



BKKBN Position on Pandemic Covid 19 Situation

Background

The President of the Republic of Indonesia has declared the status of the spread of corona virus diseases 2019 (covid-19) as national disaster on April 13, 2020. The Task Force for the Acceleration of Covid-19 handling chaired by the Head of the National Disaster Management Agency. The President has instructed all Ministries/Institutions and local governments to prioritize the management of the outbreak in Indonesia. June, 3 2020, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has reported 28.233 persons with confirmed COVID-19. There have been 1.698 deaths related to COVID-19 reported and 8.406 patients have recovered from the disease. WHO is working with the Indonesian Government to monitor the situation and prevent further spread of disease. The Ministry of Health (MoH) of the Republic of Indonesia has taken actions to enhance response efforts for COVID-19 in Indonesia, referring to WHO interim guidance on the novel coronavirus.

The Covid-19 pandemic that spread globally in the early 2020 hampered the progress of many development targets, including in Indonesia. The pandemic has caused mortality, infecting many people, and bring a significant burden to the health system. It further affects the stability of national economy and social sector such as education, social protection, including inhibit the fulfilment of nutrition and disrupt food and nutrition security. Strong action is needed to remedy this crisis. Continuous as well as effective interventions to interrupt the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition and poverty are severely vital. It includes ending child marriage, discouraging short birth interval, and ensuring that all young people have the opportunity to grow into adulthood before starting a family.

BKKBN Response to Covid 19

BKKBN has also formed special task force for risk mitigating to covid 19 with a defined scope of work to, in terms of programs, ensure the sustainability of family planning services. Formative research on family planning seeking behavior in the setting of #StayatHome is currently taken place to recognize any different patterns might exist. In the meantime, to address huge potential reduction on the demand for family planning and scarcity of access to family planning services, we take initiative to provide context specific information related to reproductive health and precautions to prevent the spread of covid-19 and gain commitment from mainly Indonesian midwives association to provide family planning services. For the information provision, we, together with JHCCP, design a massive penetration of family planning information from 15 thousand family planning field workers to approximately 1,3 million cadres throughout Indonesia. The design optimizes the use of ICT platform and is expected to cover millions of Indonesian families. The content of the information is in line with the messages developed by national task force. The Indonesian midwives association has committed to provide mainly injectable services to clients as our temporary policy. We equip them with personal protective equipment and make sure that the logistics including contraceptives are properly controlled. In collaboration with 500 local governments, we want to ensure that the distribution of injectables from municipality/district warehouses to 18 thousand health facilities is in place according to its re-supply planning.

Family Planning Program in Indonesia

Regarding family planning, the Government of Indonesia through National Population and Family Planning Board has committed to end unmet need for family planning stated in the Nairobi Summit 2019. This initiative is translated into a set of concrete program actions as follows:

- Strengthening health facilities in family planning services
- Improving the quality of family planning services
- Developing a post-delivery family planning training center in an effort to improve post-delivery family planning services in health facilities
- Strengthening family planning services for underserved groups of people in the region and specific targets
- Strengthening advocacy to stakeholders, partners including religious leaders.
- Strengthening IEC to the community

The role of Indonesia on SSTC

One strategy to strengthen the international development cooperation outlined in the National Medium-Term Development Planning 2020-2024 of Indonesia is: strengthening the South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) to support trade and investment and to create an environment that supports the participation of the private sector in international development cooperation.

There have been many innovations in the implementation of SSTC since the Asian-African Conference in 1955, including through the Reverse Linkage scheme among member countries of the Islamic Development Bank which provided opportunities for non-governmental and private sectors to increase value and mobilize resources through involvement in SSTC.

- The main current challenge of SSTC is to ensure inclusiveness through the participation of non-governmental actors. Most of the SSTC is implemented by ministries /institutions. Therefore, there is still a chance to develop innovation and partnership for local development through strengthening coordination between interest builders at the central and local levels.
- There are four dimensions that support the effort to promote innovation, which is fostering an innovation ecosystem, integrating a top-down and bottom-up approach through developing local knowledge, fostering an innovation forum, and providing greater opportunities to actors and institutions in the local area to participate in international development cooperation.
- SSTC Forum held In March 2020: "Innovation and SSTC Partnership in Supporting Quality Economic Growth" provide an example of best practices of the SSTC program implemented in *Cikelat Village, Sukabumi* district. The program innovation is to foster village economic growth through a triangular cooperation scheme between The Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration, and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) - Korea Facility through the Capacity Development for Indonesia Village Development Innovation Program.

In the field of Family Planning, the National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN), Ministry of State Secretariat, and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) held an international training in 2019. The training is "Training on Developing Strategic Partnerships

with Moslem Religious Leaders (MRLs) in Family Planning". This training aimed to build common perceptions among the Islamic leaders related to the Family Planning program. Development of the training and international cooperation in the field of Population, Family Planning and family development will continue to be carried out in accordance with the existing programs in BKKBN 2020-2024.

Recomendations for PPD on Pandemic Covid 19 Situation

1. PPD has a role in identifying the efforts or strategies by member countries in overcoming the pandemic as well as implementing the program during the outbreak. Many uniqueness and difference experiences can be captured by critically looking at the situation and different conditions and policies among member countries.
2. PPD can play a role in bridging member countries for valuable lesson learnt purpose to provide better alternatives for countries to cope with Covid-19.

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