Understanding International Labour Migrants: An Evidence of Migrant Vulnerability from Indonesia

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Urgency of International Migrants Data

INTERNATIONAL

- SDGs (targets 8.8 and 10.7)
- GCM - Global Compact For Migration (Cluster 4)

NATIONAL

- Laws No.16 of 1997 about Statistics
- Laws No.18 of 2017 about Protection of Migrant Workers
- Presidential Regulation No. 39 of 2019 about One Data Indonesia
In 2019, Asia hosted the largest number (83 million) of international migrants.

Indonesia was ranked 4th as the largest migrant sending country in the South Eastern Asia region.

Source: UN DESA 2019

The share of international migrants in the total population has increased.
International Labour Migrant

**Stock Estimation of Migrants and Labour Migrants**

- Migrant (258 million ppl)
- Migrant 15+ (234 million ppl)
- Labour Migrant (164 million ppl)

**Labour Migrants Condition in Indonesia**

- 9 million people work abroad
- Contributed USD 8.9 billion in remittances to the Indonesian economy (or equivalent of 30% Foreign Direct Investment)
- 1.9 million Indonesian workers are still undocumented or overstaying visas, where the majority are women

Source: World Bank, 2017

More than half of international migrants were labour migrants in 2017
Labour migrants contribute to the world economy and their country of origin. It is estimated that USD 702 billion was transferred by labour migrants to their countries of origin in 2020
International Migrants in Indonesia

**PURPOSE**
Most of migrants went abroad for work purpose

94.64 PERCENT

**SEX**
Almost half of labour migrants are women

46.8 PERCENT

**AGE**
Labour Migrants under 20 years old

7.7 PERCENT

**Top three countries destination**

- 53.53
- 11.77
- 9.67

Source: Intercensal Population Census 2015
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40.86% WOMEN

Form of Bad Experience:
- Extortion, Stranded
- Immorally treated
- Salary was not paid
- Excessive work load/work hours
- Work accident
- Physical abuse
- Psychological abuse, etc.

Source: Labour Force Surveys - LFS 2020
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Distribution of cases of mistreatment of labor migrants in Indonesia

- Highest: Nusa Tenggara and Java Island
- Scattered in regions all over Indonesia, especially concentrated in migrant sending areas

Source: LFS 2020

Disclaimer: LFS 2020 is not originally designed for collecting migrant data (a further adjusting in methodology may be needed)
In making decisions, the government must continue to refer to data, as well as to the latest science and technology.”

Pidato Presiden Joko Widodo, in MPR Annual Session and Joint Session with DPR and DPD, 16 Agustus 2021

Demand for quality and targeted policies

The role of data in evidence-based policy starts with planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Accurate, up-to-date, integrated, easily accessible and shareable data is needed, especially in the era of disruption.

Continuous Coordination and Further Identification
Thank You
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