaborate with Local Governments and CSOs for Prevention of Child Marriage

Jakarta, 2 September 2020 - The Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas together with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, with the support of MAMPU Program, held a national conference entitled “Synergy and Collaboration in Child Marriage Prevention” on 2 September 2020. The online conference was aimed at disseminating information on the National Strategy for Child Marriage Prevention (Stranas PPA) to the local governments and civil society organization network.

The conference opening remarks were delivered by Aedan Whyatt - Counsellor for Poverty and Social Development, Embassy of Australia for Indonesia, and Subandi Sardjoko - Deputy of Human, Social, and Cultural Development, Bappenas. Subandi highlighted the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration that engages government and non-government institutions to ensure the success in reducing the child marriage prevalence in Indonesia.

The first session of the conference was opened by Woro Srihastuti Sulistyaningrum, Director of Family, Women, Child, Youth and Sport, Bappenas, who raised the issue of remaining high prevalence of child marriage in Indonesia, which was 10.82% (2019). The figure was projected to go down to 8.74% by 2024 (National Mid-Term Development Plan/RPJMN 2020-2024) and 6.94% by 2030 (SDGs Goal 5). Therefore, concerted and collective efforts are still required to achieve the objectives.

The session also discussed about the findings of study conducted by MAMPU Program with the University of Melbourne in 2020, which shows that child marriage caused impacts to education, health, and economy of the girls and boys victims of child marriage.

“One of the findings show that children who postponed their marriage have higher chance to participate 1.6-1.8 years longer in education and earn 20-25 percent higher wage than those who get married at child age,” Woro explained. “Child marriage also increases the risk of infant mortality within 12 months of their first living period, and of stunting if they survive,” she added.

Also during the same event, the Assistant to Deputy of Fulfillment of Child’s Rights to Caregiving and Environment, Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (MWECP), Rohika Kurniadi Sari, explained that the government had issued policies at national level that need to be supported with action plan in respective regions. As the technical coordinator of Child Marriage Prevention (CMP) implementation, the MWECP will strengthen synergy with the ‘Joint Movement for Stop Child Marriage’ (Gerakan Bersama Stop Perkawinan Anak). “We need to encourage participation from various stakeholders, particularly Children Forum, Center for Family Learning/PUSPAGA, Children-friendly School (Sekolah Ramah Anak), as well as community leaders and religious leaders to build awareness on the danger of child marriage”, she further explained.

The conference featured resource persons from various regions, namely Provincial WECP Office of South Sulawesi, Local Development Planning Agency (Bappeda) of West Java, religious and community leaders, and civil society organizations (CSO) that are MAMPU Partners representing the grassroots community, such as: Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia (KPI), Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan, Yayasan BaKTI, and Muhammadiyah. All this time, the CSOs have been actively working in child marriage prevention together with MAMPU Program in 700 villages spread in 90 districts/cities and 27 provinces in Indonesia.



## MAMPU Calls Indonesian Children to #MampuBeraniBersikap (Dare to Act)



To further celebrate the spirit, MAMPU engaged 15 youths to voice out their aspiration in 10 districts/cities through digital campaign that lasted for about 1 month starting from the end of August until September 2020.

The activity was supported by 6 MAMPU Partners working on child marriage prevention, namely The Indonesian Women's Coalition for Justice and Democracy (KPI), Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan (YKP), Yayasan BaKTI, Yayasan PEKKA, PERMAMPU, and Yayasan PUPA.

The campaign was given the title "Mampu Berani Bersikap" (Dare to Act) and was accessible on Facebook (MAMPU Berani

Bersikap) and Instagram (@mampu.berani.bersikap). The activities included Instagram Live Class of Dream Academy (Akademi Mimpi), WhatsApp Group Class (for parents), Live Takshow on Instagram, Writing Competition, and Dare to Start a Business (Kelas Berani Usaha) Workshop that taught how to make face masks.

The Dream Declaration (Deklarasi Mimpi) was the peak of the campaign event. Attended by 15 young champions from 9 selected provinces, they recited their resolution to pursue their dreams and reject child marriage.

Kate Shanahan, MAMPU Team Leader, also explained about MAMPU's support to this digital campaign. "Indonesian future's sustainability lies in the hands of Indonesian children. The fact that child marriage rate is still very high should become our serious concern," she explained.

Civil society organizations and networks involved in this campaign have been working for so long in the advocating measures to amend Law No. 1 of 1974 on marriage, which originally dictated age 16 as the minimum marriage age for women and 19 for men. "MAMPU Program and its implementing partners have been involved and supporting the efforts of child marriage prevention, including by pushing for the amendment of Law on Marriage that increased the minimum age of marriage since 2019."



