

## Public Health Response to COVID-19: Lessons from Public Risk Communication



The COVID-19 pandemic posed unprecedented challenges to health systems worldwide. The Government of Indonesia received US\$1 billion in emergency loans from the World Bank, AIIB, KfW, and DFAT during the pandemic. The loan was used for, among others, to improve hospital and health system readiness for COVID-19 response and facilitate effective public risk communication. SMERU carries out research to document lessons learned from Indonesia's public risk communication interventions during the pandemic.

[Click the image](#) to learn more about the study.

### SMERU Blog



### Menstrual Hygiene Management: Whose Responsibility?

A study by SMERU found that menstrual health needs have not been met holistically. Many still see menstruation as taboo, resulting in inadequate education to support adolescent girls experiencing menstruation comfortably. What are the interventions to support menstrual hygiene management practices for adolescent girls? [Click the image](#) to read the full article.

### SMERU in The Media

Data Journalism | **Isi**

#### Cerita Nakes, Guru Honorar, dan Pengasuh yang Tak Dibayar Layak: Ini Masalah Struktural

Tidak mudah untuk menjadi guru honorar, perawat, pengasuh anak dan lansia. Selain persaingan ketat, juga dibayang bayang oleh upah rendah.

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Seluler 2009, masih banyak lulusan sekolah keperawatan hanya mengah **tanpa kerja** **di rumah**.  
**Mereka seringkali tidak dibayar.**

### SMERU Video



The working paper "Effect of Growing Up Poor on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Indonesia" was widely discussed by public figures and the media. What is the story behind the study? [Click the image](#) to watch one of the researchers, Mayang Rizky, talk about the motivation behind the study topic to the analysis process.



SMERU researchers met and talked with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Labor, Anwar Sanusi, and the Head of the Center for Development of Labor Policy, Agency for Employment Planning and Development, Muhyiddin. The talk preceded the ministerial lecture held by the Ministry of Labor and Brawijaya University on 14 March 2023. A SMERU researcher, Palmira Permata Bachtiar, was a speaker in the lecture.



SMERU visited the BRIN Education Research Center on 28 February 2023. Also discussed during the visit were educational issues and opportunities for collaboration between the Education Research Center or other BRIN research centers (under the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities) and independent research institutions such as SMERU. The SMERU team was represented by the Institute Secretary, Heni Kurniasih, and three researchers, Nina Toyamah, Ulfah Alifia, and Risa Nihayah.



Poverty is a key issue in SMERU's research. Every SMERU staff must have a general knowledge of the subject. One way the Institute provides education about poverty to its staff is through a poverty analysis workshop on 21 February 2023. This workshop was held online and in person and was led by SMERU's research fellow, Asep Suryahadi.

### Latest Publications



#### Reforming the ICT Functional Position to Accelerate Digital Transformation in the Public Sector

The government sector still needs to work on the lack and low quality of ICT functional position, which plays a vital role in the electronic-based government system to support digital transformation. In the government sector, digital transformation is essential for the 2010–2025 Bureaucratic Reform. [Click the image](#) to read SMERU's recommendations for reforming the ICT functional position in the government sector.



#### Gender Policies of the New Developmental State: The Case of Indonesian New Participatory Village Governance

How does the new developmental ideology shape participatory governance policy as an instrument of village development? This article, published in *the Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs*, shows how the Indonesian new development state addresses gender equality and women's empowerment in its effort to institutionalize a participatory approach in the state bureaucracy. [Click the image](#) to read the full article.



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