As of 26 October, the Indonesian Government has announced 392,934 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in all 34 provinces of Indonesia, with 13,411 confirmed deaths from the virus, and 317,672 people that have recovered from the illness. The government has also reported 170,163 suspected cases.

COVID-19 has a greater negative impact on people with underlying health conditions. For example, people living with HIV/AIDS are more vulnerable to the effects of the pandemic. According to data from the Ministry of Health, around 543,000 people are living with HIV/AIDS in Indonesia. Fatalities from the virus confirmed in Indonesia include eight people with HIV/AIDS, and 77 people with HIV/AIDS have confirmed tested positive for the coronavirus. A recent survey of people with HIV by UNAIDS and the Positive Indonesia Network (JIP) found that 52 percent of respondents had only enough ARV drugs to last for a month – a more serious situation compared to that of March 2020. They find it more difficult to access ARV supplies due to the shutdown of land and air transport services and interrupted health services. About half of the respondents had not received any social assistance, and some could no longer pay rent for their homes at the time of the survey.

The Ministry of Health is being assisted by ITAGI (Indonesian Technical Advisory Group on Immunization) which involves ministries, agencies and other pertinent institutions, on the COVID-19 vaccination. The vaccination is planned to start this year, subsequent to clearance by the Food and Drug Monitoring Agency (BPOM). It is estimated that Indonesia will need a total of around 300 million doses of the vaccines, for about 160-185 million people. To this end, the Government has collaborated with four vaccine producers, namely Sinovac, Sinopharm / G42, Cansino, and Astra Zeneca, and is actively involved in international and multilateral cooperation, in addition to domestic vaccine development. The government has emphasized that vaccines do not replace Health Protocols, which remain compulsory as the vaccination process will take a considerable amount of time.

Detailed planning for vaccinations is currently ongoing, with ten prioritized provinces identified as in high risk of COVID-19 transmission (North Sumatra, Aceh, Jakarta, West Java, Central Java, East Java, South Kalimantan, South Sulawesi, Papua, and West Papua). At the initial stages, vaccination will be provided to front-liners, including medical and paramedical personnel performing contact tracing, military, police, and other public services.

The Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs explained that the implementation of investments until September 2020 was IDR 611.6 trillion (74.8% of the 2020 target of IDR 817.1 trillion). These investments contribute to the absorption of more than 861,000 workers. Meanwhile, the numbers of people in need for a job has reached around 13.4 million, which includes 6.9 million people unemployed before the COVID-19 pandemic, 3.5 million workers who were laid off or furlough, and 3 million of new workforce. One of the ways for the government to try to address the unemployment is through the Pre-employment Card program, which has benefitted around 5.6 million participants.

The Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy estimates that there are currently 6.5 million tourism workers, out of 13 million before the pandemic. As one of the most affected businesses, the tourism sector receives grants assistance amounting to IDR 3.3 trillion, that is distributed to 101 districts / cities in Indonesia that meet the following criteria:

- Regions whose Hotel Tax and Restaurant Tax reached at least 15 percent of total regional revenue in 2019 Fiscal Year;
- Included in 10 priority tourism destinations;
- Included in 5 super priority destinations;
- Included in the branding destination; or
- part of the Calendar of Events for the tourism sector.

About 70 percent of the funds are channeled to hotel and restaurant entrepreneurs, to be utilized in business operational, health protocols implementation, and to support Cleanliness, Health Safety and Environment
The Jakarta Provincial Government has extended the Large-Scale Social Restrictions (PSBB) transition to new normal for two weeks until 8 November. The Governor explained the declining trend of average occupancy of isolation beds in the last two weeks, from 64 percent on 12 October to 59 percent on 24 October. Similarly, the average occupancy of ICU beds has declined from 68 percent on 12 October to 62 percent on 24 October. Meanwhile, the PSBB measure in neighboring Banten Province has been extended until 19 November.

