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The MAMPU Program and Development Partners Support BAPPENAS's Launching of the National Child Marriage Prevention Strategy



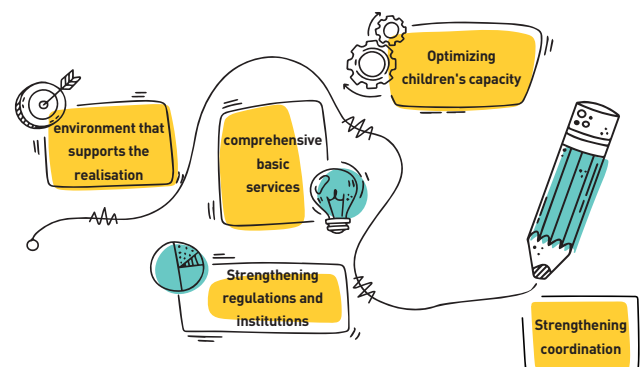
After an intensive drafting process, the National Child Marriage Prevention Strategy and Child Marriage Prevention Report: Acceleration that Cannot be Delayed was finally launched on 4 February 2020 at the Pullman Hotel in Jakarta. The National Development Planning Minister Suharso said the documents were evidence of strong collaboration between government and non-government parties, especially between the National Development Planning Ministry, the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, development partners, civil society organisations, academics, religious leaders and youth groups.

The documents contain five strategies to lower the prevalence of child marriage in Indonesia, namely:

1. Enhancing the capacity of children to ensure they become resilient actors for change.
2. Pushing for the creation of an environment that supports the realisation of values and norms that prevent child marriage.
3. Increasing access to comprehensive basic services that guarantee the fulfilment of children's rights to protection and welfare.
4. Strengthening regulations and institutions to ensure the implementation of child marriage prevention efforts and increasing the capacity of these institutions' management.
5. Strengthening coordination between stakeholders to increase synergy and cooperation on efforts to prevent child marriage.

In his opening address, Suharso said, "This meeting today is a moment of strategic importance for the central and regional governments, development partners, academics, CSOs, and the media, to coordinate and synergise our efforts to develop awareness, concern, and support for efforts to prevent child marriage."

Based on the Child Marriage Prevention Report, the reduction in cases of child marriage over the last 10 years has reached 3.5% across Indonesia. This slow rate of reduction means that Indonesia is one of 10 countries with the highest rates of child marriage with a prevalence of 11.21% in 2018. Efforts to prevent child marriage are a realisation of collective action supported by the MAMPU Program. MAMPU Partners have been involved in various advocacy forums to push for the creation of pro-women policy that promotes gender equality, such as this National Child Marriage Prevention Strategy.



The Women's Leadership Festival and the Indonesian Women's Coalition National Congress V Push for the Achievement of the SDGs



The Indonesian Women's Coalition (KPI) hosted two major events at the beginning of 2020: 'The Women's Leadership Festival: Women & the SDGs' and the 'KPI National Congress V'.

The National Congress was held on 20-23 February 2020 in Semarang and opened by the Governor of East Java Khofifah Indar Parawansa and attended by the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Bintang Puspayoga. The festival was aimed at encouraging all elements of society to develop a sense of ownership over the SDGs by bringing the goals, targets and indicators down to earth in a way that could be understood by all. The two activities resulted in the creation of the Sukolilo Charter, which outlines KPI's commitment to working to achieving the Goals. The events also led to the appointment of Mike Verawati Tangka as KPI's Secretary General for the 2020-2025 period.

"This Women's Leadership Festival: Women & the SDGs is a forum to develop strategies together to respond to various issues related to achieving the SDGs, such as the elimination of child marriage, life-long education, women's and children's health and the fulfilment of the rights to food, security, democracy and peace," said KPI Secretary-General 2014-2019, Dian Kartikasari.

In her keynote speech, Governor Khofifah Indar Parawansa said she hoped women from all corners of Indonesia would contribute their thoughts, advice and guidance to improve rural women's skills.

"We often find inequality between cities and villages and women's access [to services] in villages is relatively limited. How can we reach out to women in the villages to increase their access and improve their skills, health and economic well-being?" said Khofifah. In her speech titled 'Women's Leadership & Achieving the SDGs', Khofifah also advised the government, parliament, civil society and the media to coordinate their work and cooperate to achieve the SDGs.

In line with Khofifah, Bintang Puspayoga also highlighted the importance of women's leadership in her remarks. Bintang hopes that more women will be able to lead from the village level. KPPPA data shows that in 2019, only 5% of 78,000 villages across Indonesia had female village heads. This means that only one out of every 20 village heads were women. "There is plenty of room for women to take on important leadership roles, but this has not materialised optimally because of psychological, cultural and political barriers," she said.