## PEKKA Monitors Social Assistance for Women during COVID-19 Pandemic

Yayasan PEKKA presented the survey results it had conducted when monitoring various COVID-19 social assistances in the webinar on "Feminization of Poverty and Social Assistance's Effectiveness in Responding to COVID-19 Pandemic" which was held online on Monday, 24 August 2020, from 1-3PM JKT time.

**Throughout 12 May - 3 June 2020**, Yayasan PEKKA facilitated Serikat PEKKA (PEKKA Union) in **17 provinces** and **42 districts**, **69 sub-districts**, and **90 villages** to conduct monitoring of various government social assistances distributed during the pandemic. The monitoring was conducted with the support from MAMPU Program, KOMPAK and WVL-GAC.

The Minister of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration (VDDRT/Kemendes PDRT), Abdul Halim Iskandar, became the key speaker in this webinar. He expressed the ministry's commitment to always engage women in village development processes.

"We have emphasized that in every village consultative meeting, there must be women elements that represent at least 30 percent of total participants. We will consistently monitor this so that the policy will not become a mere lips service, but truly be implemented," he explained.

The Secretary General of Ministry of VDDRT, Anwar Sanusi, said in his remark that in the sixth month after the pandemic, an interesting issue had emerged regarding the assistance given by the government to the target community, which can be seen from the monitoring by Yayasan PEKKA. "The issue raised by PEKKA is very interesting, since women are an integral part of village community and play significant roles for the village."

**Throughout the period of 21 May - 3 June 2020**, **123 cadres** of Yayasan PEKKA had been trained to conduct census in **90 villages** and **90 sub-neighborhood (RT)/hamlets (dusun)** to **6,559 heads of household**. In addition, interviews were conducted to 87 village apparatus to get a general idea on social assistance distribution by the village government.

“The monitoring was aimed at ensuring that poor people, particularly women heads of household (PEKKA) and other marginal groups received their right to protection during COVID-19 pandemic, and would be able to continue their life after the pandemic,” explained Nani Zulminarni, Director of Yayasan PEKKA.

The important findings from the monitoring of social assistance programs from community and village perspectives conducted by Yayasan PEKKA include the fact that there were inclusion and exclusion errors as well as potential corruption throughout the

distribution of social assistance and direct cash transfer from village fund (BLT-DD). Based on this monitoring result, Yayasan PEKKA and PEKKA Union Federation across Indonesia gave recommendation to the national and village governments to expand the social assistance program, particularly in order to foster economic recovery, strengthen database, develop community-based and segregated data system, as well as develop affirmative policies to reach out specific and excluded poor groups.



## ‘Aisiyah Held Cadre Jamboree, Strengthening Women’s Roles for Social Change

“‘Aisiyah cadres play important roles in educating the community, particularly vulnerable groups, about the issue of reproductive health and nutrition during pandemic, strengthening the roles of religious leader and community leader, and suggesting policy recommendations to local governments and national government.” Kate Shanahan, MAMPU Program Team Leader, explained during ‘Aisiyah National Cadre Jamboree on Thursday (16/7).

The Jamboree was organized by the Executive Board of ‘Aisiyah in partnership with MAMPU Program, taking as its theme “The Leadership in Community as An Agent of Change: Learning from Women’s Experiences”. Attended by 500 cadres from 15 districts/cities and 6 provinces online, ‘Aisiyah Cadre Jamboree was aimed at facilitating women cadres to share experiences and best practices to strengthen further empowerment strategies and advocacy regarding reproductive health and women’s nutrition issues.

MAMPU Team Leader, Kate Shanahan, as one of the keynote speakers said, “‘Aisiyah’s roles as MAMPU Partner at the grassroots level is critical to ensure positive behavioral change takes place in society. The COVID-19 pandemic situation has brought about serious social, health, and economic impacts around the world, including Indonesia. Social and economic gap between men and women as well as other vulnerable groups will become wider due to this pandemic. MAMPU Partners strengthens women groups organizing in villages, builds community resilience, and engages multi-stakeholders in tackling COVID-19.”

Tri Hastuti Nur, the Secretary of Executive Board of ‘Aisiyah, and Coordinator of ‘Aisiyah MAMPU Program, informed that ‘Aisiyah through its cadres has had vast experiences in developing policies that include gender perspective as well as consider women’s interests including during the pandemic.

