

Stakeholders Joining Forces for Quality and Inclusive Education



A collective effort involving multiple stakeholders is imperative to improve education access and quality in Indonesia. SMERU, a research institute that have conducted multiple studies on education, is committed to supporting this effort including through organizing the **Capacity Building for Education Stakeholders: Knowledge Sharing and Workshop to Support Quality and Inclusive Education** on 21 February at the Aryaduta Menteng Hotel. The attendees of this event comprised individuals from the education sector, including policymakers, researchers, and practitioners, both from the Local Education Group (LEG) and other institutions. The knowledge sharing and workshop aimed to encourage a comprehensive and integrated way of thinking about the education system and strengthen coordination among stakeholders in LEG. [Click the image](#) to download the speakers' presentations.

SMERU Blog

Reviewing the Vision and Mission of the 2024 Presidential Election

Indonesia's presidential candidates, Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Prabowo Subianto, and Ganjar Pranowo, participated in the final presidential election debate on 4 February. The debate covered the themes of social welfare, culture, education, information technology, health, employment, human resources, and inclusion. SMERU reviews the visions and missions of all three candidates and their presentations in the debate, especially on health and youth and employment, in two blog articles.

The Presidential Candidates' Health Policy Strategies Have Yet to Lead to a Resilient and Inclusive Health System

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that a health system needs to have two main features: resilience and inclusivity. The government needs to build a resilient and inclusive health system to ensure its sustainability. [Click the blog article title](#) to learn the policy strategies of the presidential and vice presidential candidate on this matter.

The Three Candidates Have Not Targeted Their Strategies at Improving the Quality of Youth Workers

Indonesia is predicted to reach the peak of its demographic bonus in about five years. This means that the country's population structure will be dominated by the productive age group, including youth. What are the policy plans of the presidential and vice presidential candidates to improve the quality of young individuals and create quality jobs for young people? [Click the blog article title](#) to find out.





Scan here to fill out the questionnaire

Let's Empower Local CSOs!

Indonesia has a large number of civil society organizations (CSOs), but most of them struggle to sustain themselves. SMERU, with the support of Yayasan KEHATI (the manager of the Ananta Fund), is updating data on local CSOs in Indonesia to identify their main challenges and needs. This data will serve as a foundation for funding institutions in designing capacity-building interventions for CSOs that are tailored to their needs and target the right areas.

Let's support the strengthening of CSO capacity by filling out the questionnaire at this link: <https://surveioms.smeru.or.id>. Share this link within your CSO networks to offer greater opportunities for organizations to access capacity-building assistance.

SMERU in the Media

Student loan: Apa itu pinjaman pendidikan dan mungkinkah diterapkan di Indonesia?



BBC NEWS INDONESIA

Recent news about state universities in Indonesia using online loan platforms as an option for students to pay their tuition fees has sparked controversy. The scheme faced criticism due to concerns that it could place a financial burden on students, especially those from low-income families. This *BBC News Indonesia* article discusses the discourse on student loan in Indonesia, which is currently being studied by the Indonesian Government.

This article cites a study by SMERU that simulated an income-contingent loan for student education. Is this model feasible in Indonesia? What about other loan models? To delve into the simulations, you may want to [check out the working paper](#) titled "Financing Higher Education in Indonesia: Assessing the Feasibility of an Income-Contingent Loan System".

SMERU Activity



SMERU hosted a visit from representatives of the Korea Research Institute on Climate Change (KRIC) on 20 February. KRIC is conducting a study on the establishment of the 2023–2024 economic innovation partnership program for Indonesia's low-carbon economic transition strategy. The KRIC team visited SMERU to gain insights from SMERU's research on topics relevant to their study. Some of the topics discussed with the SMERU research team included the overview of emissions trade systems in Indonesia, carbon tax trends, emission calculation application models, and regulations and challenges in implementing carbon tax.

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