

The Global South Growing out of Poverty, Inequality, and Exclusiveness—What the G7 Needs to Do



This policy brief outlines recommendations from Think7 (T7) to help the Global South grow out of poverty through three areas: tailor-made development programs, better access to finance, and better access to jobs. Two SMERU senior research fellows, Asep Suryahadi dan Sudarno Sumarto, are among the authors who compiled this policy brief. Think7 (T7) is the official think tank engagement group of the Group of 7 (G7). It provides research-based policy recommendations for G7 member countries and partners. [Click the image](#) to read the complete policy brief.

From the Past



Recovering Learning Losses as Schools Reopen in Indonesia: Guidance for Policymakers

School closures due to COVID-19 pandemic may result in significant learning losses. In May 2020, RISE Program in Indonesia released a policy note containing guidelines for recovering learning losses; aspects that should be monitored as schools reopen; and a list of educational practices for learning catch-up for all students. [Click the image](#) to read more.

Latest Publications



Single Parents are Unfairly Blamed for Their Children's Education: They Need Support

Children with single parents are often stigmatized and face challenges in obtaining quality education. SMERU researcher, Risa Nihayah, wrote an article for *The Conversation Indonesia* discussing the types of support these children need to overcome the mental burden caused by societal stigma and lack of social support. [Click the image](#) to read the full article.

SMERU in the Media



Kompas daily newspaper featured an article discussing the efficiency and effectiveness of village funds to date. The article cited a study by SMERU (2018) which found that, in 2015 and 2016, village fund allocations were prioritized for physical infrastructure development. [Click the image](#) to read the full article.

SMERU Activities



SMERU complied with an invitation from the British Embassy Jakarta on Thursday, 13 July 2023, to meet with the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, James Cleverly TD VR, during his visit to Jakarta. The topic of discussion in the meeting centered on Indonesia's science and innovation landscape. SMERU's Deputy Director of Research and Outreach, Athia Yumna, had the privilege of introducing SMERU and the Institute's work in bridging research with policy.



SMERU and UNICEF Indonesia undertook eight studies to raise government and stakeholder understanding of specific children-related issues in Indonesia. SMERU presented the study results and the plan to disseminate the results to the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection on 26 July 2023. The Ministry's Secretary, Pribudiarta Nur Sitepu, met with and listened to the presentation by SMERU's Deputy Director of Research and Outreach, Athia Yumna.



SMERU warmly welcomed the visit of the University of Antananarivo and the ASTA Research Centre on 14 July 2023. The two institutions from Madagascar expressed their interest in collaborating with SMERU in the future, particularly in research on poverty, inequality, and improving the quality of education.

SMERU Learning Centre



Introduction to Impact Evaluation Training

What is the impact of a program or policy? How do you measure the result of a program or policy? Why is it necessary to evaluate the impact of a program or policy? This training gives you a close understanding of structured impact evaluation concepts and methods so that you can determine the success level of a program or policy.

 **6–7 September 2023**

 **Online via Zoom**

SMERU Events



Future Event: **Launch of Study Results on Child Protection: "Interest of the Central Government and the Commitment of the West Java Government to Enhance Child Welfare Holistically"**

The Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, in collaboration with the Provincial Government of West Java, SMERU, and UNICEF Indonesia, will hold an event to launch the results of studies on children and to convey the West Java Provincial Government's commitment to enhancing child welfare in West Java Province holistically. This event will be held on Thursday, 10 August 2023, 09.00-12.00 AM (WIB), live at The SMERU Research Institute Zoom Webinar and YouTube. There will also be the launch of a video titled "Have We Ever Listened to Children's Voices?" and digital posters and infographics on the studies' findings.

Past Event: **Disseminating Policy Brief for Accelerating the Eradication of Child Labor in the Agricultural Sector**

SMERU, in collaboration with the NGOs Networks for Elimination of Child Labor in Indonesia (JARAK), prepared a policy brief for accelerating the eradication of child labor in the agricultural sector. This brief is intended to provide input for the development of the Roadmap towards a Child Labour-Free Indonesia 2023–2030. On July 27, 2023, SMERU presented this policy brief to stakeholders tackling child labor.