“Some of the organization’s good experiences in creating village regulations and tackling child marriage became very important.

We also care about reproductive health issues which until now, unfortunately are still overlooked by many. ‘Aisiyah contributes to bring the issues of reproductive health and stunting into attention.”

Siti Noordjannah Djohantini, Chair of ‘Aisiyah Executive Board who was also present in the event conveyed her appreciation for the hard work of the organization’s leadership and cadres who had been working directly at the grassroots level. “‘Aisiyah women cadres have unwavering spirit to communicate, engage, and make efforts to make sure that all women obtain their rights and learn essential knowledge. The cadres’ success is not only in inviting other women, but also in disseminating knowledge to men which will eventually lead to change.”

Women’s power is the root of ‘Aisiyah’s power. As we know, since its establishment, ‘Aisiyah has always been run by women’s power. This also manifested during its partnership with MAMPU Program, which was focused on increasing women’s access to government’s services and protection by building capacity and strengthening women’s voice and influence. The efforts were aimed at building adequate advocacy capacity vertically with policy makers, as well as horizontally with general public, just like what has been applied by ‘Aisiyah and its cadres.



## Women Leadership Festival: KAPAL Perempuan Celebrated Gender Watch Program's Journey

Institut KAPAL Perempuan held the Women Leadership Festival online on 28-29 August 2020 to celebrate the journey of Gender Watch Program that had been running since October 2013 until August 2020. Gender Watch Program initiative by KAPAL Perempuan is a model of social protection programs monitoring that is integrated with women critical awareness building and empowerment measures.

The program is part of MAMPU Program, developed in a number of remote villages in islands and mountainous areas in NTT, NTB, East Java, West Sumatera, DKI Jakarta, and South Sulawesi Provinces. KAPAL Perempuan collaborates with organizations in program locations to run Gender Watch program, namely LPSDM, YKPM, KPS2K, YAO (replaced by Pondok Pergerakan), and PBT. Gender Watch has shown the importance of leadership and participation by poor women as the key to access and benefit from social protection programs and women's basic rights.

"Gender Watch strategy is growing poor women's participation and leadership in the monitoring of social protection programs. The monitoring results are then proposed to be incorporated into development planning, policy making, and budgeting processes. This is aimed at ensuring that women and poor community can

access various social protection programs, essential services, leadership building, as well as increase their skills and income. It will in turn lead to improvement of life quality and fulfillment of rights of poor women and marginal groups, particularly in the program areas", explained Misiyah, Director of KAPAL Perempuan during the festival opening.

On 28 August 2020, KAPAL Perempuan and its working partners submitted their public accountability report related to the implementation of Gender Watch 2013-2020 Program to the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas). The event was opened by Mrs. Woro Srihastuti Sulistyningrum, ST, MIDS, Director of Family, Women, Children, Youth and Sport of Bappenas, who conveyed her appreciation to all parties who had worked together to support the efforts to develop and create a more prosperous Indonesia.

"We are thankful for the numerous strategic programs that KAPAL Perempuan has been implementing to increase the roles, participation and control of women in poverty alleviation and social protection programs that allowed women to actively participate in Indonesia's development process."



## "Daya Perempuan Akar Rumput" (Power of Grassroot Women) Book Launching

On 29 August 2020, the Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, I Gusti Ayu Bintang Darmawati, S.E., M.Si, launched a book by KAPAL Perempuan entitled "Daya Perempuan Akar Rumput: Kepemimpinan Perempuan untuk Perubahan" The Power of Grassroots Women: Women's Leadership for Change", while delivering her keynote speech.

"Let us keep our synergy and gathering support to achieve gender equality, make policies favoring women and children, and produce beneficial works for the nation and country's development." The minister iterated in her remark.

In its implementation, Gender Watch faces various challenges, including the increasing conservative religion interpretation, customary norms that restrain women, political dynamics in the government, and even natural disaster. KAPAL Perempuan also shared its lessons-learnt in overcoming such challenges to

serve as a reference regarding women empowerment efforts in Indonesia. The results of this program have contributed to the growing number of grassroots women movement and government's open stance to collaboration and receiving inputs from poor women,

through the creation of various policies and budgets that are gender-responsive and pro-poor.