Below are the main highlights of activities conducted by the National Clusters and MSRP priority areas' work over the past two weeks:

**Health:**
- Oxygen therapy capacity surveys that support the treatment of COVID-19 patients are ongoing. WHO has assisted the Ministry of Health (MoH) with refresher training for referral hospital staff on 13-14 October, which was attended by 529 participants.
- The MoH’s Research and Development Agency has completed an online training module on PCR COVID-19 testing for laboratory technicians, with the support of WHO. The training is divided into seven modules developed by experts in COVID-19 diagnostic activities.
- Health cluster members and partners commemorated World Mental Health Day on 10 October by hosting a global online advocacy event 'The Big Event for Mental Health! Let's get #MoveForMentalHealth together! ', and 'Movement for mental health: let's invest' campaign.
- In addition, the MoH, supported by WHO, has completed orientation protocols on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for children and adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic in all 34 provinces. The protocol includes guidance on planning, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating appropriate mental health interventions at the subnational level. Four batches of webinars have been conducted, that were attended by 411 staff from the health, religion, social, women's empowerment and child protection sectors at the provincial and district levels.
- WHO supports the National Committee for the Assessment and Management of Post-Immunization Events (Komnas PP KIPI) to develop technical documents for vaccine side effects for special purposes (AESI - Adverse Event of Special Interest) for the COVID-19 vaccine and will provide capacity building to the national committee, provincial committees and related task forces in 34 provinces.
- On 16 October, the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, UN WOMEN and WHO launched a Comic and Illustration Competition to highlight the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic from the perspective of women and girls in Indonesia. The competition will reveal how women's lives have been affected during the pandemic, by utilizing art as a means of expression, raising awareness and triggering discussions among community.
- WFP coordinates COVID-19 technical guidance training for TAGANA members. In the first batch in June-August, participants came from the Provinces of South Kalimantan, East Java, Central Java, South Kalimantan, West Java and NTT. Following its evaluation and improvement, the second batch started in September with participants from Banten, Lampung and several other provinces. To date, more than 1,000 TAGANA members have participated in this training, that is supported by IFRC, UNICEF, IOM, Predikt, RedR, WHO and OCHA.

**Logistics:**
- Medical Logistics Capacity mapping has been carried out, which covers storage, cold storage, handling and transport services in 14 provinces (East Java, South Sulawesi, West Java, Central Java, South Kalimantan,
West Sumatra, North Sumatra, DI Yogyakarta, Papua, Banten, West Nusa Tenggara, Central Sulawesi, DKI Jakarta and Bali).

- Under the leadership of the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture, the commercial supply chains for citrus fruit, eggs and hand-sanitizer commodities are being carried out and have reached the development of the supply chain strategy recommendations in anticipation of a disaster occurrence.

**WASH:**

- Four School Reopening Webinar Trainings for NGOs were conducted in September and October as an effort to assist the government to accelerate school reopening in yellow and green zones. This activity aims to enable NGOs to carry out harmonious advocacy related to WASH to the governments in their respective regions.

**Protection and Management of Gender Based Violence:**

- Activities include sensitization of the eight protocols for service and handling of GBV during the COVID-19 crisis (1. Complaint service via hotline; 2. Email complaint services; 3. Face-to-face meeting services; 4. Outreach services; 5. Client pick-up services; 6. Assistance in the process law (police, prosecutors, and trials); 7. Victim assistance services; and 8. Referral to safe homes and health services) supported by UNFPA and attended by representatives of all provinces on 13-14 October 2020.

- UNDP has supported training for front liners dealing with gender-based violence and the preparation of SOPs for handling such violence in Papua Province.

**Early Recovery:**

- UNDP and Early Recovery partners have completed 24 trainings on protection of people with disability in six cities, that was followed with a lessons learned workshop.

There are now 310 non-government institutions with over 4,400 activities recorded in the 3W – “who does what where” – tool to date. The most active areas include health, education and WASH, while the geographical areas with the greatest number of activities are in DKI Jakarta, East Nusa Tenggara, Central Java and West Java. The sharing of data and information can be done by any organization in any of the following three formats: Kobo Toolbox, Google form or MS Excel, through the following links:

  https://bit.ly/BersatuLawanCovid19_EN (English)


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