MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, RESEARCH, AND TECHNOLOGY

SHARING FROM INDONESIA: EDUCATION SERVICE PROVISION DURING PANDEMIC

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Indonesia is an archipelagic country with over 17,000 islands, consisting of 34 provinces, 514 regencies/municipalities.

**Indonesia oversees:**
- ± 500,000 schools from early childhood to higher education (figures includes state and religious schools)
- > 70 million students; > 5 million teachers & lecturers

Soaring **new cases** reaching Peak in July 2021 at new school Year — Source: Ministry of Health
Underlying Principles for Education Policy during Pandemic

1. Prioritizing health and safety of students, teachers, education personnel, family and community during the implementation of learning.

   Developmental outcome and students’ well being must be the main consideration in education service delivery during the pandemic.

2. Decentralized Policy on School Opening modalities: by District and with School and Parental agreement.
Issued policies in response to Covid-19 pandemic (1/2)

Since March 2020, Indonesia has provided a systematic approach in facilitating provision of education services during the pandemic.

**Framework:** Releases a series of policy that serves as regulatory framework in maintaining education services. Policies issued, amongst others, guidance for distance learning implementation, online approach for students’ enrolment, and school exam adjustment.

**Curriculum:** Allowing flexibility. Schools are given three options:
1) continue using National Curriculum
2) Employ the emergency curriculum
3) Alter/simplify curriculum independently

Teachers are also relieved from complying with 24-hours face-to-face teaching requirement.

**Guidance:** Issued a detailed learning instruction guidance, that includes pedagogical tips for teachers in facilitating learning process and evaluation methods. This guidance can be used for every students, including students with special needs.
Financial Support:
• flexibility in using school operational assistance to cater schools’ needs during the pandemic, as stipulated in Minister Regulation No 19&20 Year 2020).
• tuition assistance for disadvantaged students, channeled through Indonesian Smart Card (KIP) scheme.

Internet Quota: Distributes internet data quota assistance to over 2 million recipients, comprised of students, teachers and lecturers, to support distance learning.

Preparing for Transition: issued a limited face-to-face learning guide. This is particularly for schools in remote areas where risk of Covid deemed low (capacity < 50%).
**Tailoring Supports**

- **Local government**
  - Provide guidelines that allow subnational government to come up with decentralized action plans that reflect the local context and provide directions to service providers in times of crisis.

- **Schools**
  - School operational assistance to support school’s needs (including health facility, and in some cases, to maintain schools, particularly early childhood centers to remain open).

- **Teachers**
  - Provide capacity supports for teachers to adapt and improve their ability to facilitate distance learning through webinar, online teacher learning series, titled Teacher Learns (*Guru Belajar*), crowdsourcing platform titled Teacher Shares (*Guru Berbagi*) and collaboration with private online learning providers.

- **Parents**
  - Supply parents with entertainment and learning materials to enhance the quality of home learning environment (storybooks and fable in video and audio format). Capacity building is provided through sharing sessions titled *Orang Tua Berbagi* (Sharing of Parents).

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**Ensuring access: places with limited internet connection**

- Employ teacher-visits (*Guru Kunjung*) program and extend the range of *Guru Belajar* in remote areas.

- Distribute print-out learning materials as well as provide printable digital learning materials that can be accessed through the Ministry website and USB.

- Scheduled learning program in TV station and radio channels.

- Partnering with partner organizations, teacher associations and community-based organization in providing capacity building and assist teachers to adapt.
Lessons Learned and The Way Forward

National guidelines that allows flexibility and contextualization by local government, service providers, and parents.

Iterate the importance of collaboration amongst government, schools and society, to maintain students' well being and rights to learn. Partnership between schools and parents is key.

Agility in budgeting: anticipate budget reallocations that may occur at any time.

Define success criteria as schools’ ability to comply with health protocols and foster participations from parents, students and its effort to improve its services.

Establish a special taskforce to mitigate learning loss as a concerted efforts.
MoECRT’s platform available at https://bersamahadapikorona.kemdikbud.go.id/ provides national regulations and guidance on Covid-19, learning resources for remote learning, and a list of EdTech partners offering programs for teaching and learning.

This learning platform provides free interactive learning materials, virtual laboratories and classes, question banks, and media teachers and community for all education levels. These materials can be accessed at https://belajar.kemdikbud.go.id/

A portal provides guidance and media related to safe schools during disaster. SPAB is available at https://spab.kemdikbud.go.id/

This email account serves as an official communication channel from MoECRT to educators and students. With this electronic account, students and educators can access electronic-based learning materials and applications in G Suite for Education and other sources. Students and educators can register themselves at https://www.belajar.id/

TVE or Televisi Edukasi is a television station that has been established since 2004. During the pandemic, TVE was easily accessed through Cable TV, streaming, or smartphones through http://tve.kemdikbud.go.id/

Since January 2009, Radio Suara Edukasi has been established by MoECRT to become an alternative learning resource. The live stream radio can be accessed through the http://voiceedukasi.kemdikbud.go.id
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