

**TOWARDS
POLICY COHERENCE ON MIGRATION:
THE INDONESIAN EXPERIENCE**

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Background

- Indonesia is a country of multi-ethnicity and culture.
- Currently, the total population is over 220 million people (the fourth largest in the world).
- The total labor force are over 100 million people.
- The total population entering job-market are 2,5 million every year.
- The total unemployment are over 10 per cent.

Problems and challenges of migration:

- Coordination among related institutions.
- Difficulty in creating one roof service.
- Local autonomy which create new local bureaucracy.
- Migrated person : Level of education, lack of experiences and lack of competencies.
- Protection at the country of destinations.
- Wages that sometime paid under the normal minimum standards, including limited social security and safety and health.

Policy Strategy: To reduce unemployment.

- Pro-growth.
(Economic growth through investment)
- Pro-employment.
(Creating jobs for those unemployed people to go to work, for instance developing infrastructure project, plantation, agriculture and oversea employment).
- Pro-poor.
(Alleviating people living under the poverty line).

Internal Policy Coherence :

- Developing transmigration programs.
- Resettlement of people suffered by natural disaster (earthquake and tsunami).
- Creating shelters for displace people, for instance in Aceh assisted by IOM.
- Creating jobs opportunity for people suffered by natural disasters, for instance, in Aceh assisted by ILO.
- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of area suffered by the natural disasters.
- On the alleviating poverty, Indonesia provide free education up to 9 years; developing health services and infrastructure up to the villages.

Policy Coherence on Migration:

- Adopting Law No. 39 Year 2004 Concerning Protection of Overseas Workers.
- Presidential Decree on Coordination of Placement and Protection Services (BP2TKI).
- Setting up services in the form of One Roof Policy.
- Capacity building for people who want to work overseas.
- Creating agreement with receiving countries.
- Promoting non-house maid through bilateral and international organisation, such as IOM.
- Uncouraging small businesses (from remittance).

Ways to solve the problems:

- a. Promoting laws and regulations.
- b. Socialization.
- b. Mutual agreement among countries.
- c. Creating policy coordination among related body.
- d. Conducting training for migrated workers to improve their knowledge, skills and ability.
- c. understanding local cultures of country of destination.
- d. Creating high-quality of enthusiasm, trust, talent and ability of migrated people.

Reaching ideal policy:

- Developing effective and mutual understanding among sending and receiving countries.
- Setting up institution that sending and receiving countries could meet regularly.
- Assigning official responsible for technical matters.
- Conducting intensive forum among sending and receiving countries.
- Applying Laws and regulations.

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