

Formulation of the Regional Poverty Reduction Plan (RPKD) for Bogor City



Data from Statistics Indonesia (2023) reveals that the poverty rate in Bogor City has increased significantly in the past three years. In fact, the number of people living in extreme poverty in the city rose from 13.59 thousand people in 2021 to 14.45 thousand people in 2022. Alarmed by this situation, the government has identified Bogor City as a priority area for its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty by 2024. SMERU is lending its expertise to the Government of Bogor City in developing the Regional Poverty Reduction Plan (RPKD) by conducting document reviews, quantitative analysis, and qualitative analysis. The memorandum of understanding was signed by SMERU Director, Widjajanti Isdijoso, and Bogor City Bapperida Head, Rudy Mashudi. [Click on the image](#) to learn more about this study.

Latest Publications



Internet Users on the Rise, Press Freedom Under Threat: Study Highlights Two Challenges for Digital Media

The rapid growth of the internet in Indonesia has also fueled the growth of digital media. However, digital media currently faces formidable challenges in upholding critical and independent reporting. Online intimidation and criminalization have coerced journalists to self-censor and produce sanitized news. What are the primary factors curbing press freedom in this digital era? [Click the image](#) to read the article by SMERU researchers, Made Anthony Iswara and Asep Kurniawan, featured in *The Conversation Indonesia*.



Direct Elections and Trust in State and Political Institutions: Evidence from Indonesia's Election Reform

Starting from 2005, district heads in Indonesia must undergo open elections where they are directly voted for by the citizens. Given that people's trust in state and political institutions is a key foundation of a well-functioning economy, how does the direct elections impact the people's level of trust? This working paper estimates the impact of direct elections on people's trust. [Click the image](#) to learn the estimation results.

SMERU Activities



SMERU's Institute Secretary, Heni Kurniasih, took to the stage as a speaker at the Conference for Educators 2024 organized by MyEduSolve on 23 April at @america, Jakarta. Heni spoke about the new era of education and social transformation. While acknowledging the prevailing notion of a "new era" in education, characterized by, among others, digital-based learning, Heni highlighted that inequality in access to education remains one of the challenges to be resolved, as it has been in previous eras.



Athia Yumna, Deputy Director of Research and Outreach at SMERU, and Nila Warda, Senior Researcher at SMERU, were invited by the Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Asian People (FWEAP) to Tokyo to share their knowledge about Indonesia's latest social protection system. Athia highlighted the crucial role of social protection in mitigating the worsening poverty situation in Indonesia during the COVID-19 pandemic. She further elaborated on the government's agenda to bolster the social protection system, aiming to enhance the adaptive capacity of communities in the face of future shocks, whether from natural disasters, non-natural disasters, or climate change. While in Tokyo, Athia and Nila also paid a visit to the Sasakawa Peace Foundation to introduce SMERU's work and explore potential research collaboration opportunities in the future.

From the Past



The Socioeconomic and Health Status of Rural-Urban Migrants in Indonesia

The rates of rural-to-urban migration in Indonesia increased during the 1970s and 1980s. This period saw a surge in domestic and foreign investments, fueling the growth of urban and industrial agglomerations in several major cities. This 2009 SMERU working paper explores the link between urbanization and the health of rural-urban migrants following the 1998 reforms. [Click the image](#) to learn whether the families of urban migrants are able to achieve a socioeconomic and health status similar to that of their nonmigrant counterparts living in the same city.



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