



Kementerian PPN/BAPPENAS

CALL FOR PAPERS

for the

Conference on “Child Poverty and Social Protection”

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Background

Poverty affects people of all ages, but children are the single most affected group. Children living in poverty experience deprivation, exclusion, and vulnerability. They face multidimensional circumstance that creates various life-long difficulties. Poverty also denies children their rights and weakens their physical, psychological, and intellectual development.

Social protection is one way to reduce poverty and protect the people, including children, from falling into worse deprivation. It has gained substantial attention during the last decade as part of actions to reduce poverty and the vulnerability of the poorest and most marginalized people in the world. Social protection is defined as a set of public and private policies and programs aimed at preventing, reducing, and eliminating economic and social vulnerabilities to poverty and deprivation (UNICEF, 2012).

While many social protection schemes have been believed to directly or indirectly benefit children, knowledge of how children’s issues in the policy design, implementation, and impact is worth further exploration. Many questions remain in efforts to strengthen and expand integrated social protection system that appropriately supporting to the fulfilment of child’s rights and responding to the multiple and compounding vulnerabilities faced by children and their families.

This conference, jointly organized by Bappenas, UNICEF Indonesia, and The SMERU Research Institute, is a venue to discuss and exchange experiences of social protection program implementation and researches among policymakers, researchers, and other agencies (international organizations and NGOs) in regard to improving policies and their delivery. Through presentations and publication of selected policy papers and posters, the conference will produce numerous policy recommendations to be used in support of evidence-based policy.

For complete Background of the ToR document, click <http://www.smeru.or.id/cpsp/tor.php>.

Conference Objectives

The objectives of the conference on “Child Poverty and Social Protection” are:

- To bring together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss problems, disseminate learning, and share international lessons-learned, existing policy research, and studies on various social protection schemes which, in particular, impact children;
- To provide evidence-based recommendations and policy advocacy for relevant government ministries/agencies, Bappenas, and development partners on child-sensitive social protection programs and provide input for program improvement and new initiatives;
- To publish the conference results for relevant stakeholders and the general public as part of information dissemination and advocacy towards social protection and child poverty;
- To strengthen and expand the Jaringan Peduli Anak Indonesia (Research and Evaluation Network on Child Issues in Indonesia), which consists of Indonesian researchers, government officials and policymakers, NGOs/CSOs, as well as practitioners.

Themes

The papers will be presented in parallel sessions based on the themes below, all taking into account children at the center of discussion:

- a. Dimensions of poverty
- b. Child-sensitive social protection and poverty reduction
- c. Inclusive social protection
- d. Integrated social protection system
- e. Enabling environment for social protection

Topics of policy papers

The papers will be selected from, but not limited to, the following issues:

- Dimension of poverty faced by children (individual or household dimension of poverty, deprivation and disparity, and general well-being of children) and ways to protect them.
- How to incorporate children’s needs in social protection scheme (health, nutrition, education, quality of care, child protection).
- Towards inclusive social protection (what the most appropriate and effective social protection scheme or program to address specific groups of children under specific circumstances, e.g., gender, children, disability and ethnicity, universal *vs* targeted social protection scheme).
- Social protection for children *vs* poverty reduction strategy (what works best for children, who does what: national/local government, family/community based program, etc).
- Strengthening and expanding integrated social protection system: how to ensure age-specific vulnerabilities over the life cycle are addressed, particularly the various stages from birth up to adolescence?
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- Who are (still) left behind from social protection (looking at migrants and refugees, children out of school)?
- Enabling environment for social protection for children (supply-side complementary measures, role of family, schools, *posyandu*/health centers, government, social workers, community).
- Social protection, poverty reduction, and demographic bonus .
- Social protection impacts (for children in particular) and governance (financial-fiscal implications, delivery mechanisms, grievance and redress, etc.).

Conference Structure

In addition to the keynote speeches and other plenary sessions, the two-day conference will accommodate one parallel session on the first day and two others on the second day. In each parallel session there will be five separate group discussions, each of which presenting 3–4 policy papers. Totally there will be 40 papers discussed during the conference.

There will also be a display of 10–15 posters derived from selected submissions.

Submission Procedures

This conference uses an online submission system (see the diagram below). Registration and online submission can be done at <http://www.smeru.or.id/cpsp/registration.php>. Applicants will need to

- Register (by filling out name, affiliation, email address, and contact number(s))
- Fill out research title.
- Select the theme of conference.
- Upload abstract and brief biography (see Requirements).
- Specify if policy paper has been/has not been submitted for publication.

