Complex Issues of Indonesian International Labour Migration

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The structure of Presentation

• Issues of vulnerability
• Migration and social transformation
• Policy Issues
Issues of vulnerability

• Feminization of migrant workers
• Low educated
• Most of them working in “informal sector” (domestic worker/unskilled) with the gradual change to more skilled type of job
• Issues on irregular migration (issues of protection)
Feminization of labour migration

58% of ILM is female
ILM education

Migrants with low education

About 70% of ILM is low educated
• The feminization of migration as the part of a global process of internationalizing the gender division of reproductive labour
• Informal sector is the easiest opportunity for low educated women
• Working abroad at any risk !! Including to involve in undocumented migration
Migrants Vulnerabilities

female, irregular, low educated, and working in informal sector
Migrants and social transformation

- Culture of migration: migration has become way of life
- Migration as vehicle of social transformation both in origin and destination area
- Social exclusion: problem of social integration
Pre departure
• Lack of information
• Lack of preparation
• Manipulation

Travel
• Travel condition and mode
• Duration of journey

Return
• Social integration
• Dependent on migration

Host Community
• Social exclusion
• Lack of information

Economic motives

Issues on reproductive health

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Policy Issues (governance ?)

- State (political interest)
- Civil Society (Social interest)
- Private (economic interest)

Foreign exchange hero/labour export
Profit oriented
Empowerment
• Problems of reproductive health have (always) been neglected in migration policies both in origin and destination countries
• Economy dominates both migrant and government motives
• As culture of migration emerged, integrated policy on migration is become very urgent
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