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Coping with COVID-19: A study on the impacts of the pandemic and the coping strategies of women and men living with disability in South Sulawesi, Indonesia

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Thursday, 13 May, 2021

12.00pm - 1.00pm

People with disability are amongst the most vulnerable to economic and social harm. Women with disability are especially vulnerable to violence, poor health and economic exclusion.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened exclusion for people with a disability, especially women.

This seminar will report on the findings of the first study to take an in-depth look at the impacts of COVID-19 on the daily lives of people living with disability, including the varied experiences of women and men, in South Sulawesi. Makassar, South Sulawesi's capital, is the largest epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic outside Java with exponential transmission.

Conducted in late 2020, our project examined the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the everyday lives of both women and men with a disability in South Sulawesi. It concentrated on the lived experiences of people with disability in facing the pandemic and the coping strategies they employed in their efforts to manage the effects of the pandemic.

This study deliberately adopted a gender lens. It builds on other evidence that the COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated the precarious situation of women and girls with disability, with life threatening consequences. This study explored the varied experiences of women and men living with disabilities through the pandemic in South Sulawesi.

This research was funded by the Australian Government through the Australia-Indonesia Centre under the PAIR Program and was conducted by a team of researchers from Hasanuddin, Monash and Melbourne Universities in conjunction with PerDIK, a key Disabled Persons Organisation in South Sulawesi.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Dr Sudirman Nasir, Center of Excellence for Interdisciplinary and Sustainability Science (CEISS) and Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University

Dr Nasir is a senior lecturer and researcher at the Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Hasanuddin in Makassar. He has conducted research on various issues related to drug use and HIV-AIDS in Indonesia. He has been involved in drug use and HIV prevention programs in Indonesia since the mid-1990s. He also serves as a vice president of the Indonesian Young Academy of Sciences (ALMI), and is a 2019 Eisenhower Global Fellow. On top of this, Dr Nasir was involved in the REACHOUT Consortium research on community health workers. He also led AIC-funded project examining the sustainability and profitability of cocoa-based farming in Sulawesi.

He has a Bachelor of Medical Sciences from Universitas Hasanuddin, and a Masters degree and PhD from the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health at The University of Melbourne.

Dr Claire Spivakovsky, Criminology, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

Dr Claire Spivakovsky is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Melbourne. Claire has worked in academia, state and local government, and in the community sector. She is interested in challenging the role of law and legal processes in the ongoing exclusion, segregation and coercive control of people with disability. Claire is the lead editor of the collections 'The Legacies of Institutionalisation: Disability, Law and Policy in the 'Deinstitutionalised' Community' (with Dr Steele and Prof Weller), and 'Critical Perspectives on Coercive Interventions: Law, Medicine and Society' (with A/Prof Seear and A/Prof Carter). She is also author of the book 'Racialized Correctional Governance: The mutual constructions of race and criminal justice'.

Dr Becky Batagol, MSDI and Law, Monash University

Associate Professor Becky Batagol is co-appointed across Monash Law and Monash Sustainable Development Institute. She is a socially engaged academic whose work has real impact, especially in relation to gender and family violence. Becky's academic practice centres on tackling difficult social problems and considering whether we can improve people's lives through law and policy reform. Becky has experience leading team-based research in a law reform, government and academic context. The research that Becky has contributed to had been acknowledged as contributing to law reform and policy change.

