

## Enhancing the Capacity of Indonesian Marine Protected Area Managers to Address Inequalities



Indonesia has established over 300 marine protected areas (MPAs) spanning 23.9 million hectares. However, coastal communities living near these MPAs face lower socioeconomic conditions and greater levels of inequality. Agence Française de Développement, in partnership with SMERU and the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, has developed a research-based toolbox to guide MPA managers in integrating poverty and inequality reduction into every stage of MPA management. To ensure the toolbox is applied and utilized optimally, a training trial will be conducted in 2025. SMERU pilots a capacity building program to enhance the managers' ability to integrate poverty and inequality reduction strategies into their management practices. [Click the image](#) to learn more about the study.

### Latest Publication



### The Urgency of Sustainable and High-Quality Update of Integrated Poverty Data: Lessons Learned from Case Studies in Six Indonesian Regions

The Integrated Social Welfare Data (DTKS) serves as the cornerstone for determining eligibility for social protection and poverty reduction programs in Indonesia. Despite this crucial role, many kabupaten and city governments fail to update the DTKS regularly, leading to inaccurate targeting of program recipients. This article, published in the *Jurnal Ekonomi dan Pembangunan*, explores the underlying factors contributing to this persistent issue. [Click the image](#) to read the findings.

### 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (25 November–10 December)



### MAMPU Midline Study Thematic Report, Theme 5: Reducing Violence against Women

Services for victims of domestic violence are available in many areas. However, women from low-income backgrounds still face barriers in accessing these services. This study delved deeper into the experiences of low-income women who have endured physical violence from their partners. It also examined these women's awareness of available support, protection, and recovery services, as well as the obstacles they encounter in accessing them. [Click the image](#) to access the full report, which includes a comprehensive analysis and recommendations.

## Activities



SMERU and the Government of Kabupaten Bekasi signed a cooperation agreement on 25 November to conduct a study on the development of poverty indicators and criteria in Kabupaten Bekasi. SMERU will (i) develop a document outlining indicators and

criteria for poverty measurement to support the integrated development of the Medium-Term Regional Development Plan (RPJMD) with the involvement of stakeholders and (ii) build a foundation for partnership in poverty alleviation in Kabupaten Bekasi. The meeting was attended by SMERU Director, Widjajanti Isdijoso, Head of Governance and Human Development of the Kabupaten Bekasi Regional Development Planning Agency, Fadly Marissatrio, S.E., M.IP., Planning Analyst, Septrian Setiabudi, S.E., M.Si., and representatives from several agencies.



SMERU convened a Consolidation Meeting for the Revitalization of the Indonesian Education Care Community (MPPI) at Swiss-Belresidences Rasuna, Jakarta, on 4 December. This event had three main agendas: preparing for the signing of a joint pact,

discussing educational priorities, and outlining a work plan. The event was attended by 22 institutions, comprising research institutions, think tanks, non-governmental organizations, government, private sector, and academics. The MPPI Consortium is committed to driving real change through advocacy-based policies, effective allocation of funding, and strengthening government commitment. This meeting was supported by the Tanoto Foundation, which is committed to providing financial and non-financial assistance to the consortium.

## Social Media






Care work involves activities centered around providing care for others. Despite its essential nature, care work has historically been undervalued and undercompensated. Women have disproportionately borne the burden of care work, often sacrificing their own personal and professional aspirations. What are the examples of care work? Why are women disproportionately burdened with care work? [Click the image](#) to learn more about care work and watch the stories of women who shoulder this responsibility.

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