

## Study on CSO and Local Government Partnership in Mainstreaming GEDSI in Indonesia



Civil society organizations (CSOs) play a crucial role in advocating for the rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups. To keep improving its role, especially in getting marginalized people involved in planning and budgeting, CSOs require support to enhance their capacities and forge strong partnerships with the government. With support from the Synergies and Collaboration for Basic Service Delivery Acceleration (SKALA) program, SMERU conducts research on how CSOs and local governments collaborate in mainstreaming gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI) in Indonesia, particularly in regional planning and budgeting. In addition to assessing the capacity needs of CSOs, this study also analyzes the factors that facilitate and hinder effective partnerships between CSOs and the government. [Click the image](#) to learn more about the study.

### National Farmers' Day

### ***Agricultural Demand Linkages and Growth Multipliers in Rural Indonesia***

Published in the 2009 book "Rural Investment Climate in Indonesia" by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, this chapter analyzes the relationship between agricultural growth and rural economic growth. This article states that increased income in the agricultural sector can stimulate demand for locally produced goods, particularly those produced by the non-agricultural sector, thereby driving rural economic growth. [Click the image](#) to read the analysis.



### Latest Publication

### ***Social Capital and Economic Development in a Large and Multi-Ethnic Developing Country: Evidence from Indonesia***

How does social capital contribute to economic development in developing countries? This research examines the impact of social capital in Indonesia. Findings indicate that in Indonesia, inter-ethnic trust, social participation, and trust in the government are the most important forms of social capital for improving people's welfare. [Click the image](#) to read the full article.



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## Past Event



### Research Highlights the Crucial Role of Women in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding

SMERU and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation hosted a “From Research to Policy” forum to disseminate research findings on the impact of constructions of masculinity on women's positions and power in post-conflict contexts. The event, held in Jakarta on 26 September, brought together around 30 stakeholders working in the fields of gender equality, masculinit, social protection, and peacebuilding.



This research was conducted by Integral Knowledge Asia and the International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies (ICAIOS), with support from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. One of the key findings is that while concepts of masculinity have shifted in the three study regions (Aceh, Maluku, and Bangsamoro Mindanao), norms of gender inequality and structural inequalities persist, hindering women’s ability to play more meaningful roles in the public sphere. The event was divided into three sessions: a presentation of the research findings, a talk show to discuss these findings, and an interactive session involving all participants. [Click the top image](#) to download presentation materials, the policy brief, and the press release.



## Activities



SMERU’s research team engaged in focus group discussions with a diverse range of government and non-governmental stakeholders to



On 13 September, SMERU hosted a visit from the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre and Dala Institute. The meeting primarily discussed just energy

gather insights on strengthening the capacity of local governments to lead a just energy transition. The first discussion, held on 11 September, aimed at developing guidelines for Indonesia’s clean energy movement. The second discussion, on 19 September, focused on creating funding mechanisms to support local governments in transitioning to clean energy. Both discussions were organized by SMERU in collaboration with the Directorate General of Regional Development at the Ministry of Home Affairs.

transitions. SMERU shared preliminary findings from an ongoing study examining the role of local governments in supporting just energy transitions in Indonesia. UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre is an international advisory institution that supports developing countries in delivering on the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. Meanwhile, Dala Institute focuses on research that integrate social-environmental dimensions, particularly in Global South countries.

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