

The Spread of Innovative Policies in Indonesia's Decentralized Education System



Indonesia's decentralization devolved basic education service delivery from the central government to district governments. Two decades after decentralization, what innovative education policies have district governments created? How do local governments make the innovations? RISE Programme in Indonesia studied mechanisms for policy diffusion in Indonesia's decentralized education system. The study sought to understand how a district adopts education policies and whether these policies improve student learning outcomes in the region. [Click the image](#) to learn more about this study.

Latest Research

What is the Most Effective Campaign to Protect Children from Air Pollution?

Air pollution can be harmful to health and have adverse effects on early life development. Without serious treatment, this problem can bring down a child's quality of life in the future. SMERU and experts from the Australia National University and the University of Chicago test the efficacy of two information treatments in schools on air pollution and its negative health impacts. How is the study conducted? [Click the image](#) to know more.



SMERU Blog

5 Actions to Accelerate Progress in Learning in Indonesia

Almost all children in Indonesia are now in school. Yet, Indonesia is still in a learning crisis. How can we ensure that students receive quality learning and master the skills appropriate to their level of education? [Click the image](#) to discover the five priority actions summarized from RISE studies in various countries.



SMERU Video



In 2001, SMERU studied the impact of the minimum wage policy on workers' wage levels and employment opportunities in the urban formal sector. The results were published in a working paper, "Wage and Employment Effects of Minimum Wage Policy in the Indonesian Urban Labor Market". [Click the image](#) to learn why the government set up minimum wage standards for workers and SMERU's research recommendations.

SMERU Activities



SMERU's senior research fellow Asep Suryahadi was one of the panelists at the launch of the World Bank's "The Indonesian Poverty Assessment" report on 9 May 2023. The Report provides information on the causes and consequences of poverty and examines how public policies, expenditures, and institutions affect poor people. Minister of Finance, Sri Mulyani Indrawati, and Country Director of World Bank Indonesia and Timor Leste, Satu Kahkonen, attended the event.



The Indonesian Institute invited SMERU to have a conversation via its Instagram Live on Thursday, 11 May 2023, in commemoration of National Education Day. An economic researcher from The Indonesian Institute, Nuri Resti Cahyani, and SMERU's senior researcher, Ulfah Alifia, reflected on Indonesian education in terms of budget and quality of human resources.



LPEM FEB UI and Indonesia Project (Australian National University) held the 17th Sadli Lecture with keynote speaker Lisa Cameron (James Riady Chair in Asian Economics and Business at the University of Melbourne) on 16 May 2023. SMERU's senior research fellow Asep Suryahadi was one of the discussants at the annual seminar aimed at broadening understanding and stimulating discussion on the main challenges of Indonesia's economic policy.

SMERU Event



Don't Miss Out on June's FKP Seminar!

SMERU will host the Forum Kajian Pembangunan in June 2023 with four seminar topics. Join the discussion to promote evidence-based policy formulation in Indonesia! [Click on a title](#) below to sign up.

Innovations to Protect Gig Economy Workers
Online | Wednesday, 7 June 2023, 09.30–12.00 WIB (GMT+7)

Quarter-Life Crisis: How to Thrive, Not Just Survive
Hybrid | Wednesday, 14 June 2023, 14.00–16.00 WIB (GMT+7)

Local Collaborative Innovations: Realizing Quality Basic Education
Online | Wednesday, 21 June 2023, 09.30–11.30 WIB (GMT+7)

Rise and Fight: A Picture of the Small and Medium Enterprises
In person | Wednesday, 28 June 2023, 09.30–11.30 WIB (GMT+7)

Latest Publications



The National Education System Bill: Great Opportunity to Improve the Quality of Education—We Must Continue Our Efforts to Promote it while Opening Public Discussions

The government is revising the National Education System Law No. 20/2003. SMERU's senior research fellow Syaikhu Usman and senior researcher Luhur Bima wrote an article for The Conversation Indonesia discussing the crucial moment of revising this law. The authors argue that this bill could be an important opportunity to break Indonesia's long stagnation in educational achievements. [Click the image](#) to read the full article.



Do Short-Term Unconditional Cash Transfers Change Behaviour and Preferences? Evidence from Indonesia

Short-term unconditional cash transfers are used as a temporary mitigation strategy during adverse economic shocks. How does it affect the behavior and preferences of the recipient? This article estimates the effect of receiving short-term unconditional cash transfers on behavior, risk aversion, and intertemporal choice in Indonesia. [Click the image](#) to read the analysis.



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