## MAMPU Partners Showcase 10 Grassroots Women Leaders through Hashtag #MajuPemimpinPEREMPUAN (Advance WOMEN Leaders)



Carrying the same spirit to advance women leadership, MAMPU and its partners, Institut KAPAL Perempuan, Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia (KPI), and Yayasan PEKKA, encourage more Indonesian women to make contribution and strengthen women's leadership through social media campaigns under the hashtag #MajuPemimpinPEREMPUAN, which was used on Facebook account "Maju Pemimpin Perempuan" and Instagram account @MajuPemimpinPerempuan.

Other than on Facebook and Instagram, various classes were held on Whatsapp and Zoom webinars. In the series of activities,

various experts and activists from diverse backgrounds were invited. The classes teach various topics, such as digital security and online gender-based violence (OGBV), financial literacy, and even gardening at home.

"Women leadership is not only important to push for gender equality in Indonesian society, but also to open more access to all Indonesian women so that they can create changes not only for themselves but for all women and community around them, including through policy making," explained Kate Shanahan, MAMPU Program Team Leader, in one of the class opening sessions. She added that the digital campaign initiated by 3 MAMPU Partners for 'Women's Leadership Based on the Principle of Tolerance' agenda is expected to amplify the works of grassroots women during their engagement with MAMPU Program.

"Through the digital campaign of #MajuPemimpinPEREMPUAN, the journey and results of struggle of grassroots women were compiled and are expected to inspire more #PerempuanMAMPU out there to keep striving together and helping each other to create one change after another in their community," Kate concluded.

The #MajuPemimpinPEREMPUAN campaign lasted from August - September 2020. In the implementation, the campaign directly engages 10 grassroots women leaders who have shown their dedication to women movement by pushing for accessibility of essential services for women and promoting gender equality in their surrounding.



## MAMPU Partners Held A Series of Training for Strengthening Women Members of Parliaments

Women's Coalition for Justice and Democracy (KPI), a MAMPU Partner working in the agenda of capacity strengthening for women MPs, held a series of joint activities in form of virtual discussions started on 24 June until 26 August 2020. The discussion was participated by members of Women's Caucus in Indonesian Politics (Kaukus Perempuan Politik Indonesia/KPPI) and legislative members from 8 provinces: South Sulawesi, Bengkulu, Aceh, Jambi, West Sumatera, Central Sulawesi, DI Yogyakarta and East Java.

The activity was carried out to build collaboration between women organizations and women MPs at national and local levels, which was started with a joint assessment to identify the types of capacity building needed by the women MPs.

Various events were held, including strategy development for participatory recess during pandemic. One of the activities was a session to promote champions among women MPs by sharing good experiences in pushing for gender-equity policies in their respective regions.

Furthermore, MAMPU Partners also work collectively to advocate participatory recess through submission of policy paper to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA). KPI as a MAMPU Partner thinks that the impacts of participatory recess are not only felt by the local MPs, but also constituents, since the initiative allows interaction between various groups of people. Diversity of constituents can generate ideas and information from and about groups with limited access, such as women, children, the poor and minorities.



## Homeworker Beneficiaries of MAMPU Partner Received Ministry of Manpower's Assistance for Freelance Workers



As many as 19 out of 168 beneficiary groups from this program are independent business groups (cooperatives) of homeworker beneficiaries of MAMPU Partner: Trade Union Rights Center (TURC) and Yayasan Annisa Swasti (Yasanti). They received funding from the TKM Program amounting IDR 40 million per group.

“The empowerment of TKM new entrepreneurs is aimed at stimulating small industries, particularly women workers, through increasing their creativity. According to our record, up to 31 July 2020, there are a total of 3.5 million of formal and informal workers affected by the pandemic. We need to pay attention on them and help them rebound with this program,” she explained.

The assistance package will be utilized as business capital for the already established homeworkers cooperatives. The package is expected to help homeworkers to build group businesses and sustain their economies.

In the same occasion, the representative of JPRI Tangerang also handed over to the minister the Draft Proposal for Minister of Manpower Regulation on Homeworkers Protection, altogether with a number of books and studies produced by MAMPU Partners.



The representative of Indonesian Homeworkers Network (JPRI), a beneficiary of MAMPU Partner, received the assistance for Freelance Workers for COVID-19 Affected Women Workers on Thursday, 13 August 2020 in Purwakarta, West Java. The assistance was handed-over directly by the Minister of Manpower, Ida Fauziyah, accompanied by District Chief of Purwakarta, Anne Ratna Mustika.

“The Government will keep pressing down unemployment as much as possible with COVID-19 mitigation programs, particularly for women workers who are laid-off and suspended. The government expects this program to help transforming women workers into entrepreneurs,” she explained during the handover ceremony.

## 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.