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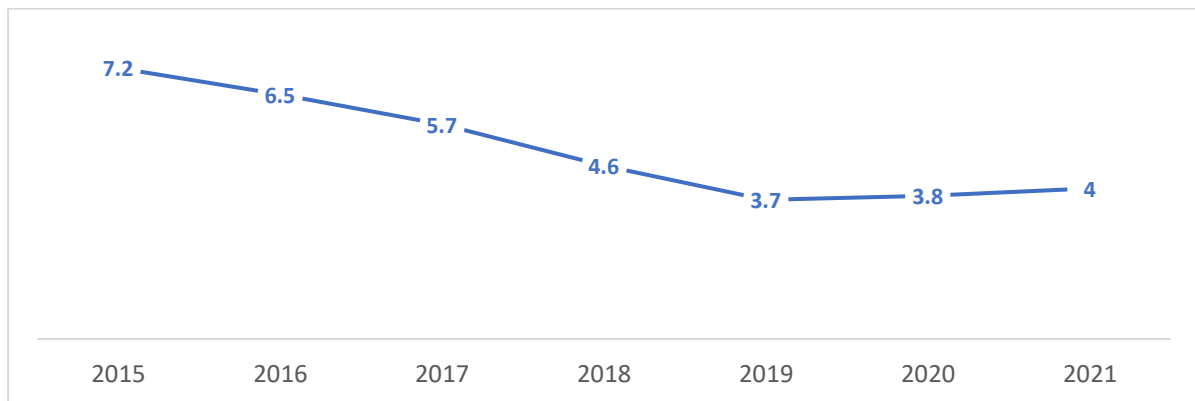
“EXAGGERATING INEQUALITY ISSUES IN INDONESIA AND ASIA-PACIFIC POST COVID-19”

1. Background

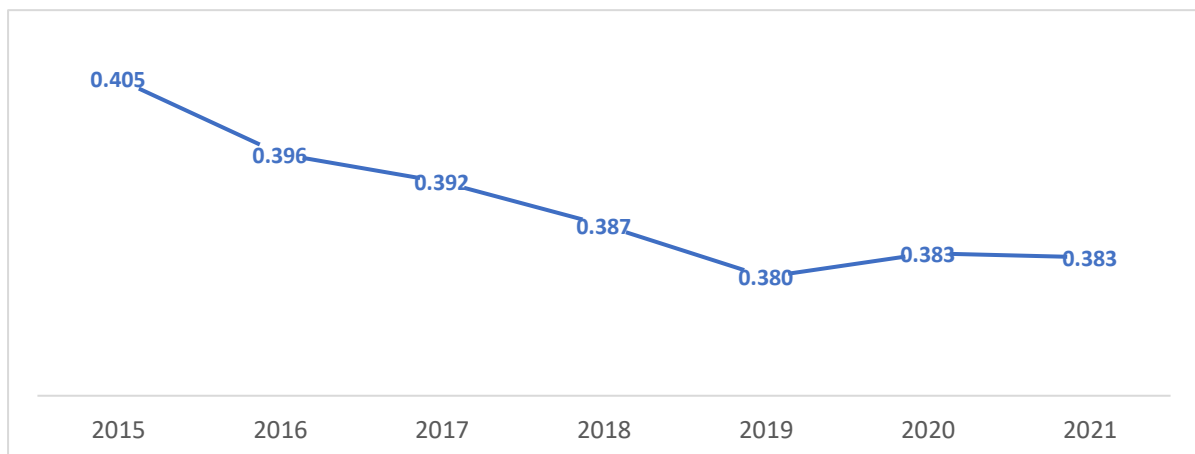
Sustainable development agenda 2030 released by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), establish a vision of sustainable development based on international human rights standards; then translated into three fundamental principles. One of them is "leave no one behind". These principles represent the firm commitment of member states of the United Nations (UN) to reduce poverty in all its forms; end discrimination and exclusion, reduce the inequalities and vulnerabilities that leave everyone behind and undermine the potential of individuals and humanity as a whole.

The Covid-19 pandemic has left a lot of “homework” for policymakers, including the Government of Indonesia. As a developing country with great economic potential, there are still many challenges that need to be resolved to maintain the rhythm of economic recovery and sustainable development. The number of poverty and inequality in Indonesia due to the Covid-19 pandemic has certainly increased, but this is not only happening in Indonesia, even the Asia Pacific region is also experiencing similar problems. The COVID-19 pandemic has hit more than 820 million informal economy workers and more than 70 million children in low-income households in the Asia Pacific region. There are around 85 million new people who fall into the category of extreme poverty in the region.

In Indonesia, trends in the proportion of the population living in extreme poverty have decreased from 2015 to 2021, although during the Covid-19 pandemic there was an increase of up to 4% in 2021. Likewise, inequality has increased, although not significant. Nevertheless, the problem of poverty and inequality remains a serious concern so that inclusive development in the midst of post-pandemic economic recovery can be achieved.

Graph 1. The Proportion of Population in Extreme Poverty, 2015 – 2021 (%)

Sumber: Central Bureau of Statistics Indonesia (2022)

Graph 2. Gini Ratio in Indonesia, 2015 – 2021

Sumber: Central Bureau of Statistics Indonesia (2022)

Efforts to build a fairer and equitable future for the country are strongly influenced by the fiscal and monetary policies of a country. Inclusive fiscal policies for the education, health, and social protection sectors, and the expansion of the imposition of the tax base need to be considered wisely in the midst of limited fiscal space. Structural transformations can be made at this momentum toward a fairer future.

There are many challenges, especially from the policy side towards inclusive development which in the end is able to answer the problems of inequality and poverty in Indonesia. Based on this, the public needs to know about the constraints and innovative policy solutions that have been prepared by the Indonesian government for fairer and more inclusive future development. It is hoped that various policy



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recommendations and examples of good practice can be immediately formulated and become part of the public planning phase.

2. Objective

The purpose of this Public Discussion is to find out problems, issues, and proposed policy recommendations to address the challenges of future development that are more equitable and inclusive, so that issues of inequality and poverty can be exaggerated.

3. Agenda of Event

This discussion will be held hybrid, with details:

Day, Date : Wednesday, 13th July 2022
Time : 10.00 – 12.00 WIB (GMT+7)
Venue : Swiss-Belresidences Kalibata
Jalan Raya Kalibata No.22, Rawajati, Pancoran,
Jakarta Selatan, 12740
Link to Zoom : (Will be informed later)

4. Participant

Participants in this activity consisted of various stakeholders, including policymakers, academics, journalists, and the public with approximately 30 participants.

5. Speakers and Discussion Points

1. **Shuvojit Banarjee** (Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, UNESCAP) which will discuss Recovery and Inclusive Development in Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific Post COVID-19.
2. **Pungky Sumadi** (Deputy of Population and Employment, Ministry of National Development Planning Republic of Indonesia) will discuss the regulatory framework, funding, and international cooperation to reduce poverty in Indonesia.



3. **Wahyu Utomo** (Head of State Budget Policy Centre, Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance) will discuss the role of fiscal policy to address inequality and national poverty.
4. **Berly Martawardaya** (Research Director INDEF) will discuss challenges and solutions toward sustainable development.

6. Rundown

The following is a timeline for the arrangement of activities for the event.

Waktu (WIB)	Durasi	Narasumber
10.00 – 10.05	5'	Opening by Tauhid Ahmad Executive Director INDEF
10.05 – 10.10	5'	Special Remarks by Valerie Julliard UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia
10.10 – 10.30	20'	Material Presentation by Shuvojit Banarjee Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, UNESCAP
10.30 – 10.50	20'	Material Presentation by Pungky Sumadi Deputy of Population and Employment, Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia
10.50 – 11.10	20'	Material Presentation by Wahyu Utomo Head of State Budget Policy Centre, Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia
11.10 – 11.30	20'	Material Presentation by Berly Martawardaya Research Director INDEF
11.30 – 12.00	30'	Discussion

7. Recording Disclaimer

We ask for the willingness of participants and resource persons to be recorded during the discussion through the Zoom Meeting application as part of our documentation.

8. Closing



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Here we convey these Terms of Reference. Your input and thoughts are very important for us to be able to formulate appropriate recommendations for strengthening public policies toward inclusive future development. We hope that you will be willing to be one of our speakers in this public discussion.