The women's leadership festival was attended by more than 1,500 women KPI members from 1,100 villages and 205 districts and cities spread across 20 provinces. The strength, ideas, and hopes of KPI members throughout Indonesia were set out in the Sukolilo Charter, a commitment to working together to achieve the SDGs.

Good luck to the appointed KPI National Board for the 2020-2025 period!

The Service Providers Forum (FPL) Cooperates with Grab to Help Survivors of Sexual Violence

The Service Providers Forum (FPL), one of the MAMPU Partners working to eliminate sexual violence, signed a cooperation agreement with Grab in Yogyakarta on 24 January 2020. As the agreement was signed Grab symbolically handed over donations raised for FPL through the GrabRewards platform in a campaign that went from December 2019 to January 2020.

A total of IDR 109,965,000 (approximately AUD 11,927.46) was raised by 2,860 application users. These funds will be used in programs to

economically empower women survivors of violence across Indonesia in the three regions of Java, Sumatra-Kalimantan, and East Indonesia. Participants in the empowerment program from each region will receive financial assistance to begin businesses.

Speaking at the event, FPL National Secretariat Coordinator Veni Siregar explained, "We appreciate the comprehensive approach taken by grab and their support for financially empowering women survivors through GrabRewards. Women victims of violence often

cannot leave abusive situations because they don't have financial independence. We hope that even more private sector actors will become committed to reducing the rates of violence against women in the community and in the workplace."

Meanwhile, Grab Managing Director Neneng Goenadi expressed her support for the alumni of the FPL economic empowerment program, "We are very open if the future alumni of the FPL empowerment program would like to work with Grab, for example as GrabFood merchants, or as GrabKiosk partners, because our services are spread across Indonesia,"



Source: Grab Indonesia website

Implementing the Supreme Court Regulation No. 3/ 2017 to Guarantee Justice for Women Victims of Violence



On 22 January 2020, the Service Providers Forum (FPL) for women victims of violence and the National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan) held an event to disseminate information about the Supreme Court Regulation No. 3/2017 regarding Guidelines on Trying Cases of Women Faced with the Law.

The creation of this regulation represents a strategic opportunity to encourage the implementation of the Integrated Criminal Justice System for Handling Cases of Violence Against Women (SPPT-PKKTP) in judicial institutions.

FPL and Komnas Perempuan were supported by the MAMPU Program to host this event to develop community awareness about the regulation and develop the SPPT PKKTP concept in five regions, namely: Riau Islands Province, Jakarta, Central Java, Maluku, and Southeast Sulawesi. The activity and this concept are aimed at ensuring women have increased access to justice through the criminal justice system.

LBH APIK Aceh's Annual Notes: 71% of Perpetrators have Personal Relationships with their Victims

"In 2019 we documented 123 cases of violence against women and children, which is higher than in 2018 when we documented 115 cases," said LBH APIK Aceh Director Roslina Rasyid in Lhokseumawe on 24 February. Roslina made these remarks at the launching of the organisation's Annual Note on Cases of Violence against Women and Children. She explained that 71% of the cases documented involved perpetrators with personal relationships with their victims.

She said that violence against women and children was triggered by various factors, including the current legal system. Roslina explained that this system does not yet fully consider victims of violence as parties who have the right to be treated fairly, especially in terms of the burden of proof for cases, which results in a large percentage of perpetrators going free without punishment. Also, she added, a lack of solidarity in households, economic problems, and communication issues are other problems that influence violence.

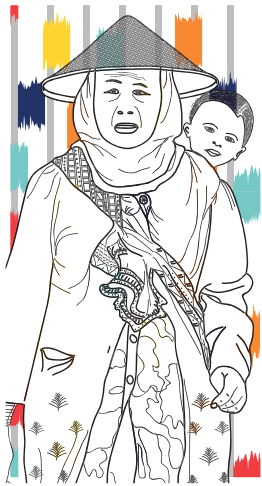
LBH APIK Aceh noted that the psychological impact of violence was one of the greatest impacts borne by women survivors.

"Psychological pressure causes victims to suffer heavy mental burdens and stress which sometimes results in suicidal thoughts," she explained.

In addition to LBH Apik Aceh, the Service Providers Forum (FPL) western region also compiled and presented data at their 2019 Annual Notes launching event. This document details the situation regarding violence against women across Sumatra, as compiled by service providers working across the region, such as PUPA Bengkulu Foundation, SPI Labuhanbatu, Nurani Perempuan Women's Crisis Center Padang, and Hapsari Deli Serdang. Releasing this data collectively aims to harmonise and utilise the data stored in FPLs integrated database which documents cases of violence against women across the country. The MAMPU Program supported FPL to develop this database to support evidence-based advocacy.



MAMPU Partners in NTB Call for the Fulfilment of Women's and Children's Rights



FORUM NTB MAJU

DARI NTB UNTUK INDONESIA:
Dukung Pemenuhan
Hak Perempuan dan Anak



The Advance NTB Forum held a public discussion entitled 'From NTB for Indonesia: Support the Fulfillment Women's and Children's Rights' on 23 January 2020. The discussion, which took place in the city of Mataram, Lombok aimed to facilitate a dialogue about the protection of women, children and vulnerable groups in West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) Province and to encourage sustainable development based on principles of gender equality and social inclusion. The forum was also designed to strengthen civil society networks to ensure the fulfillment of women's and children's rights in NTB.

The Advance NTB Forum consists of five MAMPU Partner organisations that focus on community development initiatives targeting women and children, namely: the Panca Karsa Association (PPK), the Eastern Indonesia Knowledge Exchange Foundation (BaKTI), The Partner Development Institution (LPSDM), the Program for the Empowerment of Women Heads of Households (PEKKA) and the Indonesian Women's Coalition (KPI).

"The Advance NTB Forum realises that NTB Province still faces development challenges, especially related to the interests of women and children. This event is to build mutual awareness to work together to ensure the fulfillment of the rights of women and children in NTB." said Zahratun, the chairperson of the event.

The various development challenges in the province include NTB's provincial Human Development Index (HDI) in 2018 of 67.30, which was well below the national HDI of 71.39 (BPS, 2018); in 2016, 1,679 cases of violence against women and children were recorded in the province (P2TP2A NTB, 2017), this figure increased to 1,821 cases in 2017 and in 2018, 1,475 of such cases were recorded. 70% of the cases recorded involved perpetrators that had family ties to their victims.

Adolescent pregnancy and childbirth were also major issues. In North Lombok District, 783 women and girls aged between 10-19 years old became pregnant and 520 women aged 10-19 gave birth. Meanwhile, in East Lombok, 2,809 women under the age of 20 gave birth (North Lombok Health Office, 2019). The available data also suggests that child marriage leads to high risks of domestic violence and trafficking.

NTB is the region from which the fourth-highest number of Indonesian migrant workers originate after East Java, Central Java, and West Java. In 2019, 134,320 migrant workers, of whom 70% were women, came from NTB (BNP2TKI, 2019). Evidence shows that migrant workers from NTB often experience violence. From 2016-2019, MAMPU Partner PKK assisted 490 migrant workers who experienced various cases of violence including human trafficking and sexual violence.

The Advance NTB Forum featured six speakers, namely the Head of the NTB Office of Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control and Family Planning (DP3AP2KB) Andi Pramaria; the Secretary of the North Lombok Social Affairs Agency Faturrohman; the Executive Director of the Indonesian Family Planning Association (PKBI) NTB Ahmad Hidayat; local religious leader Subeki Sasaki; and the FPL National Secretariat Chair Veni Siregar.

The speakers talked about the policies and initiatives they had implemented to ensure the protection of women and children.

The public discussion produced six findings and recommendations:

1. Efforts to fulfill the rights of women and children require collaboration, synergy and commitment from all parties. Efforts and innovations for the protection of women and children have been implemented in the districts of North Lombok, East Lombok, Central Lombok and West Lombok and should be replicated elsewhere.
2. Law functions as a means of social control, so it is important for everybody to pay attention to the scope, material and content of the law. People should constructively criticise and actively participate in overseeing the formulation of formal law instruments to avoid discrimination and gender bias.
3. At its essence, religion fairly regulates the roles of women and men, even placing women as equals in decision-making arrangements. Therefore, it is important to re-interpret various religious texts that have been interpreted in gender-biased ways.
4. There is a sexual violence emergency in NTB. There can be no more violence allowed to occur.
5. There is a need for the creation of comprehensive regulations that prevent violence and regulations that provide legal assistance and recovery for victims of violence.
6. It is necessary to promote character education at all levels of education in NTB so that elements of society will not be easily provoked by a range of issues that lead to the spread of hatred and radicalism.

The activity was attended by 100 participants who represented all elements of the NTB community. It is expected that after the forum, all parties will collaborate to develop NTB and work towards the fulfillment of women's and children's rights.

'Aisyiyah Accelerates the Reduction of Stunting through 'Nutrition Houses



As an effort to reduce the rate of stunting in various regions in Indonesia, 'Aisyiyah — with the support of the MAMPU Program — launched the Nutrition House program in Mamuju Regency, West Sulawesi and Cianjur Regency, West Java. The Nutrition House program is now being implemented in 16 districts and cities.

"It is our duty to work together to reduce stunting by improving nutrition," said Halima, Chairperson of the Regional Branch of 'Aisyiyah at the launch of the Nutrition House on January 10 in Mamuju, West Sulawesi. "Good nutrition in children is needed to develop our future generations. Therefore, let's prevent stunting by starting from the household and fulfilling the nutritional needs of our children," said Habsi Wahid, the Regent of Mamuju.

The activity — which was carried out in conjunction with the launch of the Thematic Nutrition and Stunting Prevention University Program — involved more than 400 university students throughout the Mamuju District.

Aisyiyah Central Leadership Chairperson Siti Noordjannah Djohantini was also present at the event and said: "If this program is successfully implemented, God willing, within a period of two years, the stunting rate will decrease".

A similar launch occurred in Cianjur Regency on 1 February 2020. The Acting Regent of Cianjur Herman Suherman attended the event along with the Coordinator of the Team for the Accelerated Prevention of Stunting (TP2AK) Karnadi Hardijanto. Both of these guests voiced appreciation for Aisyiyah's work in reaching grassroots groups and carrying out comprehensive nutrition interventions that increased awareness in the community.

Cianjur 'Aisyiyah Regional Branch Chairperson Titin Suastini explained that Aisyiyah Cianjur would continue to partner with the government to reduce stunting: "As a partner of the government we will encourage efforts to reduce stunting through public health efforts, such as community education and this Nutrition House Program."

Tri Hastuti Nur Rochimah, the 'Aisyiyah Coordinator for the MAMPU Program also attended the event and explained: "'Aisyiyah hopes to

contribute to community-based efforts to reduce stunting in Indonesia through the Nutrition House Program." Nationally 'Aisyiyah has implemented the Nutrition House Program in 16 districts and cities since January 2018 in order to support the government's programs. The number of regions will continue to expand as the program is replicated by Aisyiyah branches in other areas.

Empowered with the Credit Union



Rismawati Bancin first joined the Credit Union in her village twenty-six years ago. She joined the Sada Ukur Credit Union in Jambu Belang Village, West Pakpak Regency, North Sumatra. "At that time in my region, women were somewhat neglected because they were considered unable to do many things. However, since joining the Credit Union, I have been trained in many skills, especially managing family finances," explained Rismawati. Risma, as she is often called, later became a manager of the Credit Union in her village and was then appointed to become an administrator at the Central PESADA Credit Union.

Credit Unions are an initiative initiated by the Sada Ahmo Association (PESADA) in North Sumatra in 1992. PESADA, which was founded in 1990, is a member of the PERMAMPU consortium, a consortium of eight women's organizations in Sumatra formed by the MAMPU Program in 2012. Credit Unions are savings and loans groups that are formed in rural areas targeting women who have limited access to information, public services and finance

"PESADA has educated a lot of women through Credit Unions. PESADA teaches that women must be brave and capable, not inferior to men. My heart was moved; what's the difference between men and women? We are both high school graduates. Why can men do something but we women cannot?" Risma said. "Though the Credit Union I was able to attend provincial and district parliamentary hearings and hear women's voices, there I saw that there were so few women involved and women did not feel listened to and accepted. When my friends encourage me to run for a seat in the local parliament, I got motivated to run for office," explained Risma.

In addition to providing access to capital, PESADA Credit Unions also aim to provide education to women about issues including human rights, gender equality, reproductive health, leadership, and politics.

Although the Credit Union initiative has been operating for a long time, the push to reintroduce political education into the Credit

Union structure began in 2017, two years before Risma was elected as a member of the Regional House of Representatives (DPRD) of West Pakpak Regency. This is not the first time she ran for office. In 2009, she had tried to be elected to the DPRD but was not successful. In 2019 she tried again and finally succeeded in becoming a member of the local parliament.

At present, the PESADA Credit Union initiative has reached 8 districts and 1 municipality in North Sumatra with 177 savings and loan groups that provide benefits to 10,850 members. Through the Credit Union, PESADA also provides support for women's political participation by allocating 0.5-2% of savings to educate women, increase their capacity and to campaign for female candidates. MAMPU supports the PERMAMPU consortium to form women's groups across Sumatra to give women a voice and increase their influence and access to services and information.



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.