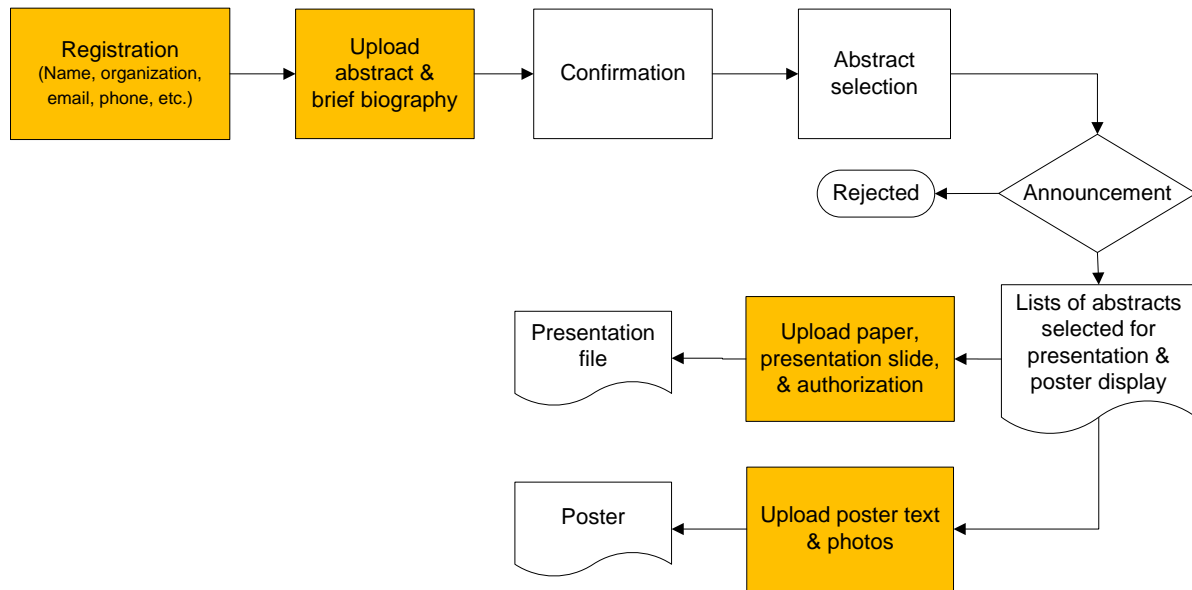
An applicant may submit a maximum of 2 (two) submissions. If the abstract submission is successful, applicants will get an email containing confirmation and abstract ID from the conference committee.

Announcement of abstracts selected for presentation and poster display can be viewed at <http://www.smeru.or.id/cpsp/announcement.php> (see Important Deadlines). Authors whose abstract are eligible for presentation/poster display will have to upload full papers/text suitable for poster format via the same portal. See Requirements.

Inquiries may be addressed to the conference committee: cpsp@smeru.or.id. Questions related to abstract and paper/poster text submissions must be sent by the corresponding author(s).

Requirements

- The submitted abstract should consist of maximum 500 words, including key words. The abstract must contain, at least: (i) research objective(s), (ii) literature review, (iii) methodology, and (iv) findings and analysis.
- Author's brief biography should be no longer than one A4 page.
- The submitted policy paper is written following the academic writing system and reference. Tables, graphics or pictures are to be included in the body of the document.
- The policy papers should be of 20–25 pages in A4 paper, single spaced, Times New Roman, 12pt font in Bahasa Indonesia or English.
- Where employer or government authorization is needed, the author should send such authorization along with the paper.
- Poster text should be of maximum 350 words, containing the research background, methodology, and main findings. The authors must also submit 5 (five) photos—including captions—illustrating the content of the poster.



Selected Policy Papers for Conference Presentation

- The Selection Committee consists of experts from Bappenas, UNICEF, SMERU, and relevant academics. The decision made by the Selection Committee is indisputable.
- Each policy paper must be based on sound analysis of empirical evidence/research findings, and include policy recommendations.
- Selection Criteria:
 - Completeness of the abstract, suitability of content with the topic of policy paper, understanding of the issues, accuracy of theory of the study, completeness, sharpness of analysis, policy recommendations and references;
 - Appropriateness of research methodology, use of reliable quantitative and/or qualitative data, analytical strength/depth;
 - Contribution to the policymaking process (recommendation for executive and legislative branches, possibility of having policy impact, workability of policy recommendations, applicability for evidence-based advocacy, and contribution to more evidence-based policy);
 - Writing system (comprehensiveness and completeness of reference).

Important Deadlines

Abstract submission: **28 February 2013**

Announcement of selected abstracts: **1 April 2013**

Submission of full papers and PowerPoint documents: **31 May 2013**

The conference committee will provide accommodation and transport only for presenters residing in Indonesia. Presenters from outside Indonesia are to find their own sponsors for their participation in this conference, including for the accommodation and transport.

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