

Community-Based Solutions: Case Studies from Jakarta and Bekasi



Jakarta and its surrounding cities face serious threats from the global climate crisis. The impacts of this crisis, such as coastal abrasion, crop failures, and exposure to pollution, are felt most acutely by marginalized groups. Despite these challenges, communities in various areas have demonstrated resilience by developing community-based adaptive solutions. SMERU, in collaboration with Greenpeace Indonesia, conducts a comprehensive study in several locations in Jakarta and Bekasi to identify the socio-economic aspects of these solutions, explore alternative solutions proposed by local communities, and formulate policy recommendations to support their effective implementation and scaling. [Click the image](#) to learn more about this study.

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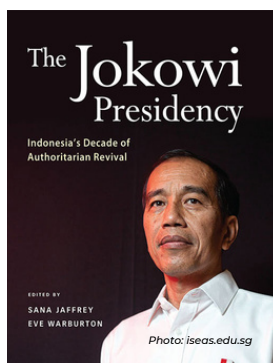


Embracing Diversity and Inclusion for All: Landscape Analysis on Children with Disabilities in Indonesia

Children with disabilities still struggle to access basic services like education, healthcare, nutrition, water and sanitation, and social protection. This report enriches data on barriers faced by these children while offering key insights and policy recommendations to guide policymakers, researchers, disability organizations, and child rights advocates. These recommendations are expected to influence government plans and budgets so that children with disabilities can fully enjoy their rights and actively take part in society. [Click the image](#) to learn more.

Rebranding and Expanding: Social Assistance during the Jokowi Presidency (a chapter in *The Jokowi Presidency: Indonesia's Decade of Authoritarian Revival*)

Authored by SMERU researchers Ridho Al Izzati and Asep Suryahadi, together with Nurina Merdikawati from The Australian National University, this chapter explores how the Joko Widodo administration expanded and repackaged social assistance programs from the Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono era, making them far more extensive. These programs proved vital during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the crisis also revealed flaws in the targeting system. The experience underscores the urgency of building a more inclusive database to ensure aid truly reaches those who need it most. [Click the image](#) to read more



Past Events



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Research Dissemination “How Fair Is Our Home? Towards an Inclusive Care Economy”

SMERU disseminated two studies on the dynamics of paid and unpaid care work within the framework of the care economy on 20 August. The event, held in Jakarta, brought together Amurwani Dwi Lestariningsih, Deputy for Gender Equality at the Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection, along with other care economy stakeholders.

The first study highlights the lack of protection and inadequate rights for paid care workers, especially domestic workers, who play a vital role in sustaining millions of Indonesian households. The second study examines unpaid care work and how social norms shape men’s involvement. Findings reveal that while 92% of men consider it acceptable to participate in care work, 80.43% have yet to put this into practice. Both studies are part of the Care Connect: Action for Care Workers in the Philippines and Indonesia project. In Indonesia, the program is implemented by Yayasan Penabulu in collaboration with SMERU, Yayasan Kalyanamitra, and the National Network for Domestic Workers Advocacy (JALA PRT), with full support from the Government of Canada. [Click the image](#) to watch the recording and download presentation materials from the speakers.

Activities



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The Filantropi Indonesia Festival (4–8 August) in Jakarta served as an important platform for cross-sector collaboration. At this event,

SMERU’s Director, Widjajanti Isdijoso, took part in two sessions. In the first session, she spoke about strengthening the philanthropic ecosystem through inclusive governance, cross-sector collaboration, and creating sustainable impact. In the second session, she facilitated a group discussion during the “National Dialogue” Plenary Session, which explored regulations and policies that either support or hinder the development of a healthy philanthropic ecosystem in Indonesia.



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On 19 August, SMERU Senior Researcher Nila Warda spoke at the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIE) Makassar Roadshow organized by KONEKSI. She presented SMERU’s study on the impact of

climate change on vulnerable groups. The findings reveal that climate change does not create new vulnerabilities but deepens existing ones. Adaptive social protection is expected to serve not only as a safety net but also as a transformative ladder, addressing the roots of vulnerability and paving the way toward resilience.



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SMERU participated in the Annual Indonesia Green Industry Summit (AIGIS) on 21–22 August at the Jakarta International Convention

Center. SMERU hosted an exhibition booth and launched a study on green jobs in the labor-intensive textile and textile product subsector, as part of its commitment to promoting a green industry. Visitors to the booth had the opportunity to learn more about the study, engage directly with researchers, and take part in interactive games.

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