

Study on the Development of Health Sector Strategies for Kota Bogor



Bogor City faces multiple health challenges. Maternal, infant, and under-five mortality remain high, and the 2024 stunting prevalence reached 21.1%, well above the national target of 14%. Noncommunicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes are rising, while tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS persist as major threats. Mental health issues are also becoming more prominent in urban areas, alongside a high number of food poisoning incidents, with 281 outbreaks recorded between 2017 and 2021.

Given these complex challenges and limited resources, the Bogor City Government needs to set clear health priorities. SMERU supports this effort through a study that develops priority strategies to reduce maternal and newborn mortality, control hypertension and diabetes mellitus, and prevent depression. These strategies are outlined in an annual action plan to help map evidence-based interventions and priority activities. [Click the image](#) to learn more about the study.

Latest Publications

This book, published by the Asian Development Bank, brings together leading Indonesian scholars to analyze the country's challenges in achieving the Golden Indonesia 2045 Vision. Two SMERU senior research fellows, Asep Suryahadi and Sudarno Sumarto, authored Chapters 14 and 15 (co-authored with Zahra Amalia Syarifah) in the section on human development and welfare. [Click the image](#) to read the book.

Chapter 14: Addressing Poverty and Inequality for Future Prosperity

This chapter examines Indonesia's progress and challenges in reducing poverty and inequality. While poverty rates have declined, regional disparities remain wide, and the national poverty line may not fully reflect the true scale of deprivation. The chapter highlights the need for more context-sensitive strategies, including programs tailored to household needs, a graduation approach in high-poverty areas, and stronger human capital development to break intergenerational cycles of poverty.

Chapter 15: From Safety Net to Springboard: Rethinking Indonesia's Social Protection for Vision 2045

This chapter discusses how Indonesia's social protection system must transform to meet the challenges of becoming a high-income country. Beyond serving as a safety net, it needs to evolve into a driver of labor mobility, human capital development, and financial resilience. The chapter underscores the importance of strengthening social data systems, expanding coverage, and linking social protection more closely with economic empowerment.



Inside SMERU

Question

How does qualitative research help us understand social issues and reveal things that are not always visible in statistical data?



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Social phenomena cannot always be explained by numbers alone. Qualitative research helps us understand *why* and *how* things happen through people's experiences, stories, and real-life contexts. This approach is also valuable for emerging issues, as it allows researchers to explore and map problems in depth before, if needed, following up with quantitative research to measure them statistically.

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SMERU in the Media



This *Mongabay* article reports that a Swiss court in the Canton of Zug has accepted a climate lawsuit filed by four fishers from Pari Island against cement company Holcim. The plaintiffs argue that the company's emissions have worsened sea-level rise, tidal flooding, and threats to their livelihoods. The case could become an important precedent for corporate accountability in the climate crisis. In August 2025, Greenpeace Indonesia and SMERU also released a Pari Island case study highlighting climate and environmental crises driven by exploitative development and weak regulation. [Click the image](#) to read the article.

Activities



SMERU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKP) on 26 January 2026. The MoU reaffirms the

commitment of civil society organizations to support KKP in strengthening human resource capacity in the marine and fisheries sector to advance sustainable marine conservation area management. This signing continues the SMERU-KKP partnership established in 2022. With support from Agence Française de Développement, SMERU promotes conservation management approaches that integrate not only ecological priorities but also the social and economic dimensions of coastal communities.



On 26 January 2026, SMERU participated in a discussion hosted by Indonesia's Deputy Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR)

from the Democratic Party, Edhie Baskoro Yudhoyono, on strengthening the role of immigration in supporting tourism. The forum gathered perspectives and recommendations from various stakeholders to strengthen immigration services that are tourist-friendly, responsive to global dynamics, and aligned with national interests. On this occasion, SMERU emphasized the importance of improving research-based immigration regulations to ensure international migration is safer, more comfortable, and better oriented toward public service